

few ballots were cast for his single poems. With Lowell, however, it was different, for his Essays, "Biglow Papers," etc., the vote was very large. And for other works of Irving's than the "Sketch-Book" there was many a voice. Nor was Hawthorne's "Marble Faun" a bad second to "The Scarlet Letter." Rearranging the authors' names, therefore, according to the total number of votes cast for their various books, we have the following result: Hawthorne, 643; Emerson, 545; Lowell, 535; Irving, 496; Longfellow, 488; Stowe, 437; Holmes, 417; Motley, 275; Whittier, 274; Wallace, 252. The author missing from this list who came nearest to gaining entrance to it was Bancroft, whose "History of the United States" received 214 votes, and would have found a place amongst the first ten had not the Western vote for "Ben Hur," which came in during the last two weeks of the balloting, forced it out.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

- Cruikshank, E. Butler's Rangers, 30c. Lundy's Lane Historical Society.
De Saint Amand, Imbert. Women of the Valois Court, \$1.25. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons; Toronto: Wm. Briggs.
Easton, A. Mortal Man. Chicago: Chas. H. Kerr & Co.
Parker, Gilbert. Mrs. Falchion, 50c. New York: The Home Publishing Co.
Scudder, Samuel H. Brief Guide to the Commoner Butterflies of the Northern U. S. and Canada. New York: Henry Holt & Co.
Scudder, Samuel H. The Life of a Butterfly. New York: Henry Holt & Co.
Wetherall, J. E., B. A. Later Canadian Poems. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.
Wilson, Henry R. The Russian Refugee, 50c. Chicago: Chas. H. Kerr & Co.
Stories of New York. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons; Toronto: Wm. Briggs.
Stories of the Railway. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons; Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

RIDING A CAMEL.

There is something inexpressibly repelling in the supercilious trisite of the camel as he looks scornfully at you with his nose in the air. But I overcame my repugnance and mounted one, after receiving careful instructions how to retain my seat while the brute was getting up. It was well enough while he walked; but when he began to trot at a brisk pace, I devoutly wished myself astride of a humbler animal. But how was I to stop him? There was no bridle, only a rope attached to the left side of the brute's mouth. At that rope I tugged, with the effect merely of making my camel trot off to the left.

I had been told that if I wished to make him go to the right I must hit him on the left side of the head with a very short stick with which I had been provided for the purpose. But that was more easily said than done. How was I, from my giddy perch, to reach the creature's head across that long stretch of neck? I tried it and nearly lost my balance for my pains—no joke at a height of ten feet above the pebbly sand. One of the officers, however, saw my plight, stopped, uttered some gurgling sound, and then came the camel, exposing his teeth and protesting viciously, knelt down, and I dismounted, silently vowing that never again would I choose that mode of locomotion. My deliverer, who exchanged his donkey for my camel, laughed heartily at my discomfiture. But I had my revenge speedily, for in the exuberance of his gaiety he allowed the camel to rise unexpectedly and was pitched head over heels to the ground. He was not hurt, and he joined in the laugh against himself as heartily as he had laughed at me.—The Spectator.

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PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Directors' Report on the Year's Business—Mr. Hague Discusses the Financial Situation.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held in the Board-room of that institution on Tuesday at noon, when there were present Messrs. Andrew Allan, president; Robert Anderson, vice-president; Hector Mackenzie, Jonathan Hodgson, James P. Dawes, M. Burke, John Crawford, William Francis, J. Y. Gilmour, John McConnell, Murdock Mackenzie, T. H. Dunn (Quebec), John Cassils, John Morrison, Col. Kippen (Lennoxville), J. H. R. Molson, J. P. Cleg-horn, John Curran, Geo. Cruickshank, J. A. L. Strathy, G. M. Kinghorn, H. J. Hague, and James Moore.

The proceedings were opened by the President taking the chair and requesting Mr. John Gault to act as secretary. After the secretary had read the advertisement convening the meeting, the President submitted the following report of the Directors:—

THE REPORT.

The Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in presenting to the Stockholders another annual statement, beg to say that the business of the Bank during the year just closed has been well maintained.

The amount of Deposits and Circulation, as will be seen by the statement just issued, have followed closely in the line of last year's business, but the Loans and Discounts exhibit a considerable increase owing to the active demand for money that has prevailed during the last few months, and still continues.

The Directors, as reported to the Stockholders a year ago, and acting on the resolution of a former meeting, issued during the year an additional \$200,000 of stock at a premium of 45 per cent. This stock has all been paid up, and the capital of the Bank now stands at Six Millions of Dollars. The amount of premium, namely, \$90,000, was added to the Rest; and with the sum of \$175,000 added in addition out of the profits of the year, this important fund has now been brought up to the sum of \$2,900,000. This sum, though bearing a ratio to the Capital of over 48 per cent., is only 16 per cent. of the mercantile discounts of the Bank, the risk on which is intended to be covered by this fund.

The net profits of the year, after payment of interest and charges, and deducting appropriations for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to—

Premium 45 per cent. on new stock issued as above..... \$90,000 00

Balance from last year..... 3,733 33

\$419,166 67

This has been disposed of as follows:—

Dividends Nos. 48 and 49, making 7 per cent..... \$419,166 67

Added to the Rest:

Premium 45 per cent. on new stock issued as above..... \$90,000 00

From this year profits..... 175,000 00

285,000 00

Carried forward to Profit and Loss Account of next year..... 13,961 33

\$694,166 67

The condition of financial matters in the United States and Australia has called for careful attention during the year, while the prevalence of a speculative spirit, the tendency of undue expansion of credit in various directions, both public and mercantile, and the condition of the market for some of our leading staples must, in the opinion of your Board, be an occasion of great watchfulness on the part of bankers for some time to come. The outlook, however, for other branches of trade is satisfactory, and it is to be hoped that the adverse circumstances referred to may by wise legislation and conservative action on the part of all concerned, pass away without damage.