

total insurance in force \$89,118,359, a net increase of \$5,372,187. The premium income showed an increase of \$141,360, amounting to \$3,373,598, while the income from investments was \$1,286,043, an increase of \$130,517, making the total income \$4,659,641, an increase of \$271,877.

The payments to policyholders amounted to \$1,782,380, in addition to which there was set aside a further sum of \$2,007,105 for reserves and dividends to policyholders. The mortality experienced was 30 per cent. less than the amount provided for death losses.

The assets of the Company were valued on the rather stringent basis laid down by the Dominion Insurance Department and amount to \$22,694,435, showing considerable increase. After setting aside a special contingency reserve of \$200,000, the surplus is shown as \$2,527,835. There is every indication of the conservatism about the method adopted in preparing the balance sheet, for had the company complied with the Canadian Government requirements only, a surplus of \$3,426,963 would have been disclosed.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

The new War Savings Certificates which have been created by the Government to encourage thrift and economy and to give everyone an opportunity to assist in financing our war expenditure, are now on sale at every bank and money order post office in Canada. The \$25 certificate sells for \$21.50, the \$50 for \$43, and the \$100 for \$86. As an investment these certificates offer many attractive features—the chief of which are the absolute security and the excellent interest return. For every \$21.50 lent to the Government net, \$25 will be returned at the end of three years.

There are two other features which are especially interesting to small investors. First, the certificates may be surrendered at any time, if the buyer should need his money; and second, each certificate is registered at Ottawa in the buyer's name, and if lost or stolen, is therefore valueless to anyone else. But while they are excellent from an investment standpoint, the certificates should appeal strongly to Canadians because they offer to those who must serve at home a splendid opportunity for a most important patriotic service. The person who honestly saves to the extent of his ability and places his savings at the disposal of the Government by purchasing these certificates may feel that he is having a direct share in feeding, equipping and munitioning our Canadian soldiers, who are so nobly doing their part.

MOUNTED POLICE TO REMAIN

A statement was handed out at Ottawa Feb. 9 regarding the disposition of the R.N.W.M.P. which should allay in some degree at least the feelings of those who felt law and order would be jeopardized by their reported removal. The statement is in part as follows:

Petitions are being received at Ottawa from boards of trade and other bodies, who ask that the R.N.W.M.P. be retained for the enforcement of criminal law in western provinces. They fear an outbreak of cattle-stealing and other crimes if the police, which they say have rendered such efficient service in the past, and which always spelled security for the settlers, are removed.

A new disposition is consequently being made, but posts are being retained at commanding positions all over the two provinces. This, with the additional security which the new provincial police would give, with, it is thought, be ample for the protection of the settlers. Apparently there is some mistrust as to the character of the new provincial forces, but it is only fair to assume that they will be effective. It was only because of the larger and more important matters which have to be dealt with by the Mounted Police under war conditions that a new distribution was decided upon. The fear is unfounded, however, that the services of this excellent force are to be lost to the settlers in rural parts. The force will be increased rather than reduced, and will exercise its authority over all sections of the provinces.

The Dominion Bank

At the Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Dominion Bank, held at the Head Office in Toronto, on 31st January, 1917, the following Statement of the affairs of the Bank as on 30th December, 1916, was submitted:

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st December, 1915.....	\$ 344,439.71
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts.....	\$969,065.02
Less	
Dominion Government War Tax (on circulation).....	\$54,112.34
Taxes paid to Provincial Governments	21,450.00
	<u>75,562.34</u>
Making net profits of	\$93,502.68
	<u>\$1,237,942.39</u>
Which amount has been disposed of as follows:	
Dividends (quarterly) at Twelve per cent. per annum.....	\$720,000.00
Contribution to Canadian Patriotic Fund	\$25,000.00
Contribution to British Red Cross Society	2,500.00
Contribution to British Sailors' Relief Fund	2,000.00
	<u>29,500.00</u>
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	25,000.00
	<u>774,500.00</u>
Written off Bank Premises	100,000.00
	<u>874,500.00</u>
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	363,442.39
	<u>\$1,237,942.39</u>

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 6,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$7,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	363,442.39
Dividend No. 137, payable 2nd January, 1917	180,000.00
Former Dividends unclaimed	939.75
	<u>7,544,382.14</u>
Total Liabilities to the Shareholders	\$13,544,382.14
Notes in Circulation	7,118,232.00
Deposits not bearing interest	\$12,282,791.87
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date..	57,190,822.16
	<u>70,473,614.03</u>
Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	196,714.90
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	787,557.22
Bills Payable	138,912.00
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	307,047.13
Liabilities not included in the foregoing.....	300,233.10
	<u>79,322,310.38</u>
Total Liabilities to the Public	<u>\$92,866,692.52</u>

ASSETS

Gold and Silver Coin	\$ 1,915,648.41
Dominion Government Notes	9,220,183.25
Deposit with Central Gold Reserves	1,500,000.00
Notes of other Banks	835,395.44
Cheques on other Banks	3,539,659.51
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	10,582.37
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	2,729,601.76
	<u>19,751,070.74</u>
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	612,273.98
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.....	7,500,764.35
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	4,184,382.61
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	4,325,653.69
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada..	1,251,750.69
	<u>\$37,625,896.04</u>
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	48,976,389.91
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	53,975.34
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra.....	307,047.13
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	28,096.44
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	115,598.02
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	5,487,351.92
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	263,900.00
Mortgages on Real Estate sold	13,437.70
	<u>55,240,796.46</u>
	<u>\$92,866,692.52</u>

E. B. OSLER, President.

C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts at the Chief Office of the Dominion Bank, and with the certified returns received from its branches, and after checking the cash and verifying the securities at the Chief Office and certain of the principal Branches on December 30th, 1916, we certify that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

In addition to the examinations mentioned, the cash and securities at the Chief Office and certain of the principal Branches were checked and verified by us at another time during the year and found to be in accord with the books of the Bank.

All information and explanations required have been given to us and all transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank.

G. T. CLARKSON } of Clarkson, Gordon &
R. J. DILWORTH } Dilworth, C.A.

Toronto, January 17th, 1917.