

Eighth year	518	"	"	75,572 97
Ninth year	638	"	"	110,404 47
Totals.....	3037			\$463,070 60

The present condition of the People's Bank of Levis would seem to indicate that its future progress is assured. But we must not imagine that this success has been won without sacrifice. The founder was enthusiastic in his determination to give the experiment every possible chance of success. In the home of Mr. Desjardins the society was organized, and for the first six years of its existence it found free headquarters in his private office. Hither came all the members to pay the instalments on their shares. Here, they negotiated loans and transacted any other business they might have with the association. Furthermore, Mr. Desjardins, as manager and president of the society, undertook to do the whole work of keeping the accounts, etc., without a cent of remuneration. While he was away on official duties during the sessions of the Dominion Parliament other members of his family kept the books and assisted the council and committees in transacting the business of the association. During his visit at Levis, the writer had access to the books of the association dating from its organization. In explanation of a great section of one of the books which was written in a dainty feminine hand, the president remarked with some degree of justifiable pride: "That was the first time that I had been compelled to be so long absent since La Caisse was organized. I was worried about the management of the bank, and especially over the keeping of the books. One evening, to my surprise, my wife volunteered to look after the bookkeeping. It would mean some hard work on her part, but just then it looked as if the only alternative would be to hire a bookkeeper. We were putting forth every effort to accumulate a reserve fund, and I feared that we could not very well bear such expense at that time. I brought the matter of my wife's offer of her services before the council of administration, and they were willing that she should try the work with the assistance of the council and committees. The result was that Mrs.