

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

of

The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th November, 1917

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:

Deposits not bearing interest.....		
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement.....	\$ 70,498,667.26	
	182,488,715.55	\$252,987,382.81
Notes of the Bank in Circulation.....		28,159,351.49
Balance due to Dominion Government.....		14,582,659.38
Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	\$ 364,787.53	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries.....	5,801,808.96	
Bills Payable.....		6,166,596.40
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....		297,494.63
		5,510,310.96

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Capital Stock Paid in.....		12,911,700.00
Reserve Fund.....	\$ 14,000,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	564,264.53	
Dividend No. 121 (at 12 per cent per annum) payable December 1st, 1917.....	\$ 387,351.00	14,564,264.53
Dividends Unclaimed.....	7,075.23	
		394,426.23
		\$335,574,186.52

ASSETS

Current Coin.....	\$ 16,079,830.91	
Dominion Notes.....	18,284,444.75	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves.....	\$ 34,364,275.66	
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.....	16,000,000.00	
Notes of other Banks.....	645,585.00	
Cheques on other Banks.....	5,308,203.91	
Balances due by other Banks in Canada.....	15,283,364.45	
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	229,868.41	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value.....	10,704,338.84	
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.....	22,322,197.31	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	21,586,545.77	
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	12,777,503.85	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	12,040,687.27	
	14,574,136.32	
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	\$165,836,706.79	
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	\$102,358,027.10	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for).....	53,764,037.92	
	490,064.82	
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....		156,612,129.84
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....		1,114,552.61
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra.....		6,371,329.36
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.....		5,510,310.96
		129,156.96
		\$335,574,186.52

R. S. HOLT, President.

FDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director.

C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We report to the Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada:
That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.
That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1917, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.
That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.
That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.,
S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A., Auditors.
of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.

Montreal, Canada, 18th December, 1917.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916.....	\$ 852,346.28	
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.....	2,327,979.51	
		\$ 3,180,325.79
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividends Nos. 118, 119, 120 and 121, at 12 per cent per annum.....	\$ 1,549,404.00	
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund.....	100,000.00	
Written off Bank Premises Account.....	250,000.00	
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation.....	128,357.26	
Contribution to Patriotic Fund.....	60,000.00	
Transferred to Reserve Fund.....	528,300.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....	564,264.53	
		\$ 3,180,325.79

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his motor. He had removed his disfiguring goggles, and exhibited himself as a pleasant-faced young fellow with merry blue eyes. Those same eyes were smiling now.

"Too bad to bother you when you are busy, but I'm single-handed, and if anything had happened to the machine I don't expect the owner would ever have forgiven me. Thank you ever so much. I shan't be a couple of ticks, and then I can let you have the screwdriver back again."

He was on his knees on the dusty roadway, peering and tapping at the machine with troubled brows. Eileen looked interestedly on. If she was a trifle disappointed to discover that the blue-eyed young man was merely a chauffeur, with a probably wrathful master in the background, she did not admit as much to herself. The peering and tapping took decidedly more than a "couple of ticks." Eileen recalled Leonora, and the lacking cream and muffins, and grew uneasy.

"I am afraid I must go now. I have a message to do in the village. But if you will lay the screwdriver when you are finished on the bank, just beneath the hedge, I will get it when I come back. Here is some oil. It is salad oil, but it is all that I could find."

The chauffeur raised a heated face from the wheel of his machine.

"You've done me a good turn, and now I wonder if you'll allow me to do you a good turn in exchange. Let me go to the village for you. It's a good step away, and I'd be there and back before you'd even time to go indoors and get your hat."

Eileen hesitated, and was lost. She was tired, there was no denying it, and the village lay a good dusty half a mile away. She glanced gratefully up at him.

"Oh, if you would be so good! It is only for some cream and muffins, the dairy is next door to the baker's, and they will give you it in a covered pitcher. How can I ever thank you for your kindness? I am tired, and I have been dreading the hot walk so."

"Then, that's all right," the "chauffeur" said. "It's awfully good of you letting me do this for you, you know. That's the machine all correct, thanks to the screwdriver. Cream and muffins, I shan't forget."

He sprang into the motor, and was gone almost before Eileen had time to realize the enormity of the favor she had accepted at this stranger's hands. She stood by the high green hedge, waiting for his return, and wondering what Leonora would say if she knew. Leonora would have died rather than accept a favor at the humble hands of a paid "chauffeur."

The "chauffeur" returned in an incredibly short space of time. He had spilt some of the cream over his coat, and Eileen did her best to repair the damage with a pocket handkerchief from the washing green. It transpired that his motor required some further lubricating, and Eileen stood patiently by the garden hedge till he was done with the oil can. A closer observer might have noted that the lubrication was in name only, and not in actuality.

"Thank you a thousand times," he said, when he had returned both screwdriver and paraffin can to her. "It is fortunate that my breakdown occurred just where it did." The "chauffeur" did not define in actual words in what precise way it had been fortunate, but innocent Eileen supposed that he referred to the screwdriver and oil.

Leonora's guest had not arrived when she returned to the house. Hannah still sat with her best cap on, and her ears strained to the expected ringing of the bell. But, as the afternoon wore away, and "Mr. Three Gardens" came not, even Hannah became restive.

"An' the grate to clean, an' the brasses wantin' polishin', not to speak of your havin' had to hang out all 'em clothes, Miss Eileen. I could roast that Mr. Three Gardens, that I could."

Eileen laughed.

"Don't pity me for having the clothes to hang out, Hannah. I rather like hanging out clothes—sometimes."

Eileen did not think it necessary to add that that "sometimes" was when a blue-eyed "chauffeur" chanced to appear upon the scene.

And then, at last, one day Maurice Tregarthen came, and with Maurice Tregarthen Uncle Jacob. Uncle Jacob