

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office—Toronto, Canada

Paid-up Capital	- - -	\$15,000,000
Reserve Fund	- - -	\$13,500,000

SIR EDMUND WALKER, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L., President
 SIR JOHN AIRD - - - - - General Manager
 H. V. F. JONES - - - - - Assistant General Manager

This Bank has 370 branches throughout Canada, in San Francisco, Seattle, and Portland, Ore., and an agency in New York, also branches in London, Eng., Mexico City and St. John's, Nfld., and has excellent facilities for transacting a banking business of every description.

Savings Bank Accounts

Interest at the current rate is allowed on all deposits of \$1 and upwards. Careful attention is given to every account. Small accounts are welcomed. Accounts may be opened and operated by mail.

Accounts may be opened in the names of two or more persons, withdrawals to be made by any one of them or by the survivor.

The Bank of British North America

Established in 1836
 Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1840

Paid-up Capital	- - -	\$4,866,666.66
Reserve Fund	- - -	\$3,017,333.33

Head Office in Canada, Montreal
 H. B. MACKENZIE, General Manager

Advisory Committee in Montreal
 Sir Herbert Ames, M.P., W. R. Miller, W. R. MacInnes

Branches in British Columbia

Agassiz	Kerrisdale	Prince Rupert
Ashcroft	Lillooet	Rossland
Duncan	North Vancouver	Trail
Esquimalt	150-Mile House	Vancouver
Hedley	Prince George	Victoria
Kaslo		

YUKON TERRITORY
 DAWSON

Savings Department at all Branches.
 Special facilities available to customers importing goods under Bank Credits.

Collections made at lowest rates

Drafts, Money Orders, Circular Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques issued; negotiable anywhere.

Vancouver Branch
 WILLIAM GODFREY, Manager
 E. STONHAM, Assistant Manager

Only one surveyor, L. S. Cokely, was employed on Vancouver Island, who surveyed some pre-emptions on islands adjoining the north coast of Vancouver Island and completed some necessary work in the vicinity of Quatsino.

J. C. A. Long was employed for a short time on Queen Charlotte Islands on small scattered surveys near Masset, Tlell, and Skidegate Inlet.

The photo-topographical survey of the watershed of Okanagan Lake commenced in 1914 was completed this season. The work throughout has been in charge of R. D. McCaw, who is now engaged in the preparation of the final maps. It is proposed, as soon as possible, to have the maps of the entire area covered reproduced by lithography, in order that the information obtained may be more readily available. These maps, when completed, will represent the most accurate and comprehensive scheme of topographical surveys ever carried out by the Province, and when their utility becomes generally recognized will no doubt create a demand for surveys of a like nature in other portions of the Province.

As in former years, the general reports of the surveyors who have been employed during the season are submitted with this report.

There has been a marked decrease of private surveys in recent years, and the past year shows a further decrease in all classes, with the exception of that of mineral claims, in which there is an increase.

An amendment to the "Forest Act" in 1917 provides for an extension of the time during which unsurveyed timber licences must be surveyed from March 31st, 1918, to November 30th, 1919; provided that the holder of any licence which is not surveyed on or before the former date shall not thereafter be entitled to include in his survey any land included in any timber limit which has been surveyed before that date.

It will be seen, therefore, that the remaining unsurveyed licences must be surveyed during the surveying seasons of 1918 and 1919. As there are still some 3,000 unsurveyed licences in good standing or renewable, there will no doubt be considerable activity in timber surveys during the next two seasons.

The map of Northern British Columbia on the scale of 17.75 miles to an inch, issued during the year, is filling a long-felt want, being the first publication to show in a comprehensive way the large amount of geographic data regarding this portion of the Province, which has been obtained since the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Two pre-emptors' maps—viz., the Nechako and North Thompson Sheets—have been revised and reissued. A change has been made in the method of coloring these maps. Former issues showed all lands available for pre-emption, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, in red, with the result that large areas known to be entirely unsuitable for settlement were shown to be available, thus creating a somewhat erroneous impression in the minds of persons not intimately acquainted with the country. The maps issued this year show all alienated lands colored buff, and the remaining areas uncolored.

Although statistics show that the aggregate of both field and office work is slightly less than for the year 1916, which was also a "small" year, the indications are that the bottom of the curve has been reached and passed, and that a considerable increase in the work falling to this Branch may be looked for during the coming year.

THE HOME BANK OF CANADA

Original
 Charter
 1854

Head Office: Toronto

Branches and connections throughout Canada
 A General Banking Business Transacted.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

Interest paid on deposits of \$1.00 and upwards.

J. F. MACDONALD, Manager

446 Hastings St. West - - - - - Vancouver, B. C.