

FINANCIAL

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

Owing to the very extensive interests which the Union Bank of Canada has in the West, the business people here will be especially pleased to note the favorable report which the bank has been able to make this year. The year, as the report shows, has been a very prosperous one, the net profit showing the liberal amount of 12 per cent. This has been made on an increased capital, the previous annual meeting having authorized an increase in the capital of the bank to the extent of 5,000 new shares. These have been readily subscribed and paid up, increasing the paid up capital to \$2,000,000. After paying the usual dividends, the profits admit of adding the sum of \$100,000 to rest account.

The Union Bank has been very active during recent years in extending its business throughout the West. During the past year three new branches were opened, at Killarney and Crystal City in Manitoba, and Regina in Assiniboia. This makes a list of twenty-seven branches in the grain and cattle districts of Manitoba and the Territories, including the Winnipeg branch. A new branch will be opened at Yorkton on July 1.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ended June 22, 1899	\$1,805,840
Corresponding week, 1898	1,616,162
Corresponding week, 1897	978,349

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	6,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,003	4,961,277
Aug.	6,160,385	6,298,674	4,646,359
Sept.	6,414,651	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct.	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov.	11,553,669	13,550,701	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year	90,672,798	84,435,121	64,143,935

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1 1/2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 8 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

A postoffice saving bank has been started at Roland.

A branch of the Union Bank of Canada will be established at Yorkton, Assa., on July 1st.

The Bank of Montreal has been awarded the new Montreal city civic loan for \$3,000,000 at 3 1/2 per cent.

The Manitoba Trusts company will pay their half yearly dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on July 1.

Senator Dandurand's usual bill has been thrown out by the banking and commerce committee of the senate at Ottawa by a vote of eight to six.

The liquidators of the Farmers' Loan Company, of Toronto, have now on hand the sum of \$85,000 to distribute among the bondholders and depositors of the company and will declare a dividend shortly.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada has purchased 54 feet of land on Main street, Winnipeg, adjoining their present premises to the south, giving them nearly 100 feet on Main street, corner of Lombard. It is proposed to erect a new building on this property.

The Canadian banks have recently shown a disposition to a more conservative attitude towards speculative investments and are not at all anxious to let out funds on this class of securities. Some little excitement has arisen among speculators in consequence, particularly those operating in mining stocks. This action on the part of the banks will, however, probably commend itself to the solid business element of the country, especially as the banks are not relaxing their liberality in the least towards all that is legitimate in the line of commercial or industrial investment.

ANNUAL REPORT

UNION BANK OF CANADA

SHAREHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The thirty-fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the banking house in Quebec, on Thursday, June 15th, 1899.

There were present—Andrew Thomson, Esq., Hon. E. J. Price, E. J. Hale, Esq., James King, Esq., D. C. Thomson, Esq., Hon. John Sharples, J. A. Simons, Esq., Lieut.-Col. J. F. Turnbull, Edmond Giroux, Esq., G. H. Thomson, Esq., David Smith, Esq., John Shaw, Esq., Robt. Brodie, Esq., Lieut.-Col. A. A. Farley, Wm. Brodie, Esq., Alex. Messervy, Esq., Thos. H. Norris, Esq., Capt. W. H. Carter, F. C. Aylwin, Esq., H. Budden, Esq., Peter Johnson, Esq., P. B. Casgrain, Esq., E. F. Wurtele, Esq., Wm. Shaw, Esq., E. H. Dupre, Esq.

The president, Andrew Thomson, Esq., took the chair, and requested Mr. Fred W. Smith to act as secretary, and Messrs. David Smith and John Shaw as scrutineers, which was agreed to.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Chairman read the report of the Directors, as follows:—

The Directors beg to submit a statement of the liabilities and assets of the bank at the close of the financial year, ending 31st May last, and the following statement of the result of the business for the past year:—

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

MAY 31st, 1899.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on May 31st, 1898	\$ 26,056.93
The net profits for the year after deducting expenses of management, reserving for interest and exchange, and making appropriations for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to.....	222,845.76
	<u>\$248,901.69</u>

Which has been appropriated as follows:—	
Written off Bank premises....	4,696.92
Dividend No. 64, Three per cent	51,172.28
Dividend No. 65, Three per cent	59,923.60
Transferred to Rest account	100,000.00
Balance carried forward	<u>56,108.89</u>
	<u>\$248,901.69</u>

At the last annual meeting a resolution was adopted to increase the capital of the bank by the issue of Five Thousand (5,000) new shares payable in accordance with the terms of the Banking Act. In compliance with this resolution, the shareholders were notified of their right to subscribe pro rata for the new shares. The shares were subscribed and paid for during the year. The paid up capital of the bank is now two Million (\$2,000,000) dollars.

The business of the bank during the year has been prosperous. The additional capital has contributed materially to the increased earnings—the net profit showing twelve per cent (12 p. c.) on the average paid-up capital of the bank.

The directors regret to report a loss of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), money fraudulently taken by J. H. Henderson, late accountant at the Ottawa branch. The loss is covered by "The Officers' Guarantee Fund," and though a serious inroad on this fund, there still remains a substantial amount to the credit.

Branches of the Bank have been established at Killarney and Crystal City in Manitoba, at Regina in the Northwest Territories, and at Carleton Place in Ontario.

The usual inspection of the head office and branches of the bank has been made during the year.

ANDREW THOMSON,

President.

Quebec, June 15, 1899.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.	
Capital stock	\$ 2,000,000.00
Reserve fund	450,000.00
Balance of profit and loss carried forward	31,108.89
Reserved for interest and exchange	31,561.82
Reserved for rebate of interest on bills discounted	28,951.73
	<u>\$ 543,922.48</u>
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$ 1,460,137.00
Deposits not bearing interest	1,587,054.58
Deposits bearing interest	5,374,125.25
Balances due agents in Great Britain	702,088.03
Dividends unclaimed	590.46
Dividend No. 65	59,923.60
	<u>\$ 9,183,919.52</u>
	<u>\$11,727,842.00</u>