# The Canadian Bank of Commerce 

Report of the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders Tuesday, 8th January, 1907

## GENERAL STATEMENT

30th November, 1306.


The fortieth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the bank-ing-house on Tuesday, 8th January, 1907, at 12 o'clock.

The President, Hon. George A. Cox, having taken the chair, Mr. F. G. Jemmett was appointed to act as Secretary, and Messrs. AEmilius Jarvis and W. M. Alexander were appointed scrutineers.

The President called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report of the Directors, as follows :

## REPORT.

The Directors beg to present to the Shareholders the fortieth Annual Report, covering the year ending 3oth November, 1906, together with the usual Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year was .............. $\$$

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Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to
$\$ 1,741,12540$
\$1,799,997 16
Which has been appropriated as follows:-
Dividends Nos. 78 and 79, at seven per cent. per annum.
\$ 700,000 00 100,00000
Bonus of one per cent 341,434 73
Written off Bank Premises $\qquad$ 341,434
30,000
00 25,00000
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution) Subscription to San Francisco Relief Fund 500,000 00
Transferred to Rest Account 103,562 43
$\$ 1,799,99716$

The entire assets of the Bank have as usual been carefully revalued, and ample provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts.

Last year we were able to show earnings which were the largest in the history of the Bank. This year we have again made satisfactory progress, our net earnings amounting to $\$ 1,74 \mathrm{I}, 125.40$, or about $\$ 370,000$ more than last year. In view of these handsome profits, your Directors decided that the time had come to increase the annual distribution to the shareholders, and, in addition to the usual dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, they have declared a bonus of one per cent. making a total distribution of eight per cent. for the past year. After providing for this increased distribution and for the annual contribution to the Pension Fund, we have been able to write $\$ 341,434.73$ off Bank Premises and to add $\$ 500,000$ to the Rest, which now stands at $\$ 5,000,000$, or 50 per cent. of the Paid-up Capital.

In April last a terrible calamity overtook the city of San Francisco, where we have a large and important business. Having regard to our long connection with San Francisco through the Bank of British Columbia, your Directors thought it only fitting that we should express in a tangible manner our sympathy with the sufferers, and they accordingly voted $\$ 25,000$ as a contribution to the Relief Fund.

In accordance with an agreement made in the early part of the year, this Bank took over, as on the Ist of June last, the business of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island, which gave us new branches at Charlottetown, Summerside, Alberton, Montague and Souris,

