

surplus of \$1,068,525, which was carried to profit and loss account.

The funds of the company stand as follows:

Capital paid up.....	\$1,228,000
General Reserve Fund.....	7,000,000
Fire re-insurance Fund.....	4,500,000
Profit and less amount after payment of dividend for 1905.....	5,050,110
Globe Perpetual Annuity Fund.....	8,271,000
Life and Annuity Funds.....	27,189,085
And the total assets, as.....	\$ 56,652,985

Such resources will enable the Liverpool & London & Globe to pay the San Francisco claims as they did those arising from previous conflagrations, without the outgo having any material effect on the financial strength of this great, substantial and highly reputable company, which enjoys unstinted public confidence in every quarter of the world, the very name being a synonym of all that is honourable in the sphere of insurance.

The report announces the retirement in December next, of Mr. John M. Dove, from the position of general manager and secretary. Mr. Dove's reputation as an underwriter has long been unsurpassed. The growth of the business and of the reserves under his management will always be a record on which he may be proud. The company will not lose the inestimable value of his counsels for he will hold a seat on the Board of Directors, a distinction he has fully earned and which we trust he will long continue to enjoy.

It is gratifying to find that Mr. A. G. Dent, the able sub-manager, will succeed Mr. Dove, with whose methods he has long been familiar and whose administrative policy he will continue. The company is to be congratulated on having so accomplished a manager to succeed Mr. Dove.

Mr. J. Gardner Thompson, resident manager in Canada, has had a successful career since he was appointed to this office.

THE ONTARIO BANK.

This old institution that has always been especially popular in the section of Ontario where it was established has been making very gratifying progress under the management of Mr. C. McGill. Last year the net profits were \$156,915, which equals 10.46 p.c. of the paid-up capital. From this amount one dividend of 3 p.c. was paid, and a second one of 3½ p.c., the two absorbing \$97,500. To the reserve fund there was \$50,000 transferred by which it was raised to \$700,000. To Officer's Pension Fund \$5,000 was appropriated, leaving a balance to be carried forward to next year of \$66,861.

The deposits increased by \$634,040 during past year the total being \$12,283,307. The progress made by the Ontario Bank since 1807 is shown by following figures:

	1906.	1897.	Increases.
	\$	\$	\$
Capital paid up.....	1,500,000	1,000,000	500,000
Reserve Fund.....	700,000	65,000	635,000
Deposits.....	12,283,357	4,490,031	7,793,326
Discounts.....	13,073,101	4,807,647	8,265,454

This record compares favourably with the increases made in the business of larger institutions and may be taken as an indication of the Ontario Bank having entered upon a time of expansion in extent of business and in financial strength.

The bank has opened branches and sub-branches at King City, Port Hope, Millbrook, Warsaw and Peterborough, South end.

The President, Mr. Geo. R. R. Cockburn, was re-elected and also Mr. Donald Mackay, as vice-president. Mr. McGill and his co-workers have our congratulations on the results of last year's business.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

The Merchants Bank of Canada held its 42nd annual meeting on 20th inst., when a report and statement were presented that were highly gratifying to the shareholders in attendance as they are to all the connections of the bank and the public generally.

Nothing succeeds like success is an old saying, and the success that leads to greater success in banking is only achieved by full consideration of the mutuality of interest which exists between a banker and his customers. When we see then a bank adding largely to the resources which are supplied by the public, and those larger resources being utilized for discounts that are called for by the public, it is evident that such an institution has been making marked advances in public favour and confidence.

The Merchants Bank last year increased its deposits from \$28,100,616.73 to \$35,506,959.41, an advance of \$7,397,342.68 which equals an addition to these resources of 26½ p.c. during the year. The current loans and discounts last year rose from \$21273,158 to \$25,836,600, the increase being \$4,563,532, which equals an addition to this class of business of 21.40 p.c.

The strong position of the Merchants Bank of Canada from the depositors' standpoint is notable. Nearly fifty p.c. of the liabilities to the public are represented by cash and gilt-edge securities constituting the immediately available assets, of which there are over nineteen and one half millions (\$19,526,486). This sum is further supported by \$2,751,820 in other time loans secured by approved bonds and stocks.

The total immediately available assets consequently amount to \$22,278,306, which exceeds 65½ p.c. of the deposits which largely exceeds the average.