

Eastern Townships Bank

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the Board Room of the Bank at Sherbrooke, Que., at 2 o'clock, on Wednesday, December 4th. In addition to the Directors, there were present: Judge Alired, Newport, Vt.; C. M. Sherman, Newport, Vt.; Judge White, Sherbrooke, Que.; C. D. White, Sherbrooke, Que.; A. S. Hurd, K.-C., Sherbrooke, Que.; Frank Spaulding, Burlington, Vt.; P. S. G. Mackenzie, M.L.A., Richmond; Major Williamson, Kingsbury; M. G. Crombie, Kingsbury; W. E. LeBaron, North Hatley; S. A. Baldwin, Norton Mills; Dr. Austin, Sherbrooke; M. Read, Sherbrooke.

The President took the chair and the General Manager acted as Secretary. Messrs. F. D. Spaulding and P. S. G. Mackenzie were appointed as scrutineers of votes.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors' report was read as follows:—

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Forty-ninth Annual Report for the year ending 15th November, 1907, which your Board considers very satisfactory, the net earnings for the period being \$372,669.91.

Quarterly Dividends at the rate of Eight per Cent. for the year have been paid.

\$140,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, bringing this account up to \$2,000,000 and leaving \$100,677.44 carried forward. The new stock has all been taken up and paid for, bringing the capital up to \$3,000,000 fully paid.

Business generally has been satisfactory for the period under review, but there has been a marked falling off in the demand for lumber and in some districts the crops have not been successfully harvested, yet all things considered the general agricultural, industrial and financial conditions of Canada may be considered satisfactory. Mining operations have been prosecuted on an increasingly large scale, and while some stoppages have occurred for one reason or another, the wealth of the country has been materially added to by the production of the mines, and recent reports indicate that a solution of the difficulties between the mining companies and their operatives has

been finally reached, and it is expected that no further delays of any consequence will be experienced.

It, however, may be remarked that owing to the fact that the business of the country has materially exceeded the banking resources, certain curtailments are in evidence and great care is, and should be exercised by financial institutions as well as by the people, in order to bring about a readjustment of the present conditions. Speculative undertakings should be discouraged, conservative principle obtain and economy be practised, in order that a proper ratio of business and capital should be speedily attained.

The Canadian Banks have for some months past been placing themselves in a stronger position by reducing loans, suggesting to their customers the advisability of curtailing operations and thus preparing for any emergency. This counsel has been followed with the result that the Banks are in a much stronger position, and over-production stopped. Ordinary requirements of their clients have been granted, but everything pointing towards expansion discouraged. There is no doubt, however, that the development of the country has outstripped the capital available, and it will, therefore, be necessary to mark time for a while until larger results from our grain, butter, cheese, minerals, etc., will have added to the capital of the country.

Our new Bank building in Montreal, now under construction, is progressing and will be ready for occupation on the first November next. It will be a substantial structure, and that portion not occupied by the Bank will yield good returns, thereby materially reducing the Bank's rental.

The Head Office and Branches have been regularly inspected as usual.

In conclusion the Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal of the General Manager and officers of the Bank generally.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM FARWELL,
President.

Sherbrooke, Que., 4th December, 1907.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

Liabilities.	
Capital paid up.....	\$3,000,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	2,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	100,677.44
Reserved on account of Rebate on Bills Discounted unmatured.....	\$35,000.00
Dividend No. 100, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum payable 2nd January next.....	59,352.66
Dividends unclaimed.....	4,228.75
	98,581.41
Notes of the Bank in Circulation.....	\$2,618,856.00
Deposits not bearing interest.....	2,724,883.96
Deposits bearing interest.....	10,592,597.89
Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	111,901.79
Balances due to other Banks in United Kingdom.....	85,950.77
	\$16,134,190.41

Assets.	
Gold and Silver Coin Current ..	\$189,561.84
Dominion Government Notes ..	1,128,461.90
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Bank Note Circulation.....	113,000.00
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks.....	710,603.44
Due from other Banks in Canada.....	480,499.96
Due from other Banks in the United Kingdom.....	5,193.30
Due from other Banks in Foreign Countries.....	1,013,672.77
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities.....	167,073.42
Canadian Municipal Debentures and Foreign Public Securities.....	471,100.00
Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	321,466.20
Call Loans on Bonds and Stocks.....	1,412,325.78
Total Assets Immediately Available.....	\$6,012,957.71
Current Loans, Discounts and Advances to the Public.....	\$14,510,016.98
Loans Overdue (Estimated Loss provided for).....	47,792.00
Real Estate (other than Bank Premises).....	53,409.71
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	53,310.95
Bank Premises and Furniture, including safes and vaults at Head Office and Branches.....	637,702.09
Other Assets.....	18,259.82
	15,320,491.56

\$21,333,449.26

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J. MACKINNON, General Manager.

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