The First Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Metropolitan Bank was held at the Bank's Head Office in Toronto, on Tuesday, 27th January, 1903, at eleven o'clock a.m. The President, Mr. A. E. Ames, having taken the chair, Mr. F. W. Baillie, General Manager, was requested to act as Secretary to the

After reading the notice convening the meeting, the Secretary read the following general statement:

General Statement

For the Six weeks ending 31st December, 1902

ASSETS	
Specie and Dominion Notes	\$242,546 89
Denosit with Dominion Government	
for security of note circulation	5,000 00
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks -	162,943.51
Balance due by other Banks	
In Canada \$14,745 53	
In Foreign Countries - 85,720 60	

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LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock, paid up \$1,000,000 00	
Reserve Fund 1,000,000 00	
Undivided Profits 1,696 66	
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Deposits—Time \$ 74,611 95	
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Notes in Circulation - 38 330 00	1

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On moving the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by the Vice-President, Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., the President, Mr. A. E.

The Directors considered it advisable to summon a meeting of shareholders in order that the business of the bank for the broken period from commencement on November 17th, 1902, until the end of the year should be reported. This course has admitted of the closing out of all organization and initial items, enabling the bank to start a clear year's business with full capital and reserve at the beginning of the calendar year.

As appears from the Statement which the General Manager has read, the Capital Stock was fully paid-up before the end of December last, the final call having been due on December 15th, and the Bank started the new year with \$1,000,000 of capital, and the full \$1,000,000 of Reserve, after having charged off all expenses, both legal and otherwise, in connection with organization, flotation of Capital Stock, management, etc., carrying forward a credit balance in Profit and Loss account of \$1,696.66.

The funds of the bank came in with considerable rapidity, as you know. The issue of \$1,000,000 capital at \$200 per share of \$100, payable in four monthly instalments of \$500,000 each, involved a total payment within a very short time of the large sum of \$2,000,000. Fortunately, the bank was able to employ a considerable proportion of this at remunerative rates in call loans against collateral of approved marketable Bonds and Stocks. Commercial accounts are being opened in good number, and these will soon employ an important percentage of the bank's resources. There is not a dollar of the present Assets of the bank about which the Directors have the slightest anxiety.

Offices of the bank have been established as follows:-7 and 9 King Street East, Toronto, Town of East Toronto, Dundas and Arthur Streets, Toronto,

Branches of the bank have also been arranged for and will be opened

shortly in the following locations :-Corner College and Bathurst Streets, Toronto, Corner McCaul and Queen Streets, Toronto, Petrolia.

Very shortly after the last meeting of shareholders, Mr. F. W. Baillie was appointed General Manager, and Mr. W. D. Ross took up his duties as Assistant General Manager at the first of the year. These gentlemen have been assiduous in their attention to the bank's affairs and are keenly interested in its development. Both have entered your service on a comparatively low basis of remuneration, having been quite prepared to risk their future in that respect upon the progress of the institution. The shareholders are, I think, to be congratulated upon the progress which has already been made. Mr. Baillie and Mr. Ross have succeeded in gathering around them the nucleus of what it is hoped will become a well organized, loyal staff. The Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the satisfactory discharge of their duties by the respective members of the staff, which now number twenty-four. None of them has been fearful as to whether the special requirements of organization have made too great demands upon his time. The Directors feel how important it is that there shall be a feeling of friendliness and respect throughout the whole staff, and are anxious that every member of it will feel that a proportion of the responsibility for the bank's future depends upon him and that he will receive his share of the

Practically each day has emphasized the importance of the field which is opening out for the bank, and the Directors feel that, under the able conduct of business by the General Manager and Assistant General Manager, both trained business men, the stockholders may feel satisfied that the bank will get its share of such prosperity as the country may

At the previous meeting, it was suggested that a by-law might be proposed at this meeting providing for the election of two additional Directors from outside cities. The Board are not yet prepared, however, to offer such a by-law. It is felt that this should be taken up very deliberately, and so much attention has been given to the opening of branches and securing of a competent staff that it will probably be necessary to call a special meeting of the shareholders to deal with this particular matter.

Plans are being perfected for a new building on the south east corner of King and Jordan Streets, Toronto, for the Head Office and main Toronto Branch of the Bank. These have not been finally approved, but, generally speaking, the policy of the Directors is to put up a building about five stories high, having a frontage on King Street of forty-seven feet three inches, and running back on Jordan Street about one hundred and eleven feet to the red brick building formerly owned by The Bristol & West of England Mortgage Company. It is proposed to make the new building fire-proof and provide such foundations and walls as will admit of the addition of, say, five more stories when the Directors feel that the volume of the Bank's business and the prospects of revenue from the addition will warrant the expenditure. The plan of the ground floor will be prepared so that the main office of the Bank will fit in with an extension of the proposed new building to Melinda Street, whenever that shall become necessary. It may be added that the designs now being prepared include elevations both for a building complete in

London, Jan. 28.—To-day's papers publish a lengthy statement from Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, in defence of the Can-	New York, Jan. 28.— go to Montreal to-day of Trade banquet, and to sail for Europe on t urday
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York Countyand Suburbs FIRE CHIEF ON HIS METTLE

County Council Will Ask for Amendthat York Township had a permanent office in the city, and that the assessments to the Good

ment roll could be seen or procured in the county of the Roads Act.

WANTS TO SHARE IN THE GRANTS.

niform System of Roads Wanted-Will Inspect New Cars of the

Metropolitan The "Good Roads Movement" was to make several amendments to the Act of 1901, for the improvement of

The changes suggested are: (1) That the provision for apportionment of the fund, according to acreage, be repealed,

roads was to be inaugurated, the County Council must have control of the system. Owing to the differences of opinion, no action was taken at that time. Yesterday the members of the County Council threw out several sug-County Council adjourned until Feb.2, next. Companion Court Elaine, L. O. F., led their annual concert and supper day mill probably ensure the County fairly probably fairly time. Yesterday the members of the County Council threw out several sugment would thus pay three times as much of the cost of the roads in the much of the cost of the roads in the county, and have less roads, the roads have a right to kick." replied the had not a large acreage, as the roads to have been converging into the cost of the roads in the footness of the roads in the bounty, and have less roads as thru the Townships of York, Scarboro and Eto Townships of York, Scarboro and York of York Scarboro and Eto Townships of York, Scarboro and York of York Scarboro and York of York Scarboro and York of York

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Finance—Lundy, Turner, Ley, Powell,
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The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing far.

A. E. AMES, President.

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IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF the County of York—In the matter of the estate of Ann Oheckley, late of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, widow, deceased. Says That a Fireman's Union Would

Firemen's Union. The chief came down with both feet very strongly such a union placed the city. His con-A special car on the Scarboro Line tention was that he had favored union-jumped the track at 2 o'clock in the ism in trades, but in the civic service ism in trades, but in the civic service will be held at the call of the chair-next, at sam man to further consider the matter.

At 11 o'cloc next, at sam man to further consider the matter. ticularly in such an institution as the fire brigade it was something which

Have a Serious Effect on
Discipline.

AGAINST THE CITY'S INTERESTS.

Matter Was Before the Fire and
Light Committee and the Chief
Was Emphatic.

There is not the slightest shadow of a doubt left as to where Fire Chief
Thompson stands in regard to the new
Firemen's Union. The chief came

their session yesterday. The question arose out of a petition from the County of Victoria, requesting the legislature of Victoria, requesting the legislature of Victoria and McCallum.

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Equalization — Quantz, Gardhouse, against it at a meeting of the Fire and firemen. Some man might be penalized for a breach of discipline and his Repository on Tuesday or Friday of next and he deplored the position in which brothers of the union might be dissat-isfied. This might lead to serious

A special meeting of the committee will be held at the call of the chairman to further consider the matter.

Recommends Higher Wages.
The Chief recommended that the present grading of the fire department be changed. There are now six different grades, and he thinks four would be sufficient.

At 11 o'clock; also Saturday and Monday next, at same hour, a great special clearing cut auction sale of draught and general purpose horses and drivers will be held. The catalogue will include two carloads consigned by Mr. Chas. S. Graham, St. Mrry's, and Mr. Jas. McMillan, Seiton, all without reserve.

WALTER HARLAND SMITH,



Cor. Simcoe and Nelson Sts., Toront ON ACCOUNT OF THE

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Next Week, Feb. 4th, 5th and 6th

To-Morrow, Friday,

We have been instructed by the "mort-gagee" to sell by auction at our warero ms, 68 Wellington-street west, Toronto, at a rate on the \$\(\), as per inventory, on WFD-NESDAY, FEB. 4TH, at 2 o'clock p.m., the stock of hardware on the premises. No. 350 Queen-street west, Toronto, consisting of: General Shelf Hardware, Hoase Furnishings, etc., \$1463.49; Shop Furniture and Fixtures, \$145.25; total, \$1608.74. Terms-4. cash, at time of sale; balance at 30 and 60 days, satisfactorily secured, and bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum. The stock and inventory may be inspected on application to "The James Robertson Company, Limited," No. 265 King-street West, Toronto.

Want More Money This Year. The estimates of the Fire and Light Committee for 1943

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