

The Eastern Townships Bank

The forty-eight annual meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the board room of the Bank at Sherbrooke at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, December 5, and in addition to the directors there were present: F. M. Sherman, Newport, Vt.; F. D. Spaulding, Burlington; Edwin Howe, Hatley; S. A. Baldwin, Norton Mills; D. Williams, St. Johnsbury; Chas. Ward, Derby Line; Col. H. R. Fraser, Dr. F. J. Austin, Captain Bennetts, of Sherbrooke, and others. The President took the chair, and the General Manager acted as Secretary. Col. H. R. Fraser and Mr. F. D. Spaulding were appointed scrutineers of votes.

The Directors' annual report was read as follows:—
In submitting the accompanying Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement your Directors have pleasure in informing the shareholders that the gross profits for the year under review have been satisfactory, but, unfortunately, the Bank has been called upon to bear exceptional losses in Montreal and St. Hyacinthe, which have been fully provided for and written off from the year's profits; the usual dividends have been declared and a substantial sum carried forward.

You will observe by reference to the accompanying sheet that \$2,000 has been transferred to the Officers' Guarantee Fund; \$260,000, premium on new stock, transferred to the Reserve Fund, and the balance, \$75,749.46, now stands at the credit of Profit and Loss for future appropriation. Your Directors, therefore, have every reason to believe that the result will be considered on the whole satisfactory.

Business throughout the country has been satisfactory in nearly all lines, with the farming community especially so, the dairy product being rather in excess of last year and bringing better prices.

It is gratifying to note the great increase in immigration, a large proportion being of the better class with sufficient means to enable them to make a good start in the country; it is to be regretted that more of them do not

find homes in the older provinces—those that have done so are doing well.

The wrecking of the Ontario Bank is one of the unfortunate incidents of the year. That the failure of such a large institution did not cause any disturbance in financial circles and that its creditors were not seriously inconvenienced is a matter of congratulation. It has, however, again raised the question of Government or Independent inspection, and the matter is now under consideration by the Bankers' Association and the Finance Department of the Government. Your Board would favor any well-devised system which will safeguard the interest of the shareholders and the public.

The Bank as well as the community at large has met with a serious loss during the year in the death of your Vice-President, Major Israel Wood, one of the original shareholders and a Director for twenty years, and also Director Henry Brathwaite Brown, both men of ability and good judgment, with the best interest of the Bank always paramount.

In consequence of a fire having rendered the property purchased by the Bank in Montreal untenable without heavy expense, it was decided to proceed with the erection of our new office building without delay. The old building has been demolished and plans are being prepared so as to be ready to go on with the work the coming spring.

Several new offices have been established during the year shewing good results.

The usual careful and thorough inspection of the various Branches has been made.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM FARWELL,

President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1906.

LIABILITIES.

To the Public:	
Notes of the bank in circulation..	\$2,582,015.00
Deposits payable on demand	2,701,643.06
Deposits payable after notice	9,987,066.67
Balances due to other banks in	
Canada	55,765.13
Balances due to other banks in	
United Kingdom	17,668.70
	\$15,344,158.56
To the shareholders:	
Capital paid up	2,932,790.00
Reserve Fund	1,860,000.00
Reserved on account of rebate on	
bills discounted unmaturing	\$35,000.00
Dividend No. 96, at the rate of 8	
per cent. per annum, payable	
2nd January next	58,000.00
Dividends unclaimed	3,992.10
Balance of Profit carried forward	75,749.46
	172,741.56
	\$20,309,690.12

ASSETS.

Gold and silver coin on hand	\$ 154,331.07
Dominion notes on hand	1,109,153.00
Deposit with Dominion Govern-	
ment for security of bank note	
circulation	106,090.00
Notes of and cheques on other banks.	592,963.54
Due from other banks in Canada.	818,832.37
Due from other banks in the United	
Kingdom	5,057.72
Due from other banks in foreign	
countries	813,557.87
Dominion and Provincial Govern-	
ment securities	167,073.42
Canadian municipal debentures and	
foreign public securities	471,400.00
Other bonds, debentures and stocks.	149,266.20
Call loans on bonds and stocks.	2,182,958.33
Total assets immediately avail-	
able	\$6,570,683.52
Current loans, discounts and ad-	
vances to the public	13,046,340.03
Loans overdue (estimated loss pro-	
vided for)	71,882.67
Real estate (other than bank pre-	
mises)	54,552.19
Mortgages on Real estate sold by	
the bank	62,737.90
Bank premises and furniture, in-	
cluding safes and vaults at Head	
Office and branches	486,300.69
Other assets	17,213.12
	13,739,606.60
	\$20,309,690.12

J. MACKINNON, General Manager.