

BANKERS CONFER AT MONTREAL.

Monetary Times Office,
Montreal, November 14th.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association was held here to-day at the Bank of Montreal, and lasted from about 10.30 till noon.

It being the general belief that an important meeting of this nature could not take place without a full discussion regarding the exceptional financial situation, more particularly with reference to the best course to pursue in order to aid the wheat movement, several of those present were asked what was done, at the conclusion of the meeting. The invariable answer was that the meeting was simply the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association and that nothing outside the events of the year had been discussed. It was not absolutely denied that nothing more definite had been spoken of, but the answer was that any announcements considered necessary would be made by the officers of the Association.

I asked Mr. J. T. P. Knight, secretary of the Association, if any action had been taken with a view to relieving the situation. Said he: "The meeting was merely the regular annual meeting of the Bankers' Association, which is always held on the second Thursday of each November. The usual business relating to the Association was transacted and that was all that was done."

"From the fact that it lasted only one hour, it is evident that no matter of importance could have been dealt with."

The only changes in the list officers, as compared with that of last year, was the omission of the name of Mr. W. Graham Browne from the Journal Committee, and the substitution of that of Mr. W. D. Ross, general manager Metropolitan Bank for that of H. S. Strathy, general manager Traders Bank, on the list of Members of Council. The officers for the ensuing year are accordingly as follows: Mr. E. S. Clouston, Bank of Montreal, president; Messrs. Duncan Coulson, Bank of Toronto; George Burn, Bank of Ottawa; H. Stikeman, B.N.A., M. J. A. Prendergast, Hochelaga, vice-presidents. Messrs. B. E. Walker, Bank of Commerce; E. F. Hebdon, Merchants; D. R. Wilkie, Imperial; Thomas McDougall, Quebec; Jas. Mackinnon, Eastern Townships; H. C. McLeod, Nova Scotia; James Elliot, Molsons; P. A. Lafrance, Nationale; G. P. Scholfield, Standard; C. A. Bogert, Dominion; E. L. Pease, Royal; G. H. Balfour, Union of Canada; E. L. Thorne, Union of Halifax; W. D. Ross, Metropolitan, members of the executive council, and J. T. P. Knight, secretary-treasurer.

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