

to continue his valuable services; but hope some arrangements can be made with him whereby the Association may still benefit by his long experience and recognized abilities. The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

STATEMENT.

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By cash net receipts of assessments about.....	\$50,000
Dr.	
To paid death losses.....	\$28,000
To amount deposited with Government of Quebec.....	15,400
To legal and legislation expenses about.....	1,900
To cash in hand and in bank about.....	4,700
	\$50,000

The report was then read in French, after which the chairman moved its adoption. Mr. Brault moved an amendment justifying the action of the members who had instituted the legal proceedings in March last to set aside the contract as mentioned in the report.

After a brief discussion the amendment was declared lost on a show of hands by 67 to 34, and the report was adopted on the same division.

A motion appointing a committee to examine into the affairs of the Association, with instructions to report at as early a date as possible, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Grimmer in proposing the motion stated that the members in the Maritime Provinces were very anxious as to the result of the meeting. They had heard of the division among the members at Montreal, and it was thanks to the energy and ability of Mr. C. D. Holmes, inspector of the association, that they had retained their membership. That gentleman had been untiring in his efforts to allay the anxiety and suspicion that at once became widespread after the meeting in February last. An investigation was necessary and the best means to arrive at the actual condition of the affairs of the association was to put it into the hands of an independent committee of members.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. M. J. F. Quinn then moved that the following gentlemen be elected to form a board of directors for the ensuing year:—B. Globensky, Q.C., John McEntyre, M. Babcock, Toronto; L. M. Massie, M.P., John Hopper, C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., J. A. McCabe, Ottawa; A. Gagnon and Dr. J. E. Guerin.

Mr. Hammond asked if Mr. Hopper had not accepted the position of general manager of another company.

The Chairman—Yes. Had the highest respect for Mr. Hopper and his abilities as an insurance man, but could not see how he could well act in both capacities.

The Chairman said Mr. Hopper's name had been inserted in the list by the directors, who wished to have the benefit of his knowledge and experience in connection with the association. Mr. Hopper would have no control over the Association nor receive any remuneration, but, as he had helped to build up the association, the directors desired to have the benefit of his assistance for at least one year.

Mr. Loranger had no personal objection to Mr. Hopper being a director, but he took the same view as Mr. Hammonds.

Judge Lyons thought Mr. Hopper ought to be on the board.

Hon. Mr. Thibadeau considered Mr. Hopper's presence at the board important.

Mr. Hopper thanked those members who desired his election as a Director, but, inasmuch as an objection had been made he would decline to serve. If his assistance could be of any use to the association, he would be at all times ready to do all in his power to help them.

After further remarks, it was decided to substitute the name of Mr. W. J. O'Hara, Assistant Collector of Customs, for that of Mr.

Hopper, and with that alteration the ticket was declared carried.

Resolutions indemnifying the directors for carrying on the Association since the contract had been annulled; and appropriating the dues towards the remuneration of Messrs. Hopper and Gagnon since July, 1884, the date of the contract, were carried after some discussion.

Mr. Hammonds asked the chairman to inform the members what the prospects were for the future of the Society.

Mr. Globensky said that notwithstanding the large number of members who had resigned, and the still larger number who were in arrears with their assessments, awaiting the result of that meeting, for he could tell them that for the last three months the directors had been at a standstill, unable to do any business until confidence could be restored by the result of the annual meeting, yet he was of opinion that there was every prospect of a successful future for the association. The directors would have to put forth their very best efforts for the next two years, in order to get the association to as prosperous a position as it was in February last, and if by then they could obtain five thousand members, all in good standing, the association would last not only for years, but for centuries. But to reach that number of members the directors must have the unanimous support of the members.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this institution was held at the Head Office of the Bank on Wednesday, 3rd day of June instant, a fair number of shareholders being present. Notice of meeting having been read, on motion of J. B. Paddon, Esq., seconded by Capt. F. Bennett, the President, R. W. Heneker, Esq., was elected Chairman. The General Manager, Wm. Farwell, was elected Secretary. Messrs. Geo. H. Pierce and John G. Foster were elected scrutineers of votes. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed, after which the President submitted the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

In again meeting the shareholders at the close of another financial year, the directors regret to have to report that the business of the past year has not been so profitable as usual. The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement herewith presented show the condition of the Bank at that date—and the result obtained. Many circumstances have operated to affect the welfare of the Bank, amongst which the following may be enumerated: The dulness of trade noticed in last year's report steadily continued, notwithstanding the fine harvest with which the country was blessed, and which it was hoped would stimulate business and make trade more active. At the same time the resources of the Bank for making money have been circumscribed, owing to the falling off in the circulation—and the withdrawal of a considerable amount of interest deposits. These caused a decrease in available funds of \$268,563, and a consequent corresponding decrease in loans of \$215,661. In the adverse circumstances thus mentioned the directors felt that a careful, cautious policy was the only wise one, and they took measures to increase their reserves. But this step—as it seemed to them so necessary—again told against profits, as money was so cheap in Montreal and the United States that where funds were placed at call with other Banks the rate was almost nil. These explanations will enable the Shareholders to understand some of the causes of the lessened profits of the year. The directors have also to report some considerable losses arising from failures in the City of Sherbrooke wholly unexpected, and the extent of which are not fully gauged. The merchants of Sherbrooke have for many years stood remarkably well, and the directors regret these failures the more, lest the city should endanger its good name. The mills in Sherbrooke have in some cases been in part closed during the past year, and in part run on short

time, but the directors are glad to find that they are again fully at work and apparently doing well. The agricultural interests—the main staple of the country—are on the whole sound, although low prices have of late prevailed for cattle; and other industries, although not "booming," are still fairly active. The outlook is certainly more encouraging than last year, although the necessity for caution in business still continues. The only matter left to be touched upon is the resignation, or rather the withdrawal of the vice-president, Mr. A. A. Adams, who does not seek re-election on the board. The directors feel assured that this will be received with great regret by many of the older shareholders of the Bank, who bear in mind Mr. Adams' long services and his zeal and devotion to the interests of the Bank. The directors at their meeting yesterday declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent. The whole respectfully submitted on behalf of the directors.

R. W. HENEKER, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 15TH, 1885.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss carried forward from 15th May, 1884.....	\$5,205 74
Profit of Head office and branches, after deducting charges of Management, Interest due Depositors, and providing for bad and doubtful debts.....	100,341 62
	105,547 36

Deduct.

Dividend of 3½ per cent, paid January 2nd, 1885.....	\$50,726 07	
Dividend of 3½ per cent, payable July 2nd, 1885.....	\$50,727 88	101,453 95

Balance of profit and loss carried forward.....	\$4,093 41
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GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, MAY 15TH, 1885.

Liabilities.

Capital paid in.....		\$1,449,488 70
Reserve Fund.....	\$375,000 00	
Reserved Interest.....	1,135 00	
Profit and Loss Balance.....	4,093 41	
Dividend No. 51 of 3½ per cent, payable 2nd July next.....	50,727 88	430,956 29
E. T. Bank Bills in circulation.....	700,056 00	
Dominion deposits on demand.....	38,801 83	
Provincial deposits on demand.....	31,529 05	
Provincial deposits after notice.....	100,000 00	
Other deposits on demand.....	355,091 73	
Other deposits after notice.....	1,534,946 44	
Dividends unclaimed.....	3,724 30	
Due other Banks in Canada.....	33,066 25	
Due Banks in United Kingdom.....	6,953 57	2,804,170 07
		\$4,684,615 06

Assets.

Specie.....	\$110,384 67
Dominion Notes.....	81,039 00
Bills and Cheques	