

DOMINION GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS

Statement of the Balance at Credit of Depositors on Jan. 31st, 1913.

BANK	Deposits for Jan., 1913	Total Deposits	Withdrawals for Jan., 1913	Balance on 31st Jan., 1913.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Manitoba:—				
Winnipeg.....	6,292.00	660,604.47	15,983.81	644,620.66
British Columbia:—				
Victoria.....	32,516.00	1,112,146.30	39,289.45	1,072,856.85
Prince Edward Island:				
Charlottetown.....	23,505.00	2,047,698.79	27,658.53	2,020,040.26
New Brunswick:				
Newcastle.....	1,153.00	288,665.96	2,621.31	286,044.55
St. John.....	87,885.11	5,708,265.52	76,133.34	5,632,127.18
Nova Scotia:—				
Acadia Mines.....	25 00	32,639.46	350.00	32,289.46
Amherst.....	6,933.00	383,880.53	4,436.37	379,444.16
Arichat.....	4,397.79	132,016.32	4,681.75	127,334.87
Barrington.....	293.00	142,619.08	325.00	142,294.08
Guysboro'.....	1,739.00	122,296.39	1,060.00	121,236.39
Halifax.....	37,644.54	2,418,439.71	27,536.00	2,390,903.71
Kentville.....	2,823.00	259,731.84	1,966.55	257,765.29
Lunenburg.....	1,741.00	126,740.28	5,846.46	120,893.82
Pictou.....				
Port Hood.....	537.00	113,097.59	1,065.00	112,032.59
Shelburne.....	1,973.94	216,258.68	2,280.67	213,978.01
Sherbrooke.....	564.00	90,323.39	1,320.89	89,002.50
Wallace.....	1,314.00	124,496.39	1,312.09	123,184.30
Totals:	214,574.38	14,279,950.30	213,892.22	14,066,058.65

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT

(DEC., 1912).

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	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
BALANCE in hands of the Minister of Finance on 30th Nov. 1912.....	42,174,667	12	WITHDRAWALS during the month.....	1,032,654.94
DEPOSITS in the Post Office Savings Bank during month.....	872,670	03		
TRANSFERS from Dominion Government Savings Bank during month:—				
PRINCIPAL.....				
INTEREST accrued from 1st April to date of transfer... ..				
TRANSFERS from the Post Office Savings Bank of the United Kingdom to the Post Office Savings Bank of Canada.....	9,803	43		
INTEREST accrued on Depositors accounts and made principal on 31st March				
INTEREST allowed to Depositors on accounts during month.....	10,503	15	BALANCE at the credit of Depositors' accounts on 31st Dec. 1912	42,034,988.79
	43,067,643	73		43,067,643.73

Statement showing Receipts and Shipments of Grain at Fort William and Port Arthur for the Period from September 1 to November 30, 1912, with comparisons for 1911.

RECEIPTS 1911-12

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax	Total
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Month of September, 1912....	3,490,239	391,647	188,250	172,556	4,242,692
Month of October, 1912.....	23,480,760	3,245,982	1,475,997	1,189,847	29,392,586
Month of November, 1912....	27,583,511	7,547,607	2,227,964	3,122,205	40,481,287
Total, three months, 1912.	54,554,510	11,185,236	3,892,211	4,484,608	74,116,575
Month of September, 1911....	5,674,405	570,784	193,399	11,853	6,450,441
Month of October, 1911.....	19,320,428	3,159,222	626,273	256,950	23,362,873
Month of November, 1911.. }	19,951,556	4,124,050	986,869	Rye 1,123	25,855,877
Total, three months, 1911.	44,936,389	7,854,056	1,806,541	1,071,082	55,669,191

SHIPMENTS 1911-12

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax	Total
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Month of September, 1912..	3,255,193	1,547,474	313,908	368,255	5,484,830
Month of October, 1912.....	17,430,386	1,542,074	945,196	637,022	20,554,678
Month of November, 1912....	29,387,576	6,509,965	1,995,058	2,769,655	40,662,254
Total, three months, 1912..	50,073,155	9,599,513	3,254,162	3,774,932	66,701,762
Month of September, 1911.. }	4,360,252	992,372	110,498	Rye 3,964	5,478,049
Month of October, 1911.....	14,780,210	1,608,810	307,696	54,972	16,751,688
Month of November, 1911.. }	22,315,785	4,701,577	1,101,058	Rye 5,087	28,676,672
Total, three months, 1911.	41,456,247	7,302,759	1,519,252	623,064	50,906,409

FIRE INSPECTORS APPOINTED

Professor E. J. Zavitz, provincial forester of Ontario, has been appointed by the railway commission, provincial fire inspector of the board. Subject to the supervision of the chief fire inspector of the commission, Professor E. J. Zavitz will direct the enforcement in Ontario of the railway fire regulations of the board. Mr. W. J. C. Hall, chief of the forest protection branch of the Quebec Government, has been appointed to a similar position in that province by the commission. Co-operation with the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Government will probably also be sought by the railway commission.

WARNINGS AGAINST FIRES

"On account of the large amount of rain during the summer of 1912, the growth of vegetation was unusually heavy, and the fire danger along railway lines is likely to be great during the early spring of 1913 and the ensuing summer, unless prompt and vigorous action is taken, states a circular issued by the railway commission. The work of burning or otherwise disposing of combustible matter on rights-of-way should accordingly be begun at the earliest possible date in the spring and prosecuted vigorously until completed. Such supervision of burning must be provided as will prevent fires from spreading beyond the strip being cleared. Experience has shown that along portions of some lines, right-of-way clearings can be handled satisfactorily only by the employment of extra gangs. It is essential that each company take whatever steps are necessary to ensure prompt and efficient compliance with the requirements of the Railway Act."

A second circular states that the board has in view an amendment to its original order providing for the posting up of instructions to railway employees in regard to prevention of fire, and submits a draft of such instructions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The British Columbia Life Assurance Company's youth and aggressiveness is shown in the result obtained during the year recently terminated, which was the first full year of insurance operations. The annual statement shows a surplus (excluding capital) of \$36,999, while assets amount to \$176,938, and are made up as follows: Debentures, \$57,574; mortgages on real estate, \$54,190; cash in hand and bank, \$15,607; accrued interest, \$2,434; outstanding and deferred premiums, less commissions due, \$13,841; balance due for premium on capital stock, \$28,506; office furniture, etc., \$4,693. The total business in force amounts to \$2,259,870.

Mr. Jonathan Rogers, the president, makes the following important statements in the directors' report: (1) No death claims have yet been reported; (2) a high rate of interest has been received from the investments, being over 8 per cent.; (3) the expenses of management for the year have been kept down to the lowest point consistent with the growth of the business.

The officers and directors of the company are: President, L. W. Shatford, M.P.P.; vice-presidents, T. E. Ladner and L. A. Lewis; directors, Messrs. F. C. Wade, K.C., D. G. Williams, J. T. Phelan, J. J. Bonfield, J. N. Ellis and E. A. Cleveland. Mr. Sanford S. Davis, the general manager, has brought the company through the period of formation to its present activity in the insurance world.

Mr. E. C. Pratt has been appointed assistant general manager of the Molsons Bank.

The British Columbia government proposes to double the royalty on timber, to take effect on January 1st, 1916. Timber owners already complain that the rental of timber lands is abnormally high.