

The Annual Report of the Directors of the Eastern Townships Bank presented to the shareholders at the 51st Annual Meeting in the Board Room of the Bank at Sherbrooke at two o'clock on Wednesday, December 7, contained the following paragraphs:

The net Profits for the year amount to \$410,696.90, which with the balance brought forward from last year gives the sum of \$559,538.33 available.

Out of this the regular quarterly Dividends have been provided for—that payable on the first of January prox-imo being at the rate of nine per cent, per annum; \$150,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, bringing that account up to \$2,250,000; \$15,000 set aside for Bonus to employees, \$2,000 transferred to Officers' Guarantee Fund, and a balance of \$145,038.33 carried forward.

In view of the Reserve Fund having reached 75 per cent. of the Paid-Up Capital, the Directors feel justified in increasing the Dividend to nine per cent., and are confident their action will be approved.

In view of the remarkable growth of the country it is evident that increased banking facilities will be re-quired, and as this can be met more readily and economically by the present organizations increasing their Capital—which several have already done—the Directors have decided to recommend that a Resolution be passed at this meeting for authority to increase the Capital of the Bank in the sum of \$2,000,000,—this increase to be issued from time to time in such amounts and at such rate of premium as the Directors may determine.

During the year five new offices of the Bank have been opened as well as several sub-agencies, all of which are showing satisfactory results.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. For the year ended 15th November, 1910. Balance at credit of Profit and Loss brought forward from November 15th, 1909.....\$148,841.43

Profit of Head Office and Branches, after deducting charges of Management, Interest due

Depositors, and provision for Losses	\$359,538.33
Appropriated as follows:	\$000,000.00
Dividend of 2 per cent., paid April 1st, 1910	
Dividend of 2 per cent., paid July 2nd, 1910	
Dividend of 2 per cent. paid October 1st. 1910	
Dividend of 21/4 per cent., payable 3rd January, 1911	
Transferred to Reserve Fund	
Bonus to Officers	
Transferred to Officers' Guarantee Fund.	
	\$414,500.00

Balance carried forward J. MACKINNON,

General Manager.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 15th November, 1910 ASSETS. LIABILITIES.

LIABILITIES.			
Capital paid up Reserve Fund	 \$ 3,000,000.00 2,250,000.00 145,038.33 105,178.75 19,896,794.07 	Gold and Silver Coin Cur- rent	6,794,477.97
		Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank 14,587.49 Bank Premises and Fur- niture, including Safes and Vaults at Head Office and Branches	
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