## UNION BANK OF CANADA.

### STATEMENT OF THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

The fortieth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada was held at its banking-house in Quebec on Monday, June 19th, 1905.

There were present: Messrs. A. Thomson, Hon. John Sharples, D. C. Thomson, Wm. Price, E. Giroux, E. J. Hale, Wm. Shaw, T. C. Aylwin, Geo. H. Thomson, H. Budden, John Shaw, Wm. Brodie, T. A. Piddington, Lazare Noel, C. P. Champion, J. H. Simmons, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Lieut.-Col. Farley, Capt. Carter, and E. Dupre.

The president, Mr. A. Thomson, took the chair and requested Mr. J. G. Billett to act as secretary, and Messrs. John Shaw and C. P. Champion scrutineers, which was agreed to.

The chairman then read the report of the directors which was as follows:—

The directors beg to submit a statement of the assets and liabilities of the bank at the close of the financial year ending 31st May last; also the following statement of the result of the business for the past year:

**Profit and Loss Account, May 31st, 1905.**

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| Balance at credit of profit and loss account on May 31st, 1904. | $ 67,339 86 |
| The net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management, reserving for interest and exchange, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to | 382,173 80 |
| | $449,513 66 |

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| Which has been applied as follows:— | |
| Dividend No. 76, three and one-half per cent. | $ 87,500 00 |
| Dividend No. 77, three and one-half per cent. | 87,500 00 |
| Transferred to rest account | 100,000 00 |
| Written off bank premises and real estate | 100,000 00 |
| Balance carried forward | 74,513 66 |
| | $449,513 66 |

The result of the year's business is satisfactory, showing net earnings of $382,173.80, or about 15¼ per cent. on the capital. From the earnings the usual dividends have been provided, $100,000 has been added to rest account, and $100,000 has been written off bank premises and real estate, leaving $74,513.66 at credit of profit and loss account.

The reduction of bank premises account has been made in accordance with the policy outlined in the report of the directors submitted to the shareholders at their last annual meeting. During the year three branches and two sub-agencies have been opened in Ontario, one branch in the North-West Territories, and one sub-agency in Manitoba, all showing fair prospects of success.

The customary inspection of the branches has been made during the year.

A. Thomson, President.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

**Liabilities.**

| | | |
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| Capital stock | $ | $ 2,500,000 00 |
| Reserve fund | 1,100,000 00 | |
| Balance of profit and loss account carried forward | 74,513 66 | |
| Reserved for interest and exchange | 38,202 25 | |
| Reserved for rebate of interest on bills discounted | 77,108 77 | |
| | | $ 1,289,824 68 |
| Notes of the bank in circulation | $ 2,350,216 00 | |
| Deposits not bearing interest | 4,277,202 84 | |
| Deposits bearing interest | 12,256,583 90 | |
| Balances due other banks in Canada | 4,863 48 | |
| Dividends unclaimed | 819 26 | |
| Dividend No. 77 | 87,500 00 | |
| | | $18,977,275 48 |
| | | $22,767,100 16 |

**Assets.**

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| Specie | $ 385,131 77 | |
| Dominion notes | 1,475,812 00 | |
| Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation | 125,000 00 | |
| Notes of and cheques on other banks | 722,417 70 | |
| Balance due by other banks in Canada | 105,721 21 | |
| Balance due by agents in Great Britain | 113,735 37 | |
| Balance due by agents in United States | 724,331 79 | |
| Municipal and other bonds and stocks | 67,266 18 | |
| Call loans on bonds, stocks, and other securities | 497,255 39 | |
| | | $ 4,216,671 41 |
| Other loans and bills discounted current | $17,409,310 27 | |
| Overdue debts (estimated loss provided for) | 19,346 66 | |
| Real estate other than bank premises | 46,525 36 | |
| Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank | 37,243 88 | |
| Bank premises and furniture | 1,018,306 47 | |
| Other assets | 19,696 11 | |
| | | $18,550,428 75 |
| | | $22,767,100 16 |

G. H. Balfour, General Manager.

Quebec, May 31st, 1905.

On the motion of Mr. A. Thomson, seconded by Hon. J. Sharples, the foregoing report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed for distribution among the shareholders.

The balloting for directors for the ensuing year, which was next proceeded with, resulted in the election of Messrs. A. Thomson, Hon. John Sharples, D. C. Thomson, E. Giroux, E. J. Hale, Wm. Price, Wm. Shaw, E. L. Drewry, John Galt and F. E. Kenaston.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected board of directors, Messrs. A. Thomson and Hon. John Sharples were elected president and vice-president respectively.

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## BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Smithville, Ont., with Mr. Joseph Anderson as acting manager.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, K.C., have been appointed local directors of the Imperial Bank at Winnipeg.

The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, has declared a quarterly dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, warrants for which will be issued on July 1st next.

It is now announced that Mr. Thomas Fyshe has severed his connection with the Merchants Bank of Canada, his term of service having expired. He will be succeeded by Mr. E. F. Hebden, who has been connected with the bank as chief inspector or in other important positions for many years.

Æmilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto, were the successful tenderers for the $1,209,875.42 4 per cent. debentures of the city of Winnipeg, Man., tenders for which were opened on the 16th inst.; also for the $54,600 5 per cent. debentures of the town of Medicine Hat, N.W.T., tenders for which were opened on the 19th inst.

Montreal stock brokers are still agitated over the tax question, and many continue in favor of paying the tax themselves until such time as the present quarter of 1 per cent. commission is reduced. It is believed that the law on the subject is unconstitutional, and there is likelihood that this will shortly be put to the test.

A month or two ago we noted the fact that the Bank of Montreal were promoting a private bill which would allow them to increase the number of their directors. The matter has now been taken up by the Government, and the Minister of Finance has brought in a bill under which any bank may appoint as many directors as it desires, the only restriction being that the number shall not be less than five.

The London Financial News refers in somewhat sceptical language to the various Canadian companies operating in South American cities. London investors, it says, did not take kindly to the shares, partly because they could not