

not satisfactory, yet he had very good hope that a more satisfactory dividend would be declared for the coming year, inasmuch as they were in correspondence with the Dominion Government relative to the rebellion losses, and they had good hope of having these losses adjusted.

Motion agreed to.

PARIS EXHIBITION EXPENSES.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. POPE (Compton) moved for a return giving statement in detail of all moneys paid or obligations incurred to the 1st of January last, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, showing to whom the money was paid, or is to be paid, and for what service.

Motion agreed to.

MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. TASCHEREAU moved for an Address to the Governor-General praying him to apply the 9th sub-section of Section 6, Chap. 7, 34 Victoria, in order to obtain from the City and District Savings Bank of Montreal, and to cause to be laid before this House, when so obtained :

1st. A statement showing in detail the position of the Bank at the period of its re-organization in 1871, viz: all the amounts due to the Bank; the names of parties by whom due; the collaterals held as security; the rates at which said collaterals were taken, and their actual value at the time they were taken.

2nd. A statement in detail of other assets possessed by the Bank at the time of its re-organization.

3rd. A statement showing how the Directors fixed at \$180,000 the surplus or poor Fund, and by what process they arrived at that figure, and if said surplus was limited to aforesaid amount.

4th. A statement showing how the capital stock was taken up, the names of shareholders, and if said stock was subscribed before or after the day and hour when the books should have been opened according to law.

5th. The sums paid by the shareholders upon their subscription of stock since 1871, and date of re-organization.

6th. A statement showing which of the shareholders paid in cash; those that did not; and how they did pay; if by promissory notes, and if so, when discounted and whether retired at maturity.

7th. A statement in detail of all the loans made by the Bank since its re-organization, to whom made and upon what collaterals; at what price such collaterals were taken, and what interest was charged on said loans.

8th. A statement in detail of all the losses made by the Bank and what portion of said losses were written off, giving names of parties and the collaterals held by the Bank.

9th. A statement of all monies now due to the Bank, by whom and how secured, giving the collaterals taken, at what rate and their present cash value; and also other assets presently possessed by the Bank.

10th. A statement of all the dealings the Bank has had with parties who have become insolvent prior to the paying up of their loans to the Bank.

11th. A statement showing what advances the Bank made upon American securities, names of parties, the particular stocks, the prices at which they were taken and how the loans were settled.

12th. A statement of the lowest quotation at which the various stocks taken by the Bank fell to during the currency of the loans advanced on them.

13th. A statement of the names of the Directors, if any, who since the re-organization, borrowed from the Bank, the enumeration of the securities upon which said loans were effected, the rate of interest charged and how their redemption took place; also the dates at which said loans were made and repaid.

14th. A statement of the dividends paid each year since 1871, date of re-organization.

15th. A list of the present Directors and what amount of stock they respectively hold in the Bank.

16th. A list of the present shareholders and what amount of stock they respectively hold in the Bank.

He said he wished to impress on the House the fact that, in making this motion, he was only guided by motives to secure the public good. Every one in the community, in times of commercial depression, watched our monetary institutions to see whether they adhered strictly, not only to the conditions of their charter, but also to sound business-principles, and whether they avoided all such transactions as might be of a character tending to speculation. The large number of failures of savings banks under private control, which had lately occurred in the United States, and the difficulty in which the depositors in all similar institutions were constantly placed in the direction of securing sound information with respect to their general standing, made