

**Presbytery Meetings.**

**SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**  
 Calgary, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Kamloops, Vernon, 26 Aug.  
 Kootenay, Nelson, B.C., Feb. 17.  
 Westminster, Chilliwack, 1 Sept. 8 p.m.  
 Victoria, Victoria, Tues. 1 Sept. 2 p.m.

**SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST**  
 Portage la Prairie, 8 March.  
 Brandon, Brandon, Superior, Port Arthur, March.  
 Winnipeg, Man. Coll. 11 m.  
 Rock Lake, Pilot M'd., 2 Tues. Feb.  
 Glenboro, Sourie, Dec 1  
 Portage, P. La Prairie, 8th, March  
 Minnedosa, Minnedosa, 17 Feb.  
 Melita, at call of Moderator  
 Regina, Moosejaw, Tues. 1 Sept.

**SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.**  
 Hamilton, Knox, Hamilton 5 Jan 10 a.m.  
 Paris, Paris, 12 Jan. 10 a.m.  
 London, London, 1 March 10.30 a.m.  
 Chatham, Chatham, 1 March 10 a.m.  
 Stratford, Stratford 12 May.

Huron, Clinton, 19 Jan. 10.30 a.m.  
 Sarnia, Sarnia, 15 Dec. 11 a.m.  
 Maitland, Wingham, 15 Dec. 10 a.m.  
 Bruce, Paisley 1 March

**SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.**  
 Kingston, Belleville, 8th Dec. 11 a.m.  
 Peterboro, Peterboro 8 March 9 a.m.  
 Whitby, Whitby, 20th Jan.  
 Toronto, Toronto, Knox, 2 Tues. monthly.  
 Lindsay, Lindsay, 15 Dec. 11 a.m.  
 Orangeville, Orangeville, 12 Jan.  
 Barrie, Barrie, 15th Sept. 8.30 p.m.  
 Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Division St., 1 Mar. 10 a.m.  
 Algoma, Blind River, March.  
 North Bay, Powassan 30 Sept. 9 a.m.  
 Saugeen, Harrisburg, 8 Dec. 10 a.m.  
 Geuph, Esora, 19 Jan. 10.30 a.m.

**SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.**  
 Quebec, Sherbrooke, 8 Dec.  
 Montreal, Montreal, Knox, 8 Dec. 8.30 a.m.  
 Glengarry, Moose Creek, 15th Dec. 11 a.m.  
 Lanark & Renfrew, St. A. church, Carleton Place, 1 Jan. 10.30 a.m.  
 Ottawa, Stewarion Church, 3 Nov.  
 Brockville, Spencerville, 6 Oct. 2.30 p.m.

**SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES**  
 Sydney, Sydney, Sept. 2  
 Inverness, Baddeck, 17 Nov. 2 p.m.

P. E. L. Charlottown, 3 Feb.  
 Pictou, New Glasgow, 5 May 1 p.m.  
 Wallace, Oxford, 6th May 7.30 p.m.  
 Truro, Truro, 10 May 10 a.m.  
 Halifax, Charlottown, during meeting of synod.

Lunenburg, Lunenburg 5 May 2.30  
 St. John, St. John, Oct. 21  
 Miramichi, Bathurst 30 June 10.30

**The Dominion Bank**

**PROCEEDINGS OF**

**The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders.**

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the Dominion Bank was held at the Banking House of the institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, January 27th, 1904.

Among those present were noticed: Messrs. William Ince, Wm. Spry, E. B. Osler, M.P., W. D. Matthews, Theo. Walmesley, W. G. Cassels, David Smith, G. W. Lewis, A. R. Baswell, P. Leadlay, G. N. Reynolds, A. Foulds, J. J. Foy, R. C. Jno. T. Small, Anson Jones, H. Gordon McKenzie, J. Gordon Jones, W. Crocker, J. F. Kavanaugh, Ira Stanish, E. W. Langley, Lieut.-Col. Pellatt, Wm. Hendri, J. G. Ramsay, W. C. Lee, W. C. Croft, F. J. Phillips, Richard Brown, G. B. Sweetman, J. A. Procter, H. B. Hodgins, H. Johnson, T. G. Brough, Miss H. M. Robinson and others.

It was moved by Mr. Wm Ince, seconded by Mr. Anson Jones, that Mr. E. B. Osler do take the chair, and that Mr. T. G. Brough do act as Secretary.

Messrs. A. R. Haswell and W. G. Cassels were appointed Scrutinizers. The Secretary read the report of the Directors to the Shareholders, and submitted the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank, which is as follows:

*To the Shareholders:*

The Directors beg to present the following Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the EIGHT MONTHS ending 31st December, 1903:

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 20th April, 1903	\$333,335 48
Premium received on new Capital Stock	16,135 00
Profit for the EIGHT MONTHS ending 31st December, 1903, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making provision for bad and doubtful debts	321,073 86
	690,564 34
Dividend 2 1/2 per cent. on 1st August, 1903	\$74,710 50
Dividend 1 1/2 per cent. on 2nd November, 1903	4,833 05
Dividend 1/2 per cent. on 2nd January, 1904 (2 months)	49,963 16
	\$129,506 71
Transferred to Reserve Fund	16,135 00
	\$215,661 71
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	\$174,902 63
	RESERVE FUND.
Balance at credit of account 31st April, 1903	\$2,983,865 00
Transferred from Profit and Loss Account	16,135 00
	\$3,000,000 00

Branches of the Bank have been opened during the past eight months in Fort William and St. Thomas, Ont.

All Branches of the Bank have been inspected during the past year.

F. B. OSLER, President.

Toronto, 27th January, 1904.

The Report was adopted and the thanks of the Shareholders were tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their services and to the General Manager and other officers of the Bank for the efficient performance of their respective duties.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. W. Ans in, W. R. Brock, M.P., T. Eaton, J. J. Foy, R.C., Wm. Ince, Wilnot D. Matthews and E. B. Osler, M.P.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., was elected President and Mr. W. D. Matthews, Vice-President, for the ensuing term.

**GENERAL STATEMENT.**

<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Notes in Circulation	\$ 2,721,874 00
Deposits not bearing interest	83,083,422 69
Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date)	23,263,718 57
	26,377,141 25
Total Liabilities to the Public	29,699,015 25
Capital Stock Paid up	3,000,000 00
Reserve Fund	8,300,000 00
Balance of Profits carried forward	474,902 63
Dividend Not yet paid on 2nd January (2 months)	49,963 16
Former Dividends unclaimed	28 75
Reserved for Exchange, etc.	21,664 61
Balance on Bills Discounted	30,023 86
	3,616,183 10
	\$38,745,198 35

**ASSETS.**

Specie	\$ 1,009,462 14
Dominion Government Demand Notes	1,506,245 00
Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of Note Circulation	140,000 00
Notes and Cheques on other Banks	1,509,622 89
Balances due from other Banks in Canada	248,579 29
Balance due by London Agents	182,337 54
Balances due from other Banks elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	775,309 02
Provincial Government Securities	94,236 37
Canadian Municipal Securities and British or Foreign or Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	671,029 79
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,322,217 51
Loans on Call secured by Stocks and Debentures	4,121,662 18
	\$13,843,796 64
Bills Discounted and Advances Current	\$21,409,271 30
Overtime Debits (estimated loss provided for)	9,965 28
Real Estate, other than Bank Premises	45,000 85
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	6,000 00
Bank Premises	465,000 00
Other Assets not included under foregoing heads	8,028 70
	21,901,401 71
	\$38,745,198 35

Toronto, 31st December, 1903.

T. G. BROUGH, General Manager.



**THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.**

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

**ENTRY.**

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Commissioner for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

**HOMESTEAD DUTIES.**

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected herewith, under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) or any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry upon the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as to residence, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent, counter-signed by the Commissioner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his household, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2) (3) or (4) must cultivate 20 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 30 acres substantially fenced.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homesteader law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

**APPLICATION FOR PATENT**

Should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent or Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

**INFORMATION**

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

**JAMES A. SMART,**

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—In addition to Free Grant lands to which the regulations above state refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from Railroad and other corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

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