

utilized to some extent as a basis of circulation. To Mr. Powell the president said that the question of increasing the dividend had not been seriously discussed by the directors, but that if they followed the example of other banks the reserves of which were about the same proportion to the capital as that of the Bank of Ottawa, they would be likely to delay any increase until the rest reached the amount of the capital or came within measureable distance of it, and he said the shareholders could estimate for themselves as to how long this would take at the present rate of progression. Provided that business continued satisfactory, the president estimated that it would take two or three years at the most. He desired to emphasize the fact that the directors considered a regularly paid dividend of 9 per cent. very good, and that the first increase would most likely be in the way of a bonus.

Hr. Whyte said that in view of the fact that several of the large banks were paying smaller rates of dividend, the shareholders ought to be quite satisfied with the present rate.

It was then moved by the president, seconded by the vice-president, "That the report of the directors and statement now read be adopted and printed for the information of the shareholders." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gordon B. Pattee, seconded by Mr. John L. Murphy, "That the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president, and directors for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during the past year."

The vice-president briefly thanked the shareholders for their vote of thanks.

Moved by Mr. Newell Bate, seconded by Mr. J. J. McGee, "That the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the general manager and other officers of the bank for the efficient manner in which they have performed their respective duties."

THE GENERAL MANAGER.

The general manager said:

It gives me much pleasure to respond to this resolution, and to thank you for the cordial way in which you have adopted it. We have now on our pay-roll a staff of 151, and I am satisfied that, take them all through, no more painstaking, willing or faithful officials can be found anywhere.

I have once or twice at these meetings called attention to the very satisfactory growth in the material wealth of the country, as shown in the increase of bank deposits.

Mr. Clouston, the president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, at its last annual meeting, gave some interesting statistics showing, among other items, that the savings of the people had grown since 1891 from \$40 per head to \$74.

A careful comparison makes the amount of increase in deposits of all kinds since 1890, including loan companies, government and other savings banks, as well as banks working under the general act, to be \$252,233,000 or about \$23,000,000 per annum. The question naturally arises: "Where has all this money come from?" An answer to this is to be found in the fact that our returns of exports of food products show that most of it is coming out of the land, the increase in the export of twelve items of farm products, comparing 1890 with 1900, being \$47,873,000. Again, we have a much larger class of consumers through the growth of population in the cities and towns, and in the mining districts of British Columbia, and the Yukon, so that the increased exports do not by any means show the amount coming out of the land.

It is believed that this year there are

2,000,000 acres of wheat under cultivation in Manitoba alone. A close estimate recently made by one of the experimental farms in the west gives the cost of producing an acre of wheat to be \$7.87, including interest on cost of land, deteri-

oration of implements, etc. As the greater portion of this land has returned from \$13 to \$20 per acre, and this estimate does not include returns from other cereals, or from sale of pork or dairy products, it will be readily seen that the

GENERAL STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AS ON 30th NOVEMBER.

	Liabilities.	
	1900.	1901.
Notes in circulation	\$ 1,866,361 00	\$ 1,958,966 00
Deposits bearing interest..	\$8,262,401 93	\$8,768,411 39
Deposits not bearing interest	1,436,875 45	1,630,593 48
	9,699,277 38	10,399,004 87
Deposits made by, and balances due to other banks in Canada	429 00	205,960 00
Balances due to agencies of the bank, or to other banks or agencies, elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	804 32	
Balances due to agencies of the bank, or to other banks or agencies in the United Kingdom		411,233 78
	\$11,566,871 70	\$12,975,164 65
Capital (authorized, \$2,000,000).		
Capital paid up	\$1,993,940 00	\$2,000,000 00
Rest	1,660,455 00	1,765,000 00
Dividend 4½ per cent. (payable 1st December)	86,960 68	90,000 00
Former dividends unpaid ..	263 21	338 50
Reserved for interest and exchange	12,938 00	10,872 00
Rebate on current discounts ..	66,754 00	73,410 00
Balance at Profit and Loss account, carried forward..	46,344 26	64,865 67
	3,867,655 15	4,004,486 17
	\$15,434,526 85	\$16,979,650 82
	Assets.	
	1900.	1901.
Specie	325,884 24	\$ 343,968 96
Dominion notes	749,080 25	880,330 25
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation.....	90,000 00	95,000 00
Notes of, and cheques on other banks	314,862 14	355,465 63
Deposits made with, and balances due from, other banks in Canada	59,132 18	267,499 00
Balances due from agencies of the bank, or from other banks or agencies in the United Kingdom	233,034 02	
Balances due from agencies of the bank, or from other banks or agencies elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	253,842 57	347,985 40
Dominion and Provincial Government securities ..	464,612 77	464,252 77
British National War Loan and Consols	144,430 87	264,527 67
Canadian municipal securities, or foreign or colonial public securities other than Canadian	452,899 21	389,214 89
Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks.....	485,587 67	766,607 40
	\$ 3,573,374 92	\$ 4,174,852 03
Call and short loans on stocks and bonds, in Canada	748,108 34	735,765 69
Current loans in Canada..	10,905,386 08	11,826,119 24
Overdue debts (estimated loss provided for)		
Real estate, other than bank premises	62,508 06	73,893 19
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	6,155 20	7,075 64
	8,994 25	11,945 03
Bank premises	130,000 00	150,000 00
	\$15,434,526 85	\$16,979,650 82

GEORGE BURN, General Manager.