

can escape ultimate failure when money is the article of the first and highest profit, it is expedient that a system of agricultural banking should be created to ensure money aid to farmers at a low rate of interest, and upon a system more adapted to the needs of agriculture than that forming the basis of the present mercantile system of banking.

5. That to obtain this object a measure should be passed by the Parliament of *Canada*, to be called the General Agricultural Banking Act, embodying the provisions set forth in the following Resolutions :

6. That an Agricultural Bank, distinguished by the name of the County, may be established in each County in *Canada* ; that the capital stock of each such Bank shall be at least five hundred thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each, and that the whole of the said capital stock shall be paid up before any banking business is commenced.

7. That so soon as the said capital is paid up in full the same shall be deposited with the Government of *Canada*, who shall give to the Bank in exchange, free of charge, an equivalent amount of Dominion notes, each of which notes shall be stamped with a distinctive mark denoting the Agricultural Bank to which it has been issued ; that upon such capital so deposited interest shall be paid by the Government to the Bank at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, but that such interest shall only be payable for such time as the Dominion notes given in exchange for the said capital continue unredeemed ; and that such interest shall be calculated from time to time as the said Dominion notes are redeemed by the Government.

8. That all deposits made with the Bank, except, only Dominion notes bearing its own distinctive mark, shall in like manner once in each week be deposited with the Government, which, as in the case of the deposit of the capital stock, shall return to the Bank an equivalent amount of Dominion notes ; and such deposits with the Government shall bear the same interest with the same conditions as the capital stock, save and except that arrangements may be made between Agricultural Banks for the mutual exchange of Dominion notes received on deposit and bearing the distinctive marks of any such Banks so entering into such arrangement.

9. That the Bank shall issue no note or bill of its own.

10. That the Bank shall lend to farmers only, and for purposes of the farm only on credits not exceeding one year.

11. That the Bank shall not lend on the security of real estate, nor discount any note, nor hold any real estate, except only the premises actually required for its occupation ; but that the Bank may lend upon open account, with the security of two approved bondsmen, charging interest at not more than 5 per cent. on all moneys as withdrawn from the Bank by the borrower ; that borrowers and depositors with the Bank shall be allowed interest at the rate of 3 per cent. on all balances at their credit, calculated from time to time as deposits are made or amounts withdrawn ; that once in each year, or upon the final closing of the accounts, every account shall be balanced and a commission of 1 per cent. on the debits of the account current shall be charged the borrower or depositor towards defraying the expenses of the Banking office.

12. That the Bank may declare dividends out of its earnings at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum on its capital, and that any earnings over and above the amount sufficient to pay such dividend shall be applied as follows :—1st, in laying aside a sum not exceeding 10 per cent. upon the capital stock as a rest or reserve to equalize dividends in succeeding years ; and 2nd, to reduce the rate of interest to borrowers in succeeding years to as low a point as will ensure the dividend of 5 per cent. hereinbefore specified ; but that under no circumstance shall the Bank charge a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent.

13. That possession of shares in the Capital Stock of the Bank shall be evidenced by the possession of certificates of shares, which shall be transferable from one person to another without endorsement or transfer noted in the books of the Bank ; and that for the purpose of exercising the right to vote, each shareholder shall deposit the