

Imperial Bank of Canada

The Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held, in pursuance of the terms of the Charter, at the Banking House of the Institution, Toronto, on 23rd May, 1906.

THE REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their Thirty-first Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the affairs of the Bank as on 30th April, 1906, giving the result of the business of the Bank for the financial year (eleven months) which ended that day.

The net profits of the year, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, for interest on unmatured bills under discount, for the usual contributions to the Pension and Guarantee Fund, and providing for provincial and other Taxation, amount to **\$535,786 20**, which has been applied as follows:

(a) Dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum have been paid, amounting to	\$335,406 23
(b) Bank premises and Furniture Account has been credited with	100,000 00
(c) Profit and Loss Account has been increased by	100,379 97

The premium amounting to **\$927,741 50** received on new capital stock, the issue of which was authorized on the 18th June, 1902, and which was allotted to shareholders on 30th June, 1905, has been transferred in bulk to Rest Account, which now amounts to **\$3,927,741 50**, and will be further increased to **\$4,000,000** when the balance due upon the subscribed shares has been paid in.

Branches of the Bank have been opened during the year at Cobalt, Fonthill, London and Ridgeway, in the Province of Ontario, and also in the City of Quebec; in North Battleford, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and in Banff, Calgary East and Red Deer, in the Province of Alberta. Suitable premises are now under construction in Winnipeg and in Edmonton to replace existing structures, which have been found insufficient for our requirements.

Since our last meeting the Bank has suffered a great loss in the death of its president, Mr. T. R. Merritt, who was one of the founders of the Bank, and a Director since its start in business. Mr. Merritt became Vice-President at the first meeting of the Shareholders in 1875, and continued in that office until he succeeded the late Mr. H. S. Howland as President, in the year 1902. Throughout this long term he was devoted to the welfare of the Bank, whose success is largely due to his watchfulness and care. The vacancy on the Board created by Mr. Merritt's death has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Peleg Howland, a son of our first President. Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Vice-President, was elected to the office of President, and the Honorable Robert Jaffray to that of Vice-President.

The policy of the Board in appropriating a considerable portion of the profits of the year in reduction of Bank Premises Account is one which they hope will be appreciated and approved of by the Shareholders.

The capital of the Bank was increased in 1902 by **\$1,500,000**, making it as at present, **\$4,000,000**. The development of the Dominion since then has been phenomenal, calling for increased banking facilities. Your Directors hold the same opinion to-day as they held in 1902, and believe that any additional capital required can be most readily and most economically furnished by the Institutions which are already firmly established. Your Directors have therefore decided that a further addition to the capital of the Bank is advisable, and a by-law will be submitted to you for your approval, authorizing an increase in the capital by the sum of **\$1,000,000**, to be used in such amounts and at such periods as the Directors may determine.

The change from semi-annual to quarterly dividends, which has been adopted during the past year, will, we trust, also meet with the approval of the Shareholders.

A by-law will be submitted for your approval providing for the remuneration of the President and Directors, and increasing their number from eight to eleven.

The Head Office and Branches of the Bank have all been carefully inspected during the year, and your Directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the faithful and efficient manner in which the staff have performed their duties.

D. R. WILKIE, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend No. 61, for six months at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum (paid 1st of December, 1905)	\$173,772 63	Balance at credit of Account 31st May, 1905, brought forward	\$176,516 05
Dividend No. 62, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum (paid 1st of March, 1906)	96,321 66	Profits for the eleven months ended 30th April, 1906, after deducting charges of management and interest due depositors, and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and for rebate on bills under discount	535,786 20
Dividend No. 63, for two months, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum (paid 1st of May, 1906)	65,311 94	Premium received on new Capital Stock	927,741 50
	\$335,406 23		
Transferred to Rest Account	927,741 50		
Written off Bank Premises and Furniture Account	100,000 00		
Balance of Account carried forward	276,896 02		
	\$1,640,043 75		\$1,640,043 75

REST ACCOUNT.

Balance at Credit of Account, 31st May, 1905	\$ 3,000,000 00
Premium received on New Capital Stock	927,741 50
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