THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA—*Continued.*

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AS AT 29th APRIL, 1917.

LIABILITIES.

	1917.	1916.
1. TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.		
Capital Stock paid in	$7,000,000.00	$7,000,000.00
Rest or Reserve Fund	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00
Dividends declared and unpaid	178,365.00	175,542.50
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account submitted herewith	421,292.96	250,984.12
	$14,599,657.96	$14,426,526.62
2. TO THE PUBLIC.		
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	$ 9,483,468.00	$ 7,486,906.00
Deposits not bearing interest	27,101,587.86	17,181,959.18
Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date of statement)	65,000,484.42	54,995,069.97
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	628,863.08	363,799.39
Balances due to Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	3,904,690.72	877,399.91
Bills payable	......	......
Acceptances under letters of credit	411,806.78	1,029,702.00
Liabilities not included in the foregoing	....	....
	$121,130,558.82	$96,361,363.07

ASSETS.

	1917.	1916.
Current Coin	$ 4,766,438.82	$3,681,854.13
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	3,500,000.00	1,000,000.00
Dominion Notes	7,650,790.50	8,106,240.25
Notes of other Banks	793,367.00	702,006.00
Cheques on other Banks	5,674,828.67	2,754,968.88
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	2,635.33	2,836.92
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	61,225.79	207,226.65
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	2,413,100.10	3,892,026.83
Dominion and Provincial Government securities, not exceeding market value	3,862,507.19	2,480,446.72
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	3,964,251.24	5,055,106.27
Canadian Municipal securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial public securities, other than Canadian	11,263,196.20	5,251,321.38
Call Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	4,627,863.57	5,175,048.49
Call Loans elsewhere than in Canada	3,461,420.47	2,651,404.32
	$52,041,624.88	$40,960,486.84
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	62,737,958.74	48,835,565.38
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	377,582.42	203,125.72
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	411,806.78	1,029,702.00
Real Estate other than bank premises	294,197.07	177,186.29
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	149,039.68	164,363.18
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	4,617,400.23	4,507,782.34
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	375,000.00	345,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	125,949.02	138,151.32
	$121,130,558.82	$96,361,363.07

K. W. BLACKWELL,
Vice-President.

E. F. HEBDEN,
Managing Director.

D. C. MACAROW,
General Manager.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

In accordance with the provisions of sub-Sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, I report to the shareholders as follows:—

I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books of Account and other records of the Bank at the Chief Office and with the signed returns from the Branches and Agencies.

I have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office against the entries in regard thereto in the books of the Bank as on 30th April, 1917, and at a different time during the year and found them to agree with such entries. I have also attended at some of the Branches during the year and checked the cash and verified the securities held at the dates of my attendances and found them to agree with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the transactions of the Bank which have come under my notice have been within the powers of the Bank, and the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

VIVIAN HARCOURT,
(of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.), Auditor.

Montreal, 21st May, 1917.

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