

It was moved by F. Mackelcan, Esq., Q.C., Hamilton, seconded by W. T. Boyd, Esq., Toronto, that the General Manager be appointed Secretary, and that Messrs. James Browne and Walter G. Cassels do act as Scrutineers.

The Secretary then read the following report:—

The Directors beg to submit, for the information of the Shareholders, the result of the year's business, closed in June, 1882.

Balance at credit of profit and loss account, June, 1881, carried forward..... \$144,971 39
The profits of the twelve months, after deducting charges of management, and providing for all the bad and doubtful debts of the year, amount to..... 758,065 02

\$903,936 41

Which has been disposed of in the following manner:

Dividend No. 20, payable January, 1882. \$240,000 00
Dividend No. 30, payable July, 1882..... 240,000 00
Written off bank premises and Furniture Account..... 25,000 00
Carried to Rest account..... 250,000 00
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits 90,748 37

\$45,748 37

Balance remaining at credit of profit and loss account..... \$58,188 04

Under the influence of an active demand for the staple products of the country, the improvement in trade referred to in the last Annual Report has continued, and although the rates obtained for money have not materially improved, the profits of the Bank have been satisfactory.

The business at the Head Office and Branches has been well maintained, the deposits, circulation, and profits have steadily improved, and the losses of the year, which were small, have been fully provided for.

Such appropriations as were found necessary in connection with the doubtful assets referred to in last year's report have been made, and the sum carried to Contingent account twelve months ago has been wholly applied to that purpose.

The Shareholders will be pleased to observe that, besides applying \$25,000 to the reduction of the Bank Premises account, the sum of \$250,000 has been transferred to the Rest, which now amounts to \$1,650,000, and the Directors look forward with confidence to the steady augmentation of this fund from the future operations of the Bank.

All the offices of the Bank have been thoroughly inspected during the year, and the Directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal with which the members of the staff have continued to discharge their respective duties.

Your Directors, while making no pretensions to forecast the future, would direct the attention of their successors to the marked increase that has taken place in the discounts, loans and circulation of the banks generally, as well as to other signs of expansion, such as prevailed previous to the recent years of depression. These suggestive indications call for the exercise of more than ordinary caution on the part of those charged with the management of financial institutions.

(Signed), Wm. McMASTER,
President.

Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, July 11, 1882.

GENERAL STATEMENT,

At the close of the Books on 27th June, 1882.

Liabilities.

Notes of the bank in circulation..... \$3,333,155 00

Deposits not bearing interest..... 2,712,569 35
Deposits bearing interest..... 12,859,354 77
Due to other banks in Canada..... 29,236 26
Due to agencies of the Bank, or to other banks or agencies in the United Kingdom..... 370,750 84
Capital paid up..... \$6,000,000 00
Rest..... 1,650,000 00
Reserve for rebate of interest on current discounts 150,000 00
Reserve for interest on deposit receipts and Savings bank accounts..... 90,748 37
Dividends unpaid... 1,271 07
Dividend No. 30, payable 3rd July. 240,000 00
Balance of profit and loss account carried forward to next half year..... 58,188 04

19,305,066 22

\$27,495,273 70

Assets.

Specie..... \$943,056 03
Dominion notes..... 1,220,535 27
Notes of and cheques on other banks..... 462,909 86
Balances due from other banks in Canada..... 253,578 35
Balances due from agencies of the bank, or from other banks or agencies in Foreign countries..... 2,792,719 76
Government debentures or stock..... 822,213 53

\$5,495,012 80

Loans and bills discounted..... 20,400,622 15
Bills discounted overdue, and not specially secured. 94,578 55
Overdue debts, secured by mortgage or other deed on real estate, or by deposit of or lien on stock, or by other securities... 108,540 46
Real estate, the property of the bank (other than the bank premises), and mortgages on real estate sold by the bank..... 132,448 81
Bank premises and furniture..... 264,070 93

\$27,495,273 70

(Signed), W. N. ANDERSON,
General Manager.

Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, 27th June, 1882.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimously:—

Moved by the president, seconded by the vice-president:—

"That the report of the directors now read be adopted, and printed for the information of the shareholders."

Moved by F. Mackelcan, Esq., Q.C., Hamilton, seconded by W. S. Lee, Esq., Toronto:—

"That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president, and other directors for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during the past year."

Moved by John Waldie, Esq., merchant, Burlington, seconded by W. G. Cassels, Esq., broker, Toronto:—

"That the thanks of the meeting be also tendered to the general manager and other officials of the bank for the satisfactory discharge of their respective duties during the past year."

Moved by John J. Arnton, Esq., Montreal, seconded by Jas. Michie, Esq., merchant, Toronto:—

"That the ballot-box be now opened, and remain open until two o'clock this day, for the receipt of ballot-tickets for the election of directors; the poll to be closed, however, whenever five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered."

The Scrutineers presented the following report:—

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE,
Toronto, 11th July, 1882.

W. N. Anderson, Esq., General Manager:

Sir,—We, the undersigned Scrutineers, appointed at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, held this day, hereby declare the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year:—

HON. WM. McMASTER,
WM. ELLIOT,
NOAH BARNHART,
JAMES MICHIE,
GEORGE TAYLOR,
HON. ADAM HOPE,
T. S. STAYNER,
J. J. ARNTON.

Your very obedient servants,

(Signed), JAMES BROWNE, } Scrutineers.
W. G. CASSELS, }

At a meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors, held subsequently, the Hon. William McMaster and William Elliot, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President, respectively, by a unanimous vote.

W. N. ANDERSON,
General Manager.

AN INSURANCE TEST CASE.

A case of some importance, which has been dragging for a considerable time past, owing to the law's delay in taking action, was recently brought to a successful issue by the new solicitors for the plaintiffs. The question arose out of the difficulties of the late Canada Agricultural Insurance Co., and the efforts of Mr. E. H. Goff, the manager, to surmount them. It was held by the plaintiffs, Messrs. P. S. Ross, Dumesnil & Fish, liquidator or trustees of the company, through their present legal advisers, Messrs. Church, Chapleau, Hall & Atwater, Mr. Atwater pleading in the case: "That a transfer of shares by a stockholder in a joint stock company, which is made with the object and has the effect of reducing the capital stock of the company, is void; and all resolutions of the company and of the directors, authorising such transfer, are illegal and *ultra vires*."

The defendant was the holder of 70 shares in the capital stock of the Canada Agricultural Insurance Co., a body politic, incorporated by chapter 164 of Canada, 35 Vict.: the capital stock of the Company was \$1,000,000, of which at the time that defendant subscribed for his stock, 10 per cent. had been paid up. In February, 1877, the directors made a subsequent call of 10 per cent., but the Company being in difficulties it was resolved to apply to Parliament for an Act to reduce their capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$250,000. As this would take