

As an illustration of the hardship that is wrought under the rules, there are in the Presbytery of Montreal two widows at least, if not three, who are excluded from all benefit of the W. & O. Fund because their husbands had not contributed the required rates, though their congregations had given collections from year to year. Though they have been in need, no successful appeal could be made on their behalf just because this fund was supposed to meet their case. How many more such instances there may be I have no means of knowing.

Objection will naturally be made that to change the regulations now in such a way as to diminish the annuities payable would be to break faith with the ministers who have paid rates in the expectation that they were to receive all the benefit. But the regulations of some of these pension funds have already been changed more than once, and every change affected the vested rights of some, if vested rights they can be called. The best way, however, for all in the long run is to put them on a righteous basis and they will be better supported than they are ever likely to be so long as there is any sense of injustice.

A MONTREAL MINISTER.

May 20th, 1898.

**A HOPELESS INVALID.**

Such was the Condition of Miss Rodd, of Brooklin.

An Editor Relates the Story of Her Illness and How a Remarkable Change in Her Condition Was Brought About.

From the Gazette, Whitby, Ont.

For some five years the editor of this journal has made weekly visits to Brooklin in search of news. One of his earliest recollections of the village was in noting that Miss Levina Rodd was very ill. Miss Rodd was well known, and as week after week rolled round, it was natural to ask how she was getting on, and the reply always came that she was no better. Time went on and it became a settled fact that Miss Rodd was a confirmed invalid and that as such she would continue until a kind Providence took mercy on her by allowing death to end her sufferings. None of the villagers anticipated any other ending. Our astonishment can better be imagined than described, therefore, when Mrs. Bert Walls hailed us one morning with "Well, editor, we have some news for you to-day." "What is it?" "Why, Miss Rodd has gone on a visit to Columbus friends." "Why, I thought she was a confirmed invalid?" "So she was, but she has been improving so much lately that she is now able to help herself a good deal, and it is thought a change of scene would do her good." "That is certainly news," replied the quill-pusher, "and good news too; but what cured her?" "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," replied Mrs. Walls. We then decided to ask Miss Rodd upon her return for an interview, but it was some time before it took place, owing to the limited time at our disposal between trains, and partly owing to a desire to wait and see if the improvement was likely to prove permanent. However, after many put-offs, we finally called at the home of Mrs. Doolittle, a sister of Miss Rodd's, who has carefully cared for her during her long illness. At the request of the editor Miss Rodd made the following statement:—"I am fifty years of age and have lived in Brooklin ten years. Five years ago I was taken ill with acute rheumatism, and have not done a day's work since. The trouble began with my feet and the swelling extended to my arms, wrists and shoulders, and finally settled in my neck. I had such pain that I was obliged to use a walking stick to ease me in moving about, and two and a half years ago the stick had to make way for the crutch. At this time I used to get up a little each day, but it was not long before I was denied even this privilege, and the next six months I was perfectly helpless and bed-ridden. I could not even turn my head or put a cup of tea to my mouth. I effectually being treated by two physicians and trying different medicines recommended for my ailment. While I was in this helpless condition my niece came in one day and prevailed upon me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After

taking two boxes I felt a slight change for the better so I continued to take them, with the effect that I continued to improve slowly ever since I now sleep well, have a good appetite and have gained in flesh. I can stand now, walk about and even get in and out of the buggy upon the occasion of my late visit to Columbus. Since that time, too, I feel stronger and my reason for still using a crutch is on account of my knees being weak and a desire to not overtax my strength. Jubilee Day was the first time in twenty-one months that I was able to put my foot outside the door and I am satisfied had I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the first place instead of the other medicines used, I would have been spared much suffering. I am sure I owe my improvement to these Pills alone." Mrs. Doolittle, who, as we have previously stated, attended her sister through her trying illness, was equally strong in her recommendations as to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills having effected the radical change, and the three of us agreed that it would be only just that this case should be brought to the notice of suffering humanity in the hope that it might prove a blessing to more than Miss Rodd, who still continues to improve and who hopes to again be able to do her full day's work at no distant date.

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**DOMINION BANK.**

Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders, Held at the Banking-House of the Institution in Toronto, on Wednesday, May 25th, 1898.

The annual general meeting of the Dominion Bank was held at the Banking-house of the institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, May 25th, 1898.

Among those present were noticed:—Sir Frank Smith, Col. Mason, Messrs. S. Alcorn, William Ince, Thos. Long, William Ramsay, J. Lorne Campbell, W. R. Brock, W. Crocker, A. E. Webb, John Long, E. Leadlay, M. Boulton, E. B. Oaler, William Hendrie, John Stewart, Walter S. Lee, W. D. Matthews, Chas. Cockshutt, H. M. Pellatt, Wm. Ross, A. W. Austin, Geo. W. Lewis, J. Risley, Wm. Spry, Thos. Walmsley, J. K. Niven, John Fletcher, H. D. Gamble, George Robinson, R. D. Gamble, and others.

It was moved by Mr. E. B. Oaler, seconded by Mr. E. Leadlay, that Sir Frank Smith do take the chair.

Mr. W. D. Matthews moved, seconded by Mr. W. R. Brock, and

Resolved, that Mr. R. D. Gamble do act as secretary.

Messrs. Walter S. Lee and M. Boulton were appointed scrutineers.

The Secretary read the report of the Directors to the Shareholders, and submitted the annual statement of the affairs of the Bank, which is as follows:—

To the Shareholders:—The Directors beg to present the following statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th April, 1898:—

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th April, 1897	\$ 29,925 75
Profit for the year ending 30th April, 1898, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	10,462 20
	\$ 40,387 95

Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st August 1897	\$ 4,000 00
Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st November 1897	4,000 00
Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st February 1898	4,000 00
Dividend 3 per cent., payable 31 May, 1898	4,000 00
	\$16,000 00

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward, \$ 32,388 00.

During the past year two new offices of the Bank have been opened, one in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in June, under the management of Mr. F. L. Patton, and one in Montreal, to which Mr. C. A. Bogert was appointed manager. Both of these offices promise to be of substantial advantage to the Bank.

FRANK SMITH, President.

Sir Frank Smith moved, seconded by Mr. E. B. Oaler, and

Resolved:—That the Report be adopted. It was moved by Mr. S. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. T. Walmsley, and

Resolved:—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President, and Directors, for their services during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Hendrie, seconded by Mr. J. Risley, and

Resolved:—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the General Manager, Managers and Agents, Inspectors and other officers of the Bank, for the efficient performances of their respective duties.

It was moved by Mr. George W. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Anson Jones, and

Resolved:—That the poll be now opened for the election of seven Directors, and that the same be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, or as soon before that hour as five minutes shall elapse without any vote being polled, and that the scrutineers, on the close of the poll, do hand to the chairman a certificate of the result of the poll.

Mr. Thomas Long moved, seconded by Mr. W. S. Lee, and

Resolved:—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Sir Frank Smith for his able conduct in the chair.

The scrutineers declared the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, Wm. Ince, E. Leadlay, Wilmot D. Matthews, E. B. Oaler, and Sir Frank Smith.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Sir Frank Smith was elected President, and Mr. E. B. Oaler Vice-President for the ensuing term.

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

<b>Liabilities</b>		
Capital Stock paid up		\$1,500,000 00
Reserve Fund	\$1,500,000 00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	32,388 00	
Dividend No. 62, payable 2nd May	4,000 00	
Former Dividends unclaimed	73 50	
Reserves for Interest and Exchange	112,000 91	
Rebate on Bills Discounted	34,084 80	
		1,723,637 26
		\$3,223,637 27
Notes in Circulation	\$1,234,016 00	
Deposits not bearing interest	1,803,735 52	
Deposits bearing interest	11,223,425 10	
Balance due to London Agents	156,279 21	
		14,447,455 83
<b>Assets</b>		
Specie	548,098 03	
Dominion Government Demand Notes	798,000 00	
Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of Note Circulation	77,250 00	
Notes and Cheques of other Banks	304,643 78	
Balances due from other Banks in Canada	126,077 58	
Balances due from other Banks in United States	745,037 69	
Provincial Government Securities	330,177 71	
Municipal and other Debentures	3,658,062 50	
		\$6,597,407 29
Bills Discounted and Current (including advances on call)	\$10,702,000 96	
Overdue Deposits (estimated loss provided for)	44,666 66	
Real Estate	20,567 65	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	7,371 19	
Bank Premiums	253,703 61	
Other Assets not included under foregoing heads	9,375 70	
		\$11,073,665 80

R. D. GAMBLE, General Manager.

Dominion Bank, Toronto, 30th April, 1898.

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