

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CANADIAN BANK OF
COMMERCE, HELD ON FRIDAY, 24TH JULY, 1918.

THE Board of Directors of The Canadian Bank of Commerce desire to record their gratification that the President of the Bank, Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L., has been able, since 24th July 1868 to render to the Bank continuous and invaluable service. The Directors extend to him hearty congratulations, and express their hope that he may be able, for many years, to preside as President and give to the Bank the benefit of his long and unequalled experience in all matters affecting its interests.

Sir Edmund entered the service on 24th July 1868 at the age of twenty years as a junior clerk, but even at that early age with an experience of seven years in the office of his uncle, a private banker in Hamilton, Ontario. His progress was rapid and continuous, and step by step his positions in the Bank gave him a varied and comprehensive experience of banking in all aspects. While in the management of the New York branch he was appointed General Manager in the year 1886, which position he held until 1907 when he was appointed President.

Sir Edmund's services to the Bank cannot be over-estimated. His great executive abilities and wide knowledge of business and financial affairs have been made use of on many occasions by Governments and public bodies in Canada and in the United States of America.

During his long business life he has been active in many ways in promoting the interests of the public, especially in connection with education, art, music, museums and early Canadian history, but at all times the interests of The Canadian Bank of Commerce were first, and he gave to it the benefit of the knowledge, experience and high standing which he acquired in these various ways.

The Board of Directors have asked him to honour them by his presence at a public dinner on the 24th instant at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the day when he entered the service of the Bank.

Signed on behalf of the Directors of The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Z. A. LASH, Vice-President.
JOHN AIRD, Gen. Manager.