

purpose of improving the property of the shareholders and giving us a full dividend. The resolution does not require any further remark from me. I think we must all be perfectly satisfied with the staff and the manner in which they have conducted the business of the bank. We are also thankful to the president and to the general manager for the extremely interesting review of trade and finance and the future prospects of this institution.

In reply the president said: The directors had taken all the interest it was possible for them to take in the affairs of the bank, and they had endeavored to do everything that they possibly could for those for whom they were acting. He expressed his deep regret at the loss of Mr. Gilbert Scott. Mr. Scott was associated with him for many years, and the speaker had learned to appreciate his worth. His death was a very general loss to the bank.

Mr. Meredith, who was appointed to take his place, they had a gentleman of high ability, and who had proved to be a very excellent director.

It was moved by Mr. Hugh McLennan, seconded by Mr. W. H. Meredith, and resolved, "That the thanks of the meeting be given to the general manager, the assistant general manager, the inspector, the managers and other officers of the bank for their services during the year."

Mr. McLennan said: The directors are dependent largely in the management of the institution upon the executive, the general manager, the assistant general manager, the managers of the different branches and the inspector, that their duties shall be performed in such a manner that no loss can occur to the bank. The history of the Bank of Montreal contains the names of many men of ability, and who were devoted to its service. As one of the directors I might say, if we can judge from the experience of previous years, that in the future the prosperity of the bank will be due in no little measure to the efforts of the staff of employees, who have given every satisfaction in the discharge of their duties.

The motion having been carried unanimously, the general manager said: Permit me to thank you for the resolution and the very kind expressions of Mr. McLennan. We have a first-class staff in the bank, who are thoroughly devoted to its interests, and I have no doubt your kind motion will stimulate them to future exertions.

Moved by Mr. Macrae, Q.C., seconded by Mr. H. Mackenzie, that the ballot now open for the election of directors be kept open until 3 o'clock, unless fifteen minutes elapse without a vote being cast, when it shall be closed, and until that time, and for that purpose only, this meeting being continued.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The scrutineers reported the election of the following gentlemen as directors of the bank for the ensuing year:—Sir John Caldwell Abbott, Mr. R. B. Angus, Hon. G. A. Drummond, Messrs. E. B. Greenshields, W. C. McDonald, Hugh McLennan, W. H. Meredith, A. T. Paterson and Sir Donald A. Smith.

At a meeting of directors, held subsequently, Sir Donald A. Smith was re-elected president, and Hon. George A. Drummond, vice-president of the bank.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held at the head office of this bank in Sherbrooke, Que., on Wednesday, 1st June inst., only a few shareholders being present.

At two o'clock the president took the chair. Mr. W. Farwell, general manager of the bank, was appointed secretary of the meeting. Lt.-Col. Kippen and Henry Lovell were appointed scrutineers of votes.

Minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed, after which the president, Mr. R. W. Heneker, on behalf of the board, submitted the following

REPORT.

The directors, in submitting to the shareholders the balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the past year, regret that they are unable to present as favorable a report as

that of last year. Not only have the profits been smaller, but some accounts which seemed safe and secure developed weakness, and it was thought desirable to write them off. This was the more disappointing, as the directors, at the close of last year, felt confident that due provision had been made for all such contingencies. Several causes contributed to this, as for instance—the dulness of trade referred to in last year's report continued throughout the year—notwithstanding the excellent harvest with which the country was blessed. But it takes time to market agricultural and other products, and the country is only now beginning to feel the effects of the last good harvest.

The lumber trade continued to be affected by the disorganized condition and serious financial position of the Argentine Republic, and indeed almost every industry was more or less affected.

Business men will understand that dulness in the productive industries of a country affects trade generally, developing often weak spots where the surface appears smooth and free from trouble. The losses made and the diminution in profitable business were more apparent at the branches than at the head office—the volume of business being larger and less local in the latter case. At such times cautious bankers feel the necessity of keeping a strong reserve, but this again curtails profits, and yet the directors feel certain that the shareholders will uphold their action in this respect.

Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances the gross profit of the year is shown to have been \$134,999.47, a sum sufficient to more than cover the dividend paid in January last, a similar dividend declared by the directors at their meeting yesterday, payable on the 2nd July next, and the transfer to the credit of the Reserve Fund of \$25,000. The Reserve Fund, with this addition, stands at \$625,000, or nearly forty-two per cent. of the paid-up capital.

The outlook for business is now brighter than for some time past. Business generally is more active, and the products of the farmer, the miner and the manufacturer are more in demand. There is more life in trade, although there is still a necessity for caution.

The directors have to mourn the loss of their late esteemed colleague, the Hon. G. G. Stevens, the vice-president of the bank. Mr. Stevens' high character, and the services he rendered to the bank, even from its inception—before he held a seat at the board—are matters of record, and will be a lasting memorial of his honorable career. His son, Mr. Gardner Stevens, being duly qualified, offers himself as a candidate in the place of his late father.

The whole is respectfully submitted on behalf of the directors.

R. W. HENEKER,
Chairman.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 14TH, 1892.

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| Balance at credit of Profit and Loss, carried forward from May 15th, 1891 | \$ 20,113 85 |
| Profit of head office and branches, after deducting charges of management, appropriation towards pension fund, interest due depositors, and ample provision for bad and doubtful debts | 114,885 62 |
| | \$134,999 47 |
| Deduct:— | |
| Dividend of 3½ per cent., paid 2nd Jan., 1892. \$52,065 37 | |
| Dividend of 3½ per cent., payable 2nd July, '92. 52,065 37 | |
| Transferred to Reserve Fund | 25,000 00 |
| | 129,130 74 |
| Balance carried forward | \$5,868 73 |

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, MAY 14TH, 1892.

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| <i>Liabilities.</i> | |
| Capital paid in | \$1,487,582 50 |
| Reserve Fund..... | \$ 625,000 00 |
| Profit and Loss Balance..... | 5,868 73 |
| Dividend No. 65, of 3½ per cent., payable 2nd July next..... | 52,065 37 |
| Dividends unclaimed..... | 3,420 61 |
| | 686,354 71 |

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| E. T. Bank bills in circulation | \$ 739,327 00 |
| Dominion deposits on demand..... | 23,908 68 |
| Provincial deposits on demand..... | 18,034 01 |
| Other deposits on demand..... | 465,338 75 |
| Other deposits after notice | 1,976,541 81 |
| Due other banks in Canada..... | 93 63 |
| Due banks in the United Kingdom. | 36,613 80 |
| | 3,259,857 68 |
| | \$5,433,794 89 |

Assets.

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| Specie | \$110,116 85 |
| Dominion notes.... | 95,182 00 |
| Bills and cheques on other banks..... | 25,583 33 |
| Due from other banks in Canada.. | 342,805 00 |
| Due from other banks not in Canada..... | 108,293 33 |
| Dominion Government, circulation redemption fund | 19,706 00 |
| Dominion Government debentures. | 13,000 00 |
| | 714,686 51 |
| Bank premises and bank furniture .. | 101,000 00 |
| Current loans, discounts and advances to the public | 4,371,789 98 |
| Real estate, other than bank premises..... | 40,889 59 |
| Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank | 77,482 18 |
| Loans overdue, secured | 36,813 45 |
| Loans overdue, unsecured..... | 54,039 53 |
| Other assets and items in transitu between offices .. | 37,093 65 |
| | 4,719,108 38 |
| | \$5,433,794 89 |

Wm. FARWELL,
General Manager.

The president, Mr. Heneker, then addressed the meeting, explaining more fully the position of the bank and the various items of the statement, and closed by moving the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Senator Cochrane, and was unanimously carried.

With regard to that paragraph of the report referring to the death of the late vice-president, the following resolution, moved by Mr. Henry Lovell, seconded by Mr. Wm. White, was unanimously passed, viz:

Resolved,—That the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, assembled here this day, do place on record their sense of the deep sorrow they feel at the recent loss by death of the vice-president, the Hon. G. G. Stevens, Senator. No man possessed a higher character. His integrity and devotion to the well-being of this institution were proverbial, and he combined with these qualities a spirit of active friendship for all who were privileged to be associated with him. An Eastern Townships man born and bred, he had a firm belief in the country, and maintained that no better or pleasanter home could be found for an active minded, courageous, enterprising man than the Townships afforded. The warm sympathies of this meeting are respectfully tendered to his bereaved relatives.

The usual votes of thanks to the president and directors, also to the general manager, managers, and other officers of the bank were unanimously passed.

The election for directors was then proceeded with, and after all votes had been cast, the scrutineers reported the following shareholders duly elected, viz.: Messrs. R. W. Heneker, Hon. M. H. Cochrane, J. N. Galer, D. A. Mansur, I. Wood, Thomas Hart, N. W. Thomas, T. J. Tuok, Gardner Stevens.

The meeting then adjourned. At the meeting of the new board Mr. R. W. Heneker was re-elected president, and Hon. M. H. Cochrane, vice-president.

For report of Quebec Bank meeting see page 1496.