

**BANK OF MONTREAL REPORT**

The profits for the year as shown in the recently published statement of the Bank of Montreal show substantial increase over those of the preceding year.

The profits for the year under review amount to \$3,314,227, a gain of \$851,507. In this respect, however, the improvement was facilitated by the absorption of the Bank of British North America.

The year's profits represent earnings at the rate of slightly over 16.5 per cent. on the bank's capital, which was increased to \$20,000,000 in the year, while rest account was advanced to a similar extent, the increase being largely effected through the receipt of \$3,500,000 premiums on new stock issued.

**Strong Liquid Position**

Among the liquid assets, which total \$337,980,858, representing almost 68 per cent. of the institution's liabilities to the public, against 71.3 per cent. last year and 75.5 per cent. in 1917. Dominion and provincial government securities are shown at \$63,984,255, an increase in the year in excess of \$17,000,000. Dominion note holdings, on the other hand, were reduced by nearly \$19,000,000 to \$49,865,151, with gold and silver coin showing little change from the total of the previous year at \$24,742,654. Canadian municipal securities held by the bank, together with investments in outside public securities, are shown at \$47,041,359, or less by some \$5,000,000 than the total at the end of 1918.

Call loans in the United States and Great Britain underwent material contraction during the period covered by the statement, standing at \$78,255,625, compared with \$97,029,549 on October 31, 1918, a decline of \$18,773,924.

Bank premises account was reduced during the year by \$500,000 and now stands at \$5,500,000, but other changes under the assets classification are of rather minor importance, as a survey of the showing will indicate. Total assets are given at \$545,304,809, compared with \$558,413,546 in the previous exhibit, the change doubtless reflecting the adjustment process following the war period.

Among the liabilities the most interesting changes are contained in the figures representing the demand and savings deposits with the institution. Demand deposits at \$129,946,641, an increase of nearly \$6,000,000 in the year and some \$5,000,000 in the half-year. Savings bank deposits make a different showing, dropping by some \$33,000,000 to \$312,655,964 in the year. Compared with the figures at the end of the

bank's half-year on April 30 last, however, there is shown an increase of approximately \$44,000,000.

**OBJECTS OF PRESENT LOAN**

The expenditures which the amount raised by the present loan is intended to meet, partly at least, include \$529,122,445 provided for under capital account in the estimates for 1919-20, to which must be added \$15,000,000 to cover interest and deficits on the G.T.P., \$125,000,000 for credits to Great Britain and allied countries, \$5,000,000 for Halifax relief, and \$25,000,000 for housing. This makes a grand total of \$669,122,445.

For 1920-21 certain items of capital expenditure may be anticipated, including \$50,000,000 to complete demobilization, \$50,000,000 for soldiers' land settlement, \$60,000,000 for public buildings, canals, harbors, railway expenditures, etc., and a further \$50,000,000 for credits to Great Britain.

All the above sums must be met out of borrowings. They do not include ordinary expenditures, interest on the national debt and pensions, which in all will total some \$250,000,000, and which will be met out of revenues.

**INSURANCE COMPANIES SUBSCRIBERS TO VICTORY LOAN**

The following additional subscriptions to the Victory Loan by insurance companies have been reported to The Chronicle:

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Alliance Nationale, Montreal.....        | \$500,000 |
| British America Assurance Co., Toronto   | 100,000   |
| Economical Mutual, Kitchener, Ont.....   | 250,000   |
| Fire Insurance Co. of Canada, Montreal   | 50,000    |
| Globe & Rutgers Fire Ins. Co., Montreal  | 75,000    |
| Norwich Union Fire Ins. Society, Toronto | 350,000   |
| Scottish Union & National, Hartford....  | 100,000   |
| Western Assurance Co., Toronto.....      | 125,000   |

**TRAFFIC RETURNS.****Canadian Pacific Railway**

| Year to date | 1917          | 1918          | 1919          | Increase     |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Oct. 31..... | \$121,068,000 | \$123,652,000 | \$139,289,000 | \$15,637,000 |
| Week ending  | 1917          | 1918          | 1919          | Increase     |
| Nov. 14..... | 3,575,000     | 3,247,000     | 4,083,000     | 836,000      |

**Grand Trunk Railway.**

| Year to date | 1917         | 1918         | 1919         | Increase    |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Oct. 31..... | \$49,929,034 | \$47,102,767 | \$55,453,532 | \$8,350,765 |
| Week ending  | 1917         | 1918         | 1919         | Increase    |
| Oct. 7.....  | 1,014,812    | 1,460,738    | 1,611,553    | 150,815     |
| " 14.....    | 989,667      | 1,433,788    | 1,619,110    | 185,322     |
| " 21.....    | 916,866      | 1,296,165    | 1,486,851    | 190,686     |
| " 31.....    | 1,463,382    | 2,157,396    | 2,418,862    | 261,466     |

**Canadian National Railways.**

| Year to date | 1917  | 1918         | 1919         | Increase  |
|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Oct. 31..... | ..... | \$63,973,321 | \$73,958,932 | 8,985,611 |
| Nov. 14....  | ..... | 1,719,036    | 1,961,003    | 241,973   |