

As apparent by the statement above submitted, and which your directors have pleasure in laying before you, the profits for the year, after writing off all losses (which amounted to the sum of \$18,057 57), have enabled them to pay two dividends, at the rate of 4 per cent. and 3 1/2 per cent. respectively, and to place the sum of \$10,000 to the credit of Rest Account, and the sum of \$10,000 to the credit of Contingent Account.

Owing to the uneasy feeling which has prevailed in financial circles during the year, your directors have maintained cash and other immediately available reserves in excess of what are necessary in ordinary times. The profits of the year have been somewhat affected thereby; but were sufficiently large to have enabled your directors to continue the payment of a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. The protracted stagnation in business, however, coupled with their desire to continue the accumulation of a Reserve Fund, will, they think, be considered by the shareholders as sufficient reasons for the reduction in the rate paid for the last six months of the year.

Mr. Robt. Currie, one of the directors of the bank since its organization, having resigned his seat at the board, and your directors not having filled the vacancy so created, beg to recommend the adoption of a bye-law, which will be submitted for your approval, reducing in the future the number of directors from nine to eight.

The officers of the bank continue to perform their duties to the satisfaction of the board.

H. S. HOWLAND,
President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 31ST MAY, 1879.

Liabilities.

1. Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	\$419,308 00
2. Deposits bearing interest.....	1,609,913 99
3. Deposits not bearing interest.....	311,659 99
4. Due to other banks in Canada.....	1,590 05
5. Due to agents in the United Kingdom.....	60,426 10
Total liabilities to the public.....	\$2,402,819 13
6. Capital stock paid up.....	\$84,613 44
7. Rest account.....	\$0,000 50
8. Contingent account.....	10,000 00
9. Dividend No. 3, payable 2nd July, 1879 (3 1/2 per cent.).....	30,961 45
10. Former dividends unpaid.....	1,314 24
11. Amount reserved for interest due to depositors and for exchange.....	\$3,395 36
12. Balance of profit and loss account carried forward.....	2,925 74
	\$3,446,029 36

Assets.

1. Gold and silver coin current.....	\$104,048 94
2. Dominion Government notes.....	193,270 60
3. Notes and cheques on other banks.....	64,905 51
4. Balances due from other banks in Canada.....	260,056 10
5. Balances due from agents in foreign countries.....	6,454 77
6. Loans on call for which capital stocks of other banks is held as collateral security.....	25,130 00
Total assets immediately available.....	\$643,865 32
7. Loans, discounts, or advances for which the bonds or debentures of Municipal or other Corporations, or Dominion, Provincial, British, or foreign public securities are held as collateral security.....	203,299 34
8. Loans, discounts, or advances on current account to corporations.....	187,426 08
9. Notes and bills discounted and current.....	2,254,591 13
10. Notes discounted overdue secured.....	32,111 87
11. Notes discounted overdue unsecured (estimated loss provided for).....	13,153 91
12. Real estate, the property of the Bank (other than bank premises) and Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	17,959 38
13. Bank premises, including safes, vaults, and office furniture at head office and branches.....	91,553 34
14. Other assets, not included under foregoing heads.....	1,423 54
	\$3,146,029 36

D. R. WICKIE,
Cashier.

Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, "That the report which has been read be adopted, printed, and circulated among the shareholders." Carried.

Mr. Henry Carlisle moved, seconded by G. Robinson, "That the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the Bank for the able manner in which they have conducted its affairs during the past year." Carried.

Moved by Mr. James Graham, seconded by R. McPhail, "That the thanks of the shareholders be given to the Cashier and to the other officers of the Bank for their attention to the interests of the Bank, and for the efficient performance of their respective duties." Carried.

Mr. E. Nanton moved, seconded by A. H. Myers, "That By-law No. 8, as read, be and the same is hereby approved of and adopted." Carried.

Mr. G. Robinson moved, seconded by James Brown, "That the ballot-box be now opened, and remain open until two o'clock this day, for the receipt of ballot ticket for the election of eight directors, the pole to close as soon as five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered, and that Mr. Jas. Graham and Mr. Robert Beaty do act as scrutineers." Carried.

The Scrutineers subsequently reported the following shareholders elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. R. Merritt, John Smith, Hon. J. R. Benson, P. Hughes, Wm. Ramsay, John Fiske, and T. R. Wadsworth.

Mr. Henry Carlisle moved, seconded by R. Carswell, "That Mr. Howland do now leave the chair, and that Mr. Merritt do take it." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wm. Ramsay, seconded by J. Fiske, "That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Howland for his conduct in the chair." Carried.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. H. S. Howland was re-elected President, and Mr. T. R. Merritt Vice President, for the ensuing year.

—The *Sunday Blade* has suspended after an existence of three days. "Whom the gods love."—Messrs D. Butters & Co., forwarders, have assigned.—Mechanics Bank bills are quoted at 71c. to 72c.

Financial and Commercial.

GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 10, 1879.

The special feature of the week, overshadowing all others, is the marked advance in wheat and flour, fully particularized in our flour and grain report. A variety of causes, all traceable to one source, have contributed to bring about the rise, and that source is the unfavorable advices as to the wheat crop prospect abroad. The Liverpool market has been in consequence strong and active, at advancing prices, and the bold speculators of the New York and Chicago markets have seized the occasion to make a vigorous, striking movement, as is their wont. It was commonly thought that the market for June deliveries was cornered in Chicago, and that as soon as settlements for that month were effected a reaction would take place, it being impracticable to corner July. The truth is that no corner, properly so called, has taken place. Large speculative purchases were made, and, incidentally thereto, shorts had to "walk up to the captain's office and settle," but the holders were quite willing to retain their stock until an export demand should relieve them, and were, therefore, not dependent upon the issue of a corner for their contemplated profit. The sequel shows their forecast to have been right.

No sooner had June passed away than July was found to be similarly placed, and the large holders helped the astonished shorts, as 'Change parlance ironically puts it, in bidding up the market. The June venture was a highly profitable one to the heavy speculators on the long side, but the present outlook is that July will yield them a better harvest still. Our local papers quote the opinion of Rufus Hatch, a dashing but not reckless New York operator, as one entitled to weight. This is very true; Hatch usually has a reason for the faith that is in him that will commonly bear favorable comparison with any other reasons that may be advanced in the market, but we would remind our readers that he is avowedly a speculator, and as such holds himself ready to change his opinions at any moment he sees fit, and his operations a little in advance of the change of opinion should anything occur to frighten him. Apart from the wheat and flour markets and the market for coarse grains, which has been somewhat in sympathy, local business has been very quiet, and in several branches decidedly dull. Financial matters are without any marked change. Money remains at 5 per cent. on call, 6 per cent. on time, and 7 to 8 per cent. discount rate for good paper. The volume of business at the Stock Exchange has been light and, as a rule, prices have varied but little. We note sales of 157 shares Montreal Bank at 131 1/2 to 133 1/2 to 134; 131 shares Consolidated at prices ranging from 54 down to latest sales at 47, an exhibition of weakness for which we have heard no new or special cause assigned; 514 shares Merchants at 74 1/2 to 73 1/2 to 74, with minor fluctuations; 110 shares Bank of Commerce at 102 1/2 to 103; 30 shares People's Bank at 49 to 48 to 49, and 50 shares Jacques Cartier at 59. In miscellaneous stocks the following business is reported: 2,241 shares Montreal Telegraph at 86 and ascending prices to 89 1/2 and back to 87 1/2, with final quotation on Wednesday, 87 to 87 1/2; 50 shares City Gas Co., at 114 1/2; 30 shares Richelieu Navigation at 42 1/2 to 43, and 25 Royal Canadian Insurance at 46. We also note a sale of \$3,000 Corporation 6 per cent. Bonds at 104. A press telegram from London gives information of the new Canadian loan just offered on the London market by Messrs Baring Bros. & Co., at 93. The loan carries 4 per cent. interest, and is to run 20 years. One half of one per cent. is to be set aside as a sinking fund. Intimations of the favorable reception of the loan are conveyed, but nothing definite on this head is yet reported. To day's sales at the Stock Exchange are reported as follows: 372 shares Merchants Bank from 74 down to 73 1/2; 75 shares Consolidated Bank in small lots at each unit from 46 down to 41; 136 shares Commerce at 103; 5 shares Ontario at 62; 42 shares Bank of Montreal at 134 and 240 shares Montreal Telegraph at 87 1/2 to 87 1/2 to 87 1/2.

Asnes.—Receipts continue light. First Pots sold down to \$3.37 1/2 and since rather improved, and small bills sold at \$3.50. Seconds, \$3.10. There are no Thirds. Market closes firm. Pearls—40 brls. sold to arrive last week at \$5.75, and 5 brls. since received sold at \$6.00, but these prices cannot be maintained. Upwards of \$5.25 has been offered for Second Pearls. Receipts since 1st January 5,463 brls. Pots and 440 brls. Pearls. Deliveries, 4,110 brls. Pots and 578 brls. Pearls. Stock in