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119th Annual Preport

The BANK of NOVA SCOTIA





1950 - 1818,107,524



This is the 119th chapter of a story which began in 1832.

The first chapter opened in Halifax with the incorporation of The Bank of Nova Scotia with a capitalization of £50,000.

The 119th chapter is the story of a banking business working through over 360 branches in Canada and abroad, with assets of \$818,107,524.13.

Today, the more than 360 branches of The Bank of Nova Scotia in Canada and abroad are—

- —safeguarding the savings of thousands of depositors and mobilizing these savings to make them available where needed by business, agriculture, industry and government.
- -providing the many banking services needed for efficient domestic and international trading.
- --providing efficient channels for the transfer of money in business and personal affairs.
- —and giving sound money-management guidance to businesses and individuals across Canada and abroad.



The Directors' Report



H. D. BURNS, D.Cn.L. Chairman of the Board

Your Directors beg to submit herewith the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Report of the Bank covering its operations for the fiscal year ended 31st October, 1950, with a statement showing the Liabilities and Assets at that date.

The Profits for the fiscal year ended 31st October, 1950, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which accounts full provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts has been made, amounted to \$4,546,464.20
Provision was made out of this for the following:
Depreciation on Bank Premises\$1,203,922.12
Dominion and Provincial Government Taxes
Leaving the total available for distribution 82,297,542.08
This has been appropriated as follows:
Quarterly Dividends of 35¢ per share\$1,680,000.00
Extra Distribution of 20¢ per share, payable 2nd January, 1951. 240,000.00 1,920,000.00
Leaving a halance to be carried forward
To which is added the halance brought forward last year

The Assets of the Bank have been carefully and conservatively valued, and the correctness of the statement is certified by the Auditors appointed by you under Section 55 of The Bank Act. During the year the Branches have been inspected by experienced officers specially appointed

Making the balance in Profit and Loss Account 31st October, 1950......\$3,214,567.07

There were 349 Branches of the Bauk in operation at the beginning of the fiscal year; during the year 18 Branches were opened and none closed, so that there were 367 Branches of the Bank in operation as at 31st October, 1950. Of these, 342 are in Canada, 23 in the West Indies, 1 in New York, U.S.A., and 1 in London, Eugland. There are also 13 Suh-branches of the Bank in operation.

During the year Mr. F. R. Graham, Vancouver, B.C., and Mr. W. F. Macklaier, K.C.,

Montreal, Que., were elected to the Board.

It is with sincere regret that your Directors record the death since last report of their esteemed colleagues, Doctor John G. MacDougall and Mr. Albert L. Ellsworth. During the year Mr. W. M. Birks resigned from the Board owing to failing health and your Directors regret that he has since died. Dr. W. W. White also resigned during the year due to failing health.

Your Directors wish to record their sincere appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency with which the officers and employees of the Bank bave discharged their duties in the past year.

> On behalf of the Board, H. L. ENMAN, President.

Halifax, N.S., 6th December, 1950.



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The Bank of Nova Scotia General

ASSETS

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Gold and subsidiary coin held in Canada 1,331,487.39		
Gold and subsidiary coin held elsewhere		
Notes of Bank of Canada		
Deposits with Bank of Canada		
Notes of and cheques on other banks		
Government and bank notes other than Canadian		
	\$125,424,609.55	
Due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	20,965,073.17	
	\$146,389,682.72	-
Dominion government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not	#1·10,007,002.12	
	65,152,233.98	
exceeding market value	03,132,233.90	
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Provincial government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not		
exceeding market value	5,481,921.98	
Other provincial government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market		
value	12,043,974.53	
Canadian municipal securities, not exceeding market value	11,659,604,24	
Public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	8,495,468.54	
Other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value	23,229,629.07	
Call and short (not exceeding thirty days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds		
and other securities, of a sufficient marketable value to cover	15,931,950.27	
Call and short (not exceeding thirty days) loans elsewhere than in Canada on stocks,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
debentures, bonds and other securities, of a sufficient marketable value to cover	11,379,813.74	
dependices, founds and other securities, or a summer in marketable value to cover		\$443,883,288.10
Current loans and discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, esti-		ф449,000,200,10
mated loss provided for \$271,956,075.77		
Current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada, not otherwise		
included, estimated loss provided for		
Loans to provincial governments 1,465,823.10		
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts		
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for		
	\$ 327,335,982.78	
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit as per contra	27,145,888.52	
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank.	1,800.00	
Bank premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	19,121,740.60	
Shares of and loans to controlled companies.	600.00	
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads (including refundable portion of	2.3100	
Dominion Government taxes amounting to \$319,061.19)	618,224.13	
Dominion Government taxes amounting to \$315,001.15)	010,22,2,10	274 224 236 02

Controlled Company

Empire Realty Company, Limited

Balanco Shoot, 31st October, 1950

ANKING IS CONSTRUCTIVE . . . IT HELPS BUSINESS GROW

Statement as at 31st October, 1950

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up \$ 12,000,000,00 Rest or reserve fund 24,600,000.0 Dividends declared and unpaid 425,779.73 Extra distribution declared and unpaid 240,000.0 Balance of profits, as per profit and loss account 3,214,567.0)
Notes in circulation	
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	1
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding. Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads	27.145.888.52

H. L. ENMAN, President

G. SYDNEY FROST, General Manager

Auditors.

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of The Bank of Nova Scotia:

We have examined the above General Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 31st October, 1950 and compared it with the books at the General Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. The Bank's investments and cash on hand at the General Office and at the Toronto, Montreal and Havana Branches were confirmed by us at the close of business on 31st October, 1950. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We report that in our opinion the above statement discloses the true condition of the Bank and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

W. L. L. McDONALD, F.C.A., of Price, Waterhouse & Co. J. GRANT GLASSCO, F.C.A., of Clarkson, Gordon & Co.

Auditors

TORONTO, CANADA, 16th November, 1950

374,224,236.03

\$818,107,524.13

ASSETS

CAPITAL

CAPITAL STOCK:

Authorized: 20,006 shares of par value \$100.00 each ... \$2,000,600.00 1ssued, fully paid—6 shares \$600.00

NOTES

(1) The Capital Stock issued by the above Company is wholly owned by The Bank of Nova Scotia and is included in its Statement of Liabilities and Assets at the amount of \$600.00

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(2) During the year ended 31st October, 1950, the Company disposed of its land and building at King and Bay Streets, Toronto, to The Bank of Nova Scotia, and the issued share capital was reduced from \$3,000,000.00 to \$600.00.

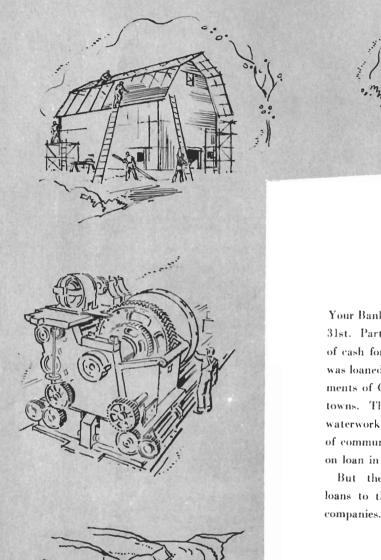
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TORONTO, CANADA, 16th November, 1950.

To the Shareholders of Empire Realty Company, Limited:

We have examined the books and accounts of Empire Realty Company, Limited for the year ended 31st October, 1950 and report that in our opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at that date according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with.

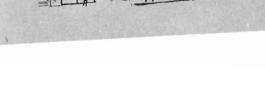




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Your Bank's assets stood at 8818,107.524.13 as of October 31st. Part-\$81,858,536,22 to be exact - was in the form of cash for use in day to day operations. Another part was loaned to the Federal Government and other governments of Canada, the provinces and counties, cities and towns. These loans helped build schools, roads, bridges, waterworks, parks, public buildings and provided a variety of community services. A total of 8249,619,156.88 was on loan in various forms to these public bodies.

But the biggest part-\$366,714,962.74 represented loans to thousands upon thousands of individuals and companies. These people, alone and in groups, were helped



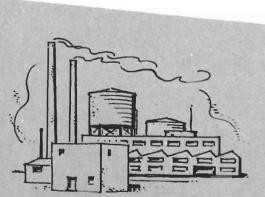
Work . . .

in buying machines, materials, stores and buildings, or in providing working capital so that they could make and sell in increasing abundance all the varied things that all of us want and use in our daily lives.

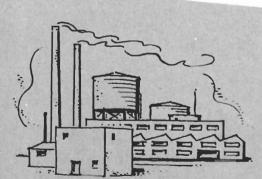
Farmers, for instance, were enabled to improve their livestock, to build new barns or acquire new equipment because of money loaned by the Bank.

Individuals with sound business ideas were enabled to turn these ideas into useful enterprises.

Industries were enabled to grow and make more and better jobs. In these and many other ways your Bank helped Canadians build a greater Canada.













The President Says:

"Canada

Must Build up

its Power to Produce"

Address delivered by Mr. H. L. Enman, President, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Bank of Nova Seotia, held in Halifax on 6th December 1950. OVER the past twelve months, there has been a striking change in the economic climate. A year ago, it appeared that the peak of the postwar inflation had passed and that more normal competitive conditions had returned. Canada's economy was growing and the outlook was reasonably good, but there was some unemployment and a certain amount of unused capacity in some industries. Today, in contrast, we are concerned, and rightly so, with the danger of inflation, with the prospect of excessive demands upon our productive capacity. Most, if not all, of the slack in the economic structure has been taken up and shortages of materials, labour and plant have been developing. And this change is, of course, not confined to Canada; all over the free world inflationary pressures have been regaining the ascendancy.

Another remarkable change of the past year has been the easing in the world-wide shortage of U.S. dollars. A year ago, the U.S. dollar shortage was the world's number one economic problem. It was hoped, and indeed expected, that the devaluations of September 1949 and the business recovery in the United States would contribute significantly toward reducing the dollar gap. But anyone who had then predicted that in less than a year the gold and dollar reserves of the sterling area would double, that the International Monetary Fund would see fit to state that the reserves of Great Britain and certain other countries in the sterling area were neither "very low nor in danger of a serious decline", that the export surplus of the United States would decline to small proportions, and that Canada would be embarrassed by an inflow of U.S. capital to the point of freeing her exchange rate, would have been regarded as rashly, if not foolishly, optimistic. Yet these are now the facts.

Though some of the improvement may not turn out to be lasting and though too much of its results from curtailment of North American exports, there has certainly been a marked change for the better and, for the time being at any rate, the U.S. dollar shortage has retired from the centre of the stage and its place has been taken by the twin problems of defence preparation and inflation.

LAST YEAR'S HOPES MORE THAN REALIZED

This radical change in the economic climate is the result of two main developments. As we know full well, the most important is the sharp step-up in the defence plans of the western world dating from the communist aggression in Korea. However, it should also be observed that last year's expectations and hopes of economic improvement were being realized to a remarkable extent before the outhreak of the Korean war. In Canada, capital expansion went forward on an even larger scale than anticipated and this year has been significantly higher than the former record level of 1949. Capital outlays connected with resource development, public utilities and housing were particularly buoyant; expenditures for schools and roads continued on a large scale; and plans for expansion in the manufacturing industries which showed signs of slackening at the end of 1949 were picking up again by mid-year. As the year progressed, the scale of resource development promised to increase even further particularly as plans for the great iron mining project in Quebec-Labrador began to crystalize. The powerful forces of growth in the Canadian economy were further supported by the surprising strength of husiness in the United States. For conditions in that country, even before Korea, were active beyond the expectations of a year ago. Indeed, there was reason for misgiving about the pressure of easy money in the United States—a pressure which was resulting in an abuse of credit and inflating the already powerful demands for such things as housing, automobiles, and public projects. The effects of strong U.S. demands were of course clearly apparent in Canada, further raising our exports of such commodities as lumber, newsprint, and base metals and in a variety of ways providing added stimulus to Canadian activity.

Moreover the currency devaluations of September 1949 combined with the strengthening demands of the U.S. economy were rapidly reducing the U.S. dollar gap. The most important effect of the devaluations was undoubtedly to restrict the demand for U.S. and Canadian goods on the part of the devaluing countries. There is every reason to believe that the devaluations restrained the dollar expenditures of overseas countries more effectively and far more efficiently than the elaborate systems of exchange and

import control which up to September 1949 attempted to pare down dollar purchases in the face of the strongest economic incentives to increase them. It is only regrettable, now that price incentives are really working to limit their dollar outlays, that most of the countries concerned have not yet seen fit to permit much relaxation in their direct-restrictions against dollar purchases. In addition, the devaluations improved the competitive position of the exports of devaluing countries. Britain's export drive in North America was certainly aided and there has been a substantial increase in the dollar value of her sales to the United States and to Canada. In Canada particularly, British goods have gained increasing acceptance, the most notable example of which is the much expanded sale of the smaller British automobiles. The devaluations, however, do not account for the bulk of the increase in the imports of the United States, which has been mainly in the form of raw and processed basic commodities. Here, the primary influence, which was evident before the Korean war, was the rising level of demand in the United States which pressed increasingly on the none-too-plentiful world supplies of such commodities as wool, rubber, cocoa, coffee, newsprint, lumber and base metals.

For Canada, the 91¢ dollar established at the time that sterling was devalued was working extremely well. It tended to restrain our great propensity to import from the United States while permitting us to relax gradually the special import restrictions imposed late in 1947. Though it was prohably not a major factor in increasing our exports to the United States, it certainly helped in some lines. The fact that the Canadian devaluation was moderate in comparison with that of the sterling area contributed to the closer balance which has developed in our overseas trade. The 91¢ dollar played a very important role in helping Canada to adapt herself with so much success to the sharp reduction of overseas purchases resulting from dollar-saving restrictions and the sharply curtailed use of E. C. A. funds for purchases in countries other than the United States. Ultimately, it worked too well, for the improvement in our U.S. dollar trading position as well as the attractions of Canadian resonrces and investment opportunities encouraged the swelling inflow of U.S. capital which lifted the Canadian dollar from its moorings.

THE PERVADING INFLUENCE OF DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

Had the menace of Russian aggression not been so clearly demonstrated, we might now be viewing with some satisfaction a fairly high level of economic activity and a notable reduction in the dollar gap, though we might also be somewhat concerned with the possibility of a slackening in the United States. But the need for rearmament with its substantial new demands on economies already operating at a high level has completely changed the emphasis. Though as yet the actual increase in defence expenditures in the United States and elsewhere has been comparatively small, the prospect of rearmament led to an immediate increase in demands and in basic commodity prices. Across the border, and to some degree in this country, businesses and individuals attempted to protect themselves against the possibility of shortages and higher prices by accelerating their purchases, and the U.S. Government endeavoured to build up its stockpiles of strategic commodities. Businesses whose inventories were low were naturally inclined to increase the scale of their bnying while there was a general tendency to step up orders for goods and materials which might become more difficult to get. A good many individuals decided to buy that automobile or refrigerator now rather than a few months hence. Moreover, many businesses which had projects or plans for expansion under way or under consideration tended to push ahead with them. Thus the tempo of economic activity increased largely in anticipation of the effects of heavy defence outlays. It may be that there will be some casing in the inflationary pressures between now and the time that defence expenditures really begin to flow. The prices of some basic commodities have risen very steeply and current levels may in some cases prove to be too high. Indeed, the demand for some commodities in the United States which was almost hysterical in the summer has since fallen off. Lumber is a case in point. The fact that buying was generally accelerated in the summer would normally imply some reduction later on. The new restraints on credit purchases will have some effect in checking demands and

it should also be remembered that the demand for automobiles and housing was extraordinarily large and might have been expected to be less buoyant in the coming year.

However, giving full weight to these factors it is hard to visualize anything more than a brief respite from inflationary pressures and even that now appears unlikely. After all, defence plans are large; in the United States actual outlays were expected on the basis of the plans prior to the present crisis to be at least \$30 billion next year which is roughly double the present year's level and in Canada the prospective outlays were around \$1,000 millions. Though these additional demands appear less formidable when they are related to total national production, they are coming at a time when production is close to capacity and they fall in the main on materials, such as steel and base metals, which are in short supply and on industrial facilities which are busy. Furthermore, there is now every indication that defence plans will be further enlarged. It is also well to remember that defence against communist aggression involves a positive policy of economic and political leadership as well as strictly military preparations. I refer particularly to the responsibility and the interest of the more highly developed and fortunate countries, of which Canada is one, to help the less developed countries help themselves. Something is being done along these lines by the United States, and by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and plans are also being made by the Commonwealth and by the United Nations. But much more needs doing and, though Canada's part will necessarily be small relative to that of the United States, our position in the Commonwealth and as a middle power provides us with an opportunity of some significance.

Though North America is well able to meet these added demands without undue difficulty or restriction, the threat of higher prices to which they give rise, combined with the experience of rising prices in the past decade, tends to accentuate civilian demands. The fact must be faced that there is too much apprehension about the future value of money. The fear that money will continue to lose value encourages overspending and indiscriminate investment in physical assets and may thus be a potent inflationary influence. Canada and the United States are certainly much better situated to guard the real value of their currencies than are most other countries. But it is time that we, on this favoured continent, gave far more attention to this question than we have been disposed to give in receut years.

INFLATIONARY PRESSURES POSE A REAL PROBLEM

Under these conditions it is only prudent to assume that the needs of defence will be large and that the total demands on Canada's production will tend to be excessive unless we deliberately endeavour to restrain them. Admittedly, it is sometimes argued that no serious problem exists since in this country the planned increase in defence expenditures is equivalent to only an additional $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ or 4% of the national income which should be covered in a comparatively short time by rising production. This is a tempting but very questionable argument. It begins with the cheerful assumption that in the dangerous aud uncertain conditions in which we live defence plans will not be increased above the levels now contemplated. Even apart from this fundamental weakness, the idea that we can painlessly build up our defence effort out of increased production is a doubtful one. There is no reason to believe that increasing production in the near future will be mainly of a kind suitable to meet defence needs. Our economy is a growing one but its growth has not been geared to defence demands and, as we are already finding, there are not enough of some materials and industrial facilities to meet the combined total of defence and civilian demands. Moreover, increasing production adds to income payments and more income usually leads to larger demands for goods and services. From where are these extra goods to come if the increase in production is to go into defence? Consumer demands today are high and are hacked by rising wages and other income payments. There is a great capital investment program under way which gives no indication of slackening. Few individuals, businesses, or governmental bodies appear ready to reduce their demands or to cut back their plans for improvement and expansion. Nor is it only the high level of Canadian demands which need concern us, but it is also the powerful impact of U.S. conditions which produce strong demands on our economy and generally contribute to the inflationary environment. It does not take much of an increase in demand to create inflationary conditions when production is already close to capacity. In such circumstances, the balance between comparative stability and inflation is a narrow one and it may only require an increase of a few per cent in the level of demand to transform highly competitive markets into sellers' markets.

It may be that the recent Government action to restrict the terms of certain types of credit, and to raise the corporate income tax and certain excise taxes provides sufficient restraint for the moment. But to assume that unpopular measures will not be needed next year will be optimistic to say the least. If my analysis of the economic climate is at all close to the mark, we may before long have to choose between more inflation and more taxes. Nobody likes this kind of alternative but to avoid facing it, it might well be to choose inflation by default. We have had enough depreciation in the value of our money in the past decade. A very gradual increase in the price level over a long period may be conducive to economic expansion. But when the price level has nearly doubled in ten years and when we now find ourselves up against new and perhaps long-continuing inflationary pressures it is time to face the problem squarely.

I doubt whether there is any way of avoiding this unpleasant choice short of a quite unexpected improvement in the international atmosphere. An overall system of price control is not an alternative to more rigorous fiscal and monetary policies. In the last war when the national effort was centred on war activity, such a system became a necessary supplement to a strong fiscal policy. However, it was not an alternative and today, when we are planning a comparatively modest diversion of the national effort toward defence, it is neither necessary nor desirable. The defence plans now contemplated in Canada, and also in the United States, still leave the vast bulk of the national production for civilian purposes and we need the price system as a governor in economic activity. The task today is not to freeze the price system but to restrain the pressure of demand so as to avoid the fruitless and wasteful process of bidding up the whole price and cost structure. And that involves not only tax and monetary policies of a restraining character, but a persistent effort to achieve economies in government expenditures and a greater willingness to save on the part of the public.

Let us not take refuge in the attitude that we in Canada eannot expect to do any better than the United States in combatting inflation. Unquestionably, the Canadian economy is greatly influenced by that of the United States, but we are not part of the United States and we do have scope for policies of our own as had been clearly demonstrated particularly in the past decade. The idea that we must inevitably follow along after the United States in the realm of economic policy is not accurate nor is it worthy of a country with a mind of its own. If that were our attitude, we should probably not do as well as our neighbour and we should be under great pressure to follow U.S. metbods in detail. Whether the United States does well or oot so well, we should have our own policy. And, if we do have our own policy, there is no reason why we should slavishly follow the methods of our neighbour which however appropriate they may be in the United States are not always appropriate to the differing circumstances of Canada.

CENTRAL TASK IS TO BUILD UP POWER TO PRODUCE

Important as it is, combatting inflation is only a part of the job ahead in the economic sphere. The central task is to continue to enlarge our economy—to build up our power to produce. Through greater production, we can more readily meet the prospective heavy demands on our economy and increase our ability to cope with inflationary pressures should these demands expand further. Though it is most necessary to check inflation, it is desirable to do it in such a way that we shall not impede the growth of our power to produce.

It would be short-sighted, for example, to attempt to maintain the present level of consumption of goods and services by cutting sharply into outlays for capital expansion which would enlarge future production. I do not mean to suggest that restraints should fall entirely on consumption. No doubt some types of capital investment can and should be curtailed, and in any case shortages of such hasic materials as steel and possible shortages of labour will necessitate some curtailment. But there can be no question as to the importance of proceeding with resource and power development, and with industrial and agricultural development in many directions. Moreover, though some curtailment may be unavoidable, it seems to me that the needs for improving transportation facilities and for housing and educational facilities deserve a high priority.

In restraining excessive demands on the economic structure, we do not want to dull the spurs of competition and incentive any more than can be helped. In this connection, for example, I believe that we should be well-advised to avoid excess profits taxation. Admittedly, the principle of taxing excess profits has a wide popular appeal. But, as we and other countries discovered in the last war, it is extremely difficult to set up standards for determining what are excess profits and a great many exceptions and special arrangements have to be made. Moreover, the prime objection to excess profits taxation is that it weakens incentive and promotes inefficiency. If the government is to take the bulk of any additional profits earned, there is little incentive in times of high demand to keep costs down and to seek to improve efficiency, nor do smaller firms or new husinesses have any strong incentive to endeavour to expand their operations. Indeed, excess profits taxation hears much more heavily on growing businesses and, I believe, on the smaller husinesses than it does on the large well-established firms. Arguments can of course be put forward against any kind of tax increases, but in my opinion the objections to excess profits taxation are unusually strong, especially at a time when it is urgently necessary to huild up our power to produce.

Increasing production will of course be facilitated by the gradual growth in the working force. In addition, the national output could be further enlarged by longer hours of work and if necessary by attracting more married women into employment. It may be that the trend of recent years toward shorter working hours is an improvement which eannot be afforded in these unsettled times. Whether or not that is the ease, there is no doubt that we do need to enlarge the human basis of our economy on which in the final analysis all clse depends. A more vigorous immigration policy is a real necessity. Events strongly suggest that we have been too cautious about immigration and they have clearly demonstrated that the way to get new citizens is to look for them rather than to wait to consider applicants. Knowing as we do that Canada is the best country in the world in which to live, we are perhaps too inclined to forget that potential immigrants are often people who have real opportunities or a good deal of security in their own countries and that pulling up stakes to move to a new land is not a step to be taken lightly. In the United Kingdom, for example, we suffer in competition for new citizens with Australia, to some extent, it is true, because of British eurrency restrictions, but probably even more because of the vigour of Australia's immigration policy. The Australians are thinking in terms of 200,000 immigrants a year and judging from recent reports they may not be far from this high figure in 1950. It does not follow, of course, that we should set ourselves a similar target, though there is a good deal to suggest that Canada's ability to absorb immigrants should be at least as large as that of Australia. We are, after all, a larger country with enormous possibilities of development. What does stand out, however, is that we need a more positive and I believe a less restrictive policy of immigration.

As I noted at the beginning of my remarks, the economic climate has changed radically over the past year. What has not changed is the great promise of growth in this country. Last year oil held the centre of the stage among our new resource developments, and it is now joined by iron with the beginning of the construction of a railway into the almost unexplored heart of Quebec-Labrador. To be sure, there are real and difficult problems ahead—problems which call for qualities of restraint and understanding as well as of confidence and imagination. But there is much to do and much with which to do it. The prospect provides a challenge which calls for our best efforts.



The General Manager Says:

"Should be Cautious

about Returning

to Fixed Exchange Rate"

Address delivered by Mr. C. Sydney Frost, General Manager, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Bank of Nova Seotia, held in Halifax on 6th December, 1950. THE President has discussed the change in the business climate and the broad economic tendencies which appear to be developing. My comments relate in the main to the financial side of the business picture, including the recent change in exchange policy, and of course to the affairs of the Bank.

In regard to our Statement, the outstanding development is the notable further increase in our Current Loans in Canada, which at our year-end were about \$272 millions, nearly \$40 millions larger than a year earlier. This increase reflects the active state of business and our lending record compares favourably with that of the banking system as a whole. For the first time in many years our Current Loans in Canada are as large as our Investments—indeed, they are \$2 millions larger—though they still represent no more than one-third of our Total Assets. Certain other types of loans—those to Provincial Governments and Call Loans in Canada—declined however and in financing the increase in our Current Loans it was necessary to sell some securities during the year. Our Investments at \$270 millions, \$19 millions lower than a year earlier. Total Assets increased moderately over the year—from \$806 millions to \$818 millions—and our Deposits, excluding the balances of other banks, at \$726 millions recorded little change from the year before.

Though expenses have shown some further increase, our earnings remain satisfactory in large measure because of the good showing of our Current Loans. Profits after taxes were almost exactly the same as in the preceding year. It will be noted that the write-off for depreciation of Bank premises has been increased very substantially reflecting in part, though by no means entirely, the near completion of our large new building in Toronto. In this connection I should add that in the year just closed the new building has contributed substantially to charges and very little to revenues since only recently have the first tenants moved in. In future, of course, there will be a significant amount of revenue from this source.

THE INFLOW OF U.S. CAPITAL

Turning to the general banking picture, the upward movement of bank deposits, which was quite notable during 1948 and most of 1949, was checked late last year and early this year. This reflected the easing of inflationary pressures rather than any change in official monetary policy which on the whole was still one of "casy money". However, as the year progressed, the increasing strength of demand both here and in the United States, the profound effect of events in Korea and above all, the rising inflow of U.S. eapital into Canada exerted strong pressures toward expansion. During the three months prior to the change in exchange rate policy, the inflow of U.S. funds, representing in the main capital from the United States, amounted to some \$534 millions. What is more, it was rapidly accelerating; \$65 millions in July, \$184 millions in August and no less than \$285 millions in September. Just at the time when a restraining policy was needed because of the inflationary implications of defence plans, the monetary authorities had to cope with this potent additional pressure in the opposite direction.

Canadian money had to be obtained to purchase these very large amounts of U.S. funds offered to the Foreign Exchange Control Board at the official rate of exchange. Moreover, if this inflow of capital was to be prevented from having serious inflationary repercussions, the Canadian money needed could not be obtained by any such simple method as issuing new Canadian currency against the U.S. funds flowing into the official reserves. That kind of policy would, by enlarging the cash reserves of the chartered banks, have laid the basis for a first class expansion in the money supply. What was done was first to

use the Government's bank balances and then when these ran down to make a net loan of \$200 millions from the chartered banks. In addition, the Bank of Canada purchased U.S. funds—in very large amounts during September—and in order to prevent its purchases from increasing the cash reserves of the chartered banks it sold securities in roughly similar amounts. Its sales of securities also worked to keep interest rates on high grade bonds from falling under the pressure of U.S. buying. Though the volume of bank deposits increased, the monetary authorities did succeed in neutralizing the expansive effect of a substantial part of the capital inflow. Finally, as more and more capital moved into Canada and as it became more and more difficult to neutralize its inflationary effects, the fixed rate of exchange was abandoned. By allowing the exchange rate to rise and to move in accordance with marked demands, the inflow of capital could be checked and Canadian initiative could be regained in the sphere of monetary policy.

THE CHANGE IN MONETARY POLICY

This major decision about the exchange rate was shortly followed by a rise in the Bank of Canada's rediscount rate from $1\frac{1}{2}$ % to 2%. This action and the statement that went with it served notice that the central bank was no longer wedded to an "easy money" policy, for it was specifically stated that the view expressed by the Bank of Canada in 1944-that it saw no prospect of economic developments in the postwar period which would call for a policy of higher interest rates—no longer applied. This decision is important, not because of any mechanical or technical effects, but because of the change in attitude which it implies. It says in effect that the central bank does not rule out the possibility of somewhat higher interest rates, or to put it another way, it appears to mean that the monetary authorities will not necessarily be dissuaded from pursuing policies of a restraining nature by the fact that such policies might involve some hardening in interest rates. It does not follow, of course, that monetary policies will or should be pursued which would make money very tight or interest rates sharply higher. But like the change in exchange policy, it provides greater freedom of action for the central bank to promote restraining policies, which to my way of thinking is highly desirable in the present inflationary environment. This is not to say that monetary policy is or could be an adequate means in itself to combat inflationary pressures. The President has stressed the great importance of fiscal measures and I should also like to re-emphasize the point which I made at this meeting last year—the need for a live public interest in examining the expenditures of governments with a view to achieving the greatest practicable economy.

THE NEW EXCHANGE POLICY

As I have already indicated, the great advantage of abandoning the fixed exchange rate was that it provided a means of checking the inflow of capital and thus of easing this extra inflationary influence. A market rate of exchange, as opposed to a fixed official rate, tends to moderate capital movements which, though not large from the standpoint of the United States, have been and could in future be disturbingly big from a Canadian point of view. Though we in this country derive great advantages from our proximity to and close economic relations with the United States, the disparity in size between the two economies means that we are peculiarly vulnerable to even moderate changes in U.S. attitudes. With a market rate, Canada is certainly in a better position to check embarrassingly large inward movements of capital and, indeed, to combat the effects of inflationary conditions across the international boundary.

Of course, the abandonment of a fixed exchange rate does not mean that there is no longer any official interest in the rate of exchange. The monetary authorities with their large reserves of U.S. dollars and gold are obviously a major potential factor in the market, and may be expected to exercise a stabilizing influence moderating day-to-day changes and conceivably in some circumstances taking a view on the rate for considerable periods. A variable rate of exchange does add to the problems of exporters and importers and frequent ups and downs in the rate would have undesirable results. Moreover, the exchange rate can now he strougly influenced by capital movements, and it is not by any means a certainty that such movements would always work to establish rates which are in accord with Canada's trading interests. In the circumstances of the present, however, the increase in the exchange rate on the Canadian dollar does appear to be desirable. It tends to lessen the impact on our economic structure of inflationary conditions abroad and it does not seriously threaten the competitive position of our export industries in view of the strength of external markets, particularly those of the United States.

So far as the International Monetary Fund was concerned, the change in Canada's exchange rate policy presented a very unusual case. Canada's action admittedly was in conflict with the terms of the Fund Agreement in that it broke with the principle of a fixed rate of exchange. But it was the first case in the Fund's history in which a country had abandoned a fixed rate because the position of its currency was embarrassingly stroug. There had been a number of cases in which countries had established market rates in place of or in addition to fixed rates, but these were all cases where the position of the currency was generally weak. Indeed, the requirement of and emphasis on fixed exchange rates in the Fund Agreement arose to a large extent from the objections to currency depreciation. Moreover, Canada's position was notably different from that of other countries because of the unique problems arising from her close economic ties with the United States. When the change of policy was announced, the Minister of Finauce stated that the Government "inteuds to remain in consultation with the Fund and hopes ultimately to conform to the provisions of the articles of agreement which stipulate that member countries should not allow their exchange rates to fluctuate more than one per cent on either side of the par values from time to time established with the Fund." The key word in this statement is "ultimately" which could mean that a new fixed rate will be established when and if the market rate tends to stabilize, or more likely when and if international currency and trading conditions become more settled. Having taken the plunge, it seems to me that we should be cautious about returning to a fixed exchange rate unless external economic conditions are much more favourable to currency stability than they have been recently.

In saying this, I do not wish to convey the impression that stable exchange rates are not desirable. After all, one of the major objectives that we in the free world presumably want to achieve is greater freedom of international trade and investment, in the belief, founded on experience and common sense, that this will promote economic advancement throughout the world. There can be little question that stable exchange rates, if they can be maintained without the widespread use of exchange and import controls, do contribute in an important way to the encouragement of international trade. As the President has observed, the devaluations of last year have on the whole worked well, reducing the need of exchange and import controls and contributing to a notable easing in the U.S. dollar sbortage. Convertibility of sterling is being gradually extended, though restrictions relating to dollar countries still remain extremely severe. The picture is certainly not yet one of stability, and rearmament raises new and indeterminate pressures. But it still represents a marked improvement over the earlier postwar period. To my way

of thinking, the emphasis now should be on relaxing exchange and import restrictions and the recent action of the International Monetary Fund in declaring that Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Ceylon were no longer in scrious balance of payments difficulties will, it is to be hoped, contribute to this end.

BANK GROWING WITH THE COUNTRY

During the course of my duties this year, I have visited many of our branches, including almost every branch of the Bank in Western Canada. What I saw in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia confirms, in regard to this important part of Canada, the observations of the President concerning the great promise of growth in this country. The oil development of Alberta, the irrigation projects, the large forest industries of the Pacific Coast have to be seen to be fully appreciated. Moreover, there is a significant amount of new settlement going on in the more northerly areas of Saskatchewan as well as in the Peace River country, and farming methods are being steadily improved.

The West has had more than its share of difficulties this year, including the Manitoba flood disaster, and the current picture has been clouded by the extremely severe frost damage to the grain crops, which turned the prospect of a bumper wheat crop into the actuality of a disappointing one. But despite these difficulties, much is being achieved and there is an atmosphere of confidence and vigour which augurs well for the future.

I speak of Western Canada because I spent a good deal of time there this year. But the whole country is growing and the Bank is steadily expanding its facilities, opening new branches and enlarging existing ones. During the banking year, 18 new branches were opened bringing to a total of 93 the number of new branches opened since the end of the war. These new branches are bringing the full range of banking services to new and growing communities and are aiding in the process of economic development. I might add that preparations are being made to open several more branches and we are of course investigating possible new locations wherever they may be justified.

In addition to the opening of new branches, the Bank has continued a vigorous policy of modernizing and enlarging existing premises, and work has been done in a considerable number of branches during the year. This work of improving our premises is of course continuing. In this connection, I should mention that we have acquired recently a well-located property in Hamilton, Ontario on which we intend to begin construction in the spring of a suitable office for our main branch in that city.

Our new building in Toronto is now close to completion and early next year will house our main Toronto branch and our executive offices. We are proud of this new structure and of the banking facilities which it will offer. It is modern and commodious. It has all the latest improvements including airconditioning throughout. Though it is neither the largest nor the highest office building in Canada, it is among the top few hoth in size and height, and in quality it stands comparison with any, not only in this country but elsewhere. The banking offices and executive offices will occupy the first 8 floors and the remaining 17 are now entirely rented; indeed many of the tenants have already moved into their new quarters.

While the Bank is growing, we are constantly striving to increase the efficiency of our operations. A number of improvements have been made during the year, which have had the double effect of promoting

efficiency and of reducing the burden of routine work. These improvements include a variety of work-saving devices such as improved forms and posting methods, and the use of more machinery. Indeed, we have been the first to introduce certain types of machinery in this country. In this process of improving methods, there has been excellent co-operation from the staff and many useful new ideas have come from the branches. The biggest change in the nature of our work this year was that involved by the return of foreign exchange market in place of the system of fixed rates which had prevailed for more than a decade under the direction of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. In addition to the routine paper work which is still required, we now, like the other hanks are part of a competitive exchange market operating as principals rather than merely as agents. In this highly competitive business, we are well equipped both with experienced personnel and with the needed machinery of rapid communication.

GOOD RECORD OF STAFF

In line with the further growth in our operations, the staff has increased by 294 during the year and on October 31st numbered 4,624—2,792 men and 1,832 women. What makes a bank are the people that work in it. After all, banking is a personal service, and demands, qualities of courtesy, intelligence, and good judgment. What is more, it demands efficiency and accuracy—there is no room for carelessness or slipshod methods. Our Bank is fortunate in its staff. In my visits to branches this year I was impressed with the quality of the work and the keen interest shown by the men and women in our service. Under widely varied conditions, and sometimes rather difficult ones, our staff is worthily carrying on the traditions of service and honourable dealing in which we in The Bank of Nova Scotia take pride. The growth and vitality of our organization reflect their co-ordinated efforts. I regard it a privilege to thank the staff for a job well done.

We are all on the team, and active teamwork is what we strive for throughout the service. Ways and means of providing security and incentive are matters of continuous study. We are far from being backward in this regard and methods of giving promotions and recognizing ability are being steadily improved. In this competitive age, when the emphasis is on initiative, mental alertness and ability we cannot subscribe to the idea that advancement in business should be primarily related to age or length of service. The opportunities in the banking world for young people were never so bright, and our senior staff with their valued experience give full co-operation to the training of more junior members. Those of the latter class, in turn, who show the necessary interest and qualifications can look for steady and even rapid advancement. New methods being introduced in our Staff Department provide for progressive information at frequent intervals and we have been particularly pleased with the results attained by comparatively junior members of the staff when placed on posts of increased responsibility.

There will be hundreds of advanced positions in the bank to be filled in a short period, and the opportunities are there for young people of ambition and ability.

Minutes of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Bank of Nova Scotia, held at the Head Office of the Bank in the City of Halifax, N.S. on Wednesday, December 6th, 1950.

The following were present:

Mr. H. D. Burns, D.Cn.L.; Mr. H. L. Enman; Hon. F. B. McCurdy, P.C.; Mr. Russell Blackburn; Colonel J. D. Fraser; Mr. W. A. Winfield; Mr. Hugh Mackay; Mr. W. N. McLeod; Mr. Fred C. Manning; Mr. W. K. Whiteford; Mr. W. F. Mackleier, K.C.; Miss S. W. A. Almon; Mr. Norman T. Avard; Dr. Jane L. Bell; Mr. H. F. Bethel; Mr. Percy C. Black; Mr. R. B. Colwell; Mrs. Kathleen N. Covert; Mr. Gordon Dunnet; Mrs. Marjorie G. Evans; Miss Georgene L. Faulkner; Mr. Paul R. Flemming; Mrs. Muriel L. Gibson; Mr. Gordon A. Gladwin; Mr. Eric McN. Grant; Mr. C. E. Hand; Mr. Gilbert S. Hart; Mr. R. A. Jodrey; Colonel F. H. M. Jones; Mr. Martin J. Kaufman; Mr. George W. Kenney; Mr. A. H. Lamy; Colonel K. C. Laurie; Mr. G. R. K. Lyneh; Miss Caroline J. McInnes; Mr. Donald McInnes, K.C.; Miss Mary Mackay; Mrs. Alice R. MacKeen; Mr. C. F. Mackenzie; Miss Jane A. Malcolm; Mr. Harry I. Mathers; Mrs. Ethelyn M. Mingie; Mr. Roderick A. Mingie; Dr. C. S. Morton; Miss D. P. Munroe; Mr. Wm. F. Napier; Mr. F. A. Nightingale, C.A.; Mr. Stanley E. O'Brien; Mrs. Janet G. Oxlcy; Mr. W. L. Payzant, K.C.; Mr. George B. Robertson; Captain Peter M. Seeley; Mr. W. H. Silver; Mr. Donald M. Smith; Mr. Kenneth S. Smith; Mr. L. V. Smith; Mr. Frank H. Sobey; Mr. C. J. A. Wambolt; Miss M. Grace Wambolt; Mr. W. B. Williams; Mr. Wallace L. Williams; Mr. A. B. Wiswell; Mr. W. Wood, C.A.; Mr. L. J. Abbott; Mr. C. J. Ash; Mr. H. H. Bartlett; Mr. H. A. Bell; Mr. G. G. Bennett; Mr. C. L. Bowlby; Mr. W. H. Byers; Mr. R. C. Calpin; Mr. W. A. Clark; Mr. J. R. Curry; Mr. F. D. Dunn; Mr. H. A. Fillmore; Mr. J. F. Gill; Mr. M. A. Girvan; Mr. H. F. Gordon; Mr. J. W. Hahn; Mr. J. M. Hayman; Mr. W. Hayward; Mr. R. V. Hickson; Mr. E. J. Lutz; Mr. A. C. MacDonald; Mr. G. F. H. MacIntosh; Mr. C. A. Maertens-Poole; Mr. T. W. Mitton; Mr. W. R. Monteith; Mr. J. H. Rector; Mr. E. M. Robinson; Mr. K. S. Russell; Mr. G. N. Schurman; Mr. C. B. Simmons; Mr. J. C. Skuffham; Mr. R. H. Smith; Mr. W. E. Starrak; Mr. J. B. Tarlton; Mr. J. R. Thompson; Mr. J. O. Walsh; Mr. J. Douglas Gibson; Mr. F. J. Finlay; Mr. R. A. S. Elliot; Mr. C. Sydney Frost, General Manager.

On motion of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, P.C., seconded by Colonel J. D. Fraser, Mr. H. D. Burns, D.Cn.L., was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Winfield, seconded by Mr. W. N. McLeod, Mr. F. J. Finlay was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

At the request of the Chairman, the notice convening the meeting was read by the Sccretary.

On motion of Mr. Kenneth S. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. B. Wiswell, Mr. Harry I. Mathers and Mr. C. F. Mackenzie were appointed Scrutineers for the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, having been printed and distributed to the Shareholders, were taken as read, and on motion of Mr. Gordon A. Gladwin, seconded by Mr. W. L. Payzant, K.C., were confirmed.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the Report of the Directors for the past fiscal year and the Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of the Bank. The General Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at October 31st, 1950, and the Statement of Profit and Loss Account for the fiscal year ended that date, together with the Statement of the Empire Realty Company, Limited, as at October 31st, 1950, having been placed in the hands of the Shareholders, were considered as read.

The Chairman then asked the President to address the meeting.

Mr. Enman spoke as reported in the preceding pages.

It was moved by Mr. H. D. Burns, D.Cn.L., seconded by Hon. F. B. McCurdy, P.C., that the Report of the Directors be adopted, that the appropriations therein be confirmed and that the Report, together with the Statement of Liabilities and Assets and Profit and Loss Account, be printed and distributed to the Shareholders.

Before putting the motion to adopt the Report to the meeting, the Chairman asked Mr. C. Sydney Frost, the General Manager, to address the meeting.

Mr. Frost spoke as reported in the preceding pages.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Directors was then put to the meeting by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Frank H. Sobey, seconded by Miss M. Graee Wambolt, and earried:

That Mr. William Leslie Lachlan McDonald, F.C.A., of the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, and Mr. John Grant Glassco, O.B.E., F.C.A., of the firm of Clarkson, Gordon & Company, be appointed auditors for the ensuing year under Section 55 of The Bank Act, that an appropriation not to exceed \$26,000 be bereby authorized for their remuneration to be divided between them in such manner as the Directors shall consider just and reasonable, and that one ballot be east.

The ballot having been taken and the Scrutineers having reported it in favour of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman declared the gentlemen named duly appointed as Auditors, and the appropriation for their remuneration authorized as stated.

It was moved by Mr. Donald McInnes, K.C., seconded by Mr. Norman T. Avard, and carried:

That Shareholders' By-Law No. 3 be and the same is hereby repealed and that the following be and the same is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, and that one ballot be east:

- "3. The number of the Directors and the quorum thereof shall be regulated as follows, namely:
- (a) The number of the Directors shall not be less than twenty-four and not more than twenty-eight;
- (b) Until and subject to the extent to which the provisions of clause (c) hereof shall become effective, the number of Directors shall be twenty-four;
- (c) From time to time, upon the passing of a resolution of the Board of Directors declaring that it is expedient that this clause (c) should take effect to the extent of so many additional Directors as the resolution may specify, the number of the Board shall be and it is hereby increased by the number so specified, and the vacancy or vacancies in the Board thereby created may be filled in accordance with the provisions of Shareholders' By-Law No. 6, provided that in no event shall the total number of the Directors exceed twenty-eight.
- (d) Three of the Directors shall constitute a quorum."

The hallot having been taken and the Scrutineers having reported it in favour of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman declared that Shareholders' By-Law No. 3 had been repealed and that a new By-Law No. 3 had been enacted in lieu thereof in terms of that contained in the foregoing resolution. Before asking for a motion covering the nomination and election of Directors for the ensuing year, the Chairman intimated that the Hon. Leighton McCarthy had expressed the wish, for purely personal reasons, that his name be not submitted to the shareholders for re-election and it was felt that the meeting should accede to his request. It would, therefore, he incumbent on the meeting to nominate a Director to succeed the Hon. Leighton McCarthy as well as to nominate three others to complete the authorized number of twenty-four Directors.

The Chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation of the shareholders to Mr. McCarthy for his loyal co-operation and unfailing interest in the affairs of the Bank and wished him many years of health in which to enjoy a well-carned leisure.

It was moved by Colonel F. H. M. Jones, seconded by Mr. Eric MeN. Grant, and carried:

That the following be and they are hereby nominated as Directors for the ensuing year, that a vote be taken for their election, and that one ballot be east:

H. D. Burns, Esq., D.Cn.L., Toronto, Ont.; H. L. Enman, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; Hon, F. B. McCurdy, P.C., Halifax, N.S.; James Y. Murdoch, Esq., O.B.E., K.C., LL.D., Toronto, Ont.; Russell Blackhurn, Esq., Ottawa, Ont.; F. P. Starr, Esq., Saint John, N.B.; Colonel J. D. Fraser, Ottawa, Ont.; Christopher Spencer, Esq., C.B.E., Vancouver, B.C.; Brig.-Gen. C. H. Maelaren, C.M.G., D.S.O., Ottawa, Ont.; W. A. Winfield, Esq., Halifax, N.S.; W. C. Harris, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; Hugh Mackay, Esq., Rothesay, N.B.; W. A. Murphy, Esq., Winnipeg, Man.; P. R. Gardiner, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; W. N. McLeod, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; Fred C. Manning, Esq., Halifax, N.S.; W. K. Whiteford, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; F. A. Sherman, Esq., Jamilton, Ont.; F. R. Graham, Esq., Vancouver, B.C.; W. F. Macklaier, Esq., K.C., B.C.L., Montreal, Que.; John L. McCarthy, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; R. A. Jodrey, Esq., Hantsport, N.S.; C. N. Wilson, Esq., Saint John, N.B.; C. Sydney Frost, Esq., Toronto, Ont.

The ballot having heen taken and the Scrutineers having reported it in favour of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman declared the gentlemen named duly elected Directors for the ensuing year.

In moving the foregoing resolution, Colonel F. H. M. Jones remarked that his motion had been complicated in an interesting way by the previous resolution which provided for a Board of Directors having a minimum number of twenty-four Directors and a maximum of twenty-eight. It was his purpose, he said, to keep within these limits in his resolution.

Studying the statement of the Bank presented to the meeting and comparing it with those which have gone before, Colonel Jones continued, the shareholders recognized the continuing growth of the Bank and found the impressive totals of great interest and satisfaction to them. The recent increase in the dividend rate, he said, was also a matter of gratification to the shareholders. It was with pleasure and confidence, Colonel Jones concluded, that he moved the resolution nominating the Directors for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Mr. Hugh Mackay, seconded by Mr. W. F. Macklaier, K.C., and carried:

That in accordance with Section 53, Sub-section 5, of The Bank Act, Mr. Horace L. Enman, or failing him, Mr. C. Sydney Frost, be appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all shareholders' meetings of the Empire Realty Company, Limited, and that one ballot be cast.

The ballot having been taken, and the Scrutineers having reported it in favour of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman declared the gentlemen named duly appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all shareholders' meetings of the Empire Realty Company, Limited, in accordance with Section 53, Sub-section 5, of The Bank Act.

It was moved by Mr. W. K. Whiteford, seconded by Mr. R. B. Colwell, and carried:

That the contribution by the Bank of \$25,000 to the Manitoha Flood Relief Fund, made during the fiscal year ended 31st October, 1950, be and it is hereby ratified and approved and that one ballot be cast.

The ballot having been taken and the Scrutineers having reported it in favour of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman declared the contribution of \$25,000 referred to in the foregoing resolution duly ratified and approved.

It was moved by Mr. William Wood, C.A., and seconded by Mr. G. R. K. Lynch, that the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the General Manager, the executive officers and staff for their efficient and loyal service during the past year.

In moving the foregoing resolution, Mr. Wood said that the gratifying position of the Bank today was due to the service rendered by the staff. Going back thirty years, he added, just after the First World War, senior staff was available, but junior staff was very scarce. That situation was being gradually corrected when the Second World War brought about a scarcity of both senior and junior personnel. The effects of that shortage, he continued, have been intensified by the rapidly changing conditions of today. The Bank, with over 4,600 employees and 367 branches in Canada and elsewhere, would, he added, feel particularly the effects of these conditions which have been of concern to management and have involved personal sacrifice on the part of the staff in recent years. The Bank was indeed fortunate, he concluded, in possessing so loyal and devoted a staff and it gave him no small amount of satisfaction on behalf of the shareholders to move a sincere vote of thanks to the General Manager, the executive officers and the staff for their loyal, efficient and generous service during the past year.

The motion was carried unanimously.

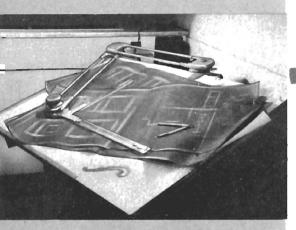
In replying to this resolution, Mr. K. S. Russell, Manager of the Main Branch of the Bank in Winnipeg, said that it was his happy privilege to convey to the shareholders the thanks of the General Manager, the executive officers and staff for the kind expression of appreciation for their services which had just been made. The staff was justly proud of the Bank and of the part it had played in the development of the great Canadian nation, he added, and they were proud, too, of the achievement of the Bank outside the borders of Canada. Many able and competent executives have held high positions in the Bank, but none, he felt, were better fitted for their positions than those now responsible for the destiny of the institution. It was with great confidence, therefore, Mr. Russell concluded, that he pledged to them and through them to the shareholders of the Bank the continued devotion and loyalty of the staff.

The proceedings then terminated.

At the meeting of the newly elected Directors held at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, Mr. If. D. Burns, D.Cn.L., was elected Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. L. Enman was elected President, and Hon. F. B. McCurdy, P.C., and Mr. James Y. Murdoch, O.B.E., K.C., LL.D., were elected Vice-Presidents.



Banking routine in the branches is carried out with a speed and precision which results from constant reviewing of present methods and procedures, and the introduction of new routines and new equipment as needed.



New bank premises are being built and existing buildings remodelled as required to meet the banking needs of the communities the bank serves.



Concise and detailed information on economic matters of world-wide interest is gathered, analyzed and made available to the public. Each month the Bank's Monthly Review covers a topical subject from a Canadian point of view.

World-Wide Yet Local



Ottawa Main Branch

The Bank, to each of its customers, is the particular branch with which he or she deals.

It is here that the customer comes to deposit, withdraw or borrow money, lodge securities and other valuables for safe-keeping, buy foreign currency, arrange for letters of credit, transfer funds and obtain sound advice on many varied business matters.

All the services which The Bank of Nova

Scotia offers to its customers are possible because of the nation-wide chain of branches which the Bank has built over the past century, the world-wide correspondents with which the Bank has contact and the specialized administrative headquarters which the Bank has developed at its General Executive Offices.

It is the close co-operation of this team that has written the story behind the Bank's balance sheet.



The Bank encourages its members to organize study groups as well as social groups for after office hours study and relaxation. A number of such groups are in operation across the country.



The Bank is continually studying the development of the Canadian economy and issues from time to time detailed reports on specific phases of this development.



By advertising in many different ways, the Bank continually explains its operation to the public and supports the branches in their efforts to attract business.

More than a story of steel and stone

EARLY in the coming year, the Bank will move its General and Administrative Offices and its Toronto Main Branch into the new building, now being readied for occupancy, at Canada's financial cross-roads, King and Bay Streets, Toronto.

The new 25-storey office building rises 325 feet above street level and extends 48 feet below ground. Its frontage is 161 feet on King Street, 234 on Bay. And the total area of the building is 320,000 square feet of modern, efficient working space.

The ground floor banking room is three floors high and 190 feet long. Impressive and dignified, its banking equipment is the speediest and most efficient yet designed. The vaults, designed to specifications which conform to the recommendations in the United States treatise "The Effects of Atomic Weapons", are among the best on the continent. The Bank will occupy the first eight floors, and the remainder of the building has been rented to more than 60 tenants.

Incorporated in the building are the latest scientific and engineering developments in weather-conditioned office building construction.

Temperatures in four areas on each floor are constantly and automatically controlled. Abundant filtered and conditioned air, with dirt and pollen removed, is circulated through each office.

Extra large windows are double glazed with insulating air space between. This principle eliminates draft, keeps windows free from fogging and deadens traffic noise.

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