

# BANK OF TORONTO.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS,

HELD AT THE BANKING HOUSE OF THE INSTITUTION, IN TORONTO,

ON WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE, 1870.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BANK OF TORONTO (being the Fourteenth since the commencement of business), was held, in pursuance of the terms of the charter, at the Banking House of the Institution, on 15th June, 1870.

WILLIAM GOODERHAM, Esq., President, being called to the chair, the Cashier then, at his request, read the following

### REPORT.

The Directors of the Bank of Toronto have again much pleasure in placing the result of the past year's operations before the Stockholders.

The Amendment of the Charter, which passed the Legislature in the session of 1869, altered the time for holding future Annual Meetings from July to June. The books have therefore been closed on the 31st May, this year, instead of 30th June as formerly, and the accounts presented are the result of eleven months' operations only.

Notwithstanding this, the net profits realized, per accompanying statement, compare favorably with those of any former twelve months. The Bank has been enabled to do a large and profitable business; and though some deductions have been required for bad and doubtful debts, for which full provision has been made, the Directors have been able to declare their usual dividends amounting to 8 per cent. per annum, and to place the sum of \$75,000 to the Rest, making that fund now \$375,000.

After making provision for losses as above stated, the profits of the Bank, deducting expenses, interest on deposits to date, and rebate of interest on notes discounted, amount to the sum of .....	\$140,383 10
Add balance at credit of profit and loss account brought forward from last year .....	3,847 42
	\$144,230 52

This sum has been appropriated as follows:—

Government Tax on circulation.....	\$2,934 38
Dividend, No. 27, of four per cent. paid 3rd January last.....	32,000 00
Dividend, No. 28, of four per cent. payable 1st June instant.....	32,000 00
Added to "Rest" .....	75,000 00
Balance carried forward to next year.....	2,296 16
	\$144,230 52

Your Directors have pleasure in reporting that appropriations made on account of doubtful debts last year, have proved more than sufficient for the purpose, and they cherish the hope that if the country is favored with another prosperous year, and with vigilance in realising securities, the same result may be reported by their successors in office.

In presenting the above statement, the Board must take occasion to remind the Stockholders, that the gratifying progress made by the Bank during the last few years, is largely due to the general prosperity of the country. A constantly increasing line of deposits, and the maintenance of a large circulation, have evidenced the increase of surplus funds amongst the people, as well as their confidence in the safety and stability of the Bank. With increasing means the Bank has been enabled to extend its discount operations, the average loss from which, owing to the general prosperity, combined, your Board believe, with the maintenance of sound banking principles, has been reduced to a comparatively small amount.

Reference has been made in former reports to a long pending suit against the European Assurance Company, in the Courts of Lower Canada. Provision was made some years ago in the contingent fund for the debt which is the subject of litigation, and your Directors now report that an adverse decision of a lower court, has been reversed in the Court of Review, and that the sum of £4,250 stg., equal to the debt and interest for five years, has been deposited, by agreement, in the hands of the Agents of the Bank in London, to await the result of an appeal. That result, your Directors believe, will be of a favorable character, and they trust shortly to have the pleasure of reporting the amount as secured and added to the funds of the Bank.

The Directors in conclusion beg to call the attention of Stockholders to the Bill which passed the Legislature last Session respecting the renewal of Bank Charters. The Bank of Toronto, acting with a majority of the institutions of the Dominion, has for some years back been contending for the preservation of bank circulation, and the Directors have now the satisfaction of reporting that this object has, in the main, been accomplished. The Bill which has recently been enacted empowers chartered banks to issue bills of any denomination from four dollars and upwards, to the extent of their capital respectively. As this will have the effect of curtailing the circulation of the Bank of Toronto, it has been deemed advisable to meet the altered circumstances by increasing the capital to one million dollars. Power has been obtained from the Legislature for the purpose (with reservation for further increase if advisable), and the Directors have decided, according to the powers conferred on them by the Act, that the increase shall be made in the following manner:—

New Stock to be created in the proportion of one to four of the present issue, and to be allotted to the Stockholders *pro rata*, at a premium of five per cent:

The allotment to be made on the 1st October next, and payment to be made on 1st January next. Any Stock not taken up by 1st January to be sold to the highest bidder by public auction. The premium received to be carried to the Rest of the Bank, as provided by the Act.

The Directors trust that the above arrangement will be satisfactory to the Stockholders.

The Bill before referred to empowers the Directors of the Bank, on obtaining authority from the Stockholders, to notify the Finance Minister of their intention to apply for an extension or modification of the Charter. A draft of the Charter with amendments desired will be submitted, and on being approved by the Stockholders, will be forwarded to the Finance Minister to be laid before the Governor General, who is empowered on the report of the Minister of Justice and the Treasury Board that the same is in conformity with the Act, to grant an extended Charter for the period of ten years. Meantime the present Charter continues in force until the expiration of the next ensuing Session of the Dominion Parliament.

The statement of Assets and Liabilities which accompanies this report is in accordance with the form prescribed by the new Banking Act referred to. Although the Act does not come into force till next year, the Directors have thought it desirable to meet this part of its requirements at once.

The Cashier, Assistant Cashier, Managers, and other Officers of the Bank, have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the Board, and the Directors have this year followed the course pursued in 1868, in allowing them a bonus in addition to their salaries.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(SIGNED) W. M. GOODERHAM,  
President.

TORONTO, June 9th, 1870.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AS ON 31ST MAY, 1870.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To Notes in circulation .....	\$1,048,988 00	By Specie .....	\$290,161 69
“ Government Deposits, payable on demand. ....	22,398 66	“ Provincial or Dominion Notes .....	258,171 06
“ Other Deposits, payable on demand. ....	1,530,078 92	“ Notes and Cheques of other Banks .....	87,423 03
“ Government Deposits payable after notice, or on a fixed day .....	0,000 00	“ Balance due from other Banks in Canada ..	37,230 10
“ Other Deposits payable after notice, or on a fixed day .....	499,544 72	“ Balance due from other Banks or Agents not in Canada .....	182,623 12
“ Due to other Banks in Canada .....	37,791 52	Total Assets immediately available .....	\$855,809 54
“ Due to other Banks or Agents not in Canada ..	0,000 00	“ Government Debentures .....	147,155 82
Total Liabilities to the Public .....	\$3,138,751 82	“ Loans to the Government .....	0,000 00
“ Capital .....	300,000 00	“ Loans, Discounts or Advances on Current Account to Corporations .....	108,894 00
“ Rest .....	375,000 00	“ Notes and Bills Discounted and Current ..	2,202,081 09
“ Contingent Fund .....	40,000 00	“ Notes and Bills Discounted overdue and not specially secured .....	23,208 25
“ Reserve for Rebate of Interest on Current Notes Discounted .....	28,686 03	“ Overdue Debts secured by mortgage or other deed of real estate, or by deposit of or lien on stock, or by other securities ...	48,846 46
“ Reserve for accrued Interest on Deposit Receipts .....	11,894 08	“ Real Estate, the property of the Bank (other than the Bank premises), and Mortgages on real estate sold by the Bank .....	261 00
“ Dividends unclaimed .....	652 00	“ Bank Premises .....	36,000 00
“ Dividend No. 28, payable 1st June .....	52,000 00	“ Other Assets not included under the fore- going heads .....	7,253 93
“ Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward to next year .....	2,296 16		
	\$4,429,280 00		\$4,429,280 00

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS ON 31ST MAY, 1870.

To Government Tax on Circulation ..... \$2,934 36 " Dividend No. 27 of 4 per cent. paid 2nd Jan. 1870 ..... 32,000 00 " Dividend No. 28 of 4 per cent. payable 1st June, 1870 ..... 32,000 00 " Amount added to "Rest" ..... 75,000 00 " Balance carried forward to next year ..... 2,296 16 <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$144,230 52</p>	By Balance brought from last year ..... \$3,817 42 " Net Profit for ELEVEN MONTHS, ending 31st May, 1870, as before stated ..... 140,383 10 <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$144,230 52</p>
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(Signed) G. HAGUE, *Cashier*.

The foregoing having been read, it was moved by JAMES CROWTHER, Esq., seconded by A. T. McCORD, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the report now read be received."

The CASHIER then read the Act amending the Charter passed in the session of 1869, whereupon it was moved by SAMUEL ALCORN, Esq., seconded by JOSEPH H. MEAD, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the Capital Stock of the Bank of Toronto be increased to the sum of one million dollars in the manner proposed by the Directors in their report according to the provisions of the Act just read."

The PRESIDENT stated that it would be necessary to submit the draft of an extended charter to the Governor-General before the next annual meeting, in conformity with the Banking Law referred to in the Report, and that authority was necessary from the Stockholders for that purpose. He then called upon the Cashier to read the draft of a new and amended Charter, which having been done,

It was moved by JOSEPH H. MEAD, Esq., seconded by E. H. RUTHERFORD, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the draft of the charter just read be adopted: that the Directors have power to introduce any modifications therein which they may deem desirable, provided that the capital Stock may only be increased as provided by the Act of 1869, amending the charter; that they be authorized to give notice to the Finance Minister and make the application as provided in the Banking Act of 1870, and that the remainder of the report be adopted."

Moved by EDWARD HOOPER, Esq., seconded by JAMES APPLEBE, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the cordial thanks of the Stockholders are due, and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Bank for the care and attention they have bestowed upon its interests during the year."

Moved by Hon. W. P. HOWLAND, C.B., Lieutenant-Governor, seconded by E. H. RUTHERFORD, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That this meeting sees with regret an advertisement in the morning papers reflecting on the Directors of the Bank of Toronto relative to the increase of stock; and that the advertising it to the public is unwise, as the proper place to discuss the questions named would be at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders called for that purpose."

Moved by Hon. ASA A. BURNHAM, seconded by THOMAS TAMBLYN, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That Messrs. Samuel Alcorn and Henry Pellatt be appointed Scrutineers of the election of Directors about to take place, and that they report the result to the Cashier."

Moved by W. J. MACDONELL, Esq., seconded by P. PATERSON, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the poll commence at once, that it be kept open till four o'clock this day, except in the event of five minutes elapsing without the tender of a vote, in which case it shall be closed."

It was then moved by WM. CAWTHRA, Esq., seconded by A. T. McCORD, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the Chairman do now vacate his seat, and that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor do take the chair."

Moved by WILLIAM CAWTHRA, Esq., seconded by JAMES APPLEBE, Esq., and *Resolved*—"That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Wm. Gooderham, Esq., for his able and impartial conduct in the chair."

## REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

We, the undersigned Scrutineers, appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Toronto, this day declare that the gentlemen under-named are unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:—WM. GOODERHAM; JAMES G. WORTS; WM. CAWTHRA; WM. CANTLEY; WM. FRASER; Hon. ASA A. BURNHAM; A. T. FULTON.

(SIGNED) SAMUEL ALCORN, }  
HENRY PELLATT, } *Scrutineers*.

The new Board met the same afternoon, when Wm. Gooderham, Esq., was unanimously elected President, and James G. Worts, Esq., Vice-President.

By order of the Board,

(SIGNED) G. HAGUE,  
*Cashier*.

TORONTO, 15th June, 1870.

