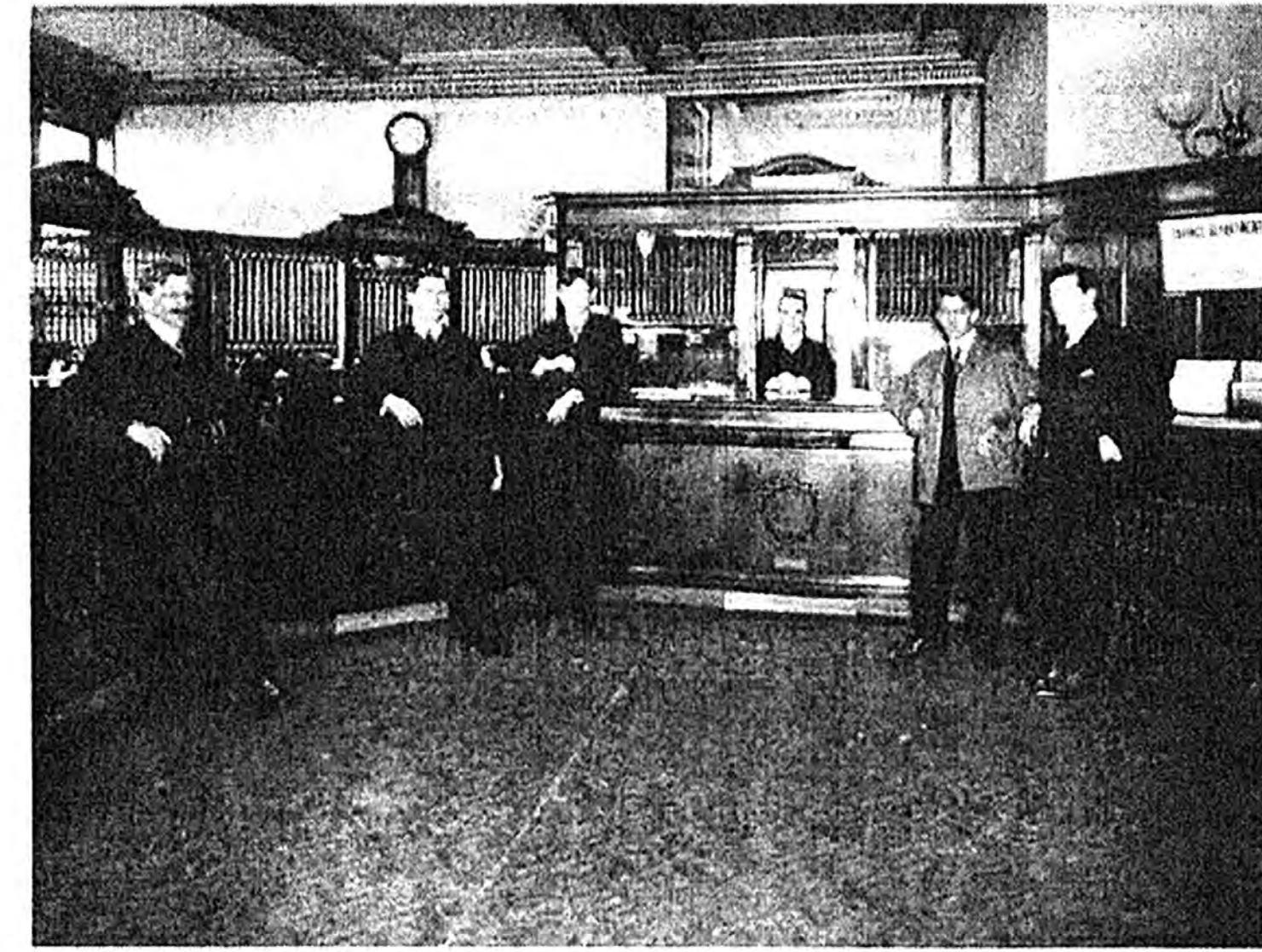




In 1891 the Dominion Bank issued a \$5 bill depicting Cobourg Harbour.



In 1871, when a major fire devastated the McCallum Block and the Jeffrey's Block on King Street, the Bank of Toronto office moved into Victoria Hall. Once the bank was able to move again that office was taken over by the Honourable James Cockburn, Cobourg's Father of Confederation. Possibly it is the room now preserved as the Cockburn Room.



The above picture of our Cobourg, Ont. office, which appeared in the local paper of July 17th last, was taken in March 1908. The members of the staff at that time were (left to right): - E. W. Hargraff, Manager; J. E. O'Rourke, Junior; G. A. Ross, Ledger-Keeper; J. Stewart, Teller; the late M. A. Hewson on the cash book who later became Cobourg Postmaster till his death; the late E. L. MacNachtan, counties' clerk who preceded W. Barr. Mr. J. Stewart is the only one still on the staff—he is Manager of our Queen and Spadina Branch, Toronto.

Bank of Toronto, Cobourg 1908

Newspaper stories and business listings show the **arrival, departure and mergers of banks in Cobourg** over the years.

- 1871 Bank of Toronto; Royal Canadian Bank (collapsed - 1880)
- 1895 Bank of Toronto; Dominion Bank
- 1907 Bank of Toronto; Dominion Bank
Metropolitan Bank (acquired by Bank of Nova Scotia - 1914)
United Empire Bank (as Union Bank of Canada,
merged with the Royal Bank of Canada - 1924)
Standard Bank (sold to Bank of Montreal,
Toronto-Dominion Bank & Scotiabank - 1990s)
- 1977 *The banking situation has now stabilized with the following banks in operation: Toronto Dominion Bank; Bank of Montreal; Royal Bank of Canada; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Scotiabank - **these banks are all still in operation in Cobourg today.***

In contrast to Cobourg, neighbouring Port Hope has shown some long term bank stability. The Royal Bank of Canada **recently celebrated 125 years at the same location.**

