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Current Business in Country Kept Up Well, Even During Period of Deflatson—Profits Show All Dividends Comfortably Earned—Increase in Capital to $10,500,000.

The annual statement of The Merchants Bank of Canada will this year attract special attention. This is the first annual statement of any of the larger banks to make its appearance since the period of drastic changes in business set in.

There will be reason for satisfaction on the part of the shareholders, inasmuch as in a quiet season earnings have been well maintained. While, as was expected, they are somewhat lower than for the previous year, they are well above the 1919 figures.

The general statement of assets and liabilities also reflects the changes that are occurring in business. It is a very satisfactory feature to note that savings deposits, which represent the savings of the people, show a substantial increase.

Profits last year amounted to $1,402,820 against $1,686,156 the preceding year and $1,383,569 in 1919. Added to profits in 1920 were $700,000 premium on new stock; last year $1,050,000 was added from the same source, which, with previous balance at credit of profit and loss of $260,775 brought total available profits of the bank up to $2,713,595. Out of this was deducted $1 272 635 for dividends and bonds, $96,585 for circulation tax, and $1,050,000—the premium on the new stock—for reserve fund, leaving a balance for carrying forward of $293,375.

A comparison of the profit and loss account for three years follows:

	1921	1920	1919
	$	$	$
Profits	1,402,820	1,686,156	1,383,569
Premium on new stock	1,050,000	700,000	.....
Previous balance	260,775	574,043	437,974
	2,713,595	2,960,199	1,821,543
Less :—			
Dividends, etc	1,272 635	1,068,285	805,000
Circulation Tax	96,585	81,140	70,000
Bank prem	.....	150,000	372,500
Reserve Fund	1,050,000	1,400,000	.....
Total ded	2,420,220	2,699,425	1,247,500
Balance brought forward	239 375	260,774	574,043

The bank's liabilities to shareholders amount to $20,356,564 against $17,138,160 the preceding year, and its liabilities to the public amount to $169,717,470 against $179,988,921 the preceding year.

The latter change is made up of a decrease in non-interest bearing deposits of nearly 17 millions, an increase in savings deposits of nearly seven millions, an increase of balances due other Canadian banks of about two millions, a decrease of $320,000 in balances due foreign banks, bills payable of $142,907 against none the preceding year, a decline of $1,400,000 in acceptances under letters of credit and a satisfactory decline in note circulation.

Among the bank's assets, current coin shows little change, deposits in central gold reserve, cheques on other banks, balances due by other banks, and call loans outside Canada are lower. Increases are shown in call loans in Canada, and Dominion notes.

Among the security assets an increase is shown in Dominion and Provincial Government securities of about 3¼ millions and in railway and other bonds, debentures and other stocks, of a half million, and a small decline is shown in Canadian municipal securities, and British, foreign and colonial securities, other than Canadian.

Total assets show at $190,367,409 against $197,387,855 in 1919, a decline of $7,020,446, or 3½ per cent. Time deposits now amount to $120,904,549. Current loans and discounts total $109,183,592 against $113,198,913. The moderate decline in total deposits and total assets reflects the withdrawals of temporary government funds held the preceding year.

Boar For Service

Pure bred Registered Yorkshire Boar for service—Maxwell Jack 62903—on lot 167, S. W. T. & S. R., Artemesia. Terms $1.50. Sows not returned will be charged same as those in pig.

10,4,19 T. J. STINSON

Bull For Service

Pure bred Durham bull, No 143013 for service on lot 162, S W T & S R, Artemesia. Terms—$2 for grades. $5 for thoroughbreds. —C. AKINS, Prop may1

Boar For Service

Yorkshire Boar For Service—Lot 39, con. 4, Artemesia.

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Friday's Sports

The sports on Friday last were somewhat of a disappointment owing to bad weather. Heavy rain all night the night before and damp, misty weather most of the day, proved a dampener. The water sports and parade in the forenoon did not come off owing to the dampness. The afternoon was somewhat better and quite a crowd gathered at the grounds to witness the various events. The indoor baseball created a lot of fun and was won by the Flesherton girls by a score of 12 to 5. The other events were:

Slow auto race on high gear—Thos Phillips with a Baby Grand.

Best decorated auto on grounds—A Hawken.

Men's race, third of a mile—A Yeadill, G Patton.

Men's race, 100 yards—F Thurston, N Ardley.

Boy's race under 16—T McDonald and E Sprott, tie.

Girl's race under 16—F White, Hazel Phillips.

There was a crowded house at the concert in the evening. The talent engaged was very good, although, as is always the case, there was considerable variety of opinion. Mr. Atkinson, the bass singer, was exceptionally good, and Perrin gives a good class of entertaining stuff, although scarcely funny enough for some people who desire only to be made to laugh, which, at a concert of this kind, is the thing demanded The lady pianist, Miss Clarke, was an accomplished performer, but there were a lot of youngsters and some young men present who did not seem to care for music and tried to compete with their own lungs.

The proceeds of the day amounted to $289 75.

The baseball game is reported elsewhere.

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THE rat is the worst animal pest in the world. From its home among filth it visits dwellings and storerooms to pollute and destroy human food.

It carries bubonic plague and many other diseases fatal to man and has been responsible for more untimely deaths among human beings than all the wars of history.

In the United States rats and mice each year destroy crops and other property valued at over $200,000,000. This destruction is equivalent to the gross earnings of an army of over 200,000 men.

On many a farm, if the grain eaten and wasted by rats and mice could be sold, the proceeds would more than pay all the farmer's taxes.

The common brown rat breeds six to ten times a year and produces an average of ten young at a litter. Young females breed when only three or four months old.

At this rate a pair of rats, breeding uninterruptedly and without deaths, would at the end of three years (18 generations) be increased to 359,709,482 individuals.

For centuries the world has been fighting rats without organization and at the same time has been feeding them and building for them fortresses for concealment. If we are to fight them on equal terms we must deny them food and hiding places. We must organize and unite to rid communities of these pests. The time to begin is now.

Granaries, corncribs, and poultry houses may be made rat-proof by a liberal use of cement in the foundations and floors; or the floors may be of wood resting upon concrete. It has been found that in poultry houses, dry soil or sand may be used as a covering for the cement floor, and in stables a wooden floor resting on concrete is just as satisfactory so far as the exclusion of rats is concerned.

The common practice of setting corncribs on posts with inverted pans at the top often fails to exclude rats, because the posts are not high enough to place the lower cracks of the structure beyond reach of the animals. As rats are excellent jumpers, the posts should be tall enough to prevent the animals from obtaining a foothold at any place within three feet of the ground. A crib built in this way, however, is not very satisfactory.

For a rat-proof crib a well-drained site should be chosen. The outer walls, laid in cement, should be sunk about 20 inches into the ground. The space within the walls should be grouted thoroughly with cement and broken stone and finished with rich concrete for a floor. Upon this the structure may be built. Even the walls of the crib may be of concrete. Corn will not mold in contact with them, provided there is good ventilation and the roof is water-tight.

However, there are cheaper ways of excluding rats from either new or old corncribs. Rats, mice, and sparrows may be kept out effectually by the use of either an inner or an outer covering of galvanized-wire netting of half-inch mesh and heavy enough to resist the teeth of the rats. The netting in common use in screening cellar windows is suitable for covering or lining cribs. As rats can climb the netting, the entire structure must be screened, or, if sparrows are not to be excluded, the wire netting may be carried up about three feet from the ground, and above this a belt of sheet metal about a foot in width may be tacked to the outside of the building.

Owing to their cunning, it is not always easy to clear rats from premises by trapping; if food is abundant, it is impossible. A few adults refuse to enter the most innocent-looking trap. And yet trapping, if persistently followed, is one of the most effective ways of destroying the animals.

For general use the improved modern traps with a wire fall released by a baited trigger and driven by a coiled spring have marked advantages over the old forms, and many of them may be used at the same time. These traps, sometimes called "guillotine" traps, are of many designs, but the more simply constructed are preferable. Probably those made entirely of metal are the best, as they are more durable. Traps with tin or sheet-metal bases are not recommended.

A small section of an ear of corn is an excellent bait if other grain is not present. Other excellent baits for rats and mice are oatmeal, toasted cheese, toasted bread (buttered), fish, fish offal, fresh liver, raw meat, pine nuts, apples, carrots, and corn, and sunflower, squash, or pumpkin seeds. Broken fresh eggs are good bait at all seasons, and ripe tomatoes, green cucumbers, and other fresh vegetables are very tempting to the animals in winter. When seed, grain, or meal is used with a guillotine trap, it is put on the trigger plate, or the trigger wire may be bent outward and the bait placed directly under it.

Among the principal poisons that have been recommended for killing rats and mice are barium carbonate, strychnin, arsenic, phosphorus, and squills.

Poison for rats should never be placed in open or unsheltered places. This applies particularly to strychnin or arsenic on meat. Packages containing poisons should always bear a warning label and should not be kept where children might reach them.—Condensed from U. S. Farmers' Bulletin No. 896.

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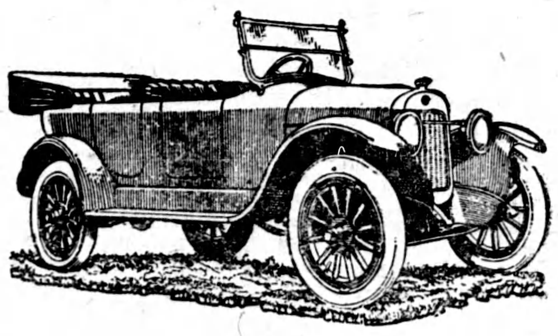

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