done, I have decided to be d."

en the sound or approaching heard, and our men appeared ge of the forest. We joined and, not wishing to punish urther, proceeded on our way. as near as I care to come to oned, although I was in more being speared than of losing rough poison."

**Games for Play.**

tunt for an evening in the family orchestra.

ne person to serve as con- t everybody else sit around rcle, each one having agreed a certain instrument which sen for his own—one a flute, iolin, another a drum, etc. uctor raps with his baton umbrella), and as he raises start let every performer e first note of his imitation

measure or two of some iection, like "Lohengrin," n in this way all together. conductor can call on this at one to give a solo part, a fine upon him if he gig- ka down.

eat fun for a party.

**How He Knows.**

he know where to dig his

cker there, on the elm tree

he know what kind of a

or to burrow, is best for

e know where the young w, I'd like to know?" he just gives a tap or two, s, as any bright boy might

l ripe melons and garden

ame way—it's easy enough.

**erful Generosity.**

of money was bad, with- Tony turned to the lit- whom he had just sold a and who was waiting for

," said he, "the money

nswered, good-naturedly, ou can keep all of the

**ist Wanted It.**

d let Dorothy go into t all alone. She couldn't thing else; she so she or- After waiting a long ers came and asked ants, how would you like steak?"

, indeed," said Dorothy,

**Peeled Off.**

ector had been explaining aughter about skeletons. ll me what a skel- said he when through. ent to remember all she was hard work. said the boy, "is a man nades outside, and his

**Dancing Cross.**

cross out of fine tissue a needle through its cen- force the point of the top of a cork. llowed palm of your hand the cross. It will soon in to turn round upon the

E THICK IS DONE.

ntal sleeping. Spasms, en muscles and various d hysterical symptoms are ncountered in such men. to be so mentioned thers barbers, gold beaters, ja- sawyers, drum players, and all other workers ted compels them to use group of muscles to ex- ansition which seizes the ches of singers, spell- ers, preachers, and others ament. It is painful, no ptoms, but the general reason to complain of

andle hides, wool or cat- s infected with disease lower animals. One ly a malady common ed woolens, animals, and among sheep and hoof

ed, normally, a human ed who come in contact suffering from it some and the result is almost

ix, men who handle ke other diseases, s and "dig jaw." The sed by a minute organism s mailed. If somewhat ercle acillus, but is easily killed.

**TH AT MEALS.**

**s Derived From Jokes at the Table.**

s: "Don't allow a meal t a joke between each This will enhance the to a great degree. Din- along something like of soup. Screams of laughter, and bread- ng the air. Mouthfuls of hands domestic humorist

w Why a duck goes into ng silence and more ex- Domestic humorist an- f as follows: "For divers e bread, vegetables, and eling. "Why does he o answer, and no sound old joke under the table knuckles. "For sun-dry xplains the ready and oking casually at a mem- is cuff. "More dinner, and es he go in again?"

be heard by the low thinker perhaps, as he reat problem. "To liquf- l." Yells of laughter, delight, and astonishing tion promoted by mirth. es he again come out? and mastication, then the says: "To make a little nk," and amid a general st buttons and mirth the nd tonic humorist and goes on.

e dinner-parties one of ll wire for a caterer on day to inquire what will per-plate at his place, in- zer, dinner, wine, fruit, r-bowls, cigars, tooth gienic humorist.


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## ALCOHOL AND WORK.

**Sir V. Horsley Shows How Use of Stimulants Hampers Work.**

The workmen who uses alcohol, even in moderate [illegible] is not, according to a series of experiments quoted in "Alcohol and the Human Body," by Sir Victor Horsley and Dr. Mary D. [illegible] as valuable to his employer as [illegible] workmanship who uses none. Figures show the amount of work done [illegible] by compositors who worked one day taking alcohol in [illegible] and the next day taking none. On the non-alcoholic days the work was better and more quickly [illegible] In every case the men on [illegible] alcoholic stimulants [illegible] working more [illegible]

[illegible] physical labor can be [illegible] was demonstrated [illegible] of soldiers, one [illegible] stimulants and [illegible] well for ex- [illegible] that they would [illegible] as much as possible. [illegible] in the work [illegible] first two hours, but [illegible] for work flagged, [illegible] the day the non-al- [illegible] in work done [illegible] extra pay.

## STANDARD BANK STATEMENT.

**Shows Increase in Total Assets for the Year of $2,881,529.**

The statement presented to the thirty- [illegible] meeting of the shareholders of the Standard Bank of Canada was a most satisfactory one. During the past year the capital has been increased by $300,000, making it $1,540,000. The reserve fund now stands at $1,640,000 and [illegible] for the year of $56,142, the premium on new stock, the balance carried forward on the profit and loss account being $105,529. An increase for the year of $3,738. The deposits have increased $556,942 during the year and dis- [illegible] an increase of $1,[illegible] which now stand [illegible] greater than last year by $8,[illegible]. Quick assets, cash, [illegible] at call, legal tender, now [illegible] $8,119,739. The percentage [illegible] was 17.82 per cent., [illegible] 12 per cent. was paid to share- [illegible] $1,000 was written off bank [illegible], and the balance carried for- [illegible] profit and loss account. Mr. W. F. Cowan and Mr. Frederick Wyld [illegible] president and vice-president respectively.

As long ago as 1710 handkerchiefs were made in which were printed the roads of England, with distances of the principal towns from London.


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An Eastern [illegible] headache.—Bilious- [illegible] by excessive bile [illegible] a marked effect up- [illegible] often manifests it- [illegible] This is the [illegible] headache one can [illegible] from cold, [illegible] or other causes, but [illegible] of all is the bil- [illegible] Vegetable [illegible] it almost imme- [illegible] as soon as the [illegible] nothing surer [illegible] headache.

Of [illegible] tons of shipping [illegible] British Empire, the United Kingdom [illegible] tons, Canada [illegible] of the remainder.


There is no more obstinate skin trouble than Salt Rheum. It sometimes lingers for years, but Weaver's Ointe makes short work of it. Also take Weaver's Syrup to insure permanent cure.


[illegible] that three of the [illegible] to revolutionize the world [illegible] had health. These were St. [illegible] Caesar, and Marat, [illegible] of the French Revolution.

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"I'm satisfied," said the angry tailor, "that you intend to cheat me out of my money." "All right," chuckled the happy debtor. "If you're satisfied, I am."

The town council of a small German community met to inspect a new site for a hall. They assembled at a chapel, and as it was a warm day a member suggested that they leave their coats there. "Someone can stay behind and watch them," suggested another. "What for?" demanded a third. "If we are all going out together, what need is there of anyone to watch the clothes?"


**A New Orleans woman was thin.**

**Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food.**

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**Result:**

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## ON THE PEACOCK THRONE

**FAT LITTLE MAN WHO IS THE "SHADOW OF GOD ON EARTH."**

**Speaks No European Language and Is In No Sense an Educated Man.**

A new Shah-in-Shah (King of Kings) is seated on the wonderful peacock throne of Persia. He is a fat little man, hardly matching his imposing titles, one of which is, "the Shadow of God on Earth." He is now about 33.

It is a point in his favor that he is fond of hunting and that when he was Crown Prince at Tabriz he frequently went after bears in the mountains. In the gardens of his palace he could be seen practicing marksmanship on small birds or shooting at apples and pears on the palace roof with his courtiers.

In the matter of wives he has been extremely abstemious considering the standard set by his ancestors and the matrimonial prodigality sanctioned by his faith. When I was at Tabriz, says a writer in the Ladies' Realm, he had only half a dozen.

But wives are a costly luxury, and perhaps the fact that he was in a chronic state of impecuniosity may have accounted for his harem being so scantily stocked. He was often in sore straits to raise money. His favorite method was to promise titles, to be conferred when he ascended the throne, for so much cash down.

He has never been outside of Persia. He speaks no European language and of education in the European sense he has had none. It is unfortunate for him that his lot was cast so long in an inferior province and that he was so much under the influence of the priesthood.

The priests are the bane of Persia, but those of Azerbaidjan are the worst of the lot. They are fanatical followers of Islam, narrow minded and bigoted and opposed to everything in the nature of modern reforms which of necessity would

DIMINISH THEIR POWERS.

The inspiring monotheism of Zoroaster, the ancient religion of Persia, survives now in its purity only among those Persian emigrants, the Parsees, who largely control the finances of Bombay.

The new Shah is the eldest son of his father, but there is no law in Persia which vests the succession in the eldest son. The Shah may nominate whom he pleases among his children to succeed him. The second son of the late Shah is apparently a much abler man than his elder brother. He is really a clever young fellow, is well educated and probably would be an able sovereign.

But the fact that he has a slave mother, while Mahommed Ali Mizra's was a Princess of the Kadjar tribe constituted an obstacle to his succession, though by no means an insurmountable one. Odd as it may seem, the proof that he has given that he is a man of vigor and ability would count against him rather than in his favor.

Heirs to the throne in Persia have a disagreeable way of seeking to obtain possession of the crown before it descends to them in the natural course of events by starting a revolt, or in some other way geting rid of their fathers. The more capable and ambitious the heir the more apt he is to anticipate the decease of his sire.

If the truth were known it would probably be found, too, that Russian influence, which was predominant at the time, had not a little to do with the selection of Mohammed Ali Mizra as the Shah's successor. It is Russian policy to stimulate the rotting process in Persia—to accelerate national decay and disintegration in order that a plausible pretext may be provided for stepping in and taking possession of the land, or at least a big slice of it. And this sort of game can be better played when there is a puppet on the throne than when there is a strong man seated on it.

At Tabriz, which is in the north of Persia and near to the Russian frontier, Russian influence had free play with the new Shah, and the Cossacks have afforded him many object lessons of

MIGHT AND POWER.

But the defeat of the Colossus of the North by Japan has greatly impaired her prestige in Persia. Her impoverishment by the war has damaged it still worse. The Oriental is always on the side that pays best, and as Russia no longer pays her influence in Persia is waning.

If the new Shah possesses the characteristics of a capable ruler he has hitherto most carefully concealed them. But whether he turns out a puppet or develops unexpected ability will really make very little difference in the destiny of Persia.

Though nominally an autocrat, the Shah can ordinarily accomplish very little. Even if he did combine intellect, will and energy he would rouse such a swarm of enemies that he would probably be assassinated before he could effect many reforms.

The priests, or mullahs, exercise vastly greater power than the Throne does. The administration of justice in in their hands, but it has degenerated into a mere matter of bribery. The head of the church wields for greater power than the Shah does, and as he lives on Turkish territory the Shah cannot get hold of him.

A good deal has been said of the reforms to be accomplished by the Persian Duma, but there is small chance that much good can come of it so long as it is in the hands of the mullahs.

In spite of the fact that missionaries have great freedom in Persia there is scant prospect of the spread of Christianity. The missionaries are tolerated only on condition that they let the Mussulmans alone and confine their proselyting to the Armenians and Nestorians, who don't count for much.

THE CAREER OF THE LATE SHAH

showed how far his supposed despotic power fell short of being the real thing. He hated his father's Grand Vizier, who was in office when he succeeded to the throne, but he dared not depose him immediately. After tolerating him for some time he ventured to ask for his insignia, which signified that he was dismissed.

The dismissal of a Grand Vizier in Persia is usually accompanied by an invitation to take a drink. The drink contains poison. This the deposed Prime Minister is expected to swallow and gracefully retire to another world, where he can no longer cause any embarrassment to his royal master.

But the Grand Vizier had no desire to exchange the solid joys of earth for the shadowy delights of Paradise. Protected by the Russian Legation and aided by its Cossacks he fled to Kum several miles from Teheran, where he possessed an estate, and there he remained for two years, practically defying the Shah. Owing largely to his influence the Grand Vizier who succeeded him could accomplish nothing, and the Shah had to endure the humiliation of recalling him.

The personal favorite of the Shah was Hakim el Moulk, who had been his physician and whom he made Minister of the Court. The restored Grand Vizier, regarding him as a rival, succeeded in getting him exiled from Teheran.

One day Hakim el Moulk received the golden cup, a vessel which the Shah is accustomed to send to those of his friends or enemies whom he desires to get off the earth. Imagining that it had come from the Shah, Hakim obediently swallowed the fatal draught.

The Shah had not sent it and he was furious over the loss of his friend. The evidence indicated pretty clearly that it was the Grand Vizier who had thus usurped the royal prerogative; but again he was able to make good his escape, and this time, having in the interval well feathered his own nest, he fled to Europe, where he can calmly disregard golden cups and need not fear assasins' daggers. This happened three years ago, and he still lives in Europe.

THE PRESENT GRAND VIZIER

was in the Cabinet of the late Shah and has shown such ability in trimming his sails that he will probably be able to hold his office under the new Shah, as will most of the members of the Cabinet.

There are some able men among them, notably the Minister of Finance, who was educated at Oxford and speaks English fluently. But he is a Persian, and when a Persian takes office, whatever his training, his first consideration is usually his own purse.

That is generally a Shah's failing, too, as has been well exemplified in the late Shah's reign. He used up a big share of a Russian loan on his own household expenses and to defray the cost of his European tours.

His extravagance has sadly depleted the great horde of jewels and other treasures which were stored in the palace when he became the King of Kings. The new Shah will have no such means of raising the wind. The peacock throne, which is literally studded with precious stones and is estimated to be worth several millions of pounds, would suffice to keep him going for many years, but even a Shah would not dare to loot this most prized of the royal heirlooms of Persia.

## UNUSUAL FINANCIAL STRENGTH.

The annual report of the Merchants Bank of Canada was made public at the forty-third yearly meeting, held at the head offices of the Bank in Montreal on Wednesday the 19th of June.

The unusual position of strength and the splendid progress of this banking institution affords a lesson in careful management, which some of the newer banks might well follow. This results naturally, of course, from the Merchants Bank being fortunate enough to have on its Board of Directors and among its Officers many names of prominence in Canadian financial circles.

Those who have funds of their own or trust funds to deposit would do well to look carefully into the personnel of a banks directorate, and weigh their reputations when deciding where to place their money. The character of the Board and Officers of a bank has, of course, everything to do with its progress and safety for the depositor.

As a result of traditionally careful management the combined reserve fund and paid-up capital stock of the Merchants Bank has this year reached the splendid total of $10,000,000. The business of the bank for the year ending May 31st, 1907, shows an increase in net profits to the extent of over $200,000. They have reached this year the enormous amount of almost one million dollars (to be exact $961,660.08), which was disposed of in dividends to the extent of $480,000, and $400,000 was added to the reserve fund. The bank has gained in the year over $3,000,000 in deposits.

A careful inspection of these figures only serves to emphasize the real progress made by the Merchants Bank. M. E. F. Hebden has now had two years to show his ability, and no one will quarrel with the results as they appear.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

A good story comes from China which would seem to point to the fact that John Chinaman has assimilated some Western ideas on the virtues of the art of medicine.

"John," this particular specimen was asked, "do you have good doctors in China?"

"Good doctors!" he exclaimed. "China have best doctors in wo'ld."

"Hang Chan, over there, for instance. Do you call him a good doctor?"

"Hang Chan good doctor!" he exclaimed. "He great. He save my life once!"

"You don't say so? How was that?"

"Me velly bad!" he said confidentially. "Me callee Doctor Han Kou. Givee some medicine. Get velly, velly ill! Me callee Doctor San Sing. Givee more medicine. Me grow worse—going to die! Blimebly callee Doctor Hang Chan. He not got time; no come. He saved my life!"


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## WORLD IN THE MAKING

**MATTER FOR MORE OR LESS ASTRONOMICAL SPECULATION.**

**Curious Stars Which Illustrate the Methods of the Celestial Workshop.**

Of recent years the observations of astronomers have revealed the existence of a small number of curiously shaped stars. These strange planets are not round like the earth, sun and moon, but more closely resemble a pear or an egg in form. Ten such stars are now known to exist, five in the northern and five in the southern hemisphere.

This may seem a very meagre result to those who are unacquainted with the difficulties that attend the search for such stars. But to those who do know and understand the difficulties the discoveries already made would seem to indicate that there are many more of these pear-shaped stars in the universe than astronomers have yet been able to observe.

The ten stars already discovered, though grouped together under the general title of pear-shaped, represent all degrees of oblateness. Among the most marked of these strange planets are stars as elongated as a torpedo or a modern cigar-shaped balloon, while others are orbs

NEARLY SPHERICAL IN FORM.

Although these strangely-shaped lights of the sky are called stars, they are in reality systems, or, more accurately speaking, twin stars. In the case of two of the ten already discovered the component stars are so near one another that they touch, and at the point of contact they merge into each other. It is very difficult, therefore, to say precisely what is the shape of these figure-of-eight stars. Such a system must be in a state of the most unstable equilibrium, and sooner or later the centrifugal force will prove too great for the slender, overchanging nexus that binds these Siamese twins of the sky together. Then the connecting link will be broken, and two new worlds will be borne. When this takes place there will be for both stars a period of stupendous unrest. From centre to circumference the vast bodies will oscillate in great swelling pulsations, until finally the more powerful of the two gains complete control of the other. Then the lesser of the two will become the satellite of the greater, and will revolve around it, as the moon circles about the earth.

It is the belief of many of the leading astronomers of to-day that the earth and moon were once joined together in this

SIAMESE TWIN FASHION.

There are even those who point to the very spot where one satellite broke away from its mother earth. They insist that over the vast spaces of the globe where the Pacific Ocean now rolls in long silver water-breaks the moon gathered to itself a separate existence. Nay, they even tell us that beneath the surface of this spacious stretch of sea, fully three thousand fathoms deep, may still be found the scars which mark the place where a world was born. But the truth of this cannot be verified until the seas run dry.

When was this wonderful birthday? In the beginning of created things is about the only answer that anyone has attempted to give. But if a more positive answer is required, it may be stated that the South African astronomer, Alexander Roberts, has assured, yet with some hesitation, and with no small uncertainty, that at the very least one hundred million years measure the moon's age as a separate world. It was once so near the earth, even after its individual life began, that it modeled its mountains and seas; but as the years came and departed it drifted farther and farther away, till at last a heave of the ocean, a rising and falling of tides, is all the greeting the earth has to give to its eldest born.

A PEAR-SHAPED STAR

is a world in the formative period; a round globe is the finished product of many evolutions. The substance of these strangely-shaped stars is as diaphanous as a summer cloud; in the space of a few hours their huge bulk, sometimes as much as three hundred million miles in diameter, contracts and expands through a range of over a million miles. Storm and strain are the spirits that brood over their vast, tumultous, shoreless wastes; there is the ceaseless clash of storms, and the surge of sorely tossed, titanic waves. Majestic in their stupendous movements, their importance, their human attractiveness and interest lies in their potentiality. They are the worlds of ages separated from the present day by uncomfortable centuries of time. Our own little planet may then be, like the moon, a burnt-out cinder, a dead world, a desolate land of fierce extremes of heat and cold.

## CORPSE SCARES BURGLARS.

**Experience of Two Apprentices in Crime in a Paris Apartment.**

Two young burglars in Paris had a ghastly experience lately and a narrow escape from being held for a crime that they did not commit. They were both new to the housebreaking game. They were lads of 19 to 20 years, butchers' apprentices out of work and penniless and with associations in the Apache gangs now terrorizing Paris, which led them to turn naturally to crime as a means of getting on their feet.

They chose as the scene of their first trial the apartment of a well-to-do engineer named Danclos, who lived all alone in a house on the Rue Myrha. They made their way into the house at night after the lights had been put out, but as they figured before the hour at which Danclos usually returned from his game of dominoes at the cafe. They got into the apartment by a skeleton key and shut the door noiselessly behind them. Then while one of them prepared to strike a light the other groped his way a couple of feet forward in the anteroom of the apartment.

As he did so he jostled against something that gave way before him, then came back and hit him rather heavily, then backed away again. The young burglar gasped. He stretched out his hands and felt a man's clothing and then the legs of a man inside and a chilly hand, all swaying horribly to and fro as he touched them.

His cry made his companion strike a match in a hurry, and in its flickering light the pair saw Danglos hanging by a rope to the gas fixture. He was stone dead, but the couple said afterward that the hideously distorted face as they watched it in the light of the match seemed to be grinning at them as if to say: "Aha! I've caught you, have I?"

They dashed out of the room and down the stairs at headlong speed. The clatter they made aroused the concierge, and while they fumbled at the front door he scrambled into his trousers and boots and pursued them down the street. A couple of handy policemen headed them off and they were marched back to the house, where the door of Danglos's rooms were found open, plainly showing that they had been there.

As the body was still warm, the police took it into their heads that the couple had murdered him as a sequel to robbing his place. But the next day it was established that nothing had been stolen and also that Danglos had often threatened suicide because of his sufferings from an incurable disease. The chair which he had kicked from under him completed the story. So the two apprentices in crime will only have charges of attempted burglary to answer.

SO FATIGUING.

"So young Richly Kadd isn't to marry Goldie Stiles after all?"

"No; he got scared."

"Well, well! and I heard they had even gone so far as to rehearse for the wedding."

"Yes, that was the trouble. They had rehearsed five times, and Richley said the preparations for matrimony were such hard work he was afraid he couldn't stand the real thing at all."


**"SUN LIFE"**

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**Some Facts from the Report of 1906.**

1. Cash Income from Premiums, Interest, Rents, etc. ..... $ 6,212,615 02
   Increase over 1905 ..... 495,122 79
2. Assets as at 31st December, 1906 ..... 21,292,692 65
   Increase over 1905 ..... 2,983,307 83
3. Surplus earned during 1906 ..... 921,721 34
   Of which there was distributed to policyholders entitled to participate that year ..... 208,658 97
   And set aside to place reserves on all policies issued since December 31st, 1902, on the 3 per cent. basis ..... 207,763 51
   Surplus over all liabilities and Capital (according to the Hm. Table, with 3½ and 3 per cent. interest) ..... 1,225,247 45
4. Death Claims, Matured Endowments, Profits and other payments to Policyholders during 1906 ..... 1,980,855 52
5. Payments to Policyholders since organization ..... 35,099,223 87
6. Assurances issued and paid for in cash ..... 17,410,054 37
7. Life Assurances in force December 31st 1906 ..... 102,566,398 10


"Is he parsimonious?" "Well," was the guarded reply, "you might say that he carries his money in a purse that shuts a good deal easier than it opens."


There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.


Towne: "It's funny. Burroughs is for ever preaching to his friends about the necessity for saving their money." Browne: "Well?" Towne: "Well, he's the last fellow in the world who should preach that." Browne: "Not at all. The more his friends save the more he has the chance to borrow."

To Know is to Prevent.—If the miners who work in cold water most of the day would rub their feet and legs with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, they would escape muscular rheumatism and render their nether limbs proof against the ill effects of exposure to the cold. Those setting out for mining regions would do well to provide themselves with a supply before starting.

Hicks: "I suppose Dreamer is still pottering about at his inventions?" Wicks: "Well, he has actually perfected a great labor-saving scheme at last." Hicks: "Really!" Wicks: "Yes. He's going to marry Miss Millions!"


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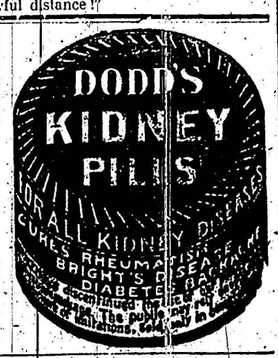
"Speaking of bad falls," remarked Jones, "I fell out of a window once, and the sensation was terrible. During my transit through the air I really believe I thought of every mean act I had ever committed in my life." "I'm!" growled Thompson. "You must have fallen an awful distance!"

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# The Standard Bank OF CANADA

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Bank was held at the Head Office on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock noon.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. W. F. Cowan, and Mr. George P. Schofield, General Manager, acted as Secretary to the meeting. The following Report was presented:

The Directors, in presenting to the Shareholders the thirty-second Annual Report of the Bank, have pleasure in calling attention to the satisfactory results for the year ending 31st May, 1907.

After making the usual provision for Rebate of Interest on unmatured Bills under discount, and Doubtful Debts, being 17.82 per cent. on the average, paid-up capital of the Bank for the year. To this has been added $356,142, the premium on new stock issued at 200, which, together with the balance of Profit and Loss account of $31,791.72 brought forward, makes up the sum of $639,551.92.

This amount has been appropriated as follows:

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|---|---|
| Quarterly Dividend No. 63, paid Sept. 1st, 1906, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum | $ 36,347 33 |
| Quarterly Dividend No. 64, paid 1st Dec., 1906, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum | 40,525 54 |
| Quarterly Dividend No. 65, paid 1st March, 1907, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum | 44,948 00 |
| Quarterly Dividend No. 66, payable 1st June, 1907, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum | 46,059 60 |
| Reduction of Bank Premises, etc. | 10,000 00 |
| Transferred to Rest Account from premium on new stock | 356,142 00 |
| Balance carried forward to Profit and Loss Account | 105,529 45 |
| | $639,551 92 |

During the year a second allotment of 32,500 to Shareholders of record was made at 100 per cent. premium out of the increased authorized capital.

General By-laws will be submitted for the sanction of the Shareholders, including one changing the date of the closing of the financial year from the 31st day of May to the 31st day of January; also By-law authorizing the Directors to establish an Officers' Pension Fund and contribute annually from the funds of the Bank in assisting this Fund.

Branches or Sub-branches of the Bank have been established during the year at Belleville, Bond Head, Cambray, Cobalt, Beaverton, Grafton, Lindsay, Ottawa, Price-ville, Strathroy, Toronto (corner Charles and Yonge Streets), and Woodville, making a total of forty-seven Branches, all in the Province of Ontario.

The Head Office and Branches of the Bank have been carefully inspected during the year, and the duties of the staff have been efficiently discharged.

Toronto, 31st May, 1907.

W. F. COWAN,
President.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance brought forward from 31st May, 1906 | $31,791 72 | Dividend No. 63, paid 1st Sept., 1906 | $ 36,347 33 |
| Profits for year ending 31st May, 1907, after deducting expenses, interest accrued on deposits, rebate of interest on unmatured bills, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts | 251,618 20 | Dividend No. 64, paid 1st Dec., 1906 | 40,525 54 |
| Premium on new stock | 356,142 00 | Dividend No. 65, paid 1st March, 1907 | 44,948 00 |
| | | Dividend No. 66, payable 1st June, 1907 | 46,059 60 |
| | | Written off bank premises, etc. | 10,000 00 |
| | | Transferred to Rest Account, premium on new stock | 356,142 00 |
| | | Balance on Profit and Loss Account carried forward | 105,529 45 |
| | $639,551 92 | | $639,551 92 |

**GENERAL STATEMENT.**

| LIABILITIES. | | | ASSETS. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Notes in circulation | | $ 1,093,436 00 | Gold and Silver Coin | $212,022 59 |
| Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date) | $2,786,577 50 | | Dominion Notes; legal tenders | 1,608,042 00 |
| Deposits not bearing interest | 1,890,089 75 | | Notes and Cheques of other banks | 652,154 76 |
| | | $14,676,667 25 | Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation | 50,000 00 |
| Dividends unpaid | | 267 25 | Due from other banks | |
| Dividend No. 66, payable 1st June, 1907 | | 46,059 60 | In Canada | 215,928 93 |
| Due to agents in Great Britain | | 1,174,984 | In United States | 128,393 39 |
| Due to other banks | | | Dominion Government and other first-class bonds | 2,369,953 15 |
| In Canada | 99,484 | | Loans on call on Government, municipal, and other first-class bonds and stocks | 883,654 52 |
| In United States | 201,676 | | Bills discounted and advances current | $6,119,739 14 |
| | | $17,292,577 | Notes and bills overdue (estimated loss provided for) | 14,237,926 86 |
| Capital | $1,540,420 00 | | Bank premises, etc. | 27,920 62 |
| Reserve Fund | 1,640,420 00 | | Real estate other than bank premises | 218,683 13 |
| Rebate of interest on bills discounted | 47,693 73 | | Other assets not included under the foregoing | 10,000 00 |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward | 105,529 45 | | | 12,371 12 |
| | | 3,334,063 | | $20,626,640 07 |
| | | $20,626,640 | | |

The President, in presenting the Report and Statements, called attention to their satisfactory nature, and on motion they were adopted.

The usual motions were then passed, and the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.: W. F. Cowan, Frederick Wyld, W. F. Allen, W. R. Johnston, Wellington Francis, F. Cowan, and H. Langlois.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board W. F. Cowan was re-elected President and Frederick Wyld Vice-President.

GEO. P. SCHOFIELD,
General Manager.

Toronto, 19th June, 1907.


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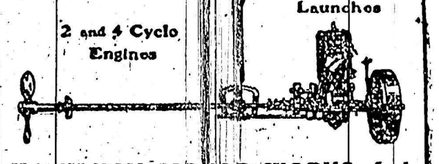

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In an Irish court recently an old man was called into the witness-box, but being infirm and just a little blind he went too far in more than one sense. Instead of going up the stairs that led to the box, he mounted those that led to the Bench. Said the judge, good humoredly:—"Is it a judge you want to be, my good man?" "Ah, sure, your honor," was the reply. "I'm an old man now, and mebbe it's all I'm fit for." The judge had no ready reply.

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