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Acton, Ontario. A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

MONEY LOANED ON APPROVED NOTES. Notes Discounted and Interest allowed on Deposits.

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Canned Fish and Fruits,

Lemons, Oranges, Grapes,

CONFECTIONERY,

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The largest assortment of plain and fancy Biscuits in town, and from the best manufacturers.

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Oysters served in any style during the season, or will be supplied by the can, quart or gallon.

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THE DIFFERENCE.

There was an old lady all dressed in silk, Who lived upon lemons and buttermilk; And, thinking this world was a sour old place, She carried its acid all over her face. Another old lady, all dressed in patches, Lived upon nothing but locifer matches; So the world, it made her strange and odd, As soon as you rubbed her you set her off.

OUR STORY.

THE CASHIER'S CONFESSION

BY HIMSELF.

I had been Wild & Warren's cashier for some years, and I trusted that they had complete confidence in me, when one day I broke a promise I had made to my mother, and went on what they called a "spree," with some young men from our town. It was my very first, and I came home with a burning head and parched tongue, and was sick all day, though I was at my place in the office. My mother had sent me fifty dollars as a present in one large bill. She had had a little legacy, and wanted to share it with me. I was going out with my friends the next night, and I wanted some money, and as I had a good deal of money in the safe in small bills, I changed my fifty, putting it into a large envelope, so that it might be kept apart from the small bills. I marked fifty dollars, too, in a way to show how the wind blew, and was very careful. When I went away, it was to take supper with the boys, and go off again on what they told me was a very glorious night indeed. I woke in a station-house, without money enough in my pocket to pay the fare required, for I had been charged with being drunk and disorderly. I was sent to prison for ten days, in consequence.

By this time my friends—who had got off better than I—were gone home. Some of them had tried to help me; and the money I had lost or squandered in one night was all I should have until next payday. When they let me out I felt as though I had been in purgatory, but not, indeed, as though I was "prepared for a better life." I was degraded and ashamed, and my only hope was that Wild & Warren did not know of the affair.

I saw they did, however, as soon as I got into the store. The clerks looked at me in a way to show how the wind blew, and there was a strange face at my desk. From beside the register, where he was warming himself, and keeping a bright lookout on everything, as usual, stepped Mr. Wild, his eye looking as hard as some blue stone.

"Mr. Smith," he said, "will you step into our office? We'd like a little talk with you."

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"Mr. Warren," I began, "I have been wrong, I know; but I was unaccustomed to liquor, and—"

"It is not exactly about your having been intoxicated that we wish to speak," answered Mr. Wild, though I had not spoken to him.

Mr. Warren made no reply at all.

"It is," continued Mr. Wild, more coldly than ever, "about the money. Fifty dollars have disappeared from the safe, and—"

I interrupted him.

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Graph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders was held at the office of the Society, on Wednesday, the 20th February, at 8 o'clock p.m., the President, Mr. D. Sturges, in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. A. B. Pettit, R. Malin, John M. Bond, R. Forbes, J. B. Armstrong, James P. Finlay, John Phin, James Phin, A. J. Brewster, Hespeler, Andrew Burns, Bookwood, T. A. Keating, M.D., Geo. Hadden, R. Burrows, J. A. Davidson, T. J. Day, G. A. Somerville, Wm. Hunter, H. Munton, S. Myers, Jas. Forrest, Geo. Hirst, Jas. Kilgour, J. W. Kilgour, M. C. Schofield, Chas. McMillan, Erin; etc., etc.

The following report and financial statements were read by the Secretary, Mr. G. A. Somerville:—

REPORT. The Directors beg to submit their eighth annual report to the Shareholders for the year ending 31st December, 1883.

The profits for the year, after deducting all costs of management, interest on deposits and debentures, &c., are \$25,965.18, which have been disposed of as follows:— Dividend No. 14, paid July, 1883. \$9,235.64 Dividend No. 15, payable 2nd January, 1884. 9,412.32 Carried to Reserve Fund. 1,717.22

\$25,965.18

This result must be highly satisfactory to the Shareholders.

The Rest now amounts to the very handsome sum of \$25,965.18, and the Company have no property on their hands.

Notwithstanding the partial failure of the crop last year, and the consequent depression in trade, the interest on loans has been well met, and the debenture and deposit branch of our business largely increased.

In consequence of the increase in business, it was found necessary to remove to more commodious premises, which have been fitted up in such a manner as will meet all the requirements of the company for many years.

The Manager and his assistants continue to perform their duties to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted. D. Sturges, President.

Financial Statement. CASH ACCOUNT. RECEIVED. Balance 1st January, 1883. \$ 25,827.59 Repayments on Loans. 106,725.10 Interest on Arrears. 1,676.51 Savings Bank Deposits. 444,987.15 Permanent Stock. 11,850.00 Accumulating & Special Stock. 5,924.97 General Interest. 1,210.10 Debentures. 131,123.26

\$717,891.58

PAID. Loans on Mortgage. \$151,298.86 Savings Bank Withdrawals. 429,868.97 Interest on Savings Bank Deposits. 11,022.05 Dividends Nos. 13 and 14. 18,830.32 Reserve Account. 4,663.19 Accumulating & Special Stock capitalized. 11,850.00 Valuator's Fees & Commission. 619.58 General Interest. 48.11 Debentures. 66,634.58 Interest on Debentures. 8,896.91 Cash Balance. 15,178.10

\$717,891.58

PROFIT AND LOSS. Dividends Nos. 14 and 15. \$18,772.86 Interest on Deposits. 11,022.05 Interest on Debentures. 8,896.91 Valuator's Fees & Commission. 619.58 Cost of Management and fitting up and furnishing New Office. 4,695.16 Added to Reserve Fund. 7,127.22

\$48,123.75

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. The assets are as follows:— Loans. \$723,297.55 Cash. 15,773.10

\$739,070.65

The liabilities are as follows:— Savings Bank Deposits & Interest. \$247,186.00 Debentures. 186,607.79

\$433,793.79

Surplus Assets. \$304,276.86

The surplus Assets are composed of:— Permanent Stock. \$361,440.00