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SECOND SECTION

MISS MACHAR'S ABLE ADDRESS

Delivered Before the Local Council of Women's Annual Meeting.

TOLD OF THE WORK DONE

BY THE COUNCIL FOR PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

The Retiring President Declared That the Council's Chief Strength Must be in the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.

The following address was given at the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women on February 23rd by the retiring president, Miss A. M. Machar:

Little of the past record of the Kingston Council of Women, a brief retrospect of the work done during the last quarter of a century should be useful and stimulating for the future.

The annual meeting of to-day is the twenty-fourth annual meeting of our Council, the first having been held in 1895, a year after its foundation, which took place in this hall on the twenty-fifth of April, 1894, under the auspices of our advisory president, the Countess of Aberdeen, and of the late Principal Grant.

THE Standard Bank of Canada

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Standard Bank of Canada was held at the Head Office of the Bank, 15 King Street West, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 27th February, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

A large number of shareholders were present. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. W. F. Cowan, and Mr. E. A. Bog, Chief Inspector, acted as Secretary for the meeting and read the following report:

The Directors beg to present to the shareholders the 43rd Annual Report and Statement of the affairs of the Bank for the year ending the 31st of January, 1918.

The Net Profits, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, rebate of interest on unmatured bills under discount, exchange, cost of management, etc., amount to \$649,546.44. This amount, together with the balance forward from last year and \$120,947.86 for premium on new stock issued, makes the sum of \$923,187.93.

This has been appropriated as follows: Four quarterly dividends at the rate of 13% per annum, \$442,782.77; Contributed to Officers' Pension Fund, 20,000.00; Contributed to Patriotic Funds, 31,250.00; War Tax on Bank Note Circulation to 31st of December, 1917, 33,891.48; Transferred to Reserve Fund from Premium on New Stock, 120,947.86; Reserved for estimated depreciation on securities, 100,000.00; Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward, 175,215.83.

Your Directors deeply regret to record the sudden death, in March last, of our late general manager, Mr. George P. Schofield, who entered the service of the Bank as a junior clerk in 1883; becoming general manager in 1905, and a director in 1912, under whose management the Bank made marked progress. Your Directors appointed as his successor, Mr. Charles H. Easson, formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

We also regret having to record the death of Mr. T. H. McMillan, who became a director of this Bank in 1909, when the Western Bank of Canada, of which he had been general manager, was amalgamated with this Bank. The vacancies in the Board have been filled by the appointment of Mr. T. B. Greening and Mr. James Hardy, F.C.A.

During the year, Branches and Sub-Branches of the Bank have been opened at Lethbridge, Alta.; Orion, Alta.; Richlea, Sask. (sub. to Eston); and Westerham, Sask. (sub. to Estuary). The Sub-Branch at Cherry Valley and the Branch at Schumacher, Ontario, were closed.

The usual inspection of the Head Office and Branches has been made, and the duties of the staff have been faithfully and efficiently discharged. The regular audit of the Bank's affairs has also been made by Mr. G. T. Clarkson, F.C.A., whose report is appended herewith. Mr. Clarkson's name will be again submitted at the Annual Meeting for reappointment as Auditor for the ensuing year.

W. F. COWAN, President.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Deposits bearing interest, Deposits not bearing interest, Dividend No. 109, Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere, etc.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Current coin held by the Bank, Dominion Notes held, Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves, Notes of other Banks, etc.

W. F. COWAN, President.

C. H. EASSON, General Manager.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS. I have compared the books and accounts at the chief office of the Standard Bank of Canada, and the certified returns received from its branches, the principal branches on January 31st, 1918, and in my opinion such Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Bank during the year, and found to be in accord with the books at the chief office.

The President referred to the satisfactory progress made during the year, and the Vice-President, Mr. Wellington Francis, K.C., and the General Manager, Mr. C. H. Easson, also addressed the meeting. The usual motions were passed and the following Directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. F. Cowan, W. Francis, K.C., H. Langlois, W. E. Allen, F. W. Cowan, T. H. Wood, T. B. Greening and James Hardy, F.C.A.

C. H. EASSON, General Manager.

healthy life and usefulness of any local council.

Growth of the Council.

Our Council at first included only twelve federated societies, most of them long established, and numbering many of the leading social workers of the city; societies which have faithfully stood by it during the intervening years. Under our devoted president we all worked together in hearty fellowship and harmony.

The youthful Kingston Council did not "mark time" but once took up important work. During its very first year it united with other Local Councils in urging the introduction of manual training into the public schools, and it was not long before it succeeded in getting at least the useful feminine art of plain sewing taught in our city schools, though it required the aid of an address before the City Council by the late Mrs. Hoodless, to secure the addition of domestic science, of which she was so untrusting an advocate.

The Council's Early Activities.

In some matters of wider scope, also, our Council took an early and active part. One of these was the subject of unduly long hours during which women operatives were obliged to work in many factories. Through the representations that were made as to the actual conditions existing and the information secured by the appointment of a standing committee, a resolution in favor of shorter hours was passed by the National Council, and its continued efforts eventually brought about the much improved conditions now prevailing.

Another important subject was brought to notice from Kingston in these first years. An alarming number of demoralising books, magazines and picture cards were finding their way into Canada, mainly from the United States. Warned by teachers and others that these were found even in the public schools, I had the honor of personally bringing this serious menace before the National Council, and of being appointed the first national convener of a standing committee which, to a great extent accomplished its object. Our Council also co-operated with the rest of the National Council in petitioning for amended legislation in the protection of women and children. In the best interests of the community, in support of the efforts of the Victoria League Council towards the reduction of the opium traffic in British Columbia. I think this list of work during the first two years of our Council's life will show that we were by no means "slack-tongued" in pronouncing our aim and basis of our Council, declared by its Constitution as "the application of the golden rule to law, custom and society."

A still wider early effort, most successfully carried on, was a campaign for the jubilee commemoration of the sixtieth year of the reign of our good Queen Victoria, by the establishment in 1894 of the Victorian Order of Nurses. This beneficial undertaking, suggested by Lady Aberdeen, then president of our National Council, met with not a little opposition at first, arising chiefly from misapprehensions and prejudice. But "nothing succeeds like success; and the Victorian Order during its twenty years of existence has amply justified the wisdom of its founders in the blessings it has brought to thousands of humble homes in colonial climes, as well as to the isolated dwellings of our western settlers. In Kingston, during its first years, it was so closely connected by its origin with our Local Council as to be considered one of our standing committees; but as time passed, it grew into a vigorous independent society, with its own annual meeting and its own committee. And I cannot forbear a passing tribute to the devoted and self-sacrificing labors of our first Victorian nurse, Miss Baker, still resident among us.

Social Activities.

During the two past decades the Kingston local council has continued to take its share in the many social activities for which the National Council has so faithfully stood, including, perhaps, nearly all the points at which the lives of women and children have needed improved conditions. A glance at the list of the thirty standing committees of the National Council will show the many-sidedness of the council's work. And here let me point out that the intention of the committee system clearly is that the conveners chosen by Local Councils should, if possible, have committees to convene, without which they can scarcely be much more than reporters of local conditions.

Our devoted first president faithfully filled her post for nineteen years, until, to the great regret of her associates in office, strong personal reasons obliged her to resign in 1913. We then unanimously

elected Mrs. Crowe, the wife of the then commandant of the R.M.C., whose term of office was unexpectedly cut short during that year by the sudden transfer of Col. Crowe to another sphere of duty. At the annual meeting of 1914—as most of you will remember—I was elected to succeed her. I have to thank this council for hearty sympathy and co-operation in the various important and truly patriotic objects that have attracted its attention during the last four years. Some of you here to-day will remember how, not dreaming of the great calamity that lay hidden in the near future, we planned to celebrate our twentieth Council birthday by taking an active part in the necessary period. Mary Jane Lyons, of Toronto, is low-citizens than the dilapidated and insanitary abodes in which some of them are still forced to find shelter. The interesting lecture of Mr. Adams, in this hall, increased our zeal and our hopes of progress. But the useful feminine art of plain sewing, with all its accompanying needs, dispersed our dreams and postponed our hopes for improvement or even more urgent issues. Patriotic old Kingston promptly rallied to its new call to the colors—as our Local Council responded to that of the National Executive. Within four days after Britain's declaration of war our Local Executive held an emergency meeting at the summons of the National President, to consider the project of the "hospital ship," and to send a telegram to the various organizations in an active and united campaign. Since then we all know how one kind of war work after another has kept all hands and brains busy—Red Cross work, patriotic work, hospital equipment, food conservation and production, even the great problem of the soldiers and our Allies, but of the world and humanity, from unpeppable catastrophes.

Great Changes Coming.

Great changes, we are warned on all hands, may be expected to come out of the melting-pot of the colossal war. Great openings for good may yet open before our National and our Local Councils; and though there are deep problems for us to solve, which few of us can pretend to understand; yet if we hold faithfully to our constitutional basis—the golden rule—inspired by the Divine law of love, we may follow a guiding "gleam" which may help to bring about a true world-peace and reunion, on new and happier conditions. The full rights of citizenship which we Canadian women have won and are soon to possess, in common with our British sisters, should supply new strength and responsibilities for our work. Let us endeavor to use these to the best possible effect, more and more do we need to remember that our chief strength must lie in the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," and to follow faithfully the article in our Constitution, barring the introduction of any sectional propaganda that might waste our efforts in controversy, if not in dissension.

It is often said that Canada hardly realizes the war and its responsibilities. Yet we are constantly commiserating with the heroic self-sacrifice of our overseas kinsmen, and finding ourselves freely for the good of their native land. And in the published letters of young soldiers of France who fell in the gallant repulse of the first German rush towards Paris, we might well feel our own patriotic emotions greatly quickened by finding in young student-soldiers of 18 or 19, expression of pure and noble patriotism as this. More and more in the face of all who have struggled and fallen—of the mighty France which has been made, my thoughts turn ceaselessly towards the France of to-morrow—to the divine France which is bound to be!—A consecrated France it must be in which there will be no purpose in life save duty! Men will live only in so far as they realize their duty and strive for the good of their fellow-men. Let us think what a force our National Council might become, if inspired and led by the spirit of these words!

We are plainly told that events in Europe are thickening fast; that terrible realities of a great crisis are near, and we know not what may lie before us. In such circumstances I should like to close these fragmentary remarks, with a sentence or two taken from a strong appeal to the women of America, from a leading woman-writer, at the entry of her nation into the purgatory of warfare on last Good Friday. After alluding to the far-reaching and momentous events with which our time is teeming, she refers to "the tidal waves sweeping on every shore of humanity." No one can say what is approaching. Times fraught with astounding possibilities are awful dangers! Yet no ideal or hope is too high for possible fruition. Each life may have some grave responsibility, some definite and solemn part to play—no matter what—in great responsibility. Along with the world we are going to need now all the highest faculties of the spirit of which human nature is capable. Who among us to-day can escape the solemn weighing in the balance? Will you not offer a heroic response to the trumpet call of the times? Will you not lift up your lives, purify your ideals, and open your hearts to the King of Glory may come in, for the refreshment, the re-creation, the salvation of all humanity? "My soul! wait thou in silence on God only, for my expectation is from Him. Trust in Him at all times; ye people! Pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us!"

Germany's peace terms to Rumania involves the King's abdication in favor of his brother, Prince William or the taking of a referendum in Rumania regarding his successor.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

The South Africa Assembly, by 78 to 22, granted leave of absence to General Smuts. Stefansson, the Canadian explorer now at Herschel Island, was reported to be seriously ill. Retail grocers must obtain licenses from the Food Board by the 1st of May. Some 22,000 are affected. No protests in connection with the Dominion elections have been entered within the necessary period. Mary Jane Lyons, of Toronto, is applying for divorce from her husband, J. Lyons, formerly of that city. Letters patent have been issued increasing the capital stock of the William Davies Company, Limited, from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Senator William Alden Smith, Michigan, a Republican leader in the Senate, will not be a candidate for re-election. The girls, clerks in the Trade and Commerce Department, Ottawa, went on strike and as a result forced an increase in salary of from \$50 to \$60 a month. Thomas J. Mooney must hang at San Francisco as a result of conviction on a murder charge growing out of a bomb explosion which killed ten persons in 1916, unless executive clemency intervenes. Major-General Peyton C. March will take over the post of chief of staff formally on Monday, and plans then to make an announcement of a re-organization within the general staff. Orders to deport all alien members of the I.W.W. or any other organization advocating violence against the Government, was ordered Saturday by the United States Department of Labor.

AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Lord Mayor Hanson Goes in State To Wesley's Chapel.

London, March 5.—Lord Mayor of London Hanson attended Wesley's Chapel in state Sunday and read the lesson, this being the anniversary of the death of the founder of Methodism. He is one of the three Lord Mayors who, within a quarter of a century, have officially attended other than the state church.



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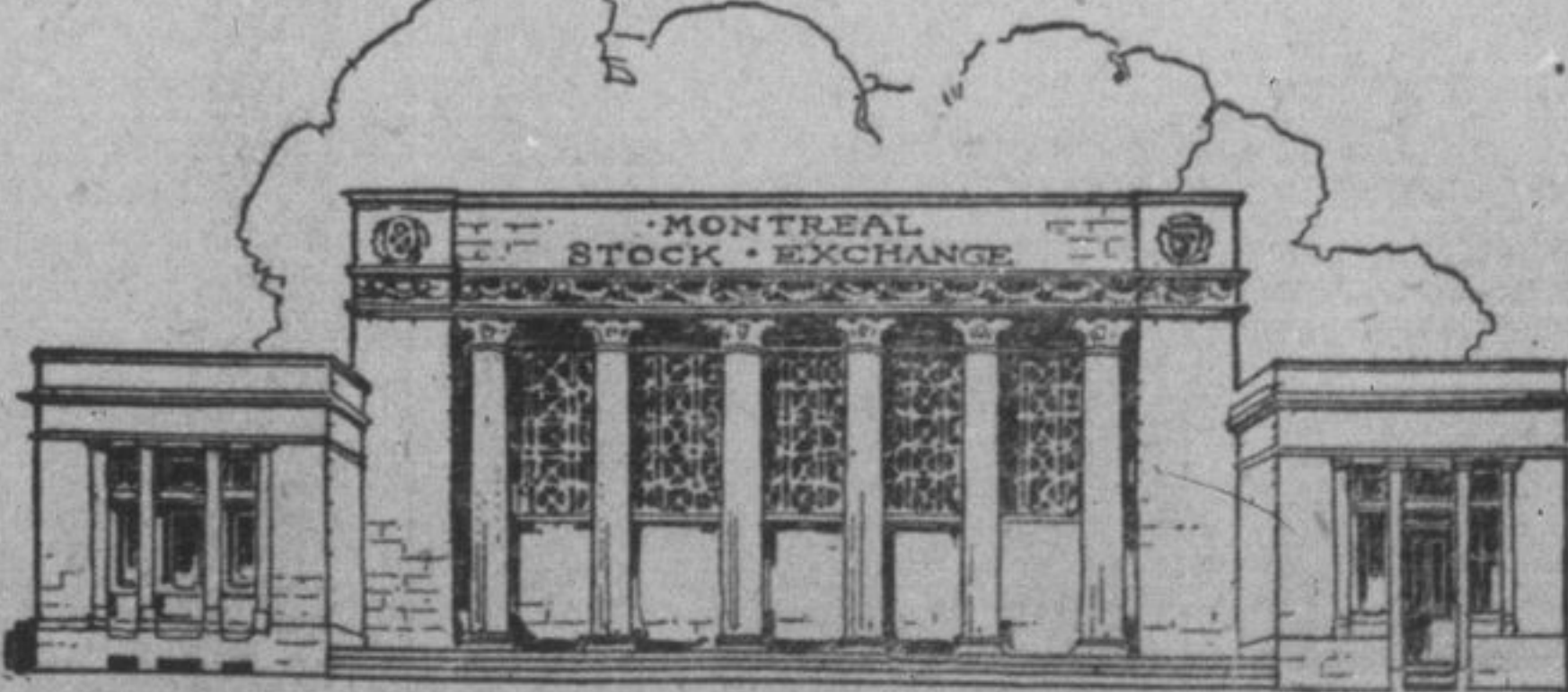
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