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THE WAR PROFITEER.

One of the newly rich war profiteers visited a jeweler's the other day to buy a set of silver for his new mansion.

"I like this here set," he said, "but why is it \$70 dearer than that there one?"

"On account of the chasing, sir," the salesman answered.

"Chasing—nothin'!" said the war profiteer with a harsh laugh. "Why, bo, you won't have to chase me. My business is one of the fattest war brides in the country, and I pay cash for all I buy."

CHILD'S SALUTE TOUCHES YANK

Paris, Dec. 26.—An American captain just in from the front, stood on a curbstone. He had one of those four-thousand mile looks in his eyes.

Suddenly there was a tug at the captain's coat. He turned, looked down and saw a wee little girl with a dimpled smile—just the size and just the smile of one's own little girl—standing stiffly, yet gracefully, at salute. As the soldier looked, her fingers touched the curls above her forehead and then came away, smartly, deftly.

The captain recovered himself. He saluted, wondering. The tot put out her near little hand, still smiling and silent. The two solemnly shook hands.

SHE PICKS HERS.

"Wife, I think we should give only useful presents this year."  
"I think so too, and—"  
"Yes?"  
"A string of pearls would be very useful."

The charity of the tailor covers a multitude of skins.

She beamed on him again. And the captain, grinning, caught sight of the little girl's mother standing a few yards away and smiling approbation. The wee little girl skipped away to her mother. One hand grasped her mother's and the other flung back a kiss from its small fingers.

The captain gulped. He looked as if he wanted to sit down on the curbstone and weep.

SYMPTOMS THAT TELL OF BILIOUSNESS

HOW TO PREVENT AND CURE.

Certain Results Guaranteed

Pale people have pale blood. In other words, the blood is watery and lacks red corpuscles.

The stomach is wrong. Assimilation is poor and food is not changed into blood. Naturally the system is robbed of vitality, lacks strength and reconstructive power.

Don't slip from vigor into weakness. Don't allow the appetite to fail, but instead use Ferrozone.

You're bound to feel rejuvenated and strengthened at once.

Appetite is braced up, digestion is stimulated, vigor imparted to the stomach. Everything you eat is transformed into nutriment that supplies what your thin, weak system needs. Vital, life-giving blood that makes rosy cheeks and dancing eyes—that's the kind that Ferrozone makes.

The strength and buoyancy that defies depression and tiredness, that's the sort you get with Ferrozone.

Not only will it improve looks and spirits, but by rebuilding all weak, tired organs, Ferrozone establishes a soundness of health that's surprising.

For women and girls who want to feel well, to look well, to be well, and stay well, nothing known in the annals of medicine is so certain as Ferrozone.

Won't you try Ferrozone?

Concentrated cure in tablet form, that's Ferrozone, 50c. per box or six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct by mail from The Catarrhozone Co., Kingston, Ont.

MODEST BUTTERFLY.

Adv. in Denver Post: Japanese girl wants work in nice family; she can't speak, but her brother will explain her. She wants two good rooms, one for her brother, just sleep; small money. Write 1943 Lorimer street.

CONFERENCES WITH PRESIDENT SATISFACTORY

London, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's conferences today with British statesmen are described in American quarters as having been very satisfactory. The President spent more than three hours before Premier Lloyd George's luncheon in most intimate discussion with the Premier and Foreign Secretary Balfour at Buckingham Palace, going over the general assets of the fourteen points of his peace programme.

No one particular phase was taken up, but the whole discussion was a general one. No official announcements were made of the results, and afterwards the President continued the discussions with the British statesmen.

It was learned that a great deal of progress was made in making clear some phases of the President's points which are most in the minds of the British, particularly as regards the question of British naval supremacy.

It is said that nothing has developed to show that any substantial difference in principle or in fundamentals existed. The discussion ranged about the freedom of the seas, the league of nations and the attendant proposition of the reduction of armaments, and the first purpose of the conference was to develop what may be the differences of opinion to the point where they can be clarified.

BEDRIDDEN WITH RHEUMATISM

Felt That He Would Never Walk Again "FRUIT-A-TIVES" Brought Relief.



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"Fruit-a-tives" is certainly a wonder. For a year, I suffered with Rheumatism; being forced to stay in bed for five months. I tried all kinds of medicine but without getting better; and thought I would never be able to walk again.

"One day while lying in bed, I read about 'Fruit-a-tives' the great fruit medicine; and it seemed just what I needed, so I decided to try it.

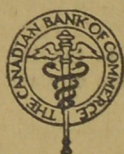
The first box helped me, and I took the tablets regularly until every trace of the Rheumatism left me.

I have every confidence in 'Fruit-a-tives' and strongly recommend them to every sufferer from Rheumatism".

LORENZO LEDUC.

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE



Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1918

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year ..	\$ 1,332,074 52
Amount recovered from over-appropriations ..	1,000,000 00
Net Profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts ..	2,850,318 16
	\$ 5,182,392 68

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 124, 125, 126 and 127 at ten per cent. per annum ..	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June ..	150,000 00
do do do 1st December ..	150,000 00
War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November ..	150,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund ..	85,000 00
Reserved for the cost of a proposed memorial to officers of the Bank who served in the great war, and of a history of the Bank ..	100,000 00
Transferred to Rest Account ..	1,500,000 00
Subscriptions:	
Canadian Patriotic Fund ..	\$ 50,000 00
Halifax Relief Fund ..	25,000 00
The Navy League of Canada ..	10,000 00
Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund ..	10,000 00
Sundry subscriptions ..	7,550 00
	102,550 00
Balance carried forward ..	1,444,842 68
	\$ 5,182,392 68

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th NOVEMBER, 1918

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC—	
Notes of the Bank in circulation ..	\$ 31,583,694 68
Deposits not bearing interest ..	\$151,010,570 57
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date ..	202,148,245 47
	353,158,816 04
Balances due to other Banks in Canada ..	104,106 35
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada ..	10,322,592 58
Bills Payable ..	118,347 00
Acceptances under Letters of Credit ..	13,048,927 03
	\$ 408,336,483 68
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS—	
Dividends Unpaid ..	4,376 86
Dividend No. 127 and bonus, payable 1st December ..	525,000 00
Capital Paid up ..	\$ 15,000,000 00
Rest Account ..	15,000,000 00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account ..	1,444,842 68
	31,444,842 68
	\$ 440,310,703 22

ASSETS

Gold and Silver Coin Current on hand ..	\$ 15,686,046 24
Gold deposited in Central Gold Reserves ..	6,500,000 00
	\$ 22,186,046 24
Dominion Notes on hand ..	\$ 28,785,117 25
Dominion Notes deposited in Central Gold Reserves ..	11,000,000 00
	39,785,117 25
	\$ 61,971,163 49
Notes of other Banks ..	\$ 2,293,472 00
Cheques on other Banks ..	15,701,358 67
Balances due by other Banks in Canada ..	100 62
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada ..	8,267,187 82
	26,262,119 11
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value ..	36,165,259 20
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities ..	29,884,242 13
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value ..	6,018,039 70
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks ..	13,843,130 58
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) elsewhere than in Canada ..	28,018,919 10
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund ..	856,108 55
	\$ 203,018,981 86
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) ..	199,672,294 63
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) ..	17,617,641 44
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra ..	13,048,927 03
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for) ..	103,320 80
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank) ..	\$ 1,150,347 84
Less balance of mortgage assumed ..	32,307 04
	1,118,040 80
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank ..	237,681 64
Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off ..	5,344,500 04
Other Assets not included in the foregoing ..	149,314 98
	\$ 440,310,703 22

B. E. WALKER  
PRESIDENT

JOHN AIRD  
GENERAL MANAGER

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce  
In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:  
We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.  
We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than, and in addition to, the verification at 30th November, 1918, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.  
In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C.A.  
of Webb, Reid, Hegan & Co.  
JAMES MARWICK, C.A.  
of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. } AUDITORS

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TO INCREASE THE FACULTIES OF COLLEGES

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Negotiations with Canadian universities with a view to greatly increasing the faculties and the number of students in the applied science faculties, have been begun by the council for scientific and industrial research. A committee of the council conferred on Friday and Saturday of last week with representatives of the governing bodies of Toronto and McGill Universities, outlining the urgent needs of the situation in Canada in regard to the supply of trained research workers and technologists, and advising prompt steps to be taken to provide for the pressing requirements of the allied forces of science and industry.

FREIGHT ORDER IS HELD UP

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The order recently issued by the Railway War Board that all freight charges hereafter should be prepaid and only credit given for ninety days when a sufficient bond is presented to the transportation company, has been held up temporarily. The order was to have come into effect on January 1, but owing to a protest from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, that it was not in the best interests of the country, the date of its effectiveness has been set at March 1, 1919.

In addition to hands across the sea, today's demand is also for handouts across the sea.  
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