

A Word to the Wise

We would like to remind you that our display of Holiday Goods is right up to the mark and you will find no difficulty in selecting a suitable gift from it. Here are some of the many things we carry—

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WHO DESERVES THE CREDIT?

Yesterday's Examiner says: "Without reference, particularly to Mr. J. J. Hughes, M. P., or the Patriot, a few undeniable facts bearing on the claim of this province on account of public lands in which the province had an interest, may tend to a better understanding of the matter by the electors of the First District of King's and the public at large. "Away back in the year 1908, the Leader of the Opposition (now Premier Mathieson) laid down a "Platform," one of the planks of which was:

"5. Compensation (to this province) in respect to the public lands of Canada which have been transferred to the larger provinces without any consideration for the interest of this province therein."

"Speaking at Georgetown in the course of the same year, Mr. Mathieson said as to this plank: We had a partnership share in these (the public) lands. We bear upon our shoulders our proportion of the debt for their purchase. We helped to build every mile of railway and highway that ran through them, and of all the cost to fit them for payment. What by these means their value had increased manifold, they were carved in large slices and given away to the large and wealthy provinces. . . . It is simple robbery of the weak by the strong. What should be the heritage of our children is given away, etc."

"We have a right to compensation on these grounds." "Year after year so long as the Conservatives were in opposition the same irrefutable argument was addressed to the Legislature and the Liberal Government then in office—but in vain. "No sooner were the Conservatives established in office at Ottawa and in Charlottetown than Premier Mathieson, with Hon. Mr. McLean and Hon. Mr. Arsenault, went to Ottawa as a deputation from the Provincial Government. They submitted a statement of the claims of the province, and their defence of those claims was heard by the Government. Then, in a surprisingly short time, as everyone must remember, \$100,000 was added to the annual subsidy for all time to come."

"Subsequently when explaining to Parliament the grounds upon which the additional subsidy was granted to Prince Edward Island, the Minister of Finance, (the Hon. W. T. White) said:

"I think that some of the Prince Edward Island claims—I will not say all of them—deserve very careful consideration; and there is one claim—I might anticipate my argument to that extent—there is one claim which I think Prince Edward Island (evidently meaning the delegates from Prince Edward Island) has put forward very strongly, and which I do not believe can be controverted. Prince Edward Island is one of the four provinces of the Confederation that have no public domain. The others are Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba."

Now what is the position of Prince Edward Island? That province was granted at the time of the union for certain public lands, the sum of only 50 cents per head. Now my Right Hon. friend, (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) in 1905, when he constituted the Province of Saskatchewan and Alberta, placed those provinces on the basis of \$1.50 per head in lieu of public lands, and we have recently placed Manitoba on the same basis on grounds of equity and justice. Therefore, a very strong argument can be made in favor of the Province of Prince Edward Island on the ground of the fact that she has never had any public domain and that her case has been differentiated from that of all the other provinces of Confederation except the ones I have mentioned."

"Thus, it is quite clear that the Conservatives submitted to the country in 1908, and never lost sight of the claim of the province in respect to public lands. It is also quite clear that, in 1912, the Minister of Finance declared that this claim had been put forward very strongly."

"If to the facts here set forth there be added the additional fact that the Government here has been informed of the exact amount of the increase of the subsidy some time before Mr. Hughes suggested that the subsidy should be increased on account of the Manitoba allowance, there will be no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that not Mr. J. J. Hughes, M. P., but Premier Mathieson and his colleagues deserve all the credit for obtaining the additional subsidy, and so enabling the province to pay better salaries to its teachers and other public servants, to improve the whole public service and stop the deficits."

"And if they had performed no other public service they would, we submit, be entitled to the thanks of the people of the province and to a prolonged period of office."

BRIGHT MUSICAL COMEDY COMING TO PRINCE EDWARD

The Prince Edward Theatre is to have gay entertainers for the Christmas holidays. "The Parisian Girls" and their visit should be largely anticipated as the St. John papers speak very highly of the clean, snappy show that they present.

The tickets are now on sale at the box office of the Prince Edward and The Parisian Girls open their engagement with a matinee on Christmas afternoon. A St. John exchange in speaking of the company, says: "Before a house without a vacant seat, the musical comedy company, "The Parisian Girls" gave its first performance in the Opera House last night and scored an emphatic hit. That the large audience was not disappointed in any part of the show was proven by the hearty applause with

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which the singers, dancers and comedians were greeted and the enthusiastic cheering and applause given the company at the close of the performance. The Parisian Girls are just a little different from any of the musical companies seen here in the past—the performance opens with a whiz and closes with a real bang and in between there is nothing but snap and rapid moving comedy.

"Happy" McNally, a real black face comedian, and Tom Carroll, are the two fun makers and they kept the audience in roars of laughter by their new and original songs and jokes, the latter positively new—something that theatre-goers appreciate nowadays. St. John is going to like "Happy"—he can sing, dance and his imitation of a C. P. R. freight last night was original and brought down the house.

A clever girl with the company, Lillian Ashton, who by the way is English and quite well known on the other side as a comedienne, made a hit with her song "Is Anyone Looking for a Widow." It is safe to say that there were several in the house last night that would have enjoyed looking for one particular widow, at any rate, and she answered several encores. "Then there was the "Beauty Chorus," eight cute, clever, pretty little misses, all good dancers and singers and the less enjoyable for they were on and off the stage innumerable times and each time with new steps and new costumes.

There were other good numbers on the programme, and taken right through, the performance given last night by this company is one of the best seen here at popular prices and can be recommended to anyone looking for a clean, refined entertainment. 6299-12-24Mt.

A CHRISTMAS FOLK-SONG

By Lizzette Woodworth (Euse)

The little Jesus came to town;
The wind blew up, the wind blew down;
Out in the street the wind was bold;
Now who would house Him from the cold?

Then opened wide a stable door,
Fair were the rushes on the floor;
The Ox put forth a horned head;
"Come little Lord, here make Thy bed."

Uprose the Sheep were folded near;
"Thou Lamb of God, come, enter here."
He entered there to rush and feed,
Who was the Lamb of God indeed.

The little Jesus came to town;
With ox and sheep He laid Him down;
Peace to the byre, peace to the fold,
For that they housed him from the cold!

ROYAL BANK MAKES STRIKING GAINS

MONTREAL, Dec. 23, Special. — The Royal Bank is out with the best statement it has ever submitted to its shareholders. In fact, the Royal Bank's statement this year is likely to make banking history because it reveals not only a position of record strength but even shows that it was possible for a Canadian Bank, under the unprecedented conditions of past year, to forge ahead in the matter of net profits.

During the past few years there was, from time to time, ample evidence of the way the Royal was steadily going ahead but it remained for a statement such as is now being forwarded to shareholders and appears in this issue to indicate the wonderfully strong organization the Royal has built up across Canada, and the important connections it has established in outside centres, perhaps more especially in Cuba and the West Indies.

NET EARNINGS EQUAL TO 16.48 PER CENT.

The statement which is for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1913, shows net profits of \$1,995,576.57, equivalent to 16.48 per cent. on the paid up capital, against \$1,886,142.67 or 16.31 per cent. in the previous year, a gain of \$109,433.90. The profits of the year, added to the balance at the credit of profit and loss at the end of the previous year, brought the total amount available for distribution up to \$2,519,638.82. Out of this amount, in addition to making the regular distribution to shareholders, the Bank followed its usual conservative policy in making a large appropriation to the officers' pension fund and writing off a substantial amount on Bank premises account. The dividend, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, required an appropriation of \$1,387,200; \$100,000, was transferred to officers' pension fund; \$250,000, written off Bank premises and \$105,966, paid as war tax on the Bank's note circulation, leaving the balance to be carried forward to profit and loss of \$676,472, against \$614,962, last year.

GROWTH OF DEPOSITS AND LOANS.

In the statement of assets and liabilities every account seems to contribute its share to the satisfactory total. This is especially the case with the total deposits and total loans. In the case of the Royal it is known that the deposits represent the expansion solely of the Bank's general business and, on this account, a gain of over \$18,000,000, in the year is a notable one. Deposits not bearing interest increased to \$37,456,997, from \$31,224,129, and deposits bearing interest to \$117,519,330, from \$104,837,078, making the total deposits at the end of the year \$154,976,327, against \$136,051,208. On the other hand, both total call and total current loans show substantial gains, the call loans both in and outside of Canada having advanced to \$18,951,000 against \$14,654,000, while at the same time total current loans in and outside of Canada reached a new level at \$100,551,000, against \$99,587,000, an increase for the year of close to \$7,000,000.

RECORD PROPORTION OF LIQUID ASSETS.

In view of the increased profits for the year the Bank's liquid position attracts immediate attention and, on this account, it is satisfactory to find substantial gains in the propor-

tion of both the liquid assets and cash on hand. The liquid assets amount to \$84,894,462, equivalent to 49.63 per cent. of the liabilities to the public, compared with \$71,244,677, or 48.06 per cent at the end of last year. Of these liquid assets specie on hand amounted to \$15,946,289, against \$12,995,483; Dominion notes \$12,977,390, against \$12,688,371. This made the percentage of cash to liabilities 18.43 per cent. as against 17.90 per cent. in the previous year. All accounts in the liquid assets showed gains over the previous year, the notes of other banks standing at \$3,057,650, against \$2,525,205; cheques on other banks \$6,516,759, against \$5,752,485; Balances due by banks and banking corporations elsewhere than in Canada \$5,235,606, against \$3,144,502; Canadian municipal securities as also British, foreign and Colonial public securities \$3,184,133 against \$2,185,062; railway and other bonds debentures and stocks, \$14,083,602, against \$13,557,741. The total assets of the Bank increased almost \$20,000,000, by touching \$198,299,123, against \$179,404,054.

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