

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Annual Cargo Sale of Ingham's Wines—A. J. Macdonald & Co.
 Notice—Captain Jorgensen and others.
 Boarding House—Mrs. M. A. Cote.
 Lawn Mowers and Rollers—Wm. A. Ross.
 Fine Jewellery—Henry Birks & Co. Montreal.
 Imperial Cream Tartar Baking Powder.
 Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
 Apollinaris—The Queen of Table Waters. See 4th Page.
 Dr. J. Collins Brown's Chlorodyne.
 W. Baker & Co.'s Breakfast Cocoa.
 Dyer's Improved Food for Infants.
 Quebec Steamship Company—Arthur Ahern. See 1st Page.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED Masters will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the Crews of their respective vessels while in this port.

Captain Jorgensen, Bark "Nicolette."
 "Mithrasen," "Chiole."
 "Christoffersen," Bark "Lilla."
 "Sverdrup," "Kalliope."
 "Christiansen," Ship "Beaconsfield."
 May 22, 1891. Ap

Boarding House.

MRS. M. A. COTE, OF STE. ANNE DE MONTEAU, has opened a first-class Boarding House in the Cottage already so advantageously known as Madame Proulx's. A garden, bath, etc., and all the comforts of a good city house are offered to her friends and the better class of pilgrims, who so frequently visit La Penne Ste. Anne.
 St. Anne de Beaupre, 21st May, 1891.
 May 22, 1891. Am-bo

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A YOUNG WOMAN TO ATTEND A Store. Must speak French.
 Apply to
 124 ST. JOHN STREET.
 May 21, 1891. C

TADOUSAC HOTEL.

Tadousac, Saguenay.

THIS HOTEL WILL BE OPENED ON

the 15th of JUNE, for the season of 1891.
 For Terms, for Board, etc., please address
 J. R. H. WHITE,
 125 ST. PETER STREET.
 May 21, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED will not pay any debts whatever, contracted by the Crews of their respective vessels while in this port:

Captain Linklater, Bark "Maud."
 "Meyor," "Dronningen."
 "Pedersen," "Narway."
 "Boysman," "Berkley Castle."
 "Nielsen," Ship "Savannah."
 May 21, 1891. C

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

Queen's Birthday!

Excursion Return Tickets.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS on this Railway on the 23rd, 24th and 25th May, at Single First Class Fare, good for return up to and including 26th May.
 Through Excursion Return Tickets will be issued at all Through Booking Stations to points on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways, at Single Through First Class Fare, good for return up to and including the 26th May.
 D. POTTINGER,
 Chief Superintendent.
 Railway Office, Montreal, N.B.,
 May 19th, 1891.
 May 21, 1891. C

SPECIAL NOTICE

HAVING LEASED THE PREMISES, No. 215 McGill Street, in addition to our own large Warehouse on Notre Dame Street, where we are now moving to, we will open out in a few days in the above premises with a complete stock of Paper, Library, Binding, Etc., and a General Assortment of Household Furnishings, all of which we offer at Special Prices.
 Our Special Sale, to which we drew attention some time ago, is still continuing, and we are taking advantage of the specially low prices that we are now offering, and intending purchasers would only be consulting their own interests by calling and examining our Fine Stock before placing their orders elsewhere.
 Owing to the widening of Notre Dame Street West, which will necessitate our rebuilding back, we have decided to partition off the present portion of our building as the only means of placing our immense stock (the McGill Store being far too small for our wants), and have had commencing to put in, which will enable our customers and the public to get in our Old Stand through the McGill Store entrance, without any interruption, during the alterations.

Owen McGarvey & Son.

1849 to 1853 Notre Dame Street, and 220 McGill Street.
 May 21, 1891. F

SEASIDE READING!

500 NOVELS—500

For Sale Cheap!

Two FOR 25 CENTS

(Marked Prices 20c. to 50c. Each.)

This offer cannot be repeated after this lot is sold. Contains some of the best authors, and the Books are in good condition, many of them perfectly new.

ORDERS BY MAIL promptly attended to, but extra must be sent for the postage on each Book.

T. J. MOORE & CO.,

148 ST. JOHN STREET.

May 19, 1891. Jan5

Eastern Townships Bank

ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held in the Banking House, in the City of Sherbrooke, on

Wednesday, 3rd day of June Next.

The Chair will be taken at 2 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board,

WM. FARWELL,

General Manager.

Sherbrooke, 5th May, 1891.

May 15, 1891. tuesfrid

QUEBEC, FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1891.

HERE AND THERE.

After a few skirmishes, the Opposition resolved finally last Wednesday night to face a division in Parliament, possibly to show the relative strength of parties. The result has not proved satisfactory to the Opposition. Far from it, for it shows that Sir JOHN MACDONALD's strength in the House is much greater than was supposed by the Liberals. He had 27 majority in the first division, and 29 in the second. Two or three of his supporters were absent. The Premier's real majority already runs into the thirties, and the presumption is that before the session is very much advanced, he will have 36 to count upon. The Opposition stuck much on the franchise question. Many of the Liberal members based their hopes on it, and there were not a few Conservatives, too, who suffered at the last general election fully as keenly as the Liberals, who felt quite disposed to accept the Provincial lists rather than the Dominion lists. The Liberals counted on securing a few converts on that account. But they were doomed to disappointment, and when the vote was taken, after a somewhat sharp passage at arms, there were marks of decided pain on their countenances. Neither the Prime Minister nor the Leader of the Opposition were present when the vote was taken, both gentlemen having paired. It was noticed that Mr. TATE and Mr. JONAS voted with the Government, and Mr. VAILLANCOURT, of Dorchester County, cast his lot with the followers of Mr. LAURIER. The votes of these three gentlemen caused some surprise on both sides, for it was openly stated here, by common friends of those members, that Mr. VAILLANCOURT would support the Government, and that both JONAS and TATE would vote with the Opposition on all questions. The reverse of this, however, proved the fact. Of course, the friends of the Government in Ottawa are jubilant, and they have cause to be, considering all the talk we have had lately about the precipice, at whose brink Sir JOHN MACDONALD and his colleagues are standing, waiting to be destroyed.

Following the Imperial custom, which, after all, is a good one, the Representative of the QUEEN has called to the Privy Council of Canada, two gentlemen, not members of the Cabinet. The members so honored are Col. GEORGE AUBREY KIRKPATRICK and Col. JOSEPH ALDERIDGE OUMET, both ex-Speakers of the House of Commons, and both men of large political knowledge and experience. The appointments give general satisfaction. We presume that Colonels KIRKPATRICK and OUMET are now in the direct line for promotion, and we may shortly hear of their taking portfolios. In the meantime, we hear that Mr. COLBY's place as President of the Council, has not yet been filled, though rumors some days ago, assigned the post to Mr. J. J. C. ABBOTT. The Eastern Townships members demand the portfolio for Mr. IVEY, M.P. for Sherbrooke. Mr. IVEY, we learn, would not object to taking a seat on the Treasury benches.

As the birthday of Her Gracious Majesty approaches, the newspaper reporter arranges his list of Knighthoods. As usual, Mr. CHAPMAN's name appears on the roll. He was on the list last year, and the year before that, as well as the year before that again. With his is the name of Mr. LAURIER bracketed. The Ottawa correspondents assure us that Mr. CHAPMAN will accept the ribbon, and that Mr. LAURIER will decline it. If both gentlemen are offered the C.M.G., our word for it, both will take it. Senator PELLETIER did not refuse the C.M.G., nor would Count MERCIER refuse it. It is quite within the probabilities that Mr. MERCIER may capture a British Knighthood this year. France, Rome, Belgium and the United States have honored him. Surely his own country will not submit to rebuke, and decline to confer on him the Star of her purely Colonial order. He has done the State some service, at all events, despite the fact that he is on the wrong side of politics. In the distribution of Imperial titles, the QUEEN does not always consider a man's politics, however. The day that Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT felt the sword smartly tapping his shoulder, was the same day that witnessed the Knighting of Sir CHARLES TUPPER and Sir LEONARD TILLEY.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY.

The Montreal Gazette of yesterday gives the following as

AN ANALYSIS OF THE VOTE.

The vote was probably the largest ever taken in the Canadian Parliament. There were twelve pairs, as follows:

Government. Opposition.

Sir John Macdonald Mr. Laurier

Sir D. A. Smith Mr. Mackenzie

Mr. Corbould Mr. Casey

Mr. Kenny Mr. Livingston

Mr. Grandbois Mr. Sirover

Mr. Ferguson (Leeds) Mr. Borden

Two members, Messrs. Savard (Independent Conservative) and Langlois (Liberal) were absent. Mr. German, of Welland, came in after the question was put, and two constituencies, Algoma and Richelieu, of the whole House, the Speaker, of course, not voting. A summary is as follows:

Conservatives.....113

Liberals.....84

Pair.....2

Algo.....1

Richelieu.....1

Did not vote.....1

Mr. Speaker.....1

Total.....215

THE GOVERNMENT'S EXACT MAJORITY.

Coming down to the question of the Government's exact majority, the following figures prove it to be the Gazette's mark of 31:

Conservative voted.....113

Conservative constituencies unrepresented.....2

Total Conservative strength.....115

Liberals voted.....84

Liberals absent.....1

Total Liberal strength.....85

Government's majority.....30

Independent.....1

Total majority.....31

No More Broken Glass.

A well-known scientific review says that to prevent the breaking of windows and mirrors from vibrations caused by the firing of cannons and explosions in close proximity, it is only necessary to paste strips of paper on the fragile articles, crossing them in opposite directions from where the firing proceeds. But to prevent a serious illness, you must use Bourke's Electric Magic Oil, an indispensable family remedy.

January 28, 1891. Jan17-Lm

MOTH-PROOF TRUNKS, for packing furs or winter clothing away, very cheap, at S. Carley's.

LA BANQUE NATIONALE.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 1891.

The thirty-first annual general meeting of the shareholders of this institution was held at the office of the Bank, this day (Thursday) the 21st of May, 1891, at three o'clock P.M. There were present: The Hon. L. Thibault, MM. A. Gaborry, F. Kircus, E. W. Methot, Ant. Painchaud, T. LeDroit, L. Bilodeau, Rev. Mr. F. C. Gagnon, and MM. Dr. O. Robitaille, L. J. Demers, F. Tessier, J. Chapleau, E. Lacroix, U. Tessier, A. Coet, N. S. Hardy, E. N. Chénier, E. Dupré, C. N. Hamel, C. Laveau, L. C. Marcoux, T. A. LeDroit, H. Mercier, N. Mahoux, E. H. Taylor, etc.

A. Gaborry, Esq., was called to the Chair and P. Lafrenge, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

Before proceeding to the reading of the annual report, the following gentlemen were elected scrutineers, viz: Messrs. Ed. Lacroix, Ed. Dupré and A. M. Robitaille.

Mr. Aug. Gaborry, President, read the following report and statement of the affairs of the Bank:

LA BANQUE NATIONALE.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF LA BANQUE NATIONALE.

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting to you the thirty-first report of the affairs of the Bank for the year ended the 30th April 1891, your Directors have to mention that they have been obliged to appropriate the Rest of \$100,000 to cover losses incurred by the sale of certain limits which were held as security for some overdue loans. However, your Directors have confidence that you will approve of this means of putting into activity a large amount which instead of giving profits would have caused additional losses. Per cent. annual expenses incurred for ground rent and other charges, besides the risk of keeping a security which might be destroyed by fire at any moment, would have been considerable.

At the time of the reduction of the capital in 1888, the \$100,000 of rest had been put aside to cover the eventual losses on the sale of the limits.

The profit and loss account is resumed as follows:—

The balance at credit of that account on the 30th of April, 1890, was.....\$ 39,361 01

The net profit of the year after providing for accrued interest on deposits and for bad and doubtful debts amounted to.....75,254 68

Rest Account.....100,000 00

Forming the sum of.....\$214,615 69

Which was appropriated as follows:—

Dividend No. 54, payable 3rd November 1890.....\$ 36,000 00

Dividend No. 55, payable 1st May, 1891.....30,000 00

Loss on sales of limits.....172,000 00

Leaving at credit of profit and loss account a balance of.....\$ 42,615 69

During the year the building of the Bank at Sherbrooke, which had been destroyed by fire in January, 1890, has been rebuilt and the Bank now owns a fine building, which, by the revenue it gives, considerably reduces the expenses of the office of the Bank.

At Montreal, the lease of the offices expired this spring, and as it was difficult to procure suitable ones without paying a heavy rent, your Directors thought they were acting wisely in buying the property where the Bank had its offices, and after the proposed repairs had been completed, the part occupied by the Bank will cost less yearly than what was asked elsewhere.

Here at the head office, as several of you will have noticed, your Directors have put to rest a considerable part of the building, which was heretofore unoccupied. The splendid offices that your Directors have made are all rented and the revenue obtained is \$25 per cent on the cost of improvements.

The branches of the Bank have been visited several times during the year by the Directors and by the Inspector.

The whole respectfully submitted.

For the Board of Directors,
 A. GABORRY, President.

Quebec, 30th April, 1891.

GENERAL STATEMENT,

30th April, 1891.

Liabilities.

Notes in circulation.....\$ 532,591 00

Deposits bearing interest.....\$1,541,771 69

Deposits not bearing interest.....485,007 67

Unclaimed Dividends.....1,372 21

Dividend No. 55, payable 1st May, 1891.....36,000 00

Due to other Banks in Canada.....64,911 83

Due to agencies of the Bank in foreign countries.....253 16

Due to agencies of the Bank in the United Kingdom.....5,909 62

Total Liabilities to the public.....\$2,687,817 18

Capital paid up.....1,200,000 00

Reserve or dividend account and exchange.....29,387 52

Profit and Loss account.....42,615 69

Total.....\$3,959,820 39

Assets.

Specie.....\$ 89,100 80

Dominion Notes.....159,267 00

Notes of and cheques on other Banks.....161,721 87

Balance due from other Banks in Canada.....61,437 79

Balance due from agencies of the Bank in foreign countries.....72,628 82

Call Loans on Stocks and Bonds.....146,855 00

Dominion Debentures and other Stocks.....40,214 87

Total Assets immediately available.....\$731,121 15

Current loans on advances to the public.....2,999,748 48

Notes and bills discounted, overdue and not specially secured (loss provided for).....46,937 70

Notes and bills discounted and other debts secured.....\$1,754 21

Real estate.....14,862 64

Mortgages on real estate sold by the Bank.....9,300 00

Bank Premises.....127,031 87

Furniture.....9,164 34

Total.....\$3,959,820 39

P. LAFRANGE, Cashier.

M. A. LAURENCE, Inspector.

Moved by A. Gaborry, Esq., seconded by the Hon. L. Thibault, that the Report of the Directors and the Statement now read be adopted, printed and published for distribution among the shareholders.

In support of this motion, the President made the following remarks:—In moving the adoption of the report which has just been submitted, I deem it my duty to offer a few remarks explanatory of certain transactions of the Bank during the past year.

As you will have observed, the rest of \$100,000 is absorbed by the losses on the sale

of limits which the Bank held; this, however, is only an apparent loss, for the considerable gain is effected. The Bank for an asset long held unproductive, realizes a sum of \$160,000, which will now yield revenue; moreover, the Bank will no longer have to pay Government dues on 320 miles of limits, which, under other incidental expenses, amounted to over \$1,000 a year.

This saving, added to the revenue of \$160,000 at 7 per cent., will be equal to a revenue of \$12,200 a year.

During the past year heavy failures have been more numerous than for many years past, and which the Bank has suffered considerable loss; nevertheless, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, there remained sufficient profit to warrant an increase in the share of a dividend of 10 per cent. for the year, and to leave at credit of profit and loss a balance of \$42,615.69, besides a reserve of \$23,387.52 for unsecured loans on Bills of Exchange and Notes under discount.

The Bank's circulation on the 30th of April was \$552,591, an increase on the preceding year of \$18,464, which, your Directors hope to see considerably increased during the coming year; they would like to have the amount of circulation twice as large as it is now, for, as you are aware, the Bank has been able to increase the amount of its capital, viz: \$1,200,000.

After the first of July next, the notes of the different Banks of the Dominion will be issued, to protect the circulation of notes from any expense of collection or exchange.

There is a considerable increase in deposits bearing interest of \$85,000, while the deposits not bearing interest have increased by \$137,000.

As prudence requires that the Bank should hold a reserve of at least 20 per cent. to meet ordinary obligations, to meet the demands incidental to total liabilities amounting to \$2,687,817.18, we hold the sum of \$731,121.15, equal to a reserve of 27 per cent.

Current loans are now \$2,999,748.48, as compared with last year's statement \$2,646,334.80.

Owing to the many failures already alluded to, certain unsecured notes have been increased from \$26,000.56 to \$40,937.70, after deducting losses incurred thereon. Per cent. overdraft secured notes which last year amounted to \$299,284.70 have been reduced to \$81,754.21.

The account of "Bank Premises" has been increased by the sum of \$70,031.87 by the purchase of the building at Montreal, and the premises occupied there by the Bank, for a number of years, by the erection at Sherbrooke of a building to replace the one destroyed by fire last year, and, finally, the conversion of which you may readily see in the building in which you are now assembled; this outlay, or investment rather, will produce a revenue of at least \$8,000 a year.

It is only just to say that these improvements have been made under the able direction of one of the Directors of this Bank, Mr. Bilodeau, who has long experience in the construction of buildings. This gentleman has given much of his valuable time, to the supervision of these works.

It remains for us still to dispose of three lines of limits in the valley of the Ottawa, and one on the Marguerite River. The Directors hope to be able to dispose of these during the coming year, and if at a loss, it can be as considerable one.

During the past year the Bank has succeeded in closing several old claims in a satisfactory manner and the Directors venture to say that the Bank is in a better position than it has occupied for many years, and that with work and energy, together with the co-operation of the shareholders, it will be able to meet the requirements of a good position among the financial institutions of the Dominion of Canada.

The report was then adopted.

The election being proposed with the following gentlemen offered the largest number of votes and were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz: The Hon. L. Thibault, Messrs. A. Gaborry, L. Bilodeau, A. Gaborry, T. LeDroit, E. W. Methot and A. Painchaud.

The President left the chair and the Chevalier Robitaille being called thereon, it was then moved by P. W. Methot, Esq., seconded by A. Painchaud, Esq.,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. A. Gaborry for his services in the chair, and to the other gentlemen who were present for the fulfillment of their respective duties.

And the meeting adjourned.

A. GABORRY, President.

P. LAFRANGE, Secretary.

Quebec, 21st May, 1891.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 21.—The Collector of Customs at Victoria, B.C., has advised the Minister of Customs that American sealing schooners bound for Behring Sea, were putting into harbor on the west coast of Vancouver Island for the purpose of engaging Canadian Indians as seal hunters. He asked for instructions. The Department replied that there was nothing in the law to prevent this course on the part of the Americans.

The Customs Department has been advised that a fleet of Gloucester fishing schooners, on the way to the Magdalen Islands where United States fishermen, under the Convention of 1818, are entitled to the privilege of fishing within the three mile limit.

As the Minister of Fisheries proposes to ask Parliament to abolish the use of these nets in Canadian territorial waters, it is urged on Mr. Tupper that he should urge on the American fishermen without delay. The Gloucester fishermen, however, will not be disturbed until the proposed measure becomes law.

Hon. Mr. Tupper has asked the United States Government to co-operate with the Canadian Government in abolishing purse seines.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

(To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.)

Sir,—The proposed introduction of a convict register, for I can call it nothing else, into our High School, of a record of the stripes (with occasional exceptions) inflicted on our young men, seems to me the outcome of a "heat oppressed brain" or a madness with a method run mad. Already, the question amongst some of our "Have you a square in your mind?" This Siberian elicit certainly caps the climax, there is only one remedy, either our children must be withdrawn in toto as many of us will undoubtedly do, or else give this unparliamentary bill a sixth month's rest.

Quebec, May 21, 1891.

A. PARKIN.

