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## ARIO MANHOOD ASSOCIATION MONSTER PETITION OF ONT

petition, bearing over 9000 names, is 200 yards lond. It is from the Conservative members of the Ontario Young Manhood Association, and asks the government to pass an Act in the legislature abolishing all liquor shop, bar and club licenses, and to have a plebiscite on the question before the law comes into effect. Failing this, the petitioners declared it would be their duty to forsake the Conservative and join the Liberal "Abolish-the-Bar" party in Ontario. Acting Premier Foy said the government was inclined to think that the total prohibition was somewhat premature, but promised consideration.

THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

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ten years. On December 31, 1904, the premises account stood at \$876,000.00 on November 30, 1913, the premises ac count stood at \$1,693,600.00, an increase of \$817,600.00. In addition to this have appropriated out of the profits dur ing this period \$632,666.66, so that the actual expenditure on premises during the ten years has been \$1,450,266.66, which we think has been fairly divided between the present generation and posterity. An 489 Second Ave., near McBride other new line amongst the assets is "De posit in Central Gold Reserves," \$248, 200.00, which I will explain rater on, And now, leaving the maze of these unaccustomed figures, I come to the profit and loss account. You will observe that (still in conformity with the Act) we now give the figures for the whole year, instead of be present at the meeting, so that for six months only, as in the past. This, think, is an improvement, for it shows at a glance the result of the year's operations. The net profit was \$689,745.00 which compares with, in 1912, \$678,505. 00, an increase of \$11,240.00. Seeing somewhat disappointing, but it is not really, for the earning power of the bank; was better than ever There were, howagainst the profit and loss account that did not appear in 1912, amounting \$77,866.66. The principal item in this n investments With this explanation think we may be fairly well satisfied with i and the balance-sheet, the proposed disthe profits. \$389,333.33 897,333.33 to the reserve fund, \$97,333. have also made the usual appropriations for the Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Pension Fund, and the Life In-

> has been necessary to refer to the Bank operation. prominently, are the Compulsory Audit by away. It is a matter for regret that independent and duly qualified auditors, amongst these issues there were some who require to be nominated and elected which did not represent commensurate according to a definite formula which we value or earning power and the disapall have to observe. This independent pointment experienced by the purchasers audit means nothing new to this bank, of these securities is no doubt in large for we adopted it of our own free will as part accountable for the curtailment o long ago as 1889, and have continued it our credit. It is probable, however, that ever since. This is sufficient evidence canada will, for many years to come, re hat we consider the new regulation to quire to be a borrower. The good and been made for a much greater elasticity country where law and order prevail and in the circulation of all the banks by the the rights of property are respected wil deposit of gold and Dominion notes in the naturally operate as a magnet to draw "Central Gold Reserves." These "Central settlers from Europe and the United Gold Reserves" will be under the joint states; and these new arrivals compel the control of the Canadian Bankers' Association and the Minister of Finance, and will be subject to inspection at frequent in tervals by that Minister.

surance Fund, of which I feel confident

nanifest duty to make provision ror those

The banks are entitled to issue increased circulation equivalent to their deposits for the time being. This is the explanation of the \$248,200,000 under shore line, thence east- this heading to which I have just rethe note circulation show, exceed our also makes increased expenditure for pubauthorized circulation on November 30 by lic improvements a necessity which canmore than \$9,640.86, but by making this not be avoided, but I think it can safely deposit we were protected against any be said that the money raised for this unexpected demands.

> small degree, principally because it fia- sonable taxation will provide for both inally relieves us of an anxiety which, dur- | terest and principal for any excess over the 75 per cent. until property, but trouble is being experienced

the full amount of our capital is reached, we have deposited with the Government, Dominion of Canada Bonds, which we have held amongst our investments this special purpose. Under the new Act that necessity will no longer exist, and should we at any future time, feel that it is no longer to our advantage to continue to hold that investment, we may let it go, and, as an alternative, we may deposit in the "Central Gold Reserves" gold or Dominion notes equivalent to any excess of circulation over the 75 per cent, of our capital. We have no present intention of making any such change. As you are aware, we hold, at present \$1,216,666.66 in Dominion of Canada bonds, maturing for repayment in 1914 to 1919, and this is a most convenient in- year. vestment for a bank to hold, apart alto gether from the special purpose for which

it was made. Now I shall not detain you any longer, for our general manager is here with us today. We invited him to come over and might have the pleasure of introducing

Mr. H. B. Mackenzie (General Manager), ever, certain items in 1913 charged from the Court of Directors that they It gives me much pleasure to meet the outlook for 1914 is hardly so good. Gentotal was in anticipation of probable loss portunity which I greatly value for per- though retail trade has suffered at those eign Bank; another was for depreciation rectors regarding our various business ing recent years by the spending of the operations.

Mr. Hoare has dealt with the affairs of other speculations

once more, and we couple this request curities, and a higher rate of interest has the establishment in Canada by American with the assurance that it is deserved, for to be paid on the issues that are accepted. | manufacturers of branch manufacturing cannot speak too highly of the loyalty There is no doubt that the country has plants, and the hope was expressed that and the energy displayed by all ranks of been developing very fast, and it is this example would be followed by Britthe service in their duty to the bank. We recognized that a slackening of the pace ish firms. It is gratifying to see that

excess of imports over exports. For the ada. These form a welcome addition this total \$543,000,000, or 47 per cent. occurred during the last two years of the period Until a year or two ago it was easy for issues of Canadian securities who have spent a lifetime in the service natural that an enterprising and sanguine In dealing with the balance-sheet it portunity thus afforded to extend their one. Secondly, provision has cheap land awaiting settlement in expenditure of large sums of money for railway building in order that they may reach the land. In earlier times railways were built through the districts already settled, and which seemed likely to afford profitable trade. Now, the railways are der that the land may be made available

This new privilege affects us in no mate and productive way, and that rea-

Block 44, Section 5, and Lots 18 quite disturbing lest we should exceed going on for some years. There are many able expansion. It also affects us indi- have endeavored to take a short cut to fresh certificates of title in the vidually in another way. I have often wealth by making heavy purchases of real loned lots Snodgrass for the explained to you at our annual meetings estate with a small first payment and a which certificates that owing to there being no liability on long series of deferred payments. The the shares of the bank under our Royal money stringency, however, has imposed Charter, our note circulation has been a wholesome check upon operations of limited, by the Canadian Bank Acts, to this kind. There has been no break in 75 per cent, of the paid-up capital, and the value of good inside town and city

by some of those who have undertaken to ence will encourage others to follow. pay fancy prices for property in outlying. Owing probably to the reports of de subdivisions. Though underlying busi- pression in Canada the outlook for ness conditions in Canada are healthy, it migration this year is not so good, though would be unwise to expect an early re- there will no doubt be a substantial num turn to the bounding prosperity of a few ber of settlers. In this connection the years ago. No serious difficulty is ex- fact seems often overlooked that in the pected, however-just a period of quiet | Maritime Provinces and in Ontario

There is some unemployment at pres- awaiting settlement. The great bulk o ent, due to slackening in the building the emigrants still go to the prairies, but

For more than a year past a severe I cannot offer any prediction as to the check has been imposed by Canadian time when the full tide of prosperity will business character There is money for in mind that general business is by no the legitimate business requirements of means depressed, and I may remind you merchants, manufacturers, and those en- that the interests of this bank are almost gaged in farming or other natural indus- entirely connected with the natural industries, but none for real estate purchases tries and with manufacturing and comor any speculative enterprises. There is mercial enterprises. We have no interest no sign of a change in this attitude on interest in company promotions, mergers, the part of the banks, and if it is con- or other operations of that kind, and few and earning power from those which do may be we try to confine our advances not, and will bring into the light the to loans to business people for the legitispeculators who have embarrassed them- mate purposes of their business, and selves through real estate operations.

I will now refer very briefly to gen- from liquid assets ral business conditions, of which I am | glad to say a quite satisfactory account this opportunity of saying what a pleasure

exception has also to be made here in the self regarding all the more important deogs did not reach the mills, but demand annually. (Cheers, and prices were good, and the industry, try, while not so prosperous as in some offered me his his draft, but I declined mining there was a good year with in- he should come here to meet you er

the previous year, and of exceptionally me that that has proved to be quite the high quality. Though prices were not best thing that could have been done.

creased output.

who was received with apprause, said: be seen that, except for the lumber trade Chairman and Gentlemen,-Before I in British Columbia, conditions in the say anything else, I would like to tell you patural industries of the country may be that it was very gratifying to me to learn called generally satisfactory. Manufac wished me to be present at this meeting. speaking broadly, done well, though the shareholders, and the visit affords an op- eral mercantile business has been good profits so easily made in real estate and

the results of the year's operations. You the bank, and I have been requested to The action of the United States Gov have already seen, both from the report address you regarding business conditions ernment in removing the tariff from lumber, agricultural products, cattle The year 1913 was not free from anx- fish, is expected to stimulate trade crept up to the window sill and

> since that time several British firms The large borrowings of recent years the highest class have arranged to estab are mainly a reflection of the continued lish branch manufacturing plants in Can ten years ending March 31, 1913, the ex- the business community, and there seems cess amounted to \$1,149,000,000, and of every reason to expect that their experi-



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tinued, it will gradually uncover any advances for other than strictly business weakness that exists. Time will separate ourposes. A policy of perfection in this the securities which represent good value matter is not possible, but as nearly as with a source of repayment in sight

Before I sit down, I would like to take it is to myself and to the members of In the Maritime Provinces the crops the staff in Canada to welcome the visitwere good except the apple crop in Nova ing directors who come to us from time Scotia, which was a disappointment. The to time. We feel especially indebted in lumber industry has, on the whole, had this matter to Mr. Hoare, whose visits a fair year. The fisheries have been are always helpful and encouraging. Last good, and the mining operations consti- year we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Balfour, who in the time at his dis-In the province of Quebec the crops posal, managed to see an extraordinary were satisfactory and prices good. An number of branches and to inform himcase of fruit; especially apples, which partments of the business. These visits were far below the average. In the lum- are of great advantage to the bank, and per industry, logging conditions during I speak not only for myself, but for the the previous winter were not favorable, whole staff, when I express the hope that wing to the want of snow, and some they will continue to be made at least

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I am sure upon the whole, had a satisfactory year. you have listened to Mr. Mackenzie's ad-In Ontario the crops were a good aver- dress with very great interest. I had no age and prices high. The lumber indus- idea of what he was going to say. He former years, did fairly well, and in take it. I said that I should prefer that tirely uninfluenced by any comments that In the Prairie Provinces there was an I or anybody else might make on his adexcellent crop, larger in quantity than dress, and I am sure you will agree with so good as in 1912, the total value You have heard a most valuable report own Bank.

Mr. E. A. Hoare moved, seconded by rincipally of fruit, and were very satis- Mr. Frederic Lubbock, that the report and factory. Mining, taken on the whole, was accounts be adopted, which was duly

eries also had a good year, 1913 being followed, after which Messrs, J. H. Mayne

The Accompanist

Gene Gerene, the entertainer, tells this story: "There were floods once in Johnstown. They were the most tremendous ever! Charlie Straight and I were in them. We were stopping at a ter started to rise. We were on the first floor and reckoned we were safe. The water came up inches at a time, and finally it flowed into the room. We reckoned it was time to leave. I got a matrass off the bed and pushed it out the window and rafted myself out on to the seething waste of water. Charlie Straight accompanied me on the piano.

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