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## ORIGIN OF BIG BANK

Nova Scotians Dig into Stocking Legs and Produce Bills of Stirring Days

### Delve in History

Old Bill Recalls Inception of Royal Bank of Canada

HALIFAX, Jan. 18.—It was a \$20 bill, dated October 1, 1864, of doubtful status.

Two banks had cleared it without knowing quite what it was worth, if anything, who was responsible for its existence, who was responsible for its payment.

There the accountants gathered around it this week. They admired the old fashioned ship—half steamer, half sailing vessel—that was set off in an oval at the top; they wondered what had become of "The Merchants' Bank" it purported to represent; they pondered over the signatures: "J. W. Merkel, president—George Maclean, cashier."

So the strange note was referred to C. E. Mackenzie, supervisor of Maritime branches, for a decision on its value.

Promptly, Mr. Mackenzie decided its value was exactly \$20, that the obligation was the Royal Bank's. He proceeded to tell a story that might have been something like this:

The Merchants' Bank was the acorn from which the Royal Bank of Canada grew to a sturdy oak of international proportions. It had its origin back in the days when the American Civil War was at its height, when the northern states of the union offered a market for all kinds of produce, when blockade runners carrying on trade with the southern confederacy swarmed in the port of Halifax, when business houses reaped huge profits and the city was in its heyday of prosperity.

Thus G. McGregor, Mitchell of Halifax, now a director of the Royal Bank, is a grandson of George P. Mitchell; J. Newwood, Duffus, a grandson of John Duffus; Andrew Merkel is a grandson of J. W. Merkel; and J. B. Kenny, K.C., ex-mayor of Halifax, is a grandson of Sir Edward Kenny. Miss Muriel Kinnear, who recently was transferred from the Dominion Archives office in Halifax to Ottawa, is a grand-daughter of T. C. Kinnear. The firm prospered. In 1867, under the British North America Act, the new parliament of Canada

was given exclusive jurisdiction over all matter pertaining to banking. Full banking privileges were not permitted to co-partnership associations, so the directors of the Merchants' Bank applied for a charter, and an act incorporating the Merchant's Bank of Halifax received royal assent on June 23, 1869, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000.

T. C. Kinnear was elected president, and the bank expanded rapidly. Branches were established in various parts of Nova Scotia. In 1870 Thomas E. Kenny, son of one of the original directors, was elected president to succeed Mr. Kinnear. Further expansion was undertaken, and in 1901, with branches in Canada from coast to coast in Newfoundland, in Cuba, and an agency in New York, the institution had become international in its scope and it was decided that a more comprehensive title should be adopted in accord with its position.

In that year the name was changed to The Royal Bank of Canada which in later years extended its business to England, France, Spain, Bahamas, South America, Panama and counted nearly 900 branches.

Because official records dated the birth of the Royal Bank of Canada 1869, the year the Merchants' Bank of Halifax was incorporated, the accountants did not know about the co-partnership association that had been established in 1864.

Old Ship Portrayed  
Mr. Mackenzie might have added that the ship portrayed on the old bill was Sir Samuel Cunard's Britannia, which left Liverpool on July 4, 1840, for Halifax, N.S., Mass. initiating the original bi-weekly service of the Cunard line.

But that is another story. There is more than history attached to the \$20 bill, for it is one of many old bank notes that have turned up in the clearings during the last few weeks.

Bundles recently cleared from Louisburg contained \$600 in old bills, representing the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1910. People's Bank of Halifax and Bank of British North America, absorbed by the Bank of Halifax and Bank of British North America, absorbed by the Bank of Montreal in 1905 and 1913, respectively; Merchants' Bank of Prince Edward Island, taken over by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1906. They were all good, and the Gabarus lady who deposited them was paid dollar for dollar in modern currency.

Halifax paper compared press despatches from Boston, announcing that a score of private and state banks had closed their doors and from Halifax, telling about the honoring of time-worn bills of early banks, to illustrate the difference between the banking systems of Canada and United States. And a banker figured that if the owner of the belated Merchants' Bank bill had deposited it in a bank instead of keeping it in his stocking he would have had more than \$150.00 today instead of \$20.



## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Glasses fitted by registered optometrist at Heilbronner's store.

J. Donaldson of Port Essington was a week-end visitor to the city.

J. P. McMillan, well known Skeena River canneryman, was an arrival in the city on the Catala last evening from Vancouver.

John W. Troy, publisher of the Alaska Empire newspaper at Juneau, was a passenger aboard the Princess Mary this morning going through on a trip to Seattle.

Note our coal ad for discount prices. Hyde Transfer. Phone 580. (tf)

Swearing in of the new aldermen and school trustees for 1932 was conducted by Mayor Cyril H. Orme this afternoon. The inaugural meeting of the 1932 city council will be held on Thursday evening of this week.

The 1931 board of school trustees will have a meeting this evening at the home of the retiring chairman, Mrs. T. M. Spence, Fifth Avenue East, to pass December accounts. The newly elected board will have its first meeting toward the end of this week when, among other business, a new chairman will be chosen.

### DDD for skin affections

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W. J. McCUTCHEON, DRUGGIST

Bringing north a fair-sized list of passengers, Union steamer Catala, Capt. A. E. Dickson, arrived in port at 6:45 last evening from the south and sailed at 9 p.m. for Anyox, Stewart and other northern points whence she will return to Vancouver and waypoints.

Delayed by snowstorms in Alaska waters, C.P.R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. S. K. Gray, arrived in port at 1 o'clock this morning from Skagway and other northern points and sailed about 30 hour later for Vancouver. The vessel will call here on Wednesday of next week on her next Alaska voyage.

Owing to the steamer Princess Mary, on which the visitors were arriving, being late, Rev. Paul Mathers and party of natives from Metlakatla, Alaska, did not participate, as planned, in evening service at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral here yesterday. The party arrived early this morning on the Princess Mary from the north and from here will proceed to Metlakatla and Kitkatla with a view to effecting a reconciliation of various groups making up the Tsimshean tribe.

### Don't Sleep on Left Side, Gas Hurts Heart

If stomach gas makes you restless and unable to sleep on right side, take Adlerika. One dose will rid you of gas or nervousness, and bring sound sleep. Orme's, Ltd., Drugs.

### Economize in fuel, order Bulkley Coal.

William Goldbloom sailed last night on the Catala for a trip to Wales Isand on fur buying business.

Lief Erickson Whist Drive and dance Metropole Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 8:30. Admission 50c. 15

Frank Fitch, immigration officer here, returned to the city on the Catal last evening from a vacation trip to Vancouver.

J. H. Plint of the crew of the lighthouse tender Birnie, who has been on a holiday trip to Vancouver and Victoria, returned to the city from the south on the Catala last evening.

Miss Alice Spencer of the United States consulate office staff returned to the city on the Catala last evening after spending a vacation visiting in Vancouver and elsewhere in the south.

Alberta Soulless Egg, \$11.00; Bulkley Valley Lump, \$12.50. Nanaimo-Wellington Lump, \$13.50. Phone 116 or 117 Albert & McCaffery.

A large shipment of ladies' misses and children's travellers' samples zippers and rubbers to be sold at 35 per cent. less than wholesale price. Cut Rate Shoe Store, Meeker Block.

P. H. Hughan of Alyansh, who has been on a brief trip to Vancouver, arrived in the city on the Catala last evening from the south and will proceed in a few days to his home on the Naas River.

The opening of radiophone service last week between Prince Rupert and Vancouver is made the subject of feature stories in Vancouver papers of last Friday. There were lengthy write-ups which were given prominent position.

### Bulkley Valley the High Heat unit coal.

Among a group of bishops who attended the recent consecration in Vancouver of Bishop R. J. Renslow of Athabasca and Bishop A. H. Sovereign of the Yukon and whose pictures are published in a recent Vancouver Province can be seen Bishop G. A. Rix of California.

There were 38 passengers aboard the steamer Princess Mary which was in port early this morning southbound from Skagway to Vancouver. Ten persons disembarked here from the vessel including the Indian party from Metlakatla, Alaska, which will visit Metlakatla and Kitkatla in this district.

Large numbers of Prince Rupert people were conversing with Vancouver people over the weekend by means of the radiophone but the longest call recorded so far was one put through this morning by Mrs. G. W. Dunn, 132 5th Ave. East, to friends in Rossland. She said she could hear them well but her voice was not quite as clear as the other end, owing, it was thought, to a snowstorm prevailing there.

### WEATHER REPORT

Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.66; temperature, 40; light swell.  
Triple Island—Overcast, light northerly wind; sea calm.  
Langara Island—Clear, light easterly wind; sea calm.

## SQUARE DEAL Meat & Fish Market

- Veal Chops, 2 lbs. 50c
- 1 doz. Eggs 55c
- Pork Steak, 2 lbs. 35c
- 1 doz. Eggs 35c
- Bacon, 1/2 lb. 75c
- 1 doz. Eggs 75c
- Shoulder Pork, 4 lbs. 75c
- Apples, 4 lbs. 75c
- Loin Pork, 4 lbs. 75c
- 4 lbs. Fresh Side Pork 50c
- 4 lbs. 50c
- Eggs—Fresh Firsts 65c
- 3 doz. 65c
- Smoked Ham, Premium, 1 lb. 55c
- 1 doz. Eggs 55c

Fresh Spring Salmon  
Phone 958 Third Ave.

### Announcements

- Eagles' Social Dance, Friday, Jan. 22. Gentlemen 50c. Ladies refreshments. Dancing 9:30 to 1:30.
- Presbyterian Burns Banquet January 25.
- Eagles Bigger and Better Smoke: January 28. Admission \$1.00.
- C.N.R. annual dance will be held in Moose Hall Friday, February 5, 1932.
- Moose Valentine Dance, Feb. 12.
- Catholic Women's League Spring Sale April 7.

## Farewell Party For Miss Lillian Hanson

Popular Girl Honored By Friends Before Leaving City.

At the home of Rev. John Hanson last Friday night, a farewell party was given in honor of Miss Lillian Hanson.

On behalf of the guests assembled the presentation was made by Miss Evelyn Edwards to Miss Hanson of a beautiful bracelet.

Games and music were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Margaret Fritz poured. Miss Asta Dybhavn and Miss Evelyn Anderson assisted in serving.

An enjoyable time was spent by all.

## Twenty Years Ago

January 18, 1912

At the inaugural meeting of the 1912 city council, Mayor S. M. Newton announced the following major committee appointments: finance, Ald. Hamilton Douglas, chairman, Ald. L. Bullock Webster and the mayor; board of works, Ald. D. W. Morrissey, chairman, Ald. John Dybhavn and Ald. Thomas Maitland; utilities, Ald. W. B. Clayton, chairman, Ald. G. W. Kerr and Ald. W. H. Montgomery.

Frederick Long has returned from a subscription soliciting trip to the interior for the Daily News. He is greatly impressed with the prospects of the district.

The Kalen Island Club opened the New Year's social season with a brilliant ball. The hall was handsomely decorated and a large crowd was in attendance. Music was provided by Gray's Orchestra. Delicious refreshments were served at midnight.

### C. N. R. TRAINS

For the East  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ..... 3 p.m.  
From the East  
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays ..... 10:40 a.m.

### "Build B. C. Payrolls"

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Pacific Milk holds its place as the pioneer milk of British Columbia because a growing patronage has handed it down through the years.

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### Hotel Arrivals

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THE HOTEL WORTH WHILE  
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D. Elio and A. Erickson, city; P. H. Hughan, Alyansh; J. H. Hicks, Hyder; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. Alex G. Guthrie, Robert Ridley and Walter Calvert, Ketchikan; John Weir, Juneau.

### TELEPHONE 657

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Creamery Butter & Cottage Cheese  
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## Severe Headaches Pimples on Face

Miss Marie L. C. Blackwell, Gunn, Alta., writes: "For two years I suffered from severe headaches, and pimples on my face. My headaches seemed incurable, and I thought the pimples would never disappear. A friend recommended Burdock Blood Bitters, and on trying a bottle I found the headaches disappear, and I am not bothered any more with the pimples."

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## Mail Schedule

CLOSES AT POST OFFICE:

For the East—  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday ..... 2 p.m.  
From the East—  
Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday ..... 10:40 a.m.

For Vancouver—  
Tuesday ..... 12:30 noon  
Thursday ..... 9 p.m.  
Friday ..... 11 p.m.  
Jan. 17 ..... p.m.  
Jan. 31 ..... p.m.

From Vancouver—  
Sunday ..... p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Friday ..... p.m.

For Stewart and Anyox—  
Sunday ..... 8 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 3 p.m.

From Stewart and Anyox—  
Tuesday ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday ..... 8 p.m.

For Queen Charlottes—  
Jan. 23 ..... 9 p.m.  
From Queen Charlottes—  
Jan. 21 ..... a.m.  
Jan. 13 ..... p.m.  
Jan. 27 ..... p.m.

For Naas River and Port Simpson—  
Sunday ..... 8 p.m.

From Naas River and Port Simpson  
Tuesday ..... 11:30 a.m.

From Alaska—  
Jan. 31 ..... p.m.

## Catholic Women Elect Officers

Mrs. A. B. Taft President at Prince George and Mrs. H. McGlinchy, Vice-President

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 18.—The Catholic Women's League here has elected officers for this year as follows:

President, Mrs. A. B. Taft.  
First vice-president, Mrs. Hugh McGlinchy.  
Second vice-president, Mrs. Jones.  
Third vice-president, Mrs. A. McMillan.  
Secretary, Mrs. J. Hill.  
Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. McKenzie.



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Jeweler

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REDUCED FIRST-CLASS RETURN FARES. From Prince Rupert (including Meals and Berth) To Vancouver and Victoria \$46.00 ret. TO PRINCE RUPERT (including Meals and Berth)  
From OCEAN FALLS \$21.25 ret. From ANYOX .....\$13.35 ret.  
From STEWART ..... \$16.70 ret.  
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EVERY FRIDAY MIDNIGHT (S.S. CARDENA.)  
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