

FINANCIAL CENTER OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Suggestive Review of the Banking Situation in Minneapolis and the Reasons for the Remarkable Growth of Her Financial Importance

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The first banking institution in Minneapolis was the private banking house of S. W. Farnham and Samuel Tracy established in the year 1854. From this small beginning have grown the large banks of today. The growth of Minneapolis as a money center has been especially rapid during the past ten years. In 1895 the combined capital and surplus of the banks was \$9,199,970.45, while the deposits amounted to \$23,899,541.61. At the time of the last controller's call in May of this year the combined capital and surplus was \$10,190,725.62, while the deposits had reached the large sum of \$58,593,079.73. These figures are significant of the prosperity of the banks.

In 1895 the clearing footings for the year of the associated banks in Minneapolis, were \$372,895,344.19, while the clearings for the past year had grown to the enormous sum of \$433,230,773.01.

These large figures are the result of the growth and prosperity, not alone of Minneapolis, but of the surrounding country. We depend for our prosperity upon the country tributary to us and the entire northwestern country has prospered greatly during the past decade.

Diversified Resources.
We have changed from a one-crop country, whose wealth depended almost entirely on the successful harvesting of that crop, to a country of diversified farming and dairy interests. The farmers have paid up the mort-

BANK CLEARINGS OF MINNEAPOLIS

Yearly totals since organization of the clearing house.	
1881	\$19,487,850.88
1882	72,100,087.00
1883	87,437,487.52
1884	99,377,958.81
1885	124,715,103.64
1886	165,421,842.93
1887	194,777,533.38
1888	215,626,223.43
1889	240,231,088.70
1890	303,913,022.81
1891	366,720,248.24
1892	438,053,528.48
1893	529,248,860.15
1894	598,002,009.96
1895	572,895,344.19
1896	592,965,973.79
1897	614,597,814.84
1898	460,222,572.49
1899	539,705,249.30
1900	578,994,076.28
1901	626,929,457.42
1902	720,752,331.57
1903	741,049,348.03
1904	843,230,773.01
1905 (estimated)	955,000,000.00

gages on their farms, are stockholders and depositors in local banks, and these local banks carry their reserves in Minneapolis. The farmer no longer owes the storekeeper for his calicoes and dried herring from spring until the crop is in, but instead buys silks and fresh beef with cash obtained thru the daily sale of cream and milk to the

dairy in which, most likely, he is a large stockholder.
We have the curious object lesson of observing this same farmer pay for his own wheat thru the medium of his bank purchasing the notes of grain firms in Minneapolis, and the proceeds of these notes are then paid to the farmer by the Minneapolis grain companies in exchange for his grain.

Financial Independence.
The time is recent when the Minneapolis banks were large borrowers of money in New York, Chicago, Boston and Canada, each fall, in order to finance the movement of grain to its market. Today, on account of the wealth of the northwest, we are nearly independent of these money centers, but we will still be obliged to call on them for a limited amount for a number of years to come.

Minneapolis is the center of the crop movement. Our terminal elevators, with their capacity of 37,000,000, call for the disbursement of large sums of money in comparatively short spaces of time. The grain business of Minneapolis is one of the most important factors in the financial growth of this city. Our neighboring city can offer all the advantages to the country bank to induce it to keep its reserve in St. Paul that can be offered by the Minneapolis banks, with one exception, and that is furnished by the grain trade. Banks carrying accounts in Minneapolis can collect the grain drafts sent them one day earlier than the same drafts can be collected which are sent to St. Paul. This has been an impor-

tant factor in deciding the country banker to keep his money and account in Minneapolis.

\$3,000,000 a Week for Grain.
Minneapolis furnishes more actual cash for the purchase of grain than any other city in the world. For two months in the fall the shipments of currency from the Minneapolis banks to their correspondents will average \$500,000 a day, or \$3,000,000 a week. Most of this money is shipped into the city from Chicago, and Chicago, after

its stores are depleted, ships it from New York. The Minneapolis banks draw down their balances in Chicago and New York, Chicago calls in its surplus money from New York, and so the actual money and balances while reaching the farmers' pockets, produce a security in New York so unwelcome to Wall street.

In addition to the actual money used in the purchase of grain, the Minneapolis banks handle millions of dollars of drafts drawn on Minneapolis grain firms, so that from the first of Septem-

ber to the middle of November, the banker and the bank clerk find their time and attention fully occupied.

Proud of Her Reputation.
Minneapolis is proud of the reputation of her banks in the financial world. In no city in this country is banking conducted on more sound banking principles. The business men of Minneapolis are not speculators, and the community is to be congratulated on the absence of the professional stock speculator and mining investor. The banks

are sound and the city and country surrounding know this and appreciate it.

As the country tributary to Minneapolis has as yet only reached its first stages of prosperity, so better and larger things are in store for the financial institutions of our city, and before another period of ten years has passed, Minneapolis will have moved much higher up from her position as twelfth city in the United States in point of clearings which proud position she holds today.

THE PEOPLES BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS

CORNER NICOLLET AND WASHINGTON AVES.

Wallace Campbell, President. Geo. J. Sherer, Vice President.
Charles E. Cotton, Cashier. H. D. Davis, Assistant Cashier.

Capital Stock \$60,000 Surplus and Undivided Profits \$14,000
Deposits \$400,000

DIRECTORS.

Emerson Cole, Capitalist. Marshall H. Cooldge, Lumberman.
Wallace Campbell, President, Vice President Minnesota Title Ins. & Trust Co. Wendell Hertig, Attorney at Law.
George J. Sherer, Treasurer. Northern Display Advertising Co.
Charles E. Cotton, Cashier. H. D. Davis, Assistant Cashier.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF

The

Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank

of MINNEAPOLIS

at the close of business Monday, June 25, 1905

RESOURCES

Mortgages	\$2,271,850.69
Bonds—market value	9,268,167.31
Loans—with collateral security	28,100.00
Accrued interest on investments	135,000.00
Banking house and lot and real estate	559,096.95
Cash on hand and in banks	727,780.90
TOTAL	\$12,989,995.85

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$12,265,348.65
Surplus	400,000.00
Profits	324,647.20
TOTAL	\$12,989,995.85

Since its organization in 1874 this bank has paid to Depositors interest to the amount of \$4,456,472.00.

OFFICERS

JOHN DeLAITRE, President
THOS. LOWRY, Vice President
E. H. MOULTON, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

JOHN DeLAITRE, E. H. MOULTON,
HENRY F. DOUGLAS, WM. G. NORTHUP,
T. B. JANNEY, ALFRED F. PILLSBURY,
THOS. LOWRY, O. C. WYMAN.

Minnesota Title Insurance and Trust Company

CAPITAL, \$250,000. GUARANTY FUND, \$100,000.
J. U. BARNES, President. W. S. JENKINS, Secretary.
W. A. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

Banking, Safe Deposit, Loans, Trusts, Abstracts, Title Insurance.

ONEIDA BUILDING, 4th STREET AND 1st AVENUE.

4% Paid on Saving Deposits. The oldest Title & Trust Co. in the West.

South Side State Bank

Corner Cedar and Riverside Aves.

ESTABLISHED SEPT. 5, 1899.

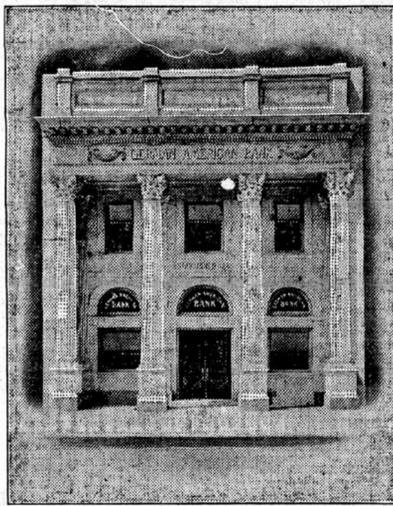
Capital Stock, \$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits (earned), \$32,500.00
Average Deposits, over \$300,000.00

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

F. E. KENASTON, Pres. A. M. WOODWARD, Vice-Pres.
C. BIRKHOFER, Vice-Pres. A. A. McRAE, Cashier.
OLAF E. N. OLSEN, Asst. Cashier. HON. JOHN LIND.
HANS SIMONSON. P. OLSON EARL.
J. D. HOLTZERMANN. O. B. McCLINTOCK.

German American Bank

Plymouth and Washington Aves. N.



Capital \$100,000
Surplus \$50,000
Deposits over \$1,000,000

Transacts a General Banking Business.
Three Per Cent Interest Paid on Six Months Time Deposits.

OFFICERS.

F. A. Gross, President, Charles Gluek, Vice Pres.
J. M. Griffith, 2d Vice Pres., G. E. Stegner, Cashier,
G. P. Huhn, Ass't. Cashier.

DIRECTORS.

Charles Gluek, Vice President, Gluek Brewing Co.
J. M. Griffith, Capitalist.
George M. Blecker, Attorney at Law.
George Salzer, President of Salzer Lumber Company.
I. V. Gedney, President M. A. Gedney Pickling Co.
Francis A. Gross, President German American Bank.
Henry Doerr, of Winecke & Doerr, Wholesale Tobacconists.
Peter J. Schied, Capitalist.
Arthur E. Eichhorn, of E. Eichhorn & Sons, Insurance.
Wm. J. Vonder Weyer, of Vonder Weyer & Lohmar, Dry Goods.
Jacob Kunz, Treasurer of Minneapolis Brewing Co.
J. J. Heinrich, Capitalist.

THE First National Bank MINNEAPOLIS

Capital \$2,000,000
Surplus 1,500,000
Deposits 11,000,000

OFFICERS.

C. T. JAFFRAY, Vice President. F. M. PRINCE, President.
D. MACKERCHAR, Ass't Cashier.
GEO. F. ORDE, Cashier. E. C. BROWN, Ass't Cashier.

DIRECTORS.

J. B. GILFILLAN, Chairman.
SBO. C. BAGLEY, President Bagley Elevator Co.
E. EARLE BROWN, Secretary Shevlin-Carpenter Co.
L. CARPENTER, Manager Mississippi River Lumber Co.
R. H. CHUTE, Treasurer Crookston Lumber Co.
HOWEY C. CLARKE, Of Douglas Bros., Cedar Rapids, Ia.
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H. M. HILL, Of Lancaster & McGee, Attorneys.
W. A. LANCASTER, President Northwestern Consolidated Milling Co.
A. C. LORING, President Osborne-McMillan Elevator Co.
E. D. McMILLAN, President S. G. Falmer Co.
S. G. FALMER, Vice President M. St. P. & S. Ste. M. Ry.
E. PENNINGTON, Director Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co.
ALFRED F. PILLSBURY, Director Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co.
R. R. RAND, Vice President Minneapolis Gas Light Co.
O. T. SWETT, Of F. H. Peavey & Co., Merchant.
F. B. WELLS, Of Woodward & Co.
A. M. WOODWARD, Of Woodward & Co.
F. M. PRINCE, (President)
C. T. JAFFRAY, (Vice President)

THE Security Bank OF MINNESOTA

Capital \$1,000,000 Surplus and Profits \$600,000
Deposits \$10,000,000

GUARANTY BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS

Will remove April 1, 1906 to

Security Bank Building

Cor. Fourth St. and Second Ave. S.

Northwestern National Bank

MINNEAPOLIS

Incorporated 1872.

Capital, \$1,000,000. Surplus, \$700,000.
Deposits, \$9,500,000.

OFFICERS.

Wm. H. Dunwoody, President. Jos. Chapman, Jr., Cashier.
M. B. Koon, Vice President. F. E. Holton, Assistant Cashier.
Edw. W. Decker, Vice President. C. W. Farwell, Assistant Cashier.

Strangers in the city are cordially invited to inspect our new bank building, Fourth street and First avenue south.
If you contemplate making a change in your banking connections, or think of opening a new account, we would be pleased to confer with you in person or by letter.

Swedish American National Bank

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits
\$800,000.00

DIRECTORS:
G. M. Amundson, Marcus Johnson, C. A. Smith,
W. E. Anderson, Chas. S. Pillsbury, N. O. Warner,
G. E. Hubbard, H. O. Warner, W. F. M. Hans,
G. J. Johnson, O. C. Wyman.

OFFICERS:
N. O. Warner, President. G. S. Hubbard, J. A. Latta, Vice Presidents.
H. E. Mattson, Cashier. A. V. Osterom, Assistant Cashier.

Ample Resources Excellent Facilities
Business Invited

Hennepin County Savings Bank

60 SOUTH FOURTH ST. PHOENIX BLDG. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Capital and Surplus \$160,000
Deposits over \$3,000,000

Oldest savings bank in the state. Interest compounded four times a year.

TRUSTEES:

J. H. Bell, F. M. Prince, F. A. Chamberlain, H. E. Jones, W. H. Lee, B. S. Bell, Andrew Tharalson.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

With ample capital, central location and the best equipment extends to its customers every accommodation which their business and responsibility warrants, and its officers would be pleased to meet those desiring new or additional banking facilities.

OFFICERS.

H. A. Harris, President. A. A. Crane, Cashier.
F. E. Kenaston, Vice President. W. S. Harris, Assistant Cashier.
G. E. Williamson, Ass't Cashier. W. F. M. Hans, Ass't Cashier.

Capital, \$1,000,000. Surplus, \$300,000.