## REPORT

OF THE

# BANK OF FINLAND

FOR THE 107th FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

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F. TILGMANN, LIMITED

1919.

# BANK OF I. Balance Sheet,

ASSETS.	1		
Cover for the Issue of Notes.			
Stock of Gold: Finnish Gold Coin	13,595,028	<b>3</b> 44	
Bullion	• ,	536,158 427,069,205	
Bonds in Foreign Currency	•	406,773,450 355,064,354 164,118	32
Bills	•	711,566	1,232,980,061
Home Investments.		1.1	,
Inland Bills	•	45,142,610 23,321,650 12,646,028	80
Other Assets.			
Bonds in Germany		10,391,241 21,918,974 15,256 81,838 6,062,913	69 38 12
Sundry Accounts	• "	50,346 659,022	<b>60</b>
Furniture	. 100	l i	12 42,557,962

## FINLAND.

## 31st December, 1918.

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LIABILITIES.							į
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Liabilities payable on demand.						i	1
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Notes in Circulation			i	1,156,196,102		.	
Bank Post Bills		6,375,367	39			ļ	
Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch.		54,352 1	17	6,429,720	06		
Balance of Current Accounts due to Government			1	5,, 5			
			ì	160 061 114	20		
Others	• •	108,615,404		169,061,114	38		
Bills collected		156,535 4	- 1		ı	-  -	ļ
Foreign Correspondents		11,278,020	31				
Sundry Accounts		8,811,602	06	20,246,157	80	1,351,933,094	24
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		i					
Capital						4,715,219	10
						1,110,210	
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Comer for the issue							
Cover for the issue							
of notes 1,232,980,061: 84							
Right to issue notes in addition to the		1					
above amount $200,000,000:$ — $1,432,980,06$	21.04	<u> </u>					.
Deduct:	1:04	1					İ
Liabilities payable on							
demand 1,351,933,094: 24 Undrawn amount of			i				
		1					
advances on current	36. 99	!					
accounts 16,415,471:98 1,368,348,56							
Unused Amount of Issue Fmk 64,631,49	5: 62	i I					
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	Fmk	1 !				1,356,648,313	34
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## II. Summary of the Bank's Monthly Returns in 1918.

	Cover	for the Issue	of Notes.	Home	Other	Liabilities	Unused Amount of Issue.		
Month.	Gold.	Gold. Finnish Silver Coin.		Investments.	Investments. Assets.				Other Liabilities.
	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.
	1					1			
January	42,634,365	1,039,517	910,057,391	47,386,832	42,676,296	788,986,663	250,092,520	3,013,904	111,638,186
February .	42,634,365	955,024	985,959,105	52,679,509	42,663,588	911,544,333	208,632,039	2,700,474	106,671,648
March	42,634,365	949,401	1,008,753,653	52,991,161	42,674,078	943,048,848	200,238,591	2,616,952	106,433,028
April	42,634,365	641,302	1,028,537,562	53,251,811	42,812,235	951,428,956	211,733,100	2,476,740	106,174,433
May	42,674,676	1,148,466	1,026,178,411	51,041,578	42,815,321	945,063,524	212,127,165	1,250,211	111,560,653
June	42,672,816	1,200,533	1,019,025,972	53,371,622	42,553,484	930,258,194	217,634,414	1,398,496	113,608,217
July	42,668,289	1,075,285	1,012,160,794	60,372,084	42,559,407	922,896,547	220,967,372	1,211,604	110,828,845
August	42,663,009	948,733	1,031,450,748	60,444,686	42,663,338	972,133,745	190,363,678	3,434,382	109,130,685
September	42,662,935	828,201	1,034,771,895	65,417,529	42,621,066	1,033,346,136	136,222,507	4,075,555	104,618,833
October.	42,666,227	720,152	1,084,068,042	84,263,806	42,630,953	1,096,579,882	135,586,213	1,229,757	91,058,569
November	42,662,494	610,045	1,158,058,571	76,769,047	42,091,425	1,150,142,022	146,294,902	14,804,812	90,089,374
December	42,661,210	536,158	1,189,782,694	81,110,289	42,557,962	1,156,196.102	195,736,992	16,415,472	64,631,496

### III. Turnover.

#### 1. Cash Account.

The aggregate Cash turnover in Debit and Credit for 1918 was .	Fmk 15,599,054,433: 29
of which at the Branches at	
Petrograd, Finnish currency . Fmk 585,683: 35	
> Russian > 7,623,663: 63 Fmk 8,209,346	: 98
Wiborg	: 61
Wasa	: 70
Åbo	: 19
Tammerfors	: 17
Uleåborg	: <del></del>
Björneborg	: 38
Kuopio	: 22
S:t Michel	
Sordavala	
Joensuu	: 65
Jyväskylä	
Tavastehus	
Kotka	
and at the Head Office at Helsingfors	
8	Fmk 15,599,054,433: 29
	1 IIIK 15,555,051,155. 25
Thus the average turnover per day was	Fmk 51,996,848:11
of which at the Head Office	
and at the Branches	

Cash in hand:	At the end of 1917.	At the end of 1918.
Finnish gold coin	Fmk 28,511,410: —	Fmk 28,555,050: —
Foreign gold coin	» 13,592,708: 13	» 13,595,028: 44
Gold bullion	» 525,090: 56	» 511,131: 46
Silver »	» 8,283: 25	<b>&gt;</b> 15,256: 38
Finnish silver coin	» 813,551: —	» 536,158: —
<ul><li>copper coin</li></ul>	» 61,109: 85	» 81,838: 12
Foreign bank notes and coupons	» 2,020,992: 26	<b>164,118: 48</b>
Own bank notes	» 196,631,636: —	» 149,909,572: —
,	Fmk 242,164,781: 05	Fmk 193,368,152: 88

#### 2. Stock of Finnish Gold Coin.

	20 Mark pieces.	10 Mark pieces.	Total.
•	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.
Delivered by the Mint until 31st December 1913	49 450 000	14 800 000	64,250,000
In circulation	28,108,400		35,694,950
Stock on hand at the Bank Fmk	21,341,600		28,555,050
Stock on hand at the bank	21,911,000	1,210,100	20,000,000
3. Bonds.			
Balance 31st December 1917		Fmk 451	,020,472: 04
Bought during 1918 Fmk 693,346			,
	,555: 13	» 693	3,369,355: 13
		Fmk 1,144	1,389,827: 17
Sold and drawn during 1918 Fmk 116,508	3,242: —	,	, ,
	.,774: 5 <b>4</b>	» 294	1,093,016: 54
Balance 31 st Decemb	er 1918	Fmk 850	0,296,810: 63
of which Finnish state bonds in Finnish currency Fmk 427,069			,200,010.00
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,450: 14		
	,241: 99		
·	,913: 50	Fmk 850	),296,810: 63
This balance was invested in the following securities:			, ,
Finnish Government 4 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1918		Fmk 200	,000,000: —
» 5 <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub>			5,000,000: —
» 5 1/2 0/0 » » 1918			6,000,000: —
» » 5 °/0 Liberty-Loan of 1918			,000,000: —
» 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub> » » 1918		» 17	,120,800: —
» 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub> Loans of 1895, 1901 & 1903		Fr.	550,000: —
» 3% Loan of 1898		<b>»</b>	9,000: —
» 3½°/0 » 1889		M	31,500: —
$^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$		*	163,200: —
<b>, , , ,</b> 1918		Kr. 108	3,000,000: —
» 5 ½ 0/0 » 1917		£ 1	,237,113: 16 -
Finlands Hypoteksförening 4 % Loans of 1887 & 1902		M	351,540: —
$^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$		» 1	,592,055: —
Städernas i Finland Hypotekskassa 4 % Loans of 1895 & 18	897	<b>»</b>	230,040: —
» » 4 ½ °/0 » » 1900 & 19	903	<b>»</b>	353,160: —
Förenings-Banken i Finland 3 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1895		<b>»</b>	697,000:
Nordiska Aktiebanken 4 % Loans of 1897 & 1898		»	201,690: —
City of Helsingfors 4 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1892		Kr.	<b>3</b> 56,760: —

City of Helsingfors 4 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1909.				Μ.	1 <b>30,56</b> 0: —
> » Wiborg > » 1902				Kr.	129,600: —
Russian 4 % Consols of 1889				G. Ro.	126,000: —
» Gold Loans of 1890 & 1893			·	>	112,750: —
$3^{1/2}$ % Loan $1894$				>	316 <b>,5</b> 00: —
» 3 % » » 1896				Ro.	187,500:
> 3 8/10 °/0 Converted Loan of 1898				>	220,500: —
» 5% Inland Loans of 1914 & 1915				>>	1,950,000: —
»				>	<b>325,0</b> 00: —
» 5 1/2 0/0 War Loans of 1915 & 1916				*	53,662,000: —
> 5 % Treasury Bonds				»	69,876,000: —
• 5 1/2 <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub>				»	44,691,000: —
Ryazan-Uralsk 4% Railway Loan of 1894				G. Ro.	16,250: —
<b>&gt; &gt; &gt; 1897</b>				M	514,500: —
Vladikavkaz > Loans > 1897 & 1898.				»	100,000: —
Russian South Eastern Railway 4% Loans of 1897,				»	923,000: —
Moscow-Kiev-Voronezh 4 % Railway Loan of 1895				, ,	194,500: —
Koslov-Voronezh 4 %					1,800: —
English 5 % War Loan 1929—1947				» «	1,300. — 12,100: —
Transvaal 3 % Loan of 1903				£	•
				<b>)</b>	10,400: —
Swedish Government 3,6 % Loan of 1887				Kr.	1,050,500: —
Sveriges Allm. Hypoteksbank 3 3/4 0/0 Loans of 1880				»	617,000: —
City of Stockholm 3 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1887				M.	46,350: —
» Gothenburg » » 1886 & 1890 .				*	186,300: —
Norges Hypoteksbank 3 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1887				*	158,400: —
City of Copenhagen 3 1/2 0/0 Loan of 1886 & 1887				Kr.	233,000: —
German Imperial 3 % Loans				Μ.	3,100,000: —
3 1/2 0/0 »				•	1,075,100: —
Prussian 3 % Consols				*	1,600,000: —
$3^{1/2}$ % of 1906				•	<b>572,5</b> 00: —
> Central Boden Credit Bonds				>	731,500: —
Saxon 3 % State Rentes				*	1,403,000: —
Hessian 4 % State Loans of 1899 & 1906				<b>»</b>	33,000: —
Hamburg 3 % State Loan of 1886				*	1,217,500: —
Bremens > > > 1896				»	2 <b>5</b> 0,000: —
Austrian 4% Gold Rentes				Fl.	550,000: —
> Crown >				K.	735,000: —
Hungarian 4% Gold Rentes				Fl.	735,000: —
> Crown >				K.	500,000:
» 3 1/2 0/0 State Rentes of 1897				»	500,000: —
» Boden Credit Bonds				>	1,275,800: —
Finlands Hypoteksförening 5 % Loan of 1915				Fmk	20,000: —
Städernas i Finland Hypotekskassa 4 % Loan of 189				)	15,000: —
Fastighetsbanken i Finland Ab. 4 ½ % Loan of 191					324,500: —
Centrallånekassan för stads- o. landskom. i Finland				>	•
Kansallis-Osake-Pankki 5 % Loan of 1917				•	23,000: —
				>	1,000,000: —
Andelskassornas Centrallånekassa A. B. 5% Loan of				>	200,000: —
Landsfastighetsbanken A. B. 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub> Loan of 1917.				*	190,000: —
» > 5 % » > 1917.				>	440,000: —
City of Åbo 5 % Loan of 1902				•	5,000: —
» Wiborg 5% Loan of 1915				>	778,000: —
» Tammerfors » » 1915				>	165,000: —
Kymmene A.B. 6 % Loans of 1910 & 1915			•	*	2,995,260: —

#### 4. Foreign Correspondents.

Balance	in favour of the Bank:	1917.	1918.
At the end of	January Fmk	275,457,492: 90 Fm	k 453,301,951:75
>>	February »	266,506,246: 26 »	449,210,295: 39
>	March	283,197,972:54 »	449,549,470: 17
»	April	321,347,443:01	449,679,539: 82
>	May	317,529,447:75	452,992,376: 68
>	June	313,510,998: 72	453,775,190:69
*	July	319,026,527:46 »	412,299,647:69
*	August	374,853,394: 60 >	420,602,759: 38
>	September »	395,493,485: 41 »	420,575,711:58
>	October	515,008,448:82	367,311,062: 51
*	November »	567,024,197:19 »	368,775,982:85
>	December »	456,321,782: 09 »	343,786,334:01
. >	» in Germany »	22,448,297: 86 »	21,918,974:69

For the time being the Bank of Finland has correspondents at the following places abroad: Stockholm, Copenhagen, Christiania, London, Paris, Basel, Antwerp, Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Lübeck, Berlin, Frankfurt on Main, Vienna, Trieste, Petrograd, Riga, Madrid, New York and Chicago.

#### 5. Inland Bills.

In portfolio 31st December 1917				Fmk	<b>34,</b> 806,82 <b>6</b> : 01
Discounted during 1918				>	116,716,358:44
				Fmk	151,523,184:45
Paid during 1918	F	mk 10	06,370,573: 92		
Protested during 1918		>	10,000: —	•	106,380,573:92
	In port	folio 31	st Dec. 1918	Fmk	45,142,610: 53

The discount rates have been according to the quality and currency of the bills 5,  $5^{1/2}$  and  $6^{0/0}$ .

#### 6. Loans on Security.

Balance 31st December	1917														Fmk	5,837,736: 74
Effected during 1918.		•													>	39,012,568: 23
															Fmk	44,850,304: 97
Repaid during 1918 .															>	21,528,654:17
					-	Ba	llar	ice	31	st	De	c.	1918	3	Fmk	23,321,650: 80

The rates of interest for loans have been, according to security, 5, 5 1/2 and 6 %.

Securities held against these loans:		
Bonds and Bank deposit receipts	Fmk	3,622,738:91
Shares	>	828,916: 34
Mortgages	>	15,851,745:55
Gold and silver		250: —
Goods	<b>»</b>	3,018,000: —
	Fmk	23,321,650:80
7. Advances on Current Accounts.		
Balance of amount allowed 31st December 1917	Fmk	6,999,800: —
<b>» » » » » 1918</b>	>	29,061,500: —
Balance of amount used 31st December 1917	Fmk	5,140,644:62
Withdrawn during 1918	»	57,887,932: 46
	Fmk	63,028,577: 08
Paid in during 1918	>	50,382,549:06
Balance 31st December 1918	Fmk	12,646,028: 02
The rates of interest for advances on current accounts during 1918 h		en the same as
those for loans on security. A commission of 1/2 0/0 per year has been ch	arged.	
Securities held against these advances:		
Bonds and Bank deposit receipts		
Shares		<b>346,5</b> 00: —
Mortgages		2,386,500: —
	Fmk	29,061,500:
8. Foreign Bills.	г.	050 000 50
Balance 31st December 1917		356,633: 56
Discounted during 1918		<u> </u>
Sent for collection during 1918 Fmk 13,119,077: 02	Fmk	13,849,146: 59
D + + 1	»	13,137,580: 59
Balance 31st December 1918		
paramet 91st Determon 1910	1 IIIK	711,500.
9. Inland Bills Protested.		
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk	
Protested during 1918	>	10,000:—
	Fmk	10,000: —
Paid during 1918	>	10,000: —
Balance 31st December 1918		
	Fmk	
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10. Foreign Bills Protested.		
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk	
	Fmk	 18,503: 57
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk ,Fmk	18,503: 57 18,503: 57
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk	 18,503: 57

#### 11. Bank Notes.

#### a) Finnish Mark Notes.

	Number of 1 Mark notes.	Number of 3 Mark notes.	Number of 5 Mark notes.	Number of 10 Mark notes.	Number of 12 Mark notes.	Number of 20 Mark notes.	Number of 40 Mark notes.	Number of 50 Mark notes.	Number of 100 Mark notes.	Number of 500 Mark notes.	Number of 1000 Mark notes.	Total Fmk.
Notes in hand and in circulation 31st De-			į								•	
cember 1917: old issues	79,903 —	52,648	50,920 23,400		8,244	11,190 24,817	232	1,014 10,552	,	l .	1	1,474,735 48,803,430
<ul><li>» 1909</li><li>» 1915/16</li><li>»</li><li>Printed in 1918:</li></ul>	— 20,981,996	_ -	7,701,997 —			6,795,998 —	_		2,266,098			889,647,625 20,981,996
1909 issue	 5,391,000		4,946,000	_		97,000 —			2,099,000 —			569,610,000 5,391,000
Total	26,452,899	52,648	12,722,317	8,663,305	8,244	6,929,005	232	2,449,964	4,473,753	778,435	261,274	1,535,908,786
Destroyed during 1918: old issues	_	_	203	172	_	216	_	30	I .			19,655
1897/98 issue		_	1,000 2,853,000	,		1,925 173,500	_	638 68 200	12,700 1,297,300			2,812,570 223,695,000
	5,408,000	_	_	_		_	_	_	_			5,408,000
box 1909 issue Notes in hand and in	_	- !	3	1		1	_	1	3	3		1,895
circulation 31st December 1918	21,044,899	5 <b>2</b> ,648	9,868,111	8,335,415	8,244	6,753,363	23 <b>2</b>	2,381,095	3,163,679	660,244	249,354	1,303,971,666
			12,722,317			6,929,005		2,449,964	1		1	1,535,908,786
At the Bank 31st December 1918:						ļ		,				
old issues	— 14 —	61	213 1,828 1,554,238	42 2,240 919,203	87 —	107 1,844	2	25 1,575		102 3,626 111,360		77,596 2,607,870
· 1915/16 »	, , ,	_ :	_			674,571 —		215,131		— —	10 <b>,2</b> 18	141,135,490 4,681,148
cember 1918: old issues	,	52,587	50,504 20,572	18,724 49,912	8,157	10,867 21,048	230	959 8,339	, -			1,377,484
1909 »	 16,283,848	_	8,240,756		-	6,044,926	<u></u> 	2,155,066				43,382,990 1,094,425,240 16,283,848
					ъл	Penni No	otes.			r) Roubl	ie Notes.	
					Number					ımber   N		mber
					of 25 Penni notes.	of 50 Penni notes.	Total	3			of Rouble 25 R notes. no	of Total couble Fmk.
Notes in hand and in Printed in 1918			· · · ·			2,000,00		000	3,544 2	,355	762	289 209,008
Notes in hand and			st Decem		1 ' '		1 ' '		3,544   2	,355	762	289 209,008
At the Bank 31st Dec In circulation »	ember 19:	18				32 1,429,12 38 570,87		1	17 3,527 2	,351	1 761	43   4,624 246   204,384
The Notes of the Ban of which in hand » » circulati		sh Mar		and Rou		31 st Dec			149,9	09,572: -	_	306,105,674: — 306,105,674: —

#### 12. Bank Post Bills.

Outstanding 31st December 1917	Fmk	3,261,144: 01 170,713,520: 98		
	Fmk	173,974,664: 99		
Redeemed during 1918	»	167,599,297:10		
Outstanding 31 st December 1918	Fmk	6,375,367:89		
13. Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch.				
Outstanding 31st December 1917 Ro. 79,765: 88 =	Fmk	89,601:41		
Issued during 1918	»	617: 50		
Ro. 80,415:88 =	Fmk	90,218: 91		
Redeemed during 1918	>>	35,866: 74		
Outstanding 31st December 1918 Ro. 48,010: 69 =	Fmk	54,352: 17		
44 0 4 4				
14. Current Accounts.				
a) The Government's Current Accounts.				
Balance 31 st December 1917	Fmk	10,004,944: 61		
Paid in during 1918	>	492,076,725: 83		
	Fmk	502,081,670: 44		
Withdrawn during 1918	>	441,635,961:03		
Balance 31st December 1918	Fmk	60,445,709: 41		
b) Other Current Accounts.				
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk	237,840,256: 58		
Paid in during 1918	>>	4,229,304,944: 30		
	Fmk	4,467,145,200: 88		
Withdrawn during 1918	*	4,358,529,795: 91		
Balance 31st December 1918	Fmk	108,615,404: 97		
15. Bills for Collection.				
Balance 31st December 1917	Fmk	301,548: 09		
Collected during 1918	»	7,846,765: 54		
	Fmk	8,148,314:14		
Covered by remittance during 1918	<b>»</b>	7,991,778: 71		
Balance 31st December 1918	Fmk	156,535: 43		

### IV. The Year's Results.

During the war of independence in Finland the Bank was in the hands of the usurpers from the 28th of January till the 14th of April. The loss which the Bank suffered by the insurrection amounted on the 7th of September to Fmk 116,200,328:14.

As the Bank's position hereby as well' as by its losses on Rouble balances was considerably impaired, a Government Bill was passed by the Diet enabling the Government to strengthen the position of the Bank by transferring to it Finnish State Bonds for Fmk 350,000,000. This transfer took place on the 31st of October, and the amount was used as specified in the Profit and Loss Account below.

#### Profit and Loss Account.

#### Credit.

Interest on Home Investments Fmk 3,502,455: 32				
> Current Accounts abroad 9,894,641: 34				
> Bonds				
Agio				
Commission				
Bad and doubtful Debts paid	Fmk	32,874,920: 69		
Subvention of the Finnish Government for strengthening of the Bank's position > 350,000,000:				
	Fmk	382,874,920: 69		

#### Debit.

Salaries	Fmk 1,290,302: 89
Extraordinary Grant	<b>93,589: 94</b>
Pensions	> 56,820; 83
Fees to the Representatives of the Diet and their	r
expenses	<b>27,814: 86</b>
Cost of manufacturing Bank Notes	<b>1,350,127:69</b>
Miscellaneous Expenses	<b>&gt;</b> 553,581: 98
Value of Bank Premises depreciated	» 88,088 <b>:</b> 29
Loss on rate of exchange for Roubles	29,414,594: 21 Fmk 32,874,920: 69
Written off loss on the insurrection	Fmk 116,200,328: 14
Value of Rouble Bonds depreciated	. » 177,584,774: 54
• • • Debts •	. > 56,214,897:32 > 350,000,000:—
	Fmk 382,874,920: 69

### V. Capital.

The capital stands since the end of 1917 unaltered at . . . . . Fmk 4,715,219:10

## VI. Clearing.

July 3 430,501,044: 04, August 3 461,029,442: 93, September 3 768,654,302: 04, October 407,606,350: 59, November 482,809,013: 52, December 3 414,333,198: 76.

## VII. Bank Offices in Operation during 1918.

Head Office at Helsingfors and Branches at Åbo, Björneborg, Wasa, Uleåborg, Kuopio, Joensuu, Sordavala, Wiborg, S:t Michel, Tammerfors, Tavastehus, Jyväskylä and Kotka.

The Board of Management has undergone the alteration that the President of the Bank, Mr. Clas v. Collan, on the 26th of November 1918 retired from office, and that to his successor has been nominated undersigned Mr. Otto Stenroth, who on the 7th inst. took up the duties of his office.

Helsingfors, January 30th, 1919.

# The Board of Management of the Bank of Finland otto stenroth.

JALO JÄRNEFELT.

K. BASILIER.

A. BROBERG.

A. V. MANNELIN.