

## RETIREMENT OF MR JOHN S HASSAL

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### VETERAN BANK MANAGER

We understand that Mr John S Hassal, manager of the Victoria Street branch of the Bank of Liverpool, will shortly retire from that position. There is no man in banking circles in Liverpool better known than Mr Hassal, and probably there is no man who is more universally respected.

He joined the Bank of Liverpool fifty-eight years ago, when the business was of very limited character, and for the shares he bought in the bank he paid £17 10s. The shares are now quoted at double that amount.

Mr Hassal's career did not begin with the Bank of Liverpool. Before joining that concern he was for six years in the office of Mr William Bird, who was the official assignee of bankruptcy in Liverpool, a position which no longer exists.

Mr Hassal has seen some very large changes in the commercial life of Liverpool and nothing has been more marked than the development of the fruit and provision trade, which is provided for largely by the bank in Victoria Street over the interests of which Mr Hassal has so carefully watched, and with such excellent results to the parent bank.

A man very approachable, always genial in his manner, he was greatly liked by the customers of the bank, and in the course of a few years after the opening of the Victoria Street branch the business developed to an enormous extent. It is now probably one of the largest branches connected with the Bank of Liverpool.

Mr Hassal, who is past his seventy-eighth year, has been always a man of enormous energy, and up till a few years ago he thought nothing of cycling sixty miles a day, and even now we believe he can walk fifteen or twenty miles a day with apparent ease.

In his retirement, which will take place very shortly, he will be followed by the good wishes of many of the commercial men of Liverpool, who wish him long life and continued good health to enjoy his well-deserved rest.