May Bank Statement. The increase of over $1,325,000 in bank note circulation during May furnished additional evidence of steady business progress throughout Canada. Ordinarily, May is a month during which circulation decreases rather than increases.

Continued growth in demand for banking accommodation resulted in a further swelling of current loans in Canada—the May increase of well over $4,000,000 bringing up the total to $528,300,000. The cutting down of Canadian call loans during a month of general activity in stocks evidences the conservatism of the banking attitude towards market developments at home. Outside of Canada, on the other hand, call loans increased by nearly $10,500,000. But market loans abroad, unlike those at local centres, are considered as immediately available reserves—and the month's increase was natural in view of accession to disposable funds through steadily increasing deposits. Increase in deposits is a normal feature of the spring-to-autumn banking trend; and during the same period the banks ordinarily make steady increases in their readily available funds, in preparation for crop-moving operations. This autumn the reserve position of the banks is likely to be unusually strong. Business recovery will scarcely have had time to strain loanable funds which accumulated during trade recession, and were added to by capital from abroad.

STATEMENT OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA.

Statistical Abstract for Month Ending May 31, 1909, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

Assets.	May. 31, 1909	April 30, 1909.	May 31, 1908	Increase or Decrease for month, 1909.	Increase or Decrease for month, 1908.	Inc. or Dec. for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes	$93,100,414	$93,707,417	$74,333,401	d. $ 607,003	d. $ 156,472	i. $18,767,013
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	34,391,503	29,878,850	24,039,508	i. 4,512,653	d. 804,400	i. 10,351,995
Deposit to Secure Note Issues	4,037,911	4,057,012	4,006,979	d. 19,101	i. 9,379	i. 30,932
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured.	4,558,860	5,014,136	8,284,226	d. 455,276	d. 108,583	d. 3,725,366
Deposits with and due other Bks. in Can.	7,805,533	8,042,490	9,552,107	d. 236,957	d. 516,429	d. 1,746,574
Due from Banks, etc., in U. Kingdom	7,767,053	6,666,349	5,160,639	i. 1,100,704	i. 1,672,267	i. 2,606,414
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	31,766,148	31,703,189	20,635,462	i. 62,959	i. 3,051,794	i. 11,130,686
Government Securities.	11,228,101	10,419,082	9,847,534	i. 809,019	i. 41,726	i. 1,380,567
Can. Municipal and other Securities	21,253,503	21,122,206	19,878,748	i. 131,297	i. 57,912	i. 1,374,755
Railway and other Bonds and Stocks.	51,764,227	51,349,556	42,898,184	i. 414,671	i. 674,208	i. 8,866,043
Total Securities held.	84,245,831	82,890,844	72,624,466	i. 1,354,987	i. 773,840	i. 11,621,365
Call Loans in Canada.	49,771,929	50,213,950	41,143,446	d. 442,021	d. 442,117	i. 8,628,483
Call Loans outside Canada	124,877,955	114,493,570	48,662,327	i. 10,384,385	d. 2,577,693	i. 76,215,628
Total Call and Short Loans	174,649,884	164,707,520	89,805,773	i. 9,942,364	d. 3,019,810	i. 84,844,111
Current Loans and Disc'ts in Canada	528,313,141	524,168,988	537,773,042	i. 4,144,153	d. 1,557,710	d. 9,459,901
Current Loans and Disc'ts outside	34,487,649	35,874,530	22,521,334	d. 1,386,881	i. 416,443	i. 11,966,315
Total Current Loans and Discounts	562,800,790	560,043,518	560,294,376	i. 2,757,272	d. 1,141,267	i. 2,506,414
Aggregate of Loans to Public	737,450,674	724,751,038	650,100,149	i. 12,699,636	d. 4,161,077	i. 87,350,525
Loans to Dominion and Provincial Gov'ts.	1,996,416	1,652,533	6,084,053	i. 343,883	i. 678,669	d. 4,087,637
Overdue Debts	7,862,338	7,783,239	7,823,297	d. 79,099	d. 942,697	i. 39,041
Bank Premises	19,344,545	18,914,694	17,913,006	i. 429,851	i. 226,789	i. 1,431,539
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	2,168,452	2,031,237	1,896,717	i. 137,215	i. 53,195	i. 271,735
Other Assets	7,524,669	7,922,408	6,169,495	d. 397,739	d. 287,338	i. 1,355,174
TOTAL ASSETS	1,044,020,533	1,025,015,613	908,613,696	i. 19,004,920	d. 511,054	i. 135,406,837
Liabilities.						
Notes in Circulation	68,593,229	67,266,664	67,770,018	i. 1,326,565	i. 1,057,119	i. 823,211
Due to Dominion Government	4,990,476	3,920,743	5,528,601	i. 1,069,733	d. 346,694	d. 538,125
Due to Provincial Governments	13,482,062	13,231,705	10,640,894	i. 250,357	i. 1,956,757	i. 2,841,168
Deposits in Can. payable on demand	216,916,294	207,039,031	153,901,379	i. 9,877,263	d. 664,902	i. 63,014,915
Dep'ts in Can. payable after notice	453,599,117	450,450,722	398,177,820	i. 3,148,395	i. 872,385	i. 55,421,297
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	670,515,411	657,489,753	552,079,199	i. 13,025,658	i. 207,483	i. 118,436,212
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	76,409,638	73,578,818	61,261,066	i. 2,830,820	d. 2,364,422	i. 15,148,572
Total Deposits, other than Government	746,925,049	731,068,571	613,340,265	i. 15,856,478	d. 2,156,339	i. 133,584,784
Loans from other Banks in Canada	4,708,102	5,113,099	9,509,358	d. 404,997	d. 357,958	d. 4,801,256
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	4,803,147	5,368,426	5,466,189	d. 565,279	d. 1,250,240	d. 663,042
Due to Banks and Agencies in U. K.	5,756,012	4,473,132	8,810,372	i. 1,282,880	i. 1,250,103	d. 3,054,360
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere	3,319,705	3,023,564	3,371,404	i. 296,141	d. 210,214	d. 51,699
Other Liabilities	8,451,290	7,629,552	6,553,409	i. 821,738	i. 272,255	i. 1,897,881
TOTAL LIABILITIES	861,029,144	841,095,530	730,791,593	i. 19,933,614	i. 15,203	i. 130,237,551
Capital paid up	97,334,478	97,149,528	96,008,221	i. 184,950	d. 245,437	i. 1,326,257
Reserve Fund	75,755,488	75,607,676	71,558,683	i. 147,812	i. 28,587	i. 4,196,805
Liabilities of [illegible] firms	8,894,201	9,278,050	11,451,953	i. 383,849	d. 279,661	d. 2,557,752
Greatest Circulation [illegible]	70,894,967	73,392,140	69,970,485	d. 2,497,173	d. 1,829,329	924,482