

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE CHARTERED BANKS IN CANADA.

COMPARISON OF THE CHIEF ITEMS.

<i>Assets.</i>	Month of April, 1886.	Month of Mch., 1886.	Increase or Decrease.
Specie and Dominion notes.....	\$18,507,935 75	\$18,730,309 02	Dec. \$22,373 27
Due from British banks.....	2,103,586 63	2,222,901 77	Dec. 119,315 14
Due from American banks.....	15,134,887 43	16,018,323 08	Dec. 883,435 65
Governmental securities.....	7,606,015 28	7,542,837 04	Inc. 63,178 24
Loans and collaterals.....	14,740,003 98	14,454,353 29	Inc. 285,650 69
Loans to Corporations.....	15,501,323 32	14,719,769 06	Inc. 781,554 26
Discounts to the public current.....	132,592,178 52	131,372,894 97	Inc. 1,219,283 55
Total Assets.....	228,336,520 02	225,929,994 93	Inc. 2,406,525 09
<i>Liabilities.</i>			
Notes in circulation.....	29,281,603 38	29,959,916 55	Dec. 678,313 17
Government deposits.....	11,464,449 18	11,519,086 24	Dec. 54,637 06
Deposits from the public.....	100,015,419 08	98,872,854 75	Inc. 1,142,564 33
Loans from other banks.....	1,968,833 02	1,809,601 01	Inc. 159,232 01
Balances due to British banks ..	2,149,679 84	1,811,090 30	Inc. 338,589 54
Balances due to American banks.....	412,538 78	270,527 84	Inc. 142,010 94
Total liabilities to the public.....	145,413,155 05	144,490,346 64	Inc. 922,814 41
Capital paid up.....	62,303,741 48	62,218,385 37	Inc. 85,356 11
Reserve Fund	17,870,141 00	17,830,141 00	Inc. 40,000 00

Inc. increase. Dec. decrease.

The Bank statement for this month cannot be said to contain anything very startling. It may not be out of place, however, to note some minor changes which have taken place: Specie and Dominion notes have decreased over \$222,000; but taking the items separately we find specie increased over \$40,000 and that the falling off has been in Dominion notes. Balances due from British banks are still on the decline, as are also amounts due from American banks, while the amounts due to both countries have largely increased. This would indicate a probable strengthening in the market for foreign exchange. Government securities and loans increased slightly, while loans on stocks, bonds and debentures slightly decreased. Loans to municipal and other corporations increased materially. Discounts to the public current increased about 1 1/4 millions, which may be accounted for by activity in the shipping trade consequent on the opening of navigation. Total assets increased nearly 2 1/2 millions. Circulation decreased \$678,313, which is to be expected at this season, and cannot be taken as an indication of the business of the country. Deposits have gone on increasing and \$1,142,564 has been added to that already enormous amount. The total liabilities increased \$922,814.

Our word of warning regarding the returns as to loans between banks has apparently been disregarded, but on this we will have more to say again.

Directors' liabilities have been reduced, especially in Quebec and Nova Scotia. In Ontario they have increased slightly.

INSURED PERSONS PER 100,000 INHABITANTS.

The number of persons assured per 100,000 inhabitants in the following countries is estimated at:—

Spain.....	10	Norway.....	168
Portugal.....	10	Belgium.....	213
Russia.....	23	Sweden.....	430
Italy.....	30	Switzerland.....	1,313
France.....	68	United States.....	1,640
Austria.....	80	England.....	2,659
Germany.....	148		

Total European Continent and England 702; Total Continent, 461; Total Europe and United States, 831.

THE PUBLIC REVENUE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

I. An abstract of the gross produce of the revenue of the United Kingdom in the year ended March 31, 1886, compared with the preceding year:—

	Years ended	
	March 31, 1886.	March 31, 1885.
Customs.....	£19,827,000	£20,321,700
Excise.....	25,460,000	26,600,000
Stamps.....	11,590,000	11,925,000
Land Tax.....	1,040,000	1,065,000
House duty.....	1,850,000	1,885,000
Property and income-tax....	15,160,000	12,000,000
Post office.....	8,150,000	7,905,000
Telegraph service.....	1,740,000	1,760,000
Crown lands.....	350,000	380,000
Interest on advances.....	1,376,080	1,027,350
Miscellaneous.....	3,008,221	3,174,760
Totals.....	£89,581,301	£88,043,110

II. Increase and decrease in the year ended March 31, 1886, as compared with the preceding year:—

	Increase.	Decrease
Customs.....	—	£494,000
Excise.....	—	1,140,000
Stamps.....	—	335,000
Land tax.....	—	25,000
House duty.....	—	35,000
Property and income tax....	£3,160,000	—
Post office.....	245,000	—
Telegraph service.....	—	20,000
Crown lands.....	—	—
Interest on advances.....	348,730	—
Miscellaneous.....	—	166,539
Totals.....	£3,753,730	£2,215,539
		Net increase, £1,538,191