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Comparison of the aggregate of Canadian investment securities during recent years would tell a similar story of bounding prosperity as the bank aggregates. But this is not equally practicable for lack of full available statistics at different periods. There is an interesting indication of the emergence of Canada from provincialism in finance in the figures of corporation bonds and stocks placed on the market in Canada during the last five years. Within the past twelve months a large share of the bonds of electric companies issued in Canada, but operating in Mexico, South America, and the West Indies, have been taken up by capitalists in Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Switzerland and Great Britain. The bonds of half a dozen such companies total seventy-four million dollars, and their y stock a still larger sum.

Bonds. Stocks. Sao Paulo Light & Power Co.... Mexican Light & Power Co.... Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light & Power Co.... \$ 5,500,000 \$ 7,500,00. 18,000,000 14,000,000 20,000,000 000,000 Hayana Central Railway Co. Cuban Electric Railway Trinidad Electric Railway Para Harbor, Limited 5,000,000 7.000,000 8,000,000 2:500.000 1.000.000 1,200,000

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Totals

Most of these \$75,000,000 of bonds have been taken in Europe, which illustrates strikingly the rapid awakening of British and Continental capital to the potentialities of Canadian industrial enterprise in ioreign countries. The recent over-subscription of Grand Trunk Pacific in the London market, and the wonderfully altered tone of that market within a year with respect to investments in Canadian undertakings of various kinds attests the hold which the Dominion is taking of the British mind. All the issues of capital for railroad building in the last half year.

From a list now before us of corporation bonds alone, (no shares included), issued and sold in Canada from 1900 to 1905, we learn that including one Grand Trunk Pacific issue, and only part of the Canadian. Northern Railway issues, Montreal Light, Nova Scotia Steel, Shawinigan Power, Toronto Electric, Ontario Power Co., Hamilton Cataract, Dominion Coal, and some forty other securities, the aggregate was \$88,-588,000 distributed over the six years as follows :-

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1901 2.678,000	 904	
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This list of \$\$8,000,000 includes bonds of several. electric roads, from Vancouver to St. John; the Lake Erie and the Bay of Quinte Railways, the Bell Telephone Co., rolling stock companies, radial railways, etc. But it does not include municipal bonds, of which there were issued in 1904 more than \$13,700,000, and in 1905 over \$9,000,000.

These totals take no account of the large amount of Canadian money invested in such United States enterises as the Twin City Electric Railway, the Detroit Inited Railway, and the Toledo Electric Railway, each of which latter have a Montreal director, or the Commercial Cable Company, one of whose directors is a Toronto financier.

Judging from the extent of the transactions here outlined, it is not too much to say that in addition to the \$700,000,000 or \$800,000 of Canadian deposits in the hands of chartened banks, the savings banks, and the loan companies, there are hundreds of millions more of Canadian accumulations actively employed in the industrial world

A significant showing is made by the record of sales on the Toronto Stock Exchange during the first six months of this year. Exclusive of transactions in bank and loan company shares (30,293 and 12,102 respectively), 366,047 shares of industrial stocks, and \$1,145,900 worth of industrial bonds changed hands on that one exchange in six months.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the money deposited by Canadians in the chartered banks of the country represents the whole of their accumulated wealth. There are plenty other receptacles, more or less safe,-the knotted stocking, or tin box, or clock case, of a farmer's wife in the rural districts, the private bankers' hands, or the treasurers of the loan companies. All that can be authentically traced is included in the following list of principal deposits in 1901 and 1906.

Chartered (Banks\$347,882,000	\$532,593,000
Government Savings Banks 54,317,000 Montreal C. & D. Savings Bank 12,660,000	60,006,000
Caisse d' Economie, Quebec 6,581,000 Loan Companies	7,853,000
Loan Debentures	19,606,000
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Two hundred millions increase in five years is three and one-third millions a month. The increase in the five years, 1896-01, was, if anything, more remarkable. At the close of the fiscal year 1896 (30th June), the total deposits of all kinds amounted to \$293,220,000, of which \$211,600,000 was in the chartered banks, and \$81,614,000 outside them.

With \$532,000,000 in the chartered banks, and \$126,000,000 in other institutions, the total wealth earmarked in this way is equal to \$110 for each man, woman, and child, of the estimated population of the Dominion.

POLICY OF GOVERNMENT MINES.

There has been considerable misapprehension about the Ontario Government's conduct in regard to the development of mineral areas in the Temiskaming country. Premier Whitney in the Legislature defined the Government's atti-tude on April 3rd. He said:

It is well known that the mileage between the 101st and 105th mile of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Rail-way is very rich in silver ore. Advertisements will be issued shortly calling for tenders for a mining concession along this stretch of the right of way, some three and a half miles. These tenders will be issued on the followin~ conditions:

1. A yearly rental of \$500 for the use of a small block of land outside the 99 feet of the right of way, to be used as a site for mining buildings.

2. The payment to the Government of a 10 per cent. poyalty on all ore valued at \$400 per ton or less, a 20 per cent, royalty on all ore valued at between \$400 and \$1,000 per ton, a 50 per cent, rovalty on all ore valued at between \$400 and \$100 per ton, a 50 per cent, rovalty on all ore valued at over \$1,000 per ton. We want it to be understood that we are not offering the concession to anyone on these terms. They are the lowest we are prepared to consider. If any higher offers are made we shall, of course, be prepared to consider the highest. highest.

In addition to this, there is another question on which the public mind should be(set at rest, viz., in regard to the Gillies timber limit. It is understood that a portion of the limit consists of very valuable ore-producing land. The limit is now withdrawn from prospecting. The holders of the limit have disposed of the timber on that portion supposed to be rich in minerals, and it is now being removed. Of course, there is great enviosity as to what the action of the Government will be, and there has been considerable dis-cussion as to whether, on October 1st, the day by which the timber is to be removed, the Government will dispose of this mineral-bearing land in the usual war, or divide, it up this mineral-bearing land in the usual way, or divide, it up in small lots and auction them off. I desire to say that the Government have considered this matter carefully, with all the circumstances and conditions before them, and they have arrived at this conclusion, and they consider it their manifest duty to the people, that they will not dispose of that silver bearing land. It being ours, we are prepared to keep it, to use it, develop it and mine it for the benefit of the people of the Province of Ontario,

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