

remember that things will be overdone, in the future, just as certainly as they have been in the past.

BANKING REVIEW.

We print below, in condensed form, the figures of the September return of the chartered banks of Ontario and Quebec, as compared with those of the previous month :

LIABILITIES.

	Aug. 31, '80.	Sep. 30, '80
Capital authorized....	\$57,466,666	\$57,466,666
Capital paid up	53,107,918	53,125,132
Notes in circulation..	18,760,949	21,698,071
Dominion and Provincial Gov't deposits..	9,238,560	8,327,995
Deposits held to secure Government contracts and for Insurance Companies	844,598	984,321
Public deposits on demand	39,222,842	40,108,568
Public deposits at notice	30,089,555	30,177,040
Bank loans or deposits from other banks secured	40,000	50,000
Bank loans or deposits from other banks unsecured	2,137,864	1,827,714
Due other banks in Canada	1,052,229	983,979
Due other banks in foreign countries ..	57,468	59,365
Due other banks in Great Britain	397,140	416,453
Other liabilities	268,208	307,190
Total liabilities	\$102,109,413	104,940,696

ASSETS.

Specie	6,612,675	6,720,782
Dominion notes	9,862,338	10,141,834
Notes and cheques of other banks	4,177,535	3,981,974
Due from other banks in Canada	2,491,403	2,629,933
Due from other banks in foreign countries.	26,249,832	24,691,685
Due from other banks in Great Britain....	2,611,667	2,983,234
Assets immediately available	\$52,005,450	\$51,209,442
Dominion Government debentures or stock.	1,014,668	988,022
Public securities other than Canadian	1,280,153	1,380,153
Loans to Dominion and Provincial Governments	1,238,915	1,020,957
Loans on bonds or debentures	5,305,017	5,809,416
Loans to municipal corporations	882,348	875,037
Loans to other corporations	3,958,257	4,119,450
Loans to or deposits made in other banks secured	29,867	29,867
Loans to or deposits made in other banks unsecured	682,544	749,044
Discounts current	87,119,702	90,009,596
Overdue notes unsecured	1,931,035	1,824,238
Other overdue debts unsecured	142,735	141,555
Overdue notes and debts secured	2,703,612	2,679,575

Real estate	2,016,423	2,020,674
Mortgages on real estate sold	334,984	390,389
Bank premises	2,826,165	2,835,808
Other assets	2,520,193	2,577,113

Total Assets \$165,992,068 \$168,660,336

By the bank statement of September, we are encouraged to believe that the general trade of the Dominion has in a marked degree resumed its activity. While we were prepared to expect evidence of an enlarged volume of business, we did not look for an increase of nearly \$3,000,000 in circulation and a like amount in notes discounted. Shipments of produce continue brisk in view of the decrease in prices rendered probable by the supply from the United States and France being largely in excess, and the condition of the crop in Britain being more favorable than was expected. Commenting upon these facts, Ruzel, in his French circular of Sept. 25th, remarks : " The fact of a colossal surplus over actual requirements exists ; the gap left by the last two years of bad crop will become less and less, and it is more than probable that during the winter, when the farmers do the most of their threshing, prices will fall to a lower level than they are now."

The importation of winter stocks by wholesale merchants has doubtless contributed also to the enlarged employment of banking capital. A decrease of \$1,500,000 in funds due by foreign countries is also worthy of note, as it means that this sum has an additional earning power of from four to five per cent. per annum. We fear that patience will have to submit to discipline for a considerable period before the \$24,000,000 still remaining in United States banks at a nominal rate of interest will be more satisfactorily employed. We observe that while Government deposits are about a million less, those of the public are slightly more than in the previous month.

The rate of interest on deposit receipts has recently occupied the attention of our leading banks, and their united action in resolving for the present to reduce the rate, and to abolish the practice of allowing interest on ordinary current accounts, is to be commended.

The Bank of Montreal has declared its half-yearly dividend at the rate of four per cent. Whether there is a prospect of an increase in the dividend of institutions of smaller capital shortly to be declared, or whether they will remain at the same figure is for the future to reveal ; but we should regard with feelings of regret any attempt to force stocks by the declaration of a higher dividend than profits will undoubtedly warrant.

UNITED STATES' COMMERCE. EXPORTS.

The remarkable increase manifest this year in the foreign trade of the United States is made very apparent by the figures just published by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington for the first seven months of 1880. The details of imports therein to be found appear to us to demonstrate, too, that the greater share of their increase arises from the demands of American manufacturers for increased supplies of raw material, as we shall show further on. The imports from 1st January to 1st August, 1880, were 62·8 per cent. greater than those of the same period of 1879. While the exports of Domestic merchandise were 23·1 per cent. greater, thus :—

Imports, seven months, 1880..	\$438,802,636
" " " 1879..	268,435,775

Increase..... \$170,366,861

United States domestic merchandise :—

Exports, seven months, 1880..	\$476,078,274
" " " 1879..	386,788,726

Increase..... \$89,289,548

The increase in the amount of exports is mainly attributable to the growth of outwards trade in flour, grain, dairy produce, live cattle, provisions and cotton. Of the latter staple, the export in an unmanufactured state was enormously large, exceeding that of the same period in 1879 by over 31 per cent. The following table gives the value of the principal items of increased export :—

	7 mos. 1879.	7 mos. 1880.
Cotton (raw).....	\$91,173,449	\$119,772,771
Wheat.	63,920,362	90,451,067
Corn.	27,326,867	41,514,814
Flour.....	17,152,263	20,298,925
Cattle	4,925,627	11,046,733
Bacon and hams	32,118,170	35,516,990
Beef, fresh.	3,308,486	5,147,859
Beef, salted or cured..	1,377,034	1,763,285
Pork	2,936,747	3,596,122
Butter	3,188,406	3,958,737
Cheese	6,350,610	8,077,539

The export of breadstuffs is here shown to be very large, an increase being observable in each item under that head excepting oats and rye. The value of bread, biscuit, barley, and rye. The value of bread, biscuit, barley, oats, indian corn and meal, wheat and wheat flour, rye and rye flour, exported in seven months this year was at the rate of five million dollars per week, while of hog products, beef salted and fresh, and dairy produce, the export was nearly two million dollars a week. Thus :

	7 Mos. 1880.	7 Mos. 1879.	Increase.
Breadstuffs....	\$154,826,000	\$111,600,000	\$43,226,000
Provisions ...	58,059,000	49,279,000	8,780,000

The relative increase is thus greatest in breadstuffs export in the proportion of 38·7 per cent. to 18 per cent.

There is a decrease in some items : live hogs, for instance, of which the export value