

THE DECEMBER BANK STATEMENT.

With December, the number of banks reporting to the Department of Finance is again reduced by one. The Farmers' Bank has dropped out, and only twenty-eight institutions, including the Sovereign Bank, make the returns as against thirty in December, 1909, and thirty-three in December, 1908. The number, in fact, is the smallest in any end of the year return since 1871, when the reporting banks were 23. The maximum number was reached in 1885 and 1886 when 41 banks made the December returns, the fluctuations in the number of the banks since then being as follows:—

1887-91	38	1904-5	34
1892-3	39	1906	36
1894-9	38	1907	35
1900	36	1908	33
1901	34	1909	30
1902	35	1910	28
1903	33		

It was to be expected that the figures of the banks in December would mark decreases upon the months immediately preceding, but the monthly return shows that the activity throughout the Dominion was at the end of the year being kept up on a very high level. The December circulation of the banks was \$87,604,840, a reduction from November of about \$2,500,000, but an increase of

Statement of the Chartered Banks of Canada.

Statistical Abstract for Month Ending December 31, 1910, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

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<i>Assets.</i>	Dec. 31, 1910	Nov. 30, 1910	Dec. 31, 1909	Inc. or Dec. for month 1910	Increase or Decrease for month, 1909.	Inc. or Dec. for Year.
Paper and Dominion Notes	\$ 109,418,939	\$110,598,225	\$100,682,479	-\$1,179,286	-\$2,625,978	+\$ 8,736,460
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks . .	48,045,024	48,935,919	45,791,783	+ 1,109,105	+ 2,183,051	+ 2,253,241
Deposits to Secure Note Issues	5,040,116	5,448,504	4,554,938	+ 408,388	+ 19,922	+ 485,178
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured.	3,807,474	3,813,774	4,299,806	- 6,300	+ 121,371	+ 492,332
Deposits with and due other Bks. in Can.	8,232,150	8,698,505	8,740,953	- 466,355	+ 1,379,059	+ 508,803
Due from Banks, etc., in U. Kingdom . .	13,824,172	26,854,867	7,295,757	+ 13,031,695	+ 10,727,736	+ 6,527,415
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	24,486,630	25,301,630	24,114,082	+ 815,000	+ 1,510,430	+ 372,548
Dominion & Prov. Securities	13,102,587	11,666,503	12,824,341	+ 1,436,084	+ 15,772	+ 278,246
Can. Municipal, For. Pub. Securities.	24,680,177	25,518,930	22,920,683	+ 838,753	+ 882,522	+ 1,759,494
Railway and other Bonds and Stocks	59,519,918	59,457,436	50,051,831	+ 62,482	+ 135,486	+ 9,468,087
Total Securities held	97,302,682	96,642,869	85,796,855	+ 659,813	+ 1,002,236	+ 11,505,827
Call Loans in Canada	63,983,912	62,866,513	63,554,222	+ 1,117,399	+ 5,678,545	+ 429,690
Call Loans outside Canada	90,710,437	96,404,136	138,505,379	- 5,693,693	+ 3,668,788	+ 47,794,912
Total Call and Short Loans	154,694,349	159,270,649	202,059,601	- 4,576,300	+ 9,347,333	+ 47,365,252
Current Loans and Disc'ts in Canada	677,064,829	677,617,478	592,741,812	+ 552,649	+ 2,449,868	+ 84,323,017
Current Loans and Disc'ts outside . .	40,400,839	42,396,585	40,072,793	+ 1,995,746	+ 4,714,579	+ 328,046
Total Current Loans and Discounts . .	717,465,668	720,014,063	632,814,605	+ 2,548,395	+ 7,164,447	+ 81,651,063
Aggregate of Loans to Public	872,159,017	879,284,712	834,874,206	+ 7,125,695	+ 16,511,760	+ 37,284,811
Loans to Provincial Governments	2,144,028	2,167,146	3,080,086	- 23,118	+ 579,356	+ 936,058
Overdue Debts	6,553,475	6,781,495	6,059,861	+ 228,020	+ 977,573	+ 493,614
Bank Premises	25,191,619	24,210,394	21,336,631	+ 981,225	+ 227,313	+ 3,854,988
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	2,319,711	2,124,478	1,859,651	+ 195,233	+ 36,994	+ 460,060
Other Assets	11,265,638	14,938,532	9,296,356	+ 3,672,894	+ 1,205,429	+ 1,969,282
TOTAL ASSETS	1,229,790,859	1,253,801,121	1,157,783,629	+ 24,010,262	+ 1,918,229	+ 72,007,230
<i>Liabilities.</i>						
Notes in Circulation	87,694,849	90,165,730	81,325,732	- 2,470,890	+ 5,065,144	+ 6,369,108
Due to Dominion Government	5,970,160	7,039,507	8,204,717	- 1,069,347	+ 2,270,138	+ 2,234,557
Due to Provincial Governments	24,714,358	25,780,949	24,592,223	+ 1,066,591	+ 1,454,766	+ 122,135
Deposits in Can. payable on demand	280,910,695	289,759,025	261,268,387	+ 8,848,330	+ 3,017,416	+ 19,642,308
Dep'ts in Can. payable after notice	544,220,710	551,113,835	499,082,024	+ 6,893,125	+ 5,288,201	+ 45,138,686
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	825,131,405	840,872,860	760,350,411	+ 15,741,455	+ 2,810,785	+ 64,780,994
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada . .	70,574,871	69,561,539	75,088,499	+ 1,013,332	+ 3,252,916	+ 4,136,628
Total Deposits, other than Government .	895,706,276	910,434,399	835,438,910	+ 4,172,813	+ 6,063,701	+ 69,267,566
Loans from other Banks in Canada . . .	3,988,730	3,903,686	4,420,738	+ 85,044	+ 98,850	+ 432,008
Deposits by other Banks in Canada . .	4,767,244	5,192,481	4,186,788	+ 425,237	+ 1,762,180	+ 580,456
Due to Banks and Agencies in U. K. . .	1,573,473	1,996,831	2,011,871	- 423,358	+ 726,853	+ 438,398
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere . .	4,374,426	4,920,172	3,558,235	+ 545,746	+ 1,420	+ 816,191
Other Liabilities	7,286,060	7,830,660	7,236,868	+ 544,600	+ 238,388	+ 49,192
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,036,075,636	1,057,264,492	970,976,157	+ 21,188,856	+ 2,372,554	+ 65,099,479
<i>Capital, etc.</i>						
Capital paid up	99,676,003	100,140,477	97,808,617	+ 464,384	+ 237,653	+ 1,867,476
Reserve Fund	83,965,969	83,164,948	77,847,333	+ 800,921	+ 479,000	+ 6,118,536
Liabilities of Directors and their firms .	9,882,951	10,117,964	10,249,438	- 235,013	+ 1,535	+ 366,487
Greatest Circulation in Month	94,783,437	99,228,604	89,506,794	+ 4,445,167	+ 2,716,375	+ 5,276,643