

In Canada money rates are unchanged. Call loans in Montreal and Toronto are quoted 5 to 5½ p.c. The bank statement for January 31st shows that the banks have taken energetic measures to bring their note issues within the legal limits prescribed for the end of January, at which date the right of extra issue expires. It is said that in some cases banks were obliged to take special measures in order to get their circulation in by the end of the month. Quite probably they will be obliged to have recourse again to Dominion "fours," United States bills and odds and ends of currency in order to avoid stepping over the mark and becoming liable to fines.

Talk of further mergers among the banks is still in evidence. The street is strongly inclined to the opinion that the large rise in price of Union and Quebec Bank stock means further combination. But the experts are puzzled as to whether the Bank of Montreal is connected with the move. As mentioned on previous occasions THE CHRONICLE believes the bankers will be acting wisely if they move slowly in the matter of combination.

BANKING PROFITS IN CANADA (III).

In the table presented in to-day's CHRONICLE the results shown in the two preceding articles are summarized and compared with results shown in the past seven years. It is necessary to explain again, that the reason the profits appearing in the first table do not correspond exactly with the profits shown in the second table is that in the first table the profits do not include sundry items recovered, and special items. Thus, taking the 1911 results for example, the item of \$3,400,000 realized by the Bank of Montreal through writing up the premises account is not included in the first table and it has been necessary to take it into the second table. The item of \$500,000 of "recoveries" shown by the Bank of Commerce in 1911 is also excluded from the first table and included in the second. The first table aims to show the earning power of the banks; and extra or special items of income are therefore excluded.

Then we may also repeat our explanation of the differences appearing between the balances carried

Banking Profits in Canada: Table III.

SUMMARY OF THE BANKS' OPERATIONS DURING SEVEN YEARS.

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EARNING POWER.

	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
Average Capital paid . . .	\$ 98,735,350	\$ 94,850,097	\$ 93,437,945	\$ 92,543,865	\$ 94,945,190	\$ 87,920,043	\$ 80,410,569
Average Capital and Rest . .	185,683,791	173,466,893	168,349,840	163,566,349	164,424,032	149,263,819	135,324,194
Average Total Resources . .	1,274,631,501	1,187,543,106	1,025,920,764	916,245,586	939,239,392	847,537,380	745,327,472
Profits	16,407,021	14,163,430	12,626,690	12,910,823	13,759,053	12,290,106	10,464,469
Per cent. Earnings to average capital	16.62	14.93	13.51	13.95	14.49	13.98	13.01
Per cent. Earnings to average capital and rest . .	8.84	8.16	7.50	7.89	8.37	8.23	7.73
Per cent. Earnings to average Total Resources . .	1.29	1.19	1.23	1.41	1.47	1.45	1.40

DISPOSITION OF PROFITS.

	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
Balance brought in	\$ 4,326,930	\$ 4,935,093	\$ 4,260,767	\$ 4,522,929	\$ 2,180,917	\$ 2,736,039	\$ 2,270,595
Profits	20,442,506	14,260,765	12,951,690	12,817,774	13,755,789	12,104,703	10,153,828
Premium New Stock	6,563,821	3,049,274	1,708,918	469,075	2,789,677	6,371,151	591,380
Total	\$31,333,257	\$22,245,132	\$ 18,921,375	\$17,809,778	\$18,726,383	\$21,211,893	\$13,015,803
Dividends paid	\$ 9,698,995	\$8,715,367	\$8,293,044	\$ 8,090,616	\$ 8,131,598	\$ 7,298,963	\$ 6,228,803
Added to Rest	13,172,564	7,185,774	3,595,653	3,494,694	4,176,966	9,943,089	3,496,125
Written off Premises	2,177,944	1,427,701	1,456,469	1,355,718	1,758,300	1,331,982	897,707
Written off for Depreciation, etc.	225,000	233,909	285,000	376,000	129,534	271,386	*
Contributions, Pensions, etc.	393,871	341,574	296,776	231,166	220,518	189,533	129,847
Balance carried out	5,664,883	4,340,807	4,994,433	4,261,584	4,309,467	2,266,940	2,263,321
Total	\$31,333,257	\$22,245,132	\$ 18,921,375	\$17,809,778	\$18,726,383	\$21,211,893	\$13,015,803

* In 1904 the amounts written off for Depreciation, etc., were included with the amounts written off Premises account.