movement of European capital to America and the favorable trade balance.

Monetary conditions in the Dominion are practically unchanged. Call loans are quoted, as before, at 5½ to 6 p.c. There appears to be a confident undertone to the dealings on the stock exchanges and the probability is that from that quarter a considerable demand for credits will be experienced. We referred to the merger of prominent shoe companies in Montreal as a happening likely to occasion further loan expansion by the banks. Announcement was made this week of the approaching consolidation of the four street railways operated by the Montreal Street Railway Company on the island of Montreal. The flotation of the new Montreal Tramway Company will doubtless involve the creation of a considerable amount of new securities, notwithstanding the fact that the Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over the matter of the terms on which the four constituent concerns are to be taken over. This, it is said, will prevent stock watering. The bank statement for January 31st, is reassuring in that it shows the notice deposits to have increased over $5,500,000 during the month. THE CHRONICLE, for one, did not accept as reliable the opinion expressed by a Toronto banker that the unusual decrease of deposits shown in the December bank return was due to transfers of savings deposits from the banks to the Government. It is much more likely that the December decrease was due to the withdrawal of special deposits which had been temporarily lodged—principally at the Bank of Montreal.

BANKING PROFITS IN CANADA (I).

THE CHRONICLE commences in this number its customary series of articles analyzing and reviewing the operations of the chartered banks during the past year. In this first article the earnings and dividends of the various banks are dealt with. The figures are taken from the published reports and all the "going" banks are included. It will be noticed that the Union Bank of Halifax is included in the list for 1910 notwithstanding that it was absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada in the last quarter of the year. The table does not give the

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BANK	1910 Year Ending	1910 Profits	1910 Per cent. on Average Capital	1910 Per cent. on Average Capital and Rest	1910 Per cent. on Average Total Resources	1910 Dividend Paid in Fiscal Year	1909 Profits	1909 Per cent. on Average Capital	1909 Per cent. on Average Capital and Rest	1909 Per cent. on Average Total Resources	1909 Dividend Paid in Fiscal Year
		$				p. c.	$				p. c.
Montreal	Oct. 31	1,797,992	12.49	6.81	.76	10	1,826,168	12.68	6.92	.88	10
New Brunswick	Dec. 31	142,180	18.40	6.61	1.45	13	136,305	18.20	6.61	1.61	13
Quebec	May 15	278,926	11.16	7.43	1.80	7	252,771	10.11	6.74	1.71	7
Nova Scotia	Dec. 31	662,301	22.08	7.79	1.32	12	604,124	20.14	7.19	1.31	12
St. Stephen	Apr. 30	....	....	....			13,729	6.86	5.44	1.67	5
British	June 30	533,682	10.97	7.27	1.06	7	378,499	7.78	5.23	.87	7
Toronto	Nov. 30	589,656	14.74	6.74	1.24	10	579,471	14.49	6.82	1.41	10
Molsons (1)	Sep. 30	583,555	16.36	7.88	1.41	10	476,037	13.67	6.83	1.31	10
Eastern Townships	Nov. 15	410,697	13.69	8.05	2.13	8¼	390,536	13.02	7.81	1.73	8
Union, Halifax	Jan. 31	214,415	14.29	7.94	1.46	8	182,057	12.14	6.81	1.36	8
Nationale	Apr. 30	257,917	12.96	8.48	1.62	7	266,661	14.40	9.69	1.82	7
Merchants	Nov. 30	1,057,140	17.62	10.07	1.60	8½	831,160	13.85	8.31	1.42	8
Provinciale	Dec. 31	149,063	14.91	11.04	1.69	5	124,143	12.41	9.55	1.73	5
Union, Canada	Nov. 30	451,620	13.69	8.69	1.02	7¼	407,541	12.73	8.15	1.10	7
Commerce	Nov. 30	1,838,065	18.38	11.49	1.22	9	1,510,696	15.10	9.44	1.18	8
Royal	Dec. 31	951,337	18.29	8.56	1.23	11¼	838,306	17.87	8.32	1.45	10
Dominion	Dec. 31	659,301	16.48	7.33	1.09	12	620,927	15.58	6.92	1.16	12
Hamilton	Nov. 30	422,090	16.31	8.11	1.07	10	382,332	15.31	7.65	1.09	10
Standard	Jan. 31	342,259	18.14	8.39	1.21	12	283,065	18.14	8.50	1.40	12
Hochelaga	Nov. 30	417,697	16.71	8.70	1.84	8	360,821	14.43	7.76	1.76	8
Ottawa	Nov. 30	532,354	15.50	7.71	1.29	10½	421,065	13.84	6.92	1.19	10
Imperial	Apr. 30	702,508	14.05	7.02	1.27	11	743,524	14.89	7.44	1.59	11
Traders	Dec. 31	524,351	12.04	8.00	1.20	8	457,082	10.50	7.19	1.23	7¼
Metropolitan	Dec. 31	146,887	14.68	7.34	1.49	8	130,405	13.04	6.52	1.56	8
Home	May 31	95,832	8.99	6.85	1.08	6	83,958	8.95	6.80	1.12	6
Northern Crown	Dec. 31	258,144	11.72	11.21	1.64	5	193,464	8.79	8.60	1.45	5
Sterling	Apr. 30	92,832	10.58	8.56	1.48	5	64,146	7.91	6.45	1.28	5
United Empire (2)	Dec. 31	44,686	8.42	8.42	1.21	5	26,589	4.87	4.87	1.01	4
Farmers	Dec. 31	....	....	....	....	..	41,108	7.30	7.30	1.68	4
Vancouver (3)	Dec. 31	5,943	1.89	1.89	1.31	.	....	....	....	....	..
[illegible]		14,163,430	14.93	8.16	1.19	..	12,626,690	13.51	7.50	1.23	

(1) Molsons Bank profits 1910 and 1909 less business tax. (2) United Empire profits 1909 less taxes.
(3) Bank of Vancouver profits for five months.