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Canada; that is to say, in paragraph 16 of Schedule G, the form of the monthly return, the words, - "after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts" have been added to the words, - "other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada", but curiously enough no such change has been made in paragraph 15 of Schedule G dealing with current loans and discounts in Canada. This is probably due to an oversight, and in my opinion it would be safer in the monthly return in valuing current loans and discounts in Canada to make full provision for bad and doubtful debts, and I suggest that in order to make it quite clear that such provision is being made the words which have been omitted by oversight should be inserted by the Bank in the return, that is the Bank in preparing the return should make paragraph 15 read "15. Other current loans and discounts in Canada, after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts". In other words the Bank should not only make provision for bad and doubtful debts but should show that it is doing so.

An important change made by the Act in regard to both the annual statement and the monthly return is that in each case the Act speaks of non-current loans where the old Act spoke of overdue debts. (See New Act section 54, subsection 3 (q), Old Act section 54, subsection 2 (p), New Act Schedule G, paragraph 20 of Table of Assets. Old Act Schedule D, paragraph 21 of Table of Assets). The Act does not expressly purport to define a "current loan" or a "non-current loan", but subsection 5 of section 113 enumerates five categories of loans which must not be included amongst current loans for the purposes of any monthly return or special return required by the Minister, or any statement or balance sheet prepared and issued by a Bank, and it would seem that from a practical point of view this subsection enumerates all classes of non-current loans.

This subsection 5, however, confers upon the