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MAY BANK STATEMENT.

	May, '08.	April, '09.	May, '09.	Year's Increase.	Month's Increase.
Deposits on demand	\$153,901,379	\$207,039,031	\$216,916,294	+ 40.9	+ 4.7
Deposits after notice	398,177,820	450,450,722	453,599,117	+ 13.1	+ 0.6
Current loans in Canada	537,774,042	524,168,988	528,313,141	— 2.6	— 0.1
Current loans elsewhere	22,521,334	35,874,530	34,487,649	+ 53.1	— 3.8
Call loans in Canada	41,143,646	50,213,950	49,771,929	+ 20.9	— 0.8
Call loans elsewhere	48,662,327	114,493,570	124,877,955	+ 156.6	+ 9.06
Circulation	67,770,018	67,266,664	68,593,229	+ 1.2	+ 1.9

The expected fruition of hopes of returning business activity, to be reflected in the May Bank Statement has not come. So far from an increase, the figures show a decrease in aggregate of current loans by Canadian banks, both in Canada and elsewhere, compared with April, and but a very trifling increase in circulation. With call loans outside the Dominion the case is different, for there an increase of nearly ten millions is visible in the month.

If the comparison is made with the same month of the year preceding, it would seem that recovery in business is greater, say, in the United States, than in Canada. For while there is a drop of fourteen millions in the aggregate of domestic current loans, those outside have trebled in twelve months.

The gradual recovery in volume of loans from the decline in the preceding two years is beginning to be manifest:—

Loans.	May, '06.
Current in Canada	\$493,505,634
Current elsewhere	33,585,616
Call in Canada	53,129,606
Call elsewhere	55,886,119

That Canadians are thrifty as well as prosperous finds confirmation in the manner they are putting money away in the chartered banks and in the coffers of Ontario loan societies and the Post Office savings banks of the Dominion. In four years their deposits with the chartered banks have gone up from \$465,000,000, at which they stood in May, 1905, to \$670,515,000 in the same month this year. To this \$670,000,000 there falls to be added \$20,000,000 in Ontario loan companies and \$100,000,000 or more in Post Office savings banks and the Banques d'epurgne of Quebec and Montreal and the woolen socks or other such receptacles for saving as our bucolic brethren may have, before we can estimate what has been called the "loose savings" of the Canadian people.

Here are the demand and notice deposits tabulated.

	May, '07.	May, '08.	May, '09.
	\$584,707,830	\$537,774,042	\$528,313,141
	25,412,267	22,521,334	34,487,649
	49,886,386	41,143,646	49,771,929
	52,281,678	48,662,327	124,877,955