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A Statistical Story. As an illustration of the condition of the Canadian people, and to enable us to judge of their economy, their property and resources, the following collection of figures from the statements rendered by the chartered banks to the Government in August during the past nine years, is pleasing to patriotic pride in the prosperity and growth of the Dominion.

Year	Circulation	DEPOSITS.		Call Loans.	Current loans
		On Demand.	After Notice.		
1891	32,012,196	59,553,420	85,531,209	11,640,809	184,106,324
1892	32,646,187	64,764,748	98,058,015	17,487,343	186,312,886
1893	33,308,967	61,437,993	105,015,710	15,141,457	205,956,200
1894	30,270,366	66,389,701	109,998,432	15,282,727	199,908,340
1895	30,737,622	67,386,516	115,716,520	16,766,317	197,526,285
1896	31,509,154	65,264,335	123,151,850	13,218,553	207,410,954
1897	34,454,386	74,949,375	135,068,821	16,606,104	202,457,187
1898	37,299,496	84,306,117	149,972,984	21,475,172	218,077,369
1899	41,446,399	95,264,689	168,627,016	31,692,777	247,669,051

Dewey Celebration and Fire Danger. The dangers arising from the annual celebration of the Declaration of American Independence will be duplicated to-day and to-morrow in the city of New York by the general illuminations and fire-works intended to express national rejoicing at the return of the hero of Manilla Bay. That the fire underwriters are alive to the situation goes without saying. Special meetings of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters have been held, and every reasonable precaution adopted to minimize the danger arising from the frantic ebullition of patriotic feeling and fire-works. The Board is reported to have discussed the danger of fire-works and colored fire on piers, and to have issued a form of permit for piers which will prescribe certain reasonable precautions such as stationing men with fire pails near burning colored fire.

Altogether, the Dewey celebration will be another Glorious Fourth of anxiety and fear for the nervous fire underwriter.

The Sissiboo Pulp Company. The subscription books of this company were opened yesterday, and will close at 3 p.m. to-day.

This new Nova Scotian enterprise is favorably regarded. Altogether, the Maritime Provinces are receiving a lot of attention from investors, and the success of mining and other industries in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia will render all the more desirable the early acquisition of Newfoundland as a part of the Dominion.

The Port of Montreal. New York commercial and financial journals have contained many comments of late on the necessity of watching rivals ports, and pointing out the importance of neglecting no opportunity to improve the shipping facilities at and the approaches to New York harbour. That the work of deepening the Canadian canals and thereby adding to the exports of Montreal is being watched with interest by our neighbours is shown in the following extract from the New York "Commercial Bulletin:"—

"A dispatch from Montreal says that a Buffalo syndicate, at the head of which is W. J. Conners, who has the unloading contract with the Lake Carriers' Association, is in Montreal trying to secure a site on Windmill Point for an elevator, and Mr. Conners is quoted as saying that his associates would not care to go into the enterprise at all if they did not estimate that the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals would add forty million bushels and more to the grain exports of Montreal. The dispatch may be colored a little by Montreal's hopes based upon fourteen feet of water from the lakes, but whether the expectations are somewhat inflated or not, it is a matter of some interest in this part of the country that, in view of the improvement of the St. Lawrence canals and Buffalo grain men are talking about an elevator in Montreal."

The fulfillment of Montreal hopes is at hand, if all citizens of the Canadian metropolis work faithfully for the welfare of the national port.