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## THE BANKS' MUNICIPAL LOANS.

Statistics of the banks' loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts have now been available for comparison over a period of four years—since July, 1913. During the pre-war period, the general tendency of these loans, which were first reported as \$43,121,384, was downward, a minimum of \$29,301,620 being recorded for January, 1914, and at the end of the following July, they were still nearly seven millions lower than they were a year previously. With the outbreak of war and the consequent cutting off of the civic authorities from their customary supplies of capital, these loans rapidly advanced, the highest level recorded being reached in October, 1914, with \$47,316,076. All through 1915 and 1916 these loans were maintained at a fairly high level, except for the seasonal drop at the end of each year. By the beginning of the present year, however, accumulated results of restriction of spending and of eighteen months' disposal of municipal securities in the United States began to show, and until the end of March last, these loans were reported at exceptionally low figures, the minimum of the four years, \$24,056,797 being reported for December, 1916. With the fresh closing of the American market to the municipalities, however, these loans again showed a steady increase, their growth between March and June being practically \$13,000,000 to \$42,757,673. The following table shows the course of these loans during the last two years:—

June, 1917.....	\$42,757,673
May.....	39,790,191
April.....	35,931,996
March.....	29,877,911
February.....	26,121,324
January.....	24,487,273
December, 1916.....	24,056,797
November.....	32,945,963
October.....	37,613,530
September.....	38,708,745
August.....	39,882,811
July.....	42,385,096
June.....	46,773,032
May.....	43,924,036
April.....	44,371,050
March.....	38,649,462
February.....	35,149,915
January.....	32,015,371
December, 1915.....	30,878,028
November.....	41,064,550
October.....	45,682,230
September.....	43,928,331
August.....	46,020,730
July.....	44,029,446

## GRADUAL INCREASE PROBABLE.

Presumably, the greater part of the recent rise in these loans is due to the necessities on revenue account of hard-up civic authorities, but there are cases also, where it is still necessary to proceed with uncompleted programmes of expenditures on capital account. But in view of the banks' other commitments—their obligations in connection with the forthcoming crop movement as well as with war financing—the lending institutions generally are doubtless intent to keep these municipal borrowings as low as possible. At the same time, with the United States market closed indefinitely to municipal issues, there is bound to be a greater reliance by these borrowers upon the banks, and a

gradual increase in the amount of these loans.

The subjoined table shows the details of the banks' municipal loans as at June 30 last and a year previously:—

	June 30, 1917.	June 30, 1916.
Montreal.....	\$13,367,150	\$12,535,204
Quebec.....	826,436	133,258
Nova Scotia.....	2,432,538	942,881
British.....	925,729	2,381,677
Toronto.....	874,684	4,011,261
Molsons.....	244,928	2,004,782
Nationale.....	1,426,199	212,113
Merchants.....	319,293	954,938
Provinciale.....	2,162,104	288,987
Union.....	4,496,305	2,100,822
Commerce.....	3,338,661	4,132,844
Royal.....	316,916	3,025,526
Dominion.....	2,072,593	296,774
Hamilton.....	933,446	2,041,081
Standard.....	1,399,229	995,736
Hochelega.....	2,121,854	1,246,216
Ottawa.....	4,898,215	1,762,021
Imperial.....	179,865	7,232,592
Home.....	223,920	128,472
Northern Crown.....	116,875	203,924
Sterling.....	80,733	103,845
Weyburn.....		38,078
	\$42,757,673	\$46,773,032

Among the notable changes of the last twelve months shown in this table may be noted the growth of something over \$800,000 in the municipal loans of the Bank of Montreal, a decline of over \$3,000,000 in those of the Bank of Toronto, and of over \$2,300,000 in those of the Imperial Bank.

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