

the large influx of a good class of settlers that is going on. Nearly all these people are of a class that have great consuming power. They will want lumber to build houses and all sorts of hardware in connection with it. They will be good customers for dry goods of all descriptions, and of groceries, too. They will be in want of boots and shoes, and, in fact, of almost everything included in the staple wholesale trades of the country, such as is consumed by our farmers generally. Whether they will be able to pay for all these things, will depend on the crops they raise. Good crops mean the power to purchase and to discharge debts; bad crops mean running into debt and difficulty of getting out again, diminution of purchasing power and stagnation of business. The eyes, therefore, of bankers, merchants, and manufacturers will need to be fixed for some time, first upon our products and the price we get for them; next, upon our imports, whether they are upon a reasonable scale or not, and third, upon the influx of desirable settlers into the country.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

We present below a condensation of the monthly statement of Canadian banks for September, 1903. It is compared with the bank statement for the previous month, and shows capital, reserve, assets and liabilities; average holding of specie and Dominion notes, etc.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.			
	Sept. 1903	Aug. 1903	
Capital authorized	\$97,446,666	\$97,046,666	
Capital paid up	78,057,190	77,617,887	
Reserve Funds	48,897,498	48,289,78	
Notes in circulation	\$63,741,270	\$60,414,74	
Dominion and Provincial Government deposits	6,886,296	6,122,116	
Public deposits on demand in Canada ..	116,701,497	111,735,920	
Public deposits at notice	275,081,027	273,770,645	
Deposits outside of Canada	35,391,668	34,709,511	
Bank loans or deposits from other banks secured	515,428	474,534	
Due to other banks in Canada	4,553,233	4,591,695	
Due to other banks in Great Britain	3,863,586	5,887,935	
Due to other banks in foreign countries ..	1,423,813	1,386,563	
Other liabilities	10,732,913	10,960,702	
Total liabilities	\$518,890,806	\$510,054,432	
ASSETS.			
Specie	\$14,717,111	\$14,232,456	
Dominion notes	30,330,480	29,289,503	
Deposits to secure note circulation	3,130,844	3,130,844	
Notes and cheques on other banks	18,069,250	16,993,887	
Loans to other banks, secured	515,428	474,534	
Deposits with other banks in Canada	5,727,632	5,321,131	
Due from banks in Great Britain	5,936,832	3,818,961	
Due from other banks in foreign countries	18,240,336	16,414,617	
Dominion or provincial Govt. debentures or stock	11,142,682	11,498,222	
Other securities	52,562,189	51,914,053	
Call loans on bonds and stocks in Canada ..	41,650,056	41,424,670	
Call loans elsewhere	36,538,040	38,942,855	
	\$238,560,880	\$233,455,133	
Current Loans in Canada	373,633,072	368,641,999	
Current Loans elsewhere	24,118,210	22,450,523	
Loans to Dominion and Provincial Governments	1,471,990	1,265,950	
Overdue debts	2,042,238	2,163,506	
Real estate	787,154	836,722	
Mortgages on real estate sold	717,954	725,372	
Bank premises	8,625,443	8,438,438	
Other assets	6,747,406	8,663,097	
Total assets	\$656,704,532	\$646,640,915	

Average amount of specie held during the month	14,449,361	14,106,127
Average Dominion notes held during the month	23,264,103	29,016,004
Greatest amount notes in circulation during month	65,089,739	61,600,333
Loans to directors or their firms	11,578,494	10,960,294

The present is a good time to compare some prominent features of the present Bank Statement with those of a year ago, as well as with that of the previous month. It is observable, for example, that current loans are enormously increased, while call loans are greatly lessened. We compare September, 1903, with September, 1902:

LIABILITIES.

	Sept., 1903.	Sept., 1902.
Paid capital	\$78,057,190	\$71,084,350
Reserve	48,897,498	41,130,286
Circulation	63,741,270	60,965,801
Deposits	444,416,548	403,384,270
Other liabilities	10,732,913	12,453,860
Total liabilities	\$518,890,806	\$488,112,270

PRINCIPAL ASSETS.

Specie of Dom. notes ..	\$45,047,591	\$35,647,717
Due from bank agencies ..	24,177,168	21,648,739
Securities held	63,706,871	59,963,990
Call loans	78,188,096	101,993,914
Current loans	397,751,282	339,390,266
Other assets	47,833,524	52,283,198

Total assets	\$656,704,532	\$610,927,824
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An increase of \$14,740,000 is shown in shareholders' paid capital and reserve funds during the twelve months, and of no less than \$41,000,000 in total deposits, the whole obligations of the banks, to their shareholders and the public are thirty millions greater than they were a year ago, but in that period their assets have increased by forty-six millions. It is true that the increase in current loans (from \$339,000,000 to \$397,000,000), is much greater in proportion than that of other assets. But this is a concomitant of a remarkable growth in business of all kinds, manufacturing, merchandising and transportation; and that there is no reason to suppose this business expansion is unhealthy is indicated by the small amount of over-due debts, real estate or mortgages among the assets. Call loans on bonds and stocks are very much reduced, being twenty-four millions less than they were a year ago.

ABSTRACT OF BANK RETURNS.

Description	Sept. 30th, 1902	Sept. 30th, 1903.	In Month 1903.
Capital paid up	\$71,084,000	\$78,057,000	In. \$ 440,000
Circulation	60,965,000	63,741,000	" 3,327,000
Deposits	409,162,000	439,127,000	" 7,726,000
Loans, Discounts and Investments	4 5 631,000	465,482,000	" 7,078,000
Cash, Foreign Balances, Net & Call Loans	180,273,000	169,051,000	" 7,761,000
Legals	23,145,000	30 330,000	" 1,041,000
Specie	12,501,000	14,717,000	" 485,000
Call Loans	101,992,000	78,188,000	Dec. 2, 178,000
Investments	59,963,000	63,703,000	In. 292,000