

the amounts received under the note-guarantee clause of the new Bank Act. Provincial government deposits have decreased, the shrinkage aggregating nearly \$700,000 equally divided between those on demand and after notice. Circulation has suffered an expansion, nominally, of \$462,672. On the other side of the account, a slight increase in the total of discounts is observable, while loans to municipal corporations stand at \$5,368,955, an advance of \$699,306 for the month. This is largely due to a special temporary loan made to the city of Toronto by three of the larger banks having their head offices in that city. Loans on the security of stocks and bonds show an advance of \$244,602 compared with the previous statement, and of \$4,340,887 in comparison with the corresponding month of last year, indicating an improvement in the demand for call money and the rise of a speculative feeling. Overdue notes secured and not secured are placed at \$2,807,807, an increase of \$199,276 for the month. Total available assets aggregate the very substantial sum of \$45,630,876, being \$6,694,699 in excess of the figures for the corresponding month of last year, but nearly \$7,000,000 below those recorded in June, 1881.

The market, both in sterling and New York exchange, has ruled quiet, without important change during the month. As was generally anticipated, the Bank of England rate, what had dropped to 4 per cent. on the 4th of June, suffered a further decline of one per cent. on the 18th, and now stands at 2½, having been reduced to that figure on the 2nd July. In consequence of the low rate prevailing the bank continues to steadily lose gold. The banking reserve which stood at \$97,178,485 four weeks ago has now fallen to \$79,766,055, a drain of over \$17,000,000 in that period. The reserve, however, still rules far above the level at the corresponding date last year, when it amounted to no more than \$58,380,795. The proportion of the reserve has dropped to 39.03 per cent., a decrease of 7.04 per cent. in four weeks. As an item of interest, we present herewith a statement of the specie held by the three principal European banks, in comparison with the amounts reported one year ago. As the Imperial Bank of Germany does not distinguish between the two metals in its weekly returns, we are compelled to estimate their proportions. We rate them, by the best information obtainable, at 78 per cent. gold to 22 per cent. silver at present, in comparison with two-thirds gold to one-third silver a year ago.