## Dollars and Cents

*Cont'd from page 22*

decided tendency to slow up during the past few months. This fact is shown clearly by careful perusal of the following statement of savings deposits for the past nine months, the increase for each month being shown also:—

| 1920 | Deposits | Increase over previous month |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. | $1,163,297,037 | $25,210,346 |
| Feb. | 1,187,027,307 | 23,730,270 |
| Mar. | 1,197,719,570 | 10,692,263 |
| Apr. | 1,209,573,990 | 11,854,420 |
| May | 1,229,073,515 | 19,499,525 |
| June | 1,243,700,977 | 14,627,462 |
| July | 1,253,170,443 | 9,469,466 |
| Aug. | 1,261,647,732 | 8,477,289 |
| Sept. | 1,270,194,097 | 8,546,365 |

It will be noted that the increase each month gradually became smaller and smaller during June, July and August, but September showed a slight improvement. When it is remembered that during September 1919, savings deposits increased nearly $31,000,000, it will be realized that a very decided change is taking place in the financial situation. Many reasons have been advanced to explain this change, but the main reason seems to be the adoption of a general policy of "going slow" in every direction. These are days when hard cash is more valuable than book debts, promissory notes, merchandise, or any similar possessions. "A dollar in the hand is worth two in the books."

### Alberta Gold Bonds

As each year goes by Western Canada becomes more and more a country of investors. Before the Victory Loan campaigns were put on it was a comparatively unheard of thing for a man to buy bonds. In pre-war days our surplus funds went into real estate, gold mines or oil wells, and, sad to relate, a goodly portion of these funds stayed where they were put. But we are getting more sensible. We are speculators no longer, we have become investors. The Dominion Government helped us considerably in this connection. The splendid educational work which was a part of each Victory Loan campaign opened our eyes and we now know, to some extent, the great investing power which the West has.

The Alberta Government was not slow to take opportunity by the forelock. In May, 1917, Alberta commenced a campaign to sell provincial bonds, more commonly known as savings certificates to the people of the West. The campaign has been a continuous one and has met with continuous success. Approximately $3,000,000 of these securities have been sold to small investors.

The authorities are well satisfied with this success and have decided to enlarge on the scheme. They are now offering Gold Bonds in denominations of $100. $500 and $100, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable half yearly. These bonds mature on May 1, 1930 and they have all the resources of the Province of Alberta behind them, which means that they are a safe investment.

## COMFORTED

*By Emma A. Lente*

The angel took the little child,
  And bore him past the shining ranks
Of singers and of harpers, past
  The golden streets and lilied banks,
Unto a quiet, restful place,
  Where Mary sat, with wistful eyes
And tender smile and outstretched hands,
  To welcome him to Paradise!

He was so small and mother-lost,
  So dazzled, and so half-afraid,
He could not bear the bliss of heaven,
  Or view the hosts in white arrayed,
Until the clasping, loving arms
  And gentle voice dispelled his fears,
And dimmed the memory of pain,
  And dried the last faint trace of tears.

He nestled close against the heart—
  The mother-heart where Christ once lay,
And felt the blessedness of peace
  Balm all his hurts and griefs away;
And Mary sang until he smiled,
  And rocked him till with life elate
He faced the wonders and the joys
  And splendors of his high estate!