

The magnitude of the business of this old and highly substantial company was shown by a casual remark made by the chairman, Lord Rothschild, who, when alluding to the year's fire losses said, "The increase in the losses was principally due to the large Canadian fires in which, luckily, we were not interested to a very large extent." By comparison with its total business, which extends over a large portion of the British Empire and in foreign countries, the heavy Baltimore and Toronto losses were not of "large extent;" they were paid without delay and illustrated forcibly the advantage of hav-

ing fire risks distributed over a wide area so that no serious damage could be done by any local disasters.

The Alliance has assets to amount of \$56,480,050, and the name of its chairman, the Right Hon. Lord Rothschild, is a guarantee of their being invested in sound securities, and of the entire business of this great insurance company being conducted on a high plane of business, wisdom and honour.

Mr. P. M. Wickham, Canadian manager of the Alliance, is an underwriter of many years' experience and is a hardworking and careful official.

* STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR APRIL 29, 1905, OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA.

Comparison of Principal Items, showing increase or decrease for the month and for the year.

<i>Assets.</i>	April 29, 1905.	March 31, 1905.	April 29, 1904.	Increase or Decrease for month.	Increase or Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes	\$54,979,125	\$55,320,116	\$49,065,338	Dec. \$ 340,981	Inc. \$7,913,787
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	19,257,223	20,399,333	15,536,206	Dec. 2,142,110	Inc. 3,721,017
Deposit to Secure Note Issues	3,328,771	3,328,771	3,130,844	No change	Inc. 197,927
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured	924,601	913,440	602,305	Inc. 11,161	Inc. 322,296
Deposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada	6,546,212	5,992,749	5,207,821	Inc. 553,463	Inc. 1,338,385
Due from Banks, etc., in United Kingdom	10,739,430	11,733,054	2,551,004	Dec. 993,624	Inc. 8,188,426
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	16,024,306	20,112,257	10,211,489	Dec. 4,087,951	Inc. 5,812,817
Government Securities	8,622,761	8,587,577	10,576,950	Inc. 35,187	Dec. 1,954,186
Canadian Municipal and other Securities	18,420,178	17,901,993	14,557,913	Inc. 518,185	Inc. 3,862,265
Railway Bonds and Stocks	39,965,778	39,605,158	39,318,835	Inc. 360,620	Inc. 646,943
Total Securities held	67,008,720	60,094,728	64,453,698	Inc. 913,992	Inc. 2,555,022
Call Loans in Canada	37,924,710	37,014,787	36,771,611	Inc. 909,933	Inc. 1,151,100
Call Loans outside Canada	44,523,606	46,012,561	36,426,920	Dec. 1,508,955	Inc. 1,966,686
Total Call and Short Loans	82,448,316	83,047,348	73,198,531	Dec. 599,022	Inc. 9,249,795
Loans and Discounts in Canada	431,405,314	422,351,186	409,196,073	Inc. 9,054,128	Inc. 22,209,241
Loans and Discounts outside Canada	22,781,157	21,797,711	18,872,814	Inc. 983,986	Inc. 3,908,343
Total Current Loans and Discounts	454,186,471	444,148,897	428,068,887	Inc. 10,038,114	Inc. 26,117,584
Aggregate of Loans to Public	536,634,797	527,195,705	501,267,418	Inc. 9,439,092	Inc. 35,367,379
Loans to Provincial Governments	2,711,486	2,353,198	2,974,621	Inc. 358,288	Dec. 263,138
Overdue Debts	2,329,457	2,382,835	2,028,802	Dec. 53,376	Inc. 326,657
Bank Premises	10,609,869	10,176,842	9,383,194	Dec. 233,027	Inc. 1,226,675
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	1,283,769	1,380,974	1,476,374	Dec. 96,305	Dec. 192,603
Other Assets	6,275,325	2,116,232	3,841,270	Inc. 159,093	Inc. 2,432,055
Total Assets	738,654,287	733,695,510	669,706,579	Inc. 4,958,777	Inc. 68,947,708
<i>Liabilities.</i>					
Notes in Circulation	59,941,648	58,721,173	58,649,870	Inc. 1,220,475	Inc. 1,291,778
Due to Dominion Government	2,923,608	2,371,828	2,971,661	Inc. 551,780	Dec. 48,053
Due to Provincial Governments	7,167,452	7,482,853	5,565,280	Dec. 315,001	Inc. 1,602,172
Deposits in Canada payable on demand	127,213,044	128,064,734	104,112,729	Dec. 1,751,690	Inc. 23,100,315
Deposits in Canada payable after notice	332,326,292	325,047,471	301,044,721	Inc. 5,378,821	Inc. 31,281,571
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	459,539,236	455,939,205	405,157,450	Inc. 3,600,131	Inc. 54,381,886
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	39,418,720	40,318,548	34,663,824	Dec. 899,828	Inc. 4,754,896
Total Deposits	498,958,056	496,257,753	439,821,274	Inc. 2,700,303	Inc. 59,136,782
Loans from other Banks in Canada	1,054,309	952,748	677,305	Inc. 101,561	Inc. 377,004
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	4,652,181	4,841,100	3,855,643	Dec. 188,919	Inc. 766,538
Due to Banks and Agencies in United Kingdom	4,324,056	3,991,549	7,492,560	Inc. 332,507	Dec. 3,168,504
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere	1,967,580	1,344,714	1,031,550	Inc. 618,866	Inc. 932,030
Other Liabilities	10,572,123	10,679,233	8,023,812	Dec. 107,110	Inc. 1,618,311
Total Liabilities	591,557,094	586,643,034	529,019,028	Inc. 4,914,060	Inc. 61,538,066
<i>Capital, etc.</i>					
Capital paid up	81,613,513	81,562,880	78,730,355	Inc. 50,633	Inc. 2,875,158
Reserve Fund	54,908,009	54,783,403	50,971,115	Inc. 124,606	Inc. 3,936,894
Liabilities of Directors and their firms	8,829,777	10,007,294	11,033,680	Dec. 1,777,517	Dec. 3,203,903
Greatest circulation during the month	62,226,126	61,206,767	61,645,746	Inc. 1,019,359	Inc. 580,380