

the better class of miscellaneous shares $4\frac{1}{2}$. Discounts are rated at from 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$, and real estate loans $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Winnipeg advices quote 7 to 8 per cent. for good commercial paper, with farm mortgage loans holding firm at 8, and city real estate loans 7 to 8. Advices from the Pacific province report a very healthy tone in the investment market, investments having become more permanent in character, and principally for business purposes. Large sums are, however, going into outside properties, which has had a tendency to diminish the volume of investments in business centres. Transactions of this nature promise to be sufficiently remunerative to bring back manifold returns, and any stringency, if felt at all, will be but temporary. As an indication of the faith placed by capitalists in the security offered in Victoria, the successful negotiation of a loan for \$25,000 at 7 per cent. is noted; interest payable on loans of a similar nature and on similar security in the Sound cities running from 2 to 3 per cent. per month.

The bank statement for June, the last under the requirements of the late Act, exhibits a few features incidental to the season, but is otherwise devoid of interest. The distribution of profit by many institutions at the end of the half year, in the shape of dividends, has tended to increase demand deposits, pending investment, and an addition of \$2,860,936 in this item is to be noted, due in great measure to this cause. The true increase, however, cannot have exceeded \$2,000,000, for the item "cheques and notes of other banks" shows an increase of \$1,274,088 over the previous month, thus recording more than the average of cheques outstanding. Deposits at interest have declined over \$1,400,000, a state of affairs calling for notice when we consider that over \$600,000 has also been withdrawn from the Government Savings banks during the same period. A large proportion of this was, no doubt, withdrawn for purposes of investment in stocks and securities offering higher rates of interest, while a good part may be accounted for by the withdrawals incident to the holiday season. Sums of \$100 and upward called for by numerous small depositors, whose thriftiness permits of a summer outing, amount in the aggregate to a sum sufficiently large to show a noticeable decrease in the total of deposits. Dominion Government deposits now stand at \$1,571,696, an increase of over \$1,000,000, the proceeds of the recent loans having been thus placed on call. An equally large increase in this item may be looked for when the July statement comes to hand, the policy of the Government being to re-deposit temporarily