

Returns furnished by the Banks to the AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

LIABILITIES.

Loans from or deposits made by other banks in Canada. Secured.	Loans from or deposits made by other banks in Canada. Unsecured.	Due to other banks in Canada.	Due to agencies of bank or to other banks or agencies in foreign countries.	Due to agencies of bank or to other banks or agencies in the United Kingdom.	Liabilities not included under foregoing heads.	Total Liabilities.	Directors' Liabilities.
	85,085	100,205		36,004	796	5,997,557	84,493
		35,029				13,409,585	533,987
		2,433				8,964,091	432,907
		84,102		121,579		5,878,939	1,710
		7,083		65,721		3,148,960	60,619
		23,733		100,809		4,236,233	159,499
		4,879		130,539		5,676,818	177,099
		2,572	2,771			1,935,424	49,330
		9,213		42,493		1,016,595	49,133
		15,896		22,910		9,801,192	148,747
				21,808		9,623,197	427,479
		1,131			15,925	783,793	30,554
		409		14,740		1,077,190	39,871
						26,905,001	657,318
	960,994	124,760	24,900		146,000	6,937,239	19,458
		75,197	46,006		10,248	3,037,739	266,398
		13,066		13,362	1,451	1,449,501	91,819
			1,215		2,713	1,075,798	111,175
		1,447			6,388	1,561,896	97,697
		104,822	19,950	93,635	47,993	7,994,854	108,949
		25,833		263,983	5,541	13,749,346	2,005,535
	920,345	54,192	1,023		8,369	2,483,152	189,000
		24,657				5,057,432	711,481
						2,517,684	267,553
	75,000				110	79,539	7,758
		702				532,573	61,008
		23,562				2,749,624	177,922
						4,363,596	199,736
		29,401	21,603	191,551	10,883	2,588,792	379,323
		98,877		8,572	812	558,319	37,112
		1,086			945	699,674	273,892
		7,448		78,025	38,772	1,798,983	7,499
		3,584		77,144	1,419	549,310	82,105
		132				87,849	
					878	813,101	23,810
		50,343			1,480	386,653	
		31,869					
						1,662,411	207,867
		48,333				1,214,558	84,373
		136	805			436,408	
						657,917	24,207
		1,424			3,759	2,706,785	
		1,124	2,293				
				1,277,626	317,513	149,229,218	8,481,956
	2,041,425	1,008,728	120,627				

ASSETS.

Other current loans, discounts and advances to the public.	Notes, &c., overdue and not specially secured.	Other overdue debts not specially secured.	Overdue debts secured.	Real Estate (other than the Bank Premises.)	Mortgage on Real Estate sold by the Bank.	Bank Premises.	Other Assets not included before.	Total Assets.	Average amount of specie held during the month.	Average amount of Dominion Notes held during the month.
6,724,953	4,883		5,134	9,456	10,667	50,000	5,000	9,370,650	188,331	528,086
14,468,425	76,883		155,351	23,963	90,194	313,931		21,568,794	583,000	814,000
5,201,962	20,005		26,789	4,387		136,092	3,047	9,608,534	181,600	496,000
5,514,938	59,870		45,455	121,968	527	169,085	117,024	7,847,995	311,400	278,100
3,148,541	9,998			90,000	500	90,000	27,190	4,504,537	109,735	183,542
4,634,329	88,776		38,853	78,050	11,371	123,023	80,170	5,772,969	85,273	210,833
4,851,024	25,361		49,349	68,539	36,517	139,385	13,228	7,889,180	290,555	308,917
1,905,634	4,603		1,706				13,829	2,411,688	50,767	112,146
1,079,562	2,874					4,905	11,917	1,436,170	26,404	76,848
2,659,149	16,342		30,129			36,921	23,588	4,190,826	107,874	131,416
2,759,718	4,387		25,169	5,234	3,794	45,674	1,472	3,986,772	104,865	75,343
829,573	11,280		1,060				8,384	1,114,231	14,694	22,874
900,172	10,716		2,110				6,905	1,337,993	30,014	36,794
15,465,815	197,508		120,248	38,625	102,853	600,000	1,888,656	45,963,823	1,877,000	3,367,000
6,327,046	8,689		26,344	1,197		200,000		11,375,605	365,898	743,846
3,531,686	47,431		42,544	137,894	8,766	54,414	7,133	4,612,537	99,312	169,348
1,033,216	9,921		177,783	54,618	49,426	81,400	219,375	2,108,160	19,361	35,071
912,504	35,547	42,615	15,794	93,696	14,671	13,857	32,010	1,588,122	10,240	17,214
1,523,215	6,307		82,103	40,364			12,930	2,394,457	37,860	40,083
7,536,050	29,373		97,773	51,056	2,499	190,000	3,276	10,985,404	410,750	499,545
11,960,256	101,541	11,075	95,024	55,214	430,950	97,666	91,036	21,372,826	321,000	581,000
3,160,831	88,359		105,749	130,159	25,124	97,666	39,955	4,554,145	90,000	290,000
5,203,302	43,686		190,943	49,101	37,228	139,412	801,378	8,104,400	69,350	166,006
2,640,340	43,987		40,006	75,582		100,000	95,903	3,681,945	64,758	176,770
285,709	28,373		43,700	550	1,800		6,682	342,576	1,332	2,700
608,470	14,737		36,022	25,968	384	10,979	20,248	848,084	11,514	23,405
3,151,623	24,241		23,540	24,684	85,356	101,700	17,027	4,630,972	108,332	98,882
9,441,563	18,531		36,461	49,501	14,178	87,092	278,607	5,868,841	907,314	184,245
2,327,287	4,276		6,251	4,017	200,000	62,000	10,801	3,797,035	117,246	252,760
914,693	19,379		3,450		1,200	35,900	823	1,320,438	34,729	84,535
641,320	11,568		56,618	3,048		48,000	18,946	1,247,498	21,997	33,461
1,844,349	18,197		51,000			8,000	72	2,335,071	23,200	68,700
511,997	4,048		3,181				48,726	898,508	28,739	22,903
248,971	3,006		6,650			22,881		399,962	9,796	7,630
374,970	35,284	12,874		1,688		11,000	67,258	580,383	370	5,048
419,851	21,351	2,744	14,302	1,600			129	670,043	12,298	11,814
1,773,480	50		220	10,258	10,594	30,000	2,534	2,554,197	128,591	216,146
862,758	8,708			30,000			6,047	1,633,637	30,496	88,198
510,373			2,500	7,926				666,565	30,573	
606,528	4,972						4,312	917,391	12,382	33,668
1,014,369				12,374		89,354	14,256	3,044,086	234,971	270,066
192,492,706	1,118,805	69,210	1,658,815	1,308,167	801,254	3,543,897	3,788,640	239,398,063	6,237,203	10,653,676

J. M. COURTNEY, Deputy Minister of Finance.

IMPROVED SAFE CONSTRUCTION.

A Scottish paper reports that there is about to be erected in the premises of the National Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, the largest steel strong room or safe ever manufactured. Its external dimensions are fifty feet long by twelve feet broad and ten feet high, and a careful computation shows that within it might be stored about 1,250 tons weight of golden bullion, equal in value to \$550,000,000. It is heavy in proportion to its size, weighing a hundred tons. Its walls are believed to be thicker than those of any other steel room of similar proportions in use in the United Kingdom. With a view of insuring greater security than has hitherto been obtained, its walls are composed of a triple series of plates, similar to those which the firm has for many years used in the manufacture of bankers' safes. These plates are so toughened and hardened as to be practically impervious alike to the force of blows, leverage, and cutting by drills. This compounding of the plates, as it is termed, involved an enormous amount of drilling, no fewer than 1,000 holes being pierced in each section. Admission to the interior of this strong room is obtained by means of three massive doors, each seven inches thick and weighing about a ton and a half, but on the hardened steel pins on which they are hung they swing with the greatest ease. Apart from the great thickness of compounded hard and mild steel plates in these doors, the principal feature they present is the patent diagonal bolts. These bolts, of which there are twenty in each door, shoot out from the edge of the door at opposing angles of forty-five degrees and thus powerfully dovetail the door into the frame at either side. Thus any attempted wedging between the door and its frame simply tends to bind these bolts tighter into their holes.

Official figures state that in the Exhibition of 1851, British North America occupied about 3,886 square feet of space. At the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1855, the B. N. A. Provinces occupied 3,153 square feet of space. British North America was represented in the Exhibition of 1862 by 328 exhibitors, the space occupied by them being not quite 5,000 square feet. In the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1867, Canada was represented by 610 exhibitors, at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition of 1876, she had nearly 50,000 square feet of space, and her exhibitors numbered 1,056. At the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, the Dominion had 534 exhibitors, and at the Antwerp Exhibition of 1885 172 exhibitors, and about 10,000 square feet of space. At the present Exhibition the Dominion of Canada has more than 1,700 exhibitors, and occupies nearly 100,000 square feet of space. These are what may be fairly termed "eloquent figures."

Winnipeg merchants and business men are in hopes that the commencement of work on the Hudson Bay Railroad will give a big impetus to trade.

A prospectus has been issued in London for a corporation to be known as the Yarmouth Colonization Society, who purpose taking up land and starting a colony in British Columbia.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, October 27th, 1886.

ASHES.—Latest sales of No. 1 pots have been at \$3.70 to \$3.80, and business has been very limited even at these low figures. The Liverpool market, according to late mail advices, has gone to pieces. Second pots \$3.30 to \$3.40, with sales at latter figure mainly. Pearls nominally \$5.50 to \$5.60; two lots of 18 brls. each were offered last week, and represent about the whole available supply. About 60 brls. pots have been shipped within the week to Britain.

DRY GOODS.—There is not much of a novel character to note in this line, and late favorable reports still hold good. Travellers report a healthy feeling prevailing among country dealers, and the sorting trade being done is of a satisfactory character. City retail dealers are well employed. Collections, since the