

POLICY OF CAUTION

Only Safe Course Under Present Conditions, says Royal Bank.

In its review of business and economic conditions prevailing during the month of November, the Royal Bank of Canada says, in part:

"The past month has brought little to the business situation except the development of tendencies which became apparent some time ago. Prices continue downward. Business in general is slower. The purchasing power built up by years of prosperity cannot be taken away in a day but Canada has to be affected by conditions prevailing in the countries with whom we trade. In one of these, the United States failures are coming to light more rapidly, and are liable to increase for some months to come. This is unsettling.

"Opinions vary as to the probable extent and severity of the reaction now commencing in industry. The depression is worldwide and in it, politics and psychology play a considerable part; forecasts are therefore worth while. If the governments of the more distressed sections of Europe were placed on a footing which would give their countries greater stability and more inducement to work, an improvement in business, both in Europe and on this continent, would almost certainly be effected. Or even if greater confidence could be felt in the prevailing level of prices, a moderate increase in activity might be noted. It must be admitted, however, that neither of these desired conditions are tending to become facts at the present time. A policy of great caution is the only safe one that can be pursued.

EMPIRE BANK SCHEME

British Commons Discuss Proposal Made at Toronto Congress.

A discussion took place in the British House of Commons on November 18 concerning the proposal made at the Chambers of Commerce Congress at Toronto in September, in favor of an Empire Bank, with stabilized sterling exchange. Mr. Hurd, Unionist member for Frome, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention had been drawn to the proposal submitted to the Chambers of Commerce Congress at Toronto by Mr. J. F. Darling, a director of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, supported by Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for the setting up of an Empire bank which would hold the balance of the 125 banks and kindred institutions in the Empire, and provide a new basis for the Empire's currency by means of commodity bills of exchange; and whether he would invite a few representatives of British and overseas banking and business interests to advise him as to the feasibility of such a proposal.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Yes, sir, I have given some consideration to the scheme, but I think that my hon. friend is mistaken in saying that Sir Edmund Walker supported it. If I

found that such an inquiry as is suggested was generally desired in banking circles I should be ready to appoint a committee for the purpose, but as far as I have ascertained, this is at present far from being the case."

THE BANK OF ENGLAND

Reserve Ratio Down 4 P. C., Deposits Up £40,000,000

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve	Dec.	£1,639,000
Circulation	Inc.	2,517,000
Bullion	Inc.	878,440
Other securities	Inc.	1,246,000
Public deposits	Inc.	3,662,000
Other deposits	Inc.	37,371,000
Notes reserve	Dec.	1,679,000
Gov't securities	Inc.	41,495,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability is 7.88 per cent.; last week it was 11.83 per cent.

Rate of discount, 7 per cent.

ONTARIO BONDS SOLD

Eighteen bond houses are handling the \$15,000,000 province of Ontario issue which is just entering the market. In view of the relisting of Victory bonds and the resultant unsettlement of the market the provincial bonds are offered at a price to yield 6.60 per cent. This is well above the lowest yield in Victory's at today's prices.

It is understood that the province requires the money for purposes of hydro development on the Chippawa Canal. The bonds will be sold at 94.34. No statement was available from the syndicate as to the price paid by the syndicate for the bonds; hence, the cost to the province has not been disclosed.

The following dealers are handling this issue: Dominion Securities Corporation, A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Mackenzie & Co., National City Co., Harris, Forbes Co., R. A. Daly & Co., Osler & Hammond, R. C. Matthews & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., Canada Bond Corporation, Canadian Debentures Corporation, Canadian Debutures Corporation, C. R. Clapp & Co., Brent, Noxon & Co., Housser, Wood & Co., Morrow & Jellett, and United Financial Corporation.

THE BANK OF FRANCE

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes:

	Francs.
Notes in circulation, dec.	233,427,000
Treasury deposits, dec.	176,825,000
General deposits, inc.	281,972,000
Bills discounted, inc.	175,592,000
Advances, inc.	7,553,000
Gold in hand, inc.	3,412,000
Silver in hand, dec.	5,644,000

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General Manager

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