being the ruling rate. Time loans are comparatively easy. Sixty day loans, 5 p.c.; ninety days, 5 p.c.; and six months, 4¾ to 5 per cent. The financial institutions at the American centre effected a full recovery of their recent losses of reserve strength. The Saturday statement showed, in case of all members of the clearing house, loan contraction of $33,657,000 and cash gain of $3,000,000—the net result being an increase of $10,668,000 in surplus reserve. The deficit of $117,000 was thus converted into a surplus of $10,551,000. In case of the banks, the loan contraction amounted to $24,000,000, the cash gain to $3,700,000, and the gain in surplus to $9,048,000.

RAILWAY AWARD.

The award to the eastern railway employees was made at the beginning of the week. As in the case of practically all preceding arbitrations the employees get a part of what they demanded. The railroads are required to grant an increase of about 7 p.c. which adds another $6,000,000 to their annual expenses. Thus the process continues by which railway development in the United States is being gradually stopped. Through pressure from the labor unions, from the Interstate Commerce Commission, the federal and state legislatures, the securities of the railways are being deprived of all their attractions.

SUPERIORITY OF CANADIAN METHODS.

The railway executive in the neighboring country which would lightly undertake extensive construction work such as the Canadian roads are engaged in, and thus increase the exposure to attack, would be foolish indeed. Providing that the Canadian legislators retain their sanity on this question, the ultimate outcome would seem to be that Canada will have a transportation equipment far superior relatively to that possessed by the Americans. Already our banking machinery is immeasurably superior to theirs. And if our railways are also better developed, Canada should overhaul the big neighbor in very rapid fashion. The great part of this year's crop moving in the United States is now fairly well completed. The outgo of cash to interior points for that purpose should sensibly decrease. New York can, if necessary, draw some gold from Europe; but it is doubtful if the New York bankers will use their power in this respect.

The plant of Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., which is being erected at Longueuil, for the manufacture of high speed tools, will be roofed in within a few days. The plant will cover an area of 35,000 square feet and should be in operation about May 1st.

BANKS' CAPITALS AND REST FUNDS: A TWELVE MONTHS' COMPARISON.

(Compiled by The Chronicle).

Banks	Capital paid up Sep. 30, 1912.	Rest Fund Sep. 30, 1912.	Percentage of Rest to paid-up Capital.	Capital Paid up Sep. 30, 1913.	Rest Fund Sep. 30, 1913	Percentage of Rest to paid-up Capital.
British	$ 4,866,666	$ 2,774,000	57.00	$ 4,866,666	$ 2,920,000	60.00
Commerce	15,000,000	12,500,000	83.33	15,000,000	12,500,000	83.33
Dominion	4,953,122	5,953,122	120.19	5,613,312	6,613,312	117.81
Hamilton	3,000,000	3,430,600	114.35	3,000,000	3,500,000	116.66
Hochelaga	2,956,930	2,650,000	89.62	3,732,595	3,000,000	80.38
Home	1,290,863	450,000	34.90	1,939,330	650,000	33.51
Imperial	6,523,423	6,523,423	100.00	6,945,562	7,000,000	100.78
Internationale	1,359,843	....	.....	....	....	.....
Merchants	6,704,983	5,900,000	88.00	6,796,400	6,419,175	94.45
Metropolitan	1,000,000	1,250,000	125.00	1,000,000	1,250,000	125.00
Molsons	4,000,000	4,700,000	117.50	4,000,000	4,800,000	120.00
Montreal	16,000,000	16,000,000	100.00	16,000,000	16,000,000	100.00
Nationale	2,000,000	1,400,000	70.00	2,000,000	1,550,000	77.50
New Brunswick	1,000,000	1,790,000	179.00	....	....	.....
Northern Crown	2,559,715	250,000	9.76	2,800,731	300,000	10.71
Nova Scotia	4,410,530	8,074,742	185.07	5,988,860	10,874,404	181.58
Ottawa	3,728,260	4,228,260	113.41	3,948,720	4,448,720	112.66
Provinciale	1,000,000	500,000	50.00	1,000,000	575,000	57.50
Quebec	2,500,000	1,250,000	50.00	2,720,320	1,250,000	45.95
Royal	11,374,380	12,355,818	117.42	11,560,000	12,560,000	108.65
Standard	2,314,086	2,914,086	121.61	2,742,834	3,442,834	125.52
Sterling	1,014,257	300,000	29.58	1,140,597	300,000	26.30
Toronto	4,987,720	5,987,720	120.05	5,000,000	6,000,000	120.00
Union of Canada	5,000,000	3,104,640	62.69	5,000,000	3,300,000	66.00
Vancouver	839,860	....	.....	869,972	40,000	4.60
Weyburn	310,000	15,000	4.84	316,100	65,000	20.56
Totals and averages	$110,694,638	$104,301,411	94.26	$113,981,909	$109,358,445	95.94