

NOTES ON IMMIGRATION, ETC.

From the report of the Department of the Interior for the year 1903-4, which has just been received from the Dominion Government, we find that the nationality of the immigrants arriving in Canada from all sources in that year was divided as follows:—

English and Welsh	36,694
Scotch	10,552
Irish	3,128
United States	45,171
Galicians	7,729
Germans	2,985
Hungarians	1,207
Austrians	2,201
Scandinavians	4,203
Doukhobors
French and Belgians	2,392
Russians and Finlanders	2,806
Miscellaneous	11,262
Total	130,330

It is remarked that a large number of the arrivals were young men from Great Britain, seeking work on farms. In spite of this, however, not enough came in to fill the applications placed in the Department's books. This fact will help to show the remarkable development which is going on in the West.

We note with the peculiar sort of interest which attaches the circumstances of the "I-told-you-so" description the remarks which are made concerning the progress of the all-British colony. There has apparently been a strange tendency to depend upon co-operation rather than upon individual efforts. This has resulted in the calling of many meetings to discuss points which might have been just as readily decided by the individuals. Be this as it may, it is a fact that the average rate of progress in the colony holdings has not been so rapid as is the case with the ordinary homesteader. The Department has now thrown open the remainder of the land in this settlement for outsiders, and it is believed that the proximity of a few experienced men will be for the benefit of all.

The number of homestead entries during the last fiscal year was 26,073 as compared with 31,383 for the year previous, and 14,673 for 1902. The sales of lands by companies holding Government grants shows a falling off. They were 1,267,187 acres, and the amount realized was \$5,564,240 compared with 4,229,011 acres, and \$14,651,757 in the previous year. The revenue of the Department on account of Dominion lands is in excess of that of previous years, taken on the whole.

During the latter half of 1903 there were no less than sixty-nine parties engaged in surveying Dominion lands, of which forty-four were engaged in the Territories. In the early part of 1904 there were still more engaged in this work.



BANK STATEMENT.

We present below a condensation of the monthly statement of Canadian Banks for January, 1905. It is compared with the Bank Statement for the previous month, and shows capital, reserve, assets and liabilities, averaging holdings of specie and Dominion notes, etc.:

Canadian Bank Statement.

	LIABILITIES	
	Jan. 1905.	Dec. 1904.
Capital authorized	\$100,546,666	\$100,546,666
Capital paid up.....	80,378,420	80,055,596
Reserve Funds	\$54,194,407	54,071,656
Notes in circulation.....	58,021,075	\$64,507,394
Dominion and Provincial Government deposits	11,038,083	12,656,888
Public deposits on demand in Canada..	128,962,627	134,280,104
Public deposits at notice	322,270,620	319,132,078
Deposits outside of Canada	39,470,656	38,814,613
Bank loans or deposits from other banks secured	1,104,292	811,954
Due to other banks in Canada	5,003,241	5,684,483
Due to other banks in Great Britain	2,716,272	2,452,651
Due to other banks in foreign countries..	1,511,299	1,224,203
Other liabilities	7,738,654	8,353,622
Total liabilities.....	\$577,836,895	\$587,918,063
	ASSETS.	
Specie.....	\$17,796,556	\$17,617,529
Dominion notes	37,804,229	38,436,983
Deposits to secure note circulation.....	3,328,771	3,328,771
Notes and cheques on other banks	21,067,517	23,784,768
Loans to other banks, secured	1,085,854	811,954
Deposits with other banks in Canada	6,016,708	8,183,400
Due from banks in Great Britain.....	9,472,707	9,041,191
Due from other banks in foreign countries	20,173,572	20,849,499
Dominion or provincial Govt. debentures or stock	9,374,840	9,561,422
Other securities	56,562,607	55,986,308
Call loans on bonds and stocks in Canada	38,214,280	38,950,978
Call loans elsewhere	46,184,911	48,782,441
	\$267,082,552	\$275,335,244
Current Loans in Canada	412,901,073	413,779,520
Current Loans elsewhere	18,324,151	17,344,724
Loans to Dominion and Provincial Governments.....	1,948,922	2,934,306
Overdue debts	2,130,438	2,149,162
Real estate	667,370	691,582
Mortgages on real estate sold.....	768,024	805,101
Bank premises	10,256,829	10,165,341
Other assets	6,797,205	6,710,804
Total assets	\$720,876,763	\$729,915,962
Average amount of specie held during the month	17,512,748	17,190,701
Average Dominion notes held during the month.....	37,135,737	36,677,105
Greatest amount notes in circulation during month	64,031,382	70,239,598
Loans to directors or their firms.....	9,933,389	9,688,611



THE SEVERE WEATHER.

From almost every part of Eastern Canada come accounts of severe winter weather and snow storms and drifts, which have not only impeded railways, but blocked country roads for days. The effect of this upon business of all kinds has been marked. Our Montreal correspondent tells us, for instance, that wholesale dealers in dry goods, groceries, and metals, all tell the same story of business checked and remittances hindered by the deep snow. One commercial traveller in Prince Edward Island had to abandon his samples and go on foot a distance of fifteen miles over a road which a team could not traverse. In a great part of Ontario traffic has suffered and the railways have had to resort to unusual effort to keep their main lines open, to say nothing of regular, while the branch lines have fared badly. In the course of these efforts lives have been lost. In Nova Scotia there has been, during ten or fifteen