ican Trust companies has created a situation to which attention is being drawn, as such a vast mass of deposits being held by these institutions, with comparatively, such small reserves, is regarded as manifestly unfair to the National banks and a source of possible danger. The Trust companies are under no obligation to keep reserves, a freedom which is also enjoyed by the Savings banks, while, in the City of New York, the National banks are required to keep a cash reserve of 25 p.c. This places the National banks at a disadvantage, their resources actually cost more than those of the Trust companies, as only 75 p.c. of deposits of National banks are available for loans and other business.

Mr. Edmund Fisher, one of the Greater New York Trust Company officials has addressed the Committee on Banking at Albany, on this subject.

He pointed out that by the increase in the deposits of the Trust companies without a proportionate increase in the total reserves, the result has been to reduce by 4 per cent. the total reserve kept by the financial institutions of the State.

It appears that 22 States either by law or through the regulation of a supervising authority require trust companies to keep reserves, 16 making a distinction between balances in banks and actual cash on hand. The latter States require an average reserve of 17.49 p.c. A Bill is pending that will require 15 per cent. of cash reserves to be kept by the American Trust companies.

In this connection we may state that, the immediately available assets of the chartered banks of Canada averages over 30 per cent. of the Canadian deposits.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR JANUARY 31, 1906, OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA.

Comparison of Principal Items, showing increase or decrease for the month and for the year.

	January, 1906	December, 1905.	January, 1905	Increase or Decrease for month.	Increase or Decrease for year.
Assets.					
Specie and Dominion Notes	$57,510,207	$57,705,165	$55,600,785	Dec. $ 194,958	Inc. $ 1,909,422
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	23,044,834	28,345 495	21,061,517	Dec. 5,300,661	Inc. 1,983,317
Deposit to Secure Note Issues	3,435,334	3,435,334	3,328,721	....	Inc. 106,613
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured	731,759	684,898	1,085,854	Inc. 46,861	Dec. 354,095
Deposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada	6,933,229	8,591,796	6,016,708	Dec. 1,658,567	Inc. 916,521
Due from Banks, etc., in United Kingdom	6,324,571	8,308,289	9,472,707	Dec. 1,983,718	ec. 3,148,136
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	17,923,617	14,344,574	20,173,572	Inc. 3,579,043	Dec. 2,249,955
Government Securities	8,694,021	9,182,353	9,374,840	Dec. 488,332	ec. 680,819
Canadian Municipal and other Securities	20,008,246	20,163,939	17,173,395	Dec. 155,723	Inc. 2,834,821
Railway Bonds and Stocks	40,614,064	39,649,068	39,389,212	Inc. 965,006	Inc. 1,225,752
Total Securities held	69,317,201	68,995,360	65,937,417	Inc. 321,841	Inc 3,379,754
Call Loans in Canada	54,241,565	49,704,928	38,241,280	Inc. 4,537,637	Inc. 16,000,285
Call Loans outside Canada	68,432,836	61,010,020	46,184,911	Inc. 7 422 816	Inc. 22,247,925
Total Call and Short Loans	122,674 401	110,714,948	84,399,191	Inc. 11,959,453	Inc. 38,275,210
Loans and Discounts in Canada	451,207,327	458,355,336	412,901,073	Dec. 7,148,009	Inc. 38,306,254
Loans and Discounts outside Canada	37,283,534	30,882,959	18,324,151	Inc. 6,400,575	Inc. 18,959,383
Total Current Loans and Discounts	488,490,861	489,238,325	431,225,224	Dec. 747,464	Inc. 57,265,637
Aggregate of Loans to Public	611,165,262	609,953,273	515,624,415	Inc. 1,211,989	Inc. 95,510,847
Loans to Provincial Governments	2,006,489	2,063,362	1,948,922	Dec. 56,873	Inc. 57,567
Overdue Debts	1,771,370	1,665,732	2,130,148	Inc. 105,638	Dec. 358,778
Bank Premises	11,720,650	11,569,131	10 2 6 8 9	Inc. 151,519	Inc. 1,463,821
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	1,166,225	1,173,798	1,435,394	Dec. 7,573	Dec. 269,169
Other Assets	9,908,510	8,696,970	6,797,205	Inc. 1,211,540	Inc. 3,111 305
Total Assets	822,959,451	815,533,302	720,876,763	Inc. 7,426,149	Inc 16,082,688
Liabilities.					
Notes in Circulation	60,986,610	69,981,574	58,021,075	Dec. 8,994,964	Inc. 2,965,535
Due to Dominion Government	3,198,186	5,211,318	2,773,478	Dec 2,013,132	Inc. 424,708
Due to Provincial Governments	7,138,440	6,344,171	8,242,605	Inc. 794 269	Dec, 1,101,165
Deposits in Canada payable on demand	151,722 684	155 344,759	128,961,627	Dec. 3,621,075	Inc. 22,761,057
Deposits in Canada payable after notice	369 499,614	356,880,074	322,270,620	Inc. 2,619,540	Inc. 47,228,994
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	521,222,298	512,227,733	451,233,247	Inc. 8,994,565	Inc. 69,989,051
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	47,191,637	41,063,572	29,470,656	Inc. 3,128,065	Inc. 8,720,981
Total Deposits	568,413 935	556,291,305	490,703,903	Inc. 12,122,630	Inc. 77,710,032
Loans from other Banks in Canada	731,768	766,799	1,104,202	Dec. 35,031	Inc. 372,524
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	5,020,828	5,678,809	5,003,241	Dec. 657,981	Inc. 17,587
Due to Banks and Agencies in United Kingdom	5,154,883	4,098 095	2,716,272	Inc. 1,056,788	Inc. 2,438,611
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere	3,452,123	1,569,828	1,511,299	Inc. 1,882,295	Inc. 1,940,824
Other Liabilities	13,903,10	12,218,155	7,738,645	Inc. 1,684,917	Inc. 6,164,457
Total Liabilities	667 999,951	662,160,177	577,836,895	Inc. 5,839,824	Inc. 90,163,056
Capital, etc.					
Capital paid up	85,802,587	85,294,210	80,378,420	Inc. 508,377	Inc. 5,424,167
Reserve Fund	60,023,932	59,898,397	54,194,407	Inc. 125,535	Inc. 5,829,523
Liabilities of Directors and their firms	9,194,198	8,639,244	9,593,389	Inc. 554,954	Dec. 799,195
Greatest circulation during the month	69,423,435	75,850,739	64,031,382	Dec. 6,427,504	Inc. 5,391,851