

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31ST, 1906, OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

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

Assets.	August 31, 1906.	July 31, 1906.	August 31, 1905.	Increase or Decrease for month.	Increase or Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes	\$ 60,860,863	\$ 60,099,315	\$ 59,848,190	Inc. \$ 761,548	Inc. \$ 1,012,673
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	24,795,567	26,540,608	20,679,176	Dec. 1,754,131	Inc. 4,116,391
Deposit to Secure Note Issues	4,115,116	4,003,186	3,410,334	Inc. 22,000	Inc. 704,852
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured	688,297	747,915	440,400	Dec. 6,618	Inc. 238,847
Deposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada	7,515,582	7,041,714	6,201,195	Inc. 473,868	Inc. 1,205,387
Due from Banks, etc., in United Kingdom	9,454,409	9,976,621	9,644,699	Dec. 521,012	Dec. 189,090
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	17,419,250	17,606,673	24,022,812	Dec. 207,423	Dec. 6,603,612
Government Securities	9,959,637	9,893,275	8,755,089	Inc. 60,362	Inc. 1,174,548
Canadian Municipal and other Securities	20,218,621	20,090,879	19,130,642	Inc. 127,745	Inc. 1,087,82
Railway Bonds and Stocks	42,347,583	41,952,291	40,750,071	Inc. 397,289	Inc. 1,597,511
Total Securities held	72,527,914	71,936,448	68,005,803	Inc. 59,199	Inc. 3,860,141
Call Loans in Canada	60,384,69	58,208,627	44,527,543	Inc. 2,177,742	Inc. 15,861,826
Call Loans outside Canada	60,707,093	54,261,216	58,906,511	Inc. 6,445,877	Inc. 1,730,562
Total Call and Short Loans	121,091,402	112,469,843	103,434,054	Inc. 8,621,619	Inc. 17,592,388
Loans and Discounts in Canada	507,943,104	500,933,935	437,440,914	Inc. 7,009,219	Inc. 70,502,208
Loans and Discounts outside Canada	35,781,517	34,379,728	25,745,356	Inc. 1,401,739	Inc. 10,006,61
Total Current Loans and Discounts	543,724,711	535,313,713	463,186,270	Inc. 8,410,998	Inc. 80,558,441
Aggregate of Loans to Public	664,816,173	647,783,556	567,685,341	Inc. 17,032,617	Inc. 98,130,829
Loans to Provincial Governments	1,184,158	981,460	1,358,164	Inc. 202,698	Dec. 174,006
Overdue Debts	1,719,005	1,658,722	1,907,160	Inc. 6,303	Inc. 188,135
Bank Premises	12,863,830	12,701,000	10,312,222	Inc. 16,770	Inc. 2,233,608
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	1,282,793	1,282,024	719	Inc. 719	Inc. 33,695
Other Assets	10,917,750	10,137,910	6,518,861	Inc. 803,845	Inc. 1,368,895
Total Assets	890,180,218	872,610,468	772,427,427	Inc. 17,589,750	Inc. 107,752,791
Liabilities.					
Notes in Circulation	70,108,511	68,182,970	62,497,433	Inc. 1,915,532	Inc. 7,611,078
Due to Dominion Government	5,818,565	5,605,796	2,406,770	Inc. 202,769	Inc. 3,414,995
Due to Provincial Governments	8,452,911	9,212,196	7,156,92	Dec. 750,285	Inc. 1,296,714
Deposits in Canada payable on demand	168,285,064	165,077,790	140,733,488	Inc. 3,351,774	Inc. 27,552,476
Deposits in Canada payable after notice	385,027,508	370,033,511	310,653,281	Inc. 9,966,64	Inc. 44,174,221
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	553,313,469	543,108,301	481,386,772	Inc. 9,205,148	Inc. 71,906,697
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	53,419,011	50,266,446	42,867,794	Inc. 2,931,165	Inc. 552,117
Total Deposits	606,732,380	593,374,747	524,254,566	Inc. 11,798,633	Inc. 72,788,814
Loans from other Banks in Canada	188,302	747,923	440,91	Dec. 59,621	Inc. 238,911
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	5,435,824	5,111,553	4,809,110	Inc. 424,271	Inc. 616,634
Due to Banks and Agencies in United Kingdom	6,139,709	6,631,552	6,158,083	Dec. 497,843	Dec. 418,374
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere	2,205,837	2,501,347	1,875,301	Dec. 385,510	Inc. 330,536
Other Liabilities	14,212,517	14,315,00	1,157,494	Dec. 103,183	Inc. 1,055,073
Total Liabilities	719,870,03	707,233,874	628,744,187	Inc. 12,641,759	Inc. 87,001,146
Capital, etc.					
Capital paid up	92,936,610	91,781,790	83,171,104	Inc. 1,211,820	Inc. 9,976,506
Reserve Fund	64,768,819	64,025,577	57,204,468	Inc. 7,624,242	Inc. 7,748,351
Liabilities of Directors and their firms	9,165,702	8,867,331	8,586,101	Inc. 297,871	Inc. 9,604
Greatest circulation during the month	72,212,988	71,360,605	61,406,181	Inc. 844,383	Inc. 7,807,837

PROMINENT TOPICS.

EVEN GAY PARIS has arrived at the conclusion that it is a good thing to observe Sunday as a day of rest. The spirit of the movement in this direction is confessedly secular, but experience will tend to shew that it is hard to protect the workman's right to rest one day in seven, without a religious basis for the Sabbatic institution. The Creator's command to cease from labour on the seventh day is really the greatest charter of human liberty ever granted.

will result from the observance of a weekly day of rest. Whether there will be any appreciable diminution remains to be seen.

THAT A MAN CAN PRODUCE more in one week by working seven days than he can by working six days is fairly obvious. That he can produce more in a year by working seven days a week than he can by working six days a week, does not follow as a matter of course.

THE PRODUCTION OF the average workman's whole life time will we are convinced be greater if he observes the Sabbath than if he evades that duty.

SOME POLITICAL ECONOMISTS are already gravely discussing the question whether France can stand the diminished production that it is claimed