

These canals are lighted throughout their entire length so their safe navigation is as easy by night as it is by day. Surveys are going on to ascertain the most desirable route for water communication between the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario, with its terminal at Trenton, or Cobourg, or Port Hope. Should the requisite work for this route be carried out it will shorten the voyage from Lake Superior to this city by a considerable distance, as the detour through the Welland canal will be avoided. This, however, is not likely to be accomplished for some years as the national resources will be too much strained by the construction of the Grand Trunk

Pacific to allow of any other extensive public work being entered upon.

Meanwhile it is a matter for the profoundest satisfaction that full provision now exists in the national canals and the great lakes, and the noblest of water courses the River St. Lawrence, for transporting the wheat and other produce from the rapidly developing Northwest, and the manufactures of the great works at the Soo, and those along the route, at Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, and other industrial centres, to other points in Canada, and onwards by ocean steamers from this port to Great Britain and the customers of Canada on the continent of Europe.

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

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

<i>Assets.</i>	January, 1906.	February, 1906.	February, 1905.	Increase or Decrease for month.	Increase or Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes .....	\$56,245,924	\$57,800,929	\$55,320,116	Dec. \$ 1,645,005	Inc. \$ 925,808
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks .....	20,732,891	24,268,731	20,999,333	Dec. 1,535,741	Inc. 33,558
Deposit to Secure Note Issues .....	3,435,334	3,435,334	3,328,771	No Change	Inc. 106,561
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured .....	1,092,891	969,736	913,440	Inc. 123,155	Inc. 179,451
Deposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada .....	6,621,636	6,665,985	5,992,749	Dec. 44,349	Inc. 628,887
Due from Banks, etc., in United Kingdom .....	12,505,021	10,364,521	11,731,004	Inc. 2,142,502	Inc. 77,969
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere .....	14,611,276	16,143,335	20,112,257	Dec. 1,520,059	Dec. 5,500,981
Government Securities .....	9,043,708	8,699,789	8,587,577	Inc. 343,919	Inc. 456,131
Canadian Municipal and other Securities .....	20,988,288	19,891,091	17,901,984	Inc. 1,207,197	Inc. 2,166,345
Railway Bonds and Stocks .....	40,601,025	41,327,498	39,065,158	Dec. 727,473	Inc. 905,867
Total Securities held .....	69,743,021	69,919,378	60,094,724	Dec. 176,357	Inc. 3,648,293
Call Loans in Canada .....	55,978,663	55,597,664	37,014,787	Inc. 376,799	Inc. 18,953,776
Call Loans outside Canada .....	55,317,690	62,153,020	46,032,161	Dec. 7,035,330	Inc. 9,224,129
Total Call and Short Loans .....	111,296,253	117,744,784	83,047,348	Dec. 6,658,531	Inc. 28,178,905
Loans and Discounts in Canada .....	47,037,412	48,706,908	422,351,186	Inc. 16,326,534	Inc. 52,481,756
Loans and Discounts outside Canada .....	39,036,679	37,462,194	21,797,171	Inc. 1,574,485	Inc. 17,219,968
Total Current Loans and Discounts .....	514,069,121	497,169,102	444,148,357	Inc. 17,911,019	Inc. 69,950,764
Aggregate of Loans to Public .....	625,355,374	614,113,886	427,957,005	Inc. 11,242,488	Inc. 98,159,679
Loans to Provincial Governments .....	1,080,172	2,167,413	2,353,988	Dec. 1,087,241	Dec. 1,273,026
Overdue Debts .....	2,140,360	713,729	2,382,835	Inc. 1,416,631	Inc. 242,475
Bank Premises .....	12,076,541	11,945,821	10,376,842	Inc. 130,270	Inc. 1,906,699
Other Real Estate and Mortgages .....	1,259,834	1,195,178	1,380,074	Inc. 64,056	Dec. 120,240
Other Assets .....	9,283,681	9,651,937	6,116,212	Dec. 36,226	Inc. 3,167,449
Total Assets .....	836,184,154	828,518,332	733,699,510	Inc. 7,065,822	Inc. 107,484,644
<i>Liabilities.</i>					
Notes in Circulation .....	65,991,818	62,434,803	58,721,173	Inc. 3,556,925	Inc. 7,270,645
Due to Dominion Government .....	2,597,837	3,565,511	2,371,828	Dec. 978,674	Inc. 226,091
Due to Provincial Governments .....	12,802,344	6,790,815	7,487,853	Inc. 6,011,529	Inc. 5,196,461
Deposits in Canada payable on demand .....	152,520,394	149,627,785	128,964,471	Dec. 2,893,000	Inc. 21,555,660
Deposits in Canada payable after notice .....	364,206,187	373,691,731	326,974,714	Inc. 6,197,144	Inc. 40,121,116
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada .....	519,816,981	533,515,516	455,939,705	Dec. 2,149,535	Inc. 63,877,776
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada .....	44,777,840	45,824,676	40,318,548	Dec. 1,068,836	Inc. 4,592,992
Total Deposits .....	564,594,821	579,340,192	496,257,753	Dec. 4,545,371	Inc. 68,470,768
Loans from other Banks in Canada .....	1,092,600	969,741	952,748	Inc. 123,161	Inc. 140,156
Deposits by other Banks in Canada .....	4,796,469	4,976,664	4,411,100	Dec. 190,225	Inc. 44,631
Due to Banks and Agencies in United Kingdom .....	6,481,119	3,999,379	3,999,547	Inc. 181,740	Inc. 2,489,570
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere .....	2,109,992	2,169,281	1,441,144	Dec. 2,928,9	Inc. 765,278
Other Liabilities .....	15,228,57	14,718,507	10,670,233	Inc. 510,450	Inc. 4,497,274
Total Liabilities .....	675,696,341	671,860,993	586,641,034	Inc. 4,410,243	Inc. 89,053,397
<i>Capital, etc.</i>					
Capital paid up .....	87,304,198	85,958,202	81,662,880	Inc. 1,345,996	Inc. 5,741,318
Reserve Fund .....	61,754,560	60,188,472	54,773,301	Inc. 1,066,088	Inc. 6,471,257
Liabilities of Directors and their firms .....	9,081,162	9,011,032	10,007,294	Inc. 70,130	Inc. 49,132
Greatest circulation during the month .....	66,876,233	63,911,481	61,266,767	Inc. 2,964,742	Inc. 5,609,159