

\$2,051,864 when compared with December, 1905. Increasing current loans afford an index to growing demands for business, and on December 31, these aggregated \$585,158,711, an advance of \$11,374,760 over November and an increase of \$104,920,386 over December, 1905.

The exhibit given below covers the years 1897 to 1906 inclusive.

CAPITAL PAID UP.

1906.....	\$95,509,015	1901.....	\$67,591,310
1905.....	85,294,210	1900.....	67,097,110
1904.....	86,055,590	1899.....	63,584,020
1903.....	78,563,320	1898.....	63,241,530
1902.....	72,795,440	1897.....	62,289,320

PRINCIPAL ITEMS IN BANK RETURNS, December, 1897 TO 1906.

Years.	Circulation.	Deposits.	Discounts.	Call loan
1906.....	78,416,780	655,099,846	585,158,711	116,469,903
1905.....	69,881,554	556,291,300	480,238,320	110,714,940
1904.....	64,507,390	492,226,790	431,124,240	87,733,420
1903.....	62,539,407	434,336,757	403,036,195	74,021,000
1902.....	60,571,144	407,307,707	357,010,326	95,089,910
1901.....	54,372,700	367,095,500	321,319,200	82,915,900
1900.....	50,758,246	318,358,800	295,726,200	61,216,200
1899.....	45,099,700	273,233,800	366,678,601	32,435,400
1898.....	40,258,381	218,572,100	229,900,000	26,532,000
1897.....	37,995,123	222,002,200	205,931,000	19,859,800

From the above some idea may be formed of Canada's commercial and financial development during the past decade.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 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>	Dec. 31, 1906.	Nov. 30, 1906.	Dec. 31, 1905.	Increase or Decrease for month.	Increase or Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes.....	\$68,018,904	\$70,801,047	\$57,705,165	Dec. \$ 2,782,143	Inc. \$10,311,739
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks.....	38,937,901	31,972,958	28,345,495	Inc. 6,964,933	Inc. 10,592,406
Deposit to Secure Note Issues.....	4,327,669	4,746,247	3,435,334	Dec. 418,578	Inc. 892,325
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured.....	5,717,714	6,860,899	684,869	Dec. 1,143,185	Inc. 5,012,816
Deposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada.....	9,832,685	9,956,110	8,591,796	Dec. 123,425	Inc. 1,240,889
Due from Banks, etc., in United Kingdom.....	7,844,990	8,313,137	8,308,209	Dec. 468,147	Dec. 463,219
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere.....	15,512,627	17,559,315	14,344,574	Dec. 2,046,688	Inc. 1,168,153
Government Securities.....	9,536,448	10,075,764	9,182,335	Dec. 530,316	Inc. 354,113
Canadian Municipal and other Securities.....	21,376,833	21,289,893	20,163,919	Inc. 86,940	Inc. 1,202,254
Railway Bonds and Stocks.....	41,455,319	40,861,860	39,649,068	Inc. 593,459	Inc. 1,806,251
Total Securities held.....	72,368,600	72,227,463	68,995,350	Inc. 141,137	Inc. 4,373,240
Call Loans in Canada.....	57,511,747	56,440,834	40,704,928	Inc. 1,070,913	Inc. 16,806,719
Call Loans outside Canada.....	58,958,156	66,919,335	61,010,020	Dec. 7,961,179	Dec. 2,051,804
Total Call and Short Loans.....	116,469,903	123,360,169	111,714,948	Dec. 6,890,260	Inc. 4,754,955
Loans and Discounts in Canada.....	548,684,480	538,695,115	458,355,366	Inc. 9,989,365	Inc. 90,329,114
Loans and Discounts outside Canada.....	36,474,231	35,088,827	30,882,959	Inc. 1,385,404	Inc. 5,591,272
Total Current Loans and Discounts.....	585,158,711	573,783,942	489,238,325	Inc. 11,374,769	Inc. 104,920,386
Aggregate of Loans to Public.....	701,628,614	697,144,111	609,953,273	Inc. 4,484,503	Inc. 91,675,341
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	1,356,967	978,982	2,063,362	Inc. 377,985	Dec. 706,395
Overdue Debts.....	3,048,289	2,880,124	1,665,732	Inc. 168,165	Inc. 1,382,557
Bank Premises.....	14,860,607	14,149,343	11,569,131	Inc. 711,264	Inc. 3,290,476
Other Real Estate and Mortgages.....	1,338,987	1,240,233	1,173,798	Inc. 98,754	Inc. 165,189
Other Assets.....	9,394,586	10,181,051	8,696,970	Dec. 786,465	Inc. 697,616
Total Assets.....	954,192,546	949,013,077	815,533,302	Inc. 5,179,469	Inc. 138,659,244
<i>Liabilities.</i>					
Notes in Circulation.....	78,416,780	80,052,357	69,981,554	Dec. 1,535,577	Inc. 8,435,226
Due to Dominion Government.....	4,730,421	5,491,445	5,211,318	Dec. 764,024	Dec. 480,897
Due to Provincial Governments.....	9,687,270	8,978,559	6,014,171	Inc. 708,711	Inc. 3,643,999
Deposits in Canada payable on demand.....	192,143,482	183,391,213	155,346,759	Inc. 8,752,269	Inc. 36,799,723
Deposits in Canada payable after notice.....	198,766,182	400,307,693	316,880,074	Dec. 1,542,511	Inc. 41,885,108
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada.....	590,908,664	583,698,906	512,227,737	Inc. 7,309,798	Inc. 78,180,931
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	64,191,182	62,815,090	44,063,572	Inc. 1,126,002	Inc. 20,127,110
Total Deposits.....	655,099,846	646,513,996	556,291,305	Inc. 8,585,850	Inc. 98,808,541
Loans from other Banks in Canada.....	5,717,720	6,860,331	766,799	Inc. 857,389	Inc. 4,950,921
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....	6,395,645	7,136,848	5,678,809	Dec. 941,203	Inc. 716,336
Due to Banks and Agencies in United Kingdom.....	8,207,158	7,201,976	4,098,045	Inc. 1,021,182	Inc. 4,109,063
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere.....	1,716,823	2,227,838	1,69,828	Dec. 501,015	Inc. 146,995
Other Liabilities.....	12,684,795	13,688,569	12,218,155	Dec. 923,774	Inc. 466,740
Total Liabilities.....	782,056,528	778,717,996	662,600,127	Inc. 3,938,532	Inc. 120,056,401
<i>Capital, etc.</i>					
Capital paid up.....	95,509,015	91,665,447	85,294,210	Inc. 743,568	Inc. 10,214,805
Reserve Fund.....	69,258,007	67,689,549	59,898,379	Inc. 1,568,458	Inc. 9,359,628
Liabilities of Directors and their firms.....	10,241,344	9,656,370	8,639,244	Inc. 584,974	Inc. 1,602,100
Greatest circulation during the month.....	84,443,495	89,011,712	75,850,739	Dec. 1,568,217	Inc. 8,592,656