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SIX MONTHS' RECORD.

The June bank statement published this week marks the first half of the present calendar year in banking circles. The bank statement has, during the past six months, probably attracted more attention than for many years. The financial situation has frequently been acute, especially from the viewpoint of money scarcity. There are always men who will tell you how the forthcoming statement will look. Very frequently their forecasts have been wide of the mark.

Throughout June we were told that the banks would not lend money. While they have been careful, they have not been so strict as to rule legitimate enterprise entirely out of order. Current loans in Canada have increased during the month by more than two million dollars. Here are the outstanding features of the bank statement:—

Current loans, Canada; increase.....	\$2,222,618
Current loans elsewhere; decrease.....	2,024,008
Call loans, Canada; decrease.....	405,209
Call loans elsewhere; increase.....	3,017,195
Deposits on demand; decrease.....	2,023,650
Deposits after notice; increase.....	3,940,615

Except for a decline during the month of May, current loans have shown a steady increase. In January, the figures were \$550,000,000; last month they were \$586,000,000. Here are the figures in thousands:—

Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.
550,938	562,678	579,057	586,149	584,707	586,930

It will be seen that the demand for capital is very keen. Indeed, the cry for years past has been, "More capital." The following is the record, in thousands, for the past five years of the total current loans of the banks:—

1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
363,329	413,392	437,470	501,621	586,930

Thus, in six months there has been an increase in this item from \$550,938,838 to \$586,930,448, a gain of \$35,991,610, or 6 per cent. While the banks have looked after their Canadian customers, it is seen that their loans out of Canada have remained, on the average, practically at the same figure. The amounts are given in thousands:—

1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
21,943	19,183	23,793	33,159	23,388

It is interesting to watch how the balance is kept between current loans in Canada and call loans both in and out of the country. The following figures show the fluctuations during the six months. Current loans in Canada have increased in that time by 6 per cent.; call loans have decreased 8 per cent., and call loans out of Canada have increased 4 per cent. The figures are in thousands:—

	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Current loans in Canada	\$550,938	\$562,678	\$579,057
Call loans in Canada.....	53,979	53,342	52,676
Call loans elsewhere.....	53,079	55,948	51,340

	April.	May.	June.
Current loans in Canada	\$586,149	\$584,707	\$586,930
Call loans in Canada.....	50,357	49,886	49,481
Call loans elsewhere.....	48,430	52,281	55,298

Taking the past five years, the following variations in call loans, the amounts being in thousands, are seen:—

	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
In Canada.....	\$40,876	\$36,738	\$41,746		
Elsewhere.....	39,500	37,030	43,067		
		1906.	1907.		
In Canada.....		\$56,024	\$49,481		
Elsewhere.....		53,476	55,298		

The total deposits this month show an increase over last, and also over January. The total commenced to decline in the beginning of the year until March. Since then it has shown a steady increase. Deposits on de-