

## Banks, Bankers and Banking

# Canada owes U.S. Half a Billion

Interesting statistics of foreign debts owned in United States—  
Mostly credits advanced by the American Government

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has compiled a very interesting table of foreign loans now outstanding in the United States, estimated to represent a total of nearly twelve billions of dollars. Canada ranks in this compilation as a debtor for a little over half a billion dollars, but it is interesting to note that the whole of Canada's borrowings are properly funded loans represented by securities in the hands of the American public. The total amount of such securities held by the American public is only \$2,222,000,000, of which Canada is the author of \$524,248,313, so that Canada has borrowed from the American public nearly one quarter of the total amount which they have loaned to foreign borrowers, and is exceeded only by the United Kingdom which has sold to the American public \$787,633,000 of its securities.

The great mass of the foreign investments of the United States consists of cash advances from credits established by the United States Government, which amounted on May 11th, 1920, to \$9,598,855,000, and which are the chief contributing cause of the enormous war debt of the United States, since all the sums thus advanced to Great Britain, France, Italy and other nations, were procured by the sale of United States bonds to the American public. Canada, of course, was not obliged to draw upon any such credits, being able to satisfy all her requirements in the open market of New York.

The Government credits have no specific date for their repayment and it is highly desirable in the interests of all parties concerned that they should be paid off as soon as possible. The European allies expect to get the money from the Germans. It is now proposed that, instead of paying the United States in actual cash, which they could not do until they had got the money from the Germans, they should turn over their claims against Germany to the United States, in settlement of their obligations. There is a natural reluctance on the part of the Americans to take over the painful job of indemnity collector from Germany,

but it is doubtful if anybody can perform the task more satisfactorily. Certainly nobody is in a better position to capitalise the German obligation than the United States which is in no hurry for the payment in gold of the large sums due to it from Europe, and would indeed be greatly embarrassed by any such settlement. That some sort of book-keeping readjustment will be necessary between the United States and the European allies may be taken as certain. Canada, however, would not be intimately affected by such an adjustment, except that one of its results would be the rapid rehabilitation of the pound sterling, which, as is generally recognized, must be accompanied by the restoration to par of the Canadian dollar in New York.

There is no likelihood of an abnormal shortage of harvest help, according to reports received here from Western points. A big factor in the handling of this year's crop will be the thousands of hands who have been let out from Eastern manufacturing firms for five or six weeks of the slack season. Many of these are planning to fill in the time by a trip West, it is said. Railway officials also report heavy bookings by the harvesters' excursions, the first of which leaves tomorrow.

Immigration to Canada during April, May and June of the present year shows an increase of 68 per cent. over the corresponding months in 1919, according to a statement just made public by Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization. The greatest increase is shown in June, when the immigration to Canada was 109 per cent. greater than in June a year ago. Of the 49,242 immigrants who entered Canada in April, May and June of this year, 28,487 were British, 16,397 were from the United States, and 4,358 from other countries.

Kentville, N.S.—The strawberry crop in the Annapolis Valley this season is a very fine one, and shipping has been extensive. This firm of Cyrus and Manning Ells, Port Williams, received one order for 50,000 boxes for Quebec city. This firm sold more than 1,100,000 strawberry plants this year.

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