

all but three had got within the limit again. It is well-known that usually the middle of October or the beginning of November sees the peak-load in the banks' circulation. At September 30, it was \$111,075,519 as against \$104,334,287 at September 30, 1912, an increase of nearly seven millions. The maximum circulation of the banks during September was \$114,032,133 against \$106,875,414 in September, 1912.

BANKS' LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES BEING REDUCED.

The banks' loans to the municipalities are being steadily reduced. At July 31, which was the first date for which the figures are available, they totalled \$43,121,384, by August 31 they had been reduced to \$41,310,281 and at September 30, they were decreased yet further to \$37,465,383. Thus in two months they have been reduced by over 5½ millions. This is a sequel to the recent heavy sales of bonds by municipalities which have been lately announced, both in London and in the United States. The funds thus released find immediate employment elsewhere. In September the banks' Canadian current loans, including those to municipalities, etc., went up to \$903,717,013, crossing the nine hundred million dollar mark for the first time. Apart from those to municipalities, these loans increased from \$857,822,613 at August 31 to \$866,251,630 at September 30, or by practically 8½ millions. Inclusive of the municipal loans, these current loans were increased by nearly

44½ millions during the 12 months ending September 30. In the same period, the foreign call loans were reduced by over 26 millions, nearly 3½ millions cut off them in September reducing them to the low figure of \$86,630,411. Contrary to the experience of several months past, the banks increased their Canadian call loans on stocks and bonds in September by nearly 3 millions to \$70,047,291. But even with this increase these loans were over five millions below what they were at the same time last year.

ROYAL BANK'S NEW PURCHASE.

As the result of negotiations which have been going on for some months, the shareholders of the British Guiana Bank, at a meeting held at Georgetown, Demerara, decided to accept the offer made by the Royal Bank of Canada to purchase the assets and business of that bank.

The British Guiana Bank, which has been established since 1836, has branches at Georgetown, Demerara and New Amsterdam, Berbice. The capital of the bank is \$920,520; reserve and undivided profits, \$282,475.37; total assets, \$3,680,000.

From the standpoint of the Royal Bank of Canada this is a most important acquisition, as the volume of trade between Canada and British Guiana, is already considerable and growing rapidly. The progressive policy of the Royal Bank in the West Indies will tend to stimulate trade and promote closer relations between those colonies and Canada.

Mr. John B. Laing, Managing Director of the British Guiana Bank, will be Manager of the British Guiana business of the Royal Bank, and the staff of the British Guiana Bank will be retained by the Royal Bank.

ABSTRACT OF THE BANK STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1913

(Compiled by the Chronicle).

	September 30, 1913.	August 31, 1913.	September 30, 1912.	Month's change.	Year's change.
LIABILITIES.					
Circulation.....	\$ 111,075,519	\$ 105,806,914	\$ 104,334,287	+\$ 5,264,605	+\$ 6,741,232
Demand deposits.....	381,737,513	358,321,925	374,368,917	+ 23,415,588	+ 7,368,596
Notice deposits.....	621,249,585	619,032,847	640,536,652	+ 2,216,738	— 19,287,067
Foreign deposits.....	95,941,227	97,003,605	81,953,710	— 1,062,378	— 13,987,517
Total liabilities.....	1,306,715,560	1,279,611,609	1,272,617,505	+ 27,103,951	+ 34,098,055
ASSETS.					
Specie.....	\$ 42,802,022	41,649,226	\$38,268,633	+\$ 1,152,796	+\$ 4,433,389
Dominion Notes.....	90,533,859	89,326,813	95,425,803	+ 1,207,046	— 4,891,944
Deposit in Central Gold Reserve.....	3,350,000
Securities held.....	106,994,536	106,768,073	97,631,914	+ 226,457	+ 9,362,616
Canadian call loans.....	70,047,291	67,233,983	75,295,261	+ 2,813,308	— 5,187,970
Foreign call loans.....	86,639,411	90,041,292	112,767,036	— 3,401,881	— 26,127,625
Canadian current loans.....	*903,717,013	*899,132,894	*859,341,193	+ 4,584,119	+ 44,375,820
Foreign current loans.....	46,402,911	46,339,928	39,440,472	+ 62,985	+ 6,962,441
Loans to municipalities, etc.....	37,465,383	41,310,281	— 3,844,898
Total assets.....	1,554,982,031	1,526,196,397	1,509,255,749	+ 27,885,634	+ 45,226,282

* Inclusive of loans to municipalities, etc.