Earnings of Canadian Banks.—The chartered banks of Canada are for the most part Dominion-wide institutions, doing business in all parts of the country. Their earnings, therefore, reflect with very considerable faithfulness the fluctuations of general business. So far as individual banks are concerned, the changes resulting from amalgamations are apt to render the figures incomparable over a period of years. During the six years covered by Table 20, however, only one bank, the Imperial Bank of Canada, has absorbed another bank, viz, The Weyburn Security Bank.

20.—Net Profits of Canadian Banks and Rates of Dividend Paid, for their business years ended 1929-34.

Note.—The profits of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Toronto are stated exclusive of amounts paid for Dominion and provincial taxes; these amounts, however, are included for the other banks.

	1929.		1930.		1931.	
Bank.	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.
	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.
Bank of Montreal	7,070,892 2,761,117 1,453,436	12+2 16 12+1	6,519,031 2,535,643 1,339,872	12+2 16 12+1	5,386,380 2,579,802 1,168,915	12 16 12
Banque Provinciale du Can- ada	551,022 5,066,229 7,145,137	9 12+1 12+2 12+1	511,457 5,378,423 6,572,627	9 12+1 12+2 12+1	467,440 4,774,923 5,468,327	9 12 12 12
Banque Canadienne Natio- nale	1,522,809 1,053,100 1,561,562 38,147	10 12+1 7	1,409,747 1,024,702 1,424,081	10 12+1	1,322,287 1,001,940 1,328,864	10 12
Barclays Bank (Canada)2 Totals, Net Profits	28,223,451	· -	26,715,583	-	23,478,878	-
Bank.	1932.		1983.		1934.	
	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.	Net Profits.	Dividend Rate.
	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.
Bank of Montreal	4,663,100 2,303,434 1,044,393	11 15 11	4,005,154 2,035,900 1,037,922	8½ 12½ 10	4,105,024 1,850,330 822,499	8 12 10
ada	454,659 4,279,424 4,861,849 1,179,931	8 1 11 11 11	410,655 3,648,832 3,901,649 1,139,202	6 1 8 <u>1</u> 8 <u>1</u> 10	417,366 3,413,654 4,398,217 1,151,561	6 8 8 10
Banque Canadienne Natio- nale	972,075 1,205,335	10 11½ —	970,350 1,204,039	10 10	935,823 1,231,992	93 10 -
Totals, Net Profits	20,964,200	-	18,353,703		18,326,466	-

¹Absorbed by Imperial Bank of Canada, May 1, 1931. had reported no profits or dividends up to the end of 1934. for the first half-year and 8 p.c. for the second.

In Tables 21, 21A, 22 and 22A will be found statistics showing the positions of the individual chartered banks on Dec. 31, 1933 and 1934.

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This bank, which opened in September, 1929, This bank paid at the rate of 10 p.c. per annum