

The Bank has an obligation to sell gold in the form of bars on demand, but this may be suspended, and is at present suspended until Mar. 11, 1937.

The chartered banks are required to maintain a reserve of not less than 5 p.c. of their deposit liabilities within Canada in the form of deposits with, and notes of, the Bank.

The Bank acts as the fiscal agent of the Dominion of Canada and may by agreement act as banker or fiscal agent of any province. The Bank must not accept deposits from individuals and thus cannot compete with the chartered banks in commercial banking fields.

The Bank commenced business on Mar. 11, 1935. A statement is required of the assets and liabilities of the Bank as at the close of business on each Wednesday, while monthly statements are also issued. The statement of the Bank as at Dec. 31, 1935, follows:—

## BANK OF CANADA

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Dec. 31, 1935.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	\$		\$
CAPITAL PAID UP.....	5,000,000.00	RESERVE, AT MARKET	
REST FUND.....	173,092.16	VALUES—	
NOTES IN CIRCULATION.....	99,677,228.95	Gold coin and bullion.....	180,509,342.65
DEPOSITS:		Silver bullion.....	1,638,365.96
(a) Dominion Government.....	18,262,843.88	Reserve in Sterling funds.....	219,235.47
(b) Provincial Governments.....	—	Reserve in U.S.A. funds.....	4,003,866.67
(c) Chartered Banks.....	181,636,033.98	Reserve in funds of other countries on a gold standard...	9,215.29
(d) Other.....	766,255.05	Total.....	186,380,025.44
Total.....	200,665,132.91	SUBSIDIARY COIN.....	123,777.87
DIVIDENDS DECLARED,		ADVANCES TO:	
payable Jan. 2, 1936.....	113,000.00	(a) Dominion Government.....	3,465,812.50
OTHER LIABILITIES.....	2,026,697.84	INVESTMENTS: at not exceeding market values—	
		(a) Dominion Government short-term securities....	30,873,168.86
		(b) Other Dominion Government securities.....	83,409,675.57
		Total.....	114,282,844.43
		BANK PREMISES.....	111,911.25
		ALL OTHER ASSETS.....	3,285,780.37
TOTAL.....	<u>\$307,655,151.86</u>	TOTAL.....	<u>\$307,655,151.86</u>