

## FINANCE

29.—Values of Building Permits over \$100,000 taken out in Cities and Towns in 1914 and 1915—concluded.

City or Town.	1914.	1915.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$
Saskatchewan—			
Regina .....	1,765,875	464,065	—1,301,810
Moosejaw .....	459,610	90,722	—368,888
Prince Albert .....	721,986	29,591	—692,395
Swift Current .....	685,232	17,230	—668,002
Weyburn .....	329,450	107,859	—221,591
Estevan .....	144,765	22,235	—122,530
Alberta—			
Edmonton .....	4,913,277	309,805	—4,603,472
Medicine Hat .....	1,802,791	60,790	—1,742,001
Lethbridge .....	345,290	58,420	—286,870
British Columbia—			
Kamloops .....	172,784	12,020	—160,764
New Westminster .....	261,264	85,130	—176,134
Vancouver .....	4,484,476	1,593,249	—2,891,227
Point Grey .....	754,120	170,235	—583,885
North Vancouver .....	238,148	26,433	—211,715
South Vancouver .....	—	104,166	—
Victoria .....	2,243,660	292,450	—1,951,210
Nanaimo .....	100,285	50,582	—49,703
Oak Bay .....	286,216	20,550	—265,666
Prince Rupert .....	601,675	33,700	—567,975

## BANKING.

The total assets of the chartered banks at December 31, 1915, were \$1,737,992,244, as compared with \$1,555,556,815 in 1914. The total liabilities were \$1,499,283,690, as compared with \$1,314,646,254. Deposits by the public in Canada were \$1,144,680,651 at December 31, 1915 (Table 32), as compared with \$1,012,739,990 in 1914. On March 31, 1915, the total at the credit of depositors in the Post Office and Dominion Government Savings Banks was \$54,001,416, as compared with \$55,567,449 in 1914. Table 30 affords some measure of banking progress in Canada by a comparison of the number of branches at different periods. The number has grown from 123 at Confederation to 3,160 in 1916.

30.—Number of Branches of Banks, by Provinces, 1868, 1902, 1905, 1915 and 1916.

Provinces.	1868.	1902.	1905.	1915.	1916.
Prince Edward Island .....	—	9	10	17	17
Nova Scotia .....	5	89	101	109	111
New Brunswick .....	4	35	49	79	80
Quebec .....	12	137	196	716	767
Ontario .....	100	349	549	1,164	1,146
Manitoba .....	—	52	95	204	199
Saskatchewan .....	—	30	87	401	399
Alberta .....	—	—	—	258	245
British Columbia .....	2	46	55	208	193
Yukon .....	—	—	3	3	3
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>123</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>3,160</b>