

## 1.—Assets and Liabilities of the Bank of Canada as at Dec. 31, 1953-55

Assets and Liabilities	1953	1954	1955
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000
<b>Assets</b>			
Foreign exchange.....	55.1	54.3	57.6
Advances to chartered and savings banks.....	—	—	2.0
Investments—			
Treasury Bills of Canada.....	374.5	168.5	262.6
Other securities issued or guaranteed by Canada maturing within 2 years.....	1,002.1	1,193.0	1,021.2
Other securities issued or guaranteed by Canada not maturing within 2 years.....	893.7	860.6	1,083.7
Bonds and debentures issued by Industrial Development Bank.....	11.3	10.6	10.1
Other securities.....	12.1	12.0	57.1
Industrial Development Bank capital stock.....	25.0	25.0	25.0
Bank premises.....	4.8	4.9	4.9
All other assets.....	58.7	72.0	96.1
<b>Totals, Assets.....</b>	<b>2,437.2</b>	<b>2,400.8</b>	<b>2,620.2</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Capital paid up.....	5.0	5.0	5.0
Rest Fund.....	10.1	10.1	20.4
Notes in Circulation—			
Held by chartered banks.....	263.8	261.6	289.4
All other.....	1,335.3	1,361.9	1,449.0
Deposits—			
Government of Canada.....	51.5 <sup>1</sup>	56.3 <sup>1</sup>	89.2 <sup>1</sup>
Chartered banks.....	623.9	529.6	551.0
Other.....	29.5	30.5	34.0
Foreign currency liabilities.....	63.8	63.1	98.0
All other liabilities.....	54.2 <sup>1</sup>	82.8	84.1
<b>Totals, Liabilities.....</b>	<b>2,437.2</b>	<b>2,400.8</b>	<b>2,620.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Before the transfer of Bank of Canada profits for the year ended Dec. 31 from "All other liabilities" to "Government of Canada deposits" and "Rest Fund".

**The Industrial Development Bank.**—The Industrial Development Bank, a subsidiary of the Bank of Canada, was incorporated by Act of Parliament during 1944 and its banking operations commenced on Nov. 1, 1944. Its functions are described in the preamble to the Act as follows:—

"To promote the economic welfare of Canada by increasing the effectiveness of monetary action through ensuring the availability of credit to industrial enterprises which may reasonably be expected to prove successful if a high level of national income and employment is maintained, by supplementing the activities of other lenders and by providing capital assistance to industry with particular consideration to the financing problems of small enterprises."

The President of the Industrial Development Bank is the Governor of the Bank of Canada and the Directors are the Directors of the Bank of Canada. The \$25,000,000 capital stock of the Bank (completely paid up) was subscribed by the Bank of Canada. The Industrial Development Bank may also raise funds by the issue of bonds and debentures provided that its total direct liabilities and contingent liabilities in the form of guarantees and underwriting agreements do not exceed three times the aggregate of the Bank's paid-up capital and Reserve Fund.