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maturity of the Canada Reduced Loan of 1885, due January 1, 1910, and of the 1875 portion of the 1875-8 guaranteed loan, due October 1, 1910, bonds of the above loan to the extent of £117,500 and £23,400, respectively, which were held as a portion of the Sinking Funds of such loans, were cancelled and the amount of the 4 per cent loan then outstanding was reduced by such amounts. Bonds to the amount of £5,000 were converted into 1938 stock under the terms of the prospectus.

The statement showing the number and total salaries of officials coming under the Superannuation Acts and the Retirement Act has been continued to March 31, 1913.

The Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint is not under the control of the Department of Finance and hitherto no definite reference to its operations has been made in the report of the department. The relation, however, between the two is so intimate that, for the purposes of general information and for putting on record interesting data respecting the coinage of Canada, it is thought well to include herein a somewhat extended reference to the Mint and its operations.

Authority for the establishment of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint was granted by Parliament in the year 1901 under the provisions of 1 Edward VII, Chapter 4, "The Ottawa Mint Act". The work of construction was commenced in June, 1905, and was completed in 1908. The Royal Proclamation authorizing the opening of the Mint was issued in November, 1907, and published in the *Canada Gazette* of December 14 of that year. The formal opening took place January 2, 1908, and on that day the first coin was struck. The active work of coining silver, however, did not begin until the 19th of the following month.

Since the opening of the Mint proper in 1908 a refinery has been added, and the work of refining gold commenced in January, 1911.

The operation of the Mint is under the control of the Royal Mint, London. The Deputy Master and all officials are appointed by the British Government and the operations generally are governed by regulations issued by the Royal Mint, London.

The Ottawa Mint is not authorized to coin silver and bronze beyond the amount authorized by the Governor in Council.

The total cost of building and equipment to March 31, 1913, was \$617,280.87, in which is included the cost of refinery, \$83,898.78.

Under the provisions of the Ottawa Mint, Act 1901, an annuity of \$75,000 was granted for the purpose of defraying the salaries, contingencies, retiring and other allowances and expenses connected with the maintenance of the Mint. In 1910 it was necessary to supplement the annuity, and a special appropriation of \$25,000 was made by Parliament. This supplementary amount has been granted in each subsequent year. At the last session of Parliament the amount of the annuity to cover the expenses in connection with the Mint was increased to \$110,000. Since its establishment the expenditure for salaries, wages, etc., has been as follows:—

1908	\$ 71,997 32
1909	69,987 80
1910	83,697 12
1911	92,659 33
1912	94,894 32
1913 3 months.	24,274 22
	—————\$437,810 11

The amount of the annuity, viz: \$110,000, is paid to the mint authorities in quarterly instalments. At the end of the Mint fiscal year, December 31, any unexpended portion of the annuity is refunded to this Department.

Since the inauguration of the Mint, that is from January 2, 1908, to the 31st March, 1913, silver and bronze coin have been struck to the amount of as follows:—

Year.	50 cents.		25 cents.		10 cents.		5 cents.		1 cent.		Total.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1908.....	60,630	00	116,658	25	76,463	10	59,880	00	23,290	95	313,338	35
1909.....	99,324	50	327,763	00	151,412	90	94,543	25	39,441	68	673,013	65
1910.....	320,070	50	897,686	25	461,857	70	296,956	65	51,619	25	1,979,571	10
1911.....	102,737	50	426,001	00	2,275	70	181,84	30	46,599	47	985,678	50
1912.....	141,624	00	626,021	25	324,709	60	292,478	10	51,095	99	1,383,832	95
1913 3 months	26,899	00	192,069	00	104,083	20	51,825	80	10,754	36	375,340	00
	751,285	50	2,586,196	75	1,393,582	20	979,880	10	222,801	70	5,710,944	55

During the same period gold coins have been struck to the amount of \$3,285,214.20, as follows:—

Year.	Sovereigns.	Canadian.		Total.				
		\$10			\$5			
		\$	cts.					
1908.....	3,095	20			3,095	20		
1909.....	79,195	27			79,195	27		
1910.....	136,325	07			136,325	07		
1911.....	1,217,789	00			1,217,789	00		
1912.....			706,950	00	770,760	00	1,477,710	00
1913 3 months			193,590	00	129,430	00	341,099	66
	1,484,484	21	900,540	00	900,190	00	3,285,214	20

The proximity of the Mint has enabled the department to provide expeditiously for the large quantities of silver and bronze coinage required during the past few years. As coin could be supplied so quickly from Ottawa it was no longer necessary to retain large reserve supplies at the offices of the various Assistant Receivers General. A further advantage was the facility offered for the recoinage of smooth and mutilated silver and bronze. During the period from 1908 to 31st March, 1913, silver coins to the face value of \$789,164.34 were recoined at a loss of \$46,401.71. Copper cents to the face value of \$227.58 at a loss of \$26.14 were also recoined.

On the 31st March, 1913, the amount of Canadian gold coined by the Mint to that date was \$1,800,730. Of this amount, \$810,970 is held by the Receiver General as part of the gold reserve and \$68,020 in the hands of the Mint, leaving in circulation \$921,740.

It may be of interest to have on record a table of coinages executed by the Royal Mint on behalf of Canada. Such a table will be found hereafter giving the coinages for Canada during the years from 1858 to 1907 executed at the Royal Mint, London, and the Mint, Birmingham; also coinages struck for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia

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prior to Confederation and for Prince Edward Island prior to 1873, when that province entered the Union. The table further contains the coinages from 1908 to 1913, inclusive, at the Ottawa Branch Mint.

An interesting feature in connection with the department is the gold reserve.

The amount of Dominion notes in circulation on the 31st March was \$112,101,885.65. Against this the department is required to hold a reserve in gold as follows:—

Twenty-five per cent on \$ 30,000,000	\$ 7,500,000 00 and
dollar for dollar in gold for the notes in excess of	
\$30,000,000 or	82,101,885 65

The total gold requirement against the circulation of
Dominion notes was therefore 89,601,885 65

The department is further required to hold 10 per cent of the amount of Savings Bank deposits which, on the 31st March, 1913, amounted to \$57,140,483.39. Ten per cent of this is \$5,714,048.33 which, added to the reserve required to be held for Dominion notes, \$89,601,885.65, makes a total requirement on account of gold reserve of \$95,315,933.98.

The amount of gold actually held on the 31st March, 1913, was \$98,507,112.81. The gold reserve so held was on that date made up as follows:—

British sovereigns	\$ 4,264,744 82
Canadian \$10 and \$5	810,970 00
United States \$20, \$10 and \$5	93,208,464 00
Bullion	222,933 99
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	\$ 98,507,112 81

This reserve was duly inspected and verified during the year.

An arrangement has been in existence since 1909-10 under which the department, in co-operation with the chartered banks, has undertaken the work of the removal of foreign coin from circulation. For this purpose the department pays the amount of the express charges on the shipment of such coin out of the country and also $\frac{3}{4}$ of one per cent commission to the banks carrying on the work to compensate them for their trouble.

Under this arrangement, from August 30, 1909, to the 31st March, 1913, uncurrent silver was so exported to the amount of \$6,115,636.85 at an expense of \$48,282.48. The exportation of such coin, with the recoinage of worn and mutilated silver (which has been going on steadily for a few years), has had a very marked effect on the state of the coinage throughout the country.

As before stated, the circulation of Dominion notes on the 31st March, 1912, amounted to \$112,101,885.65. The work connected with the issue and redemption of

Dominion notes is one of magnitude, and involves a great deal of care and responsibility. During the year ended March 31, 1913, new notes of the denominations of \$1 and \$2 were issued as follows :—

\$1	\$12,064,000 00
\$2	8,000,000 00

During the same period there were redeemed and destroyed soiled and worn circulation of the same denominations as follows :—

\$1	\$10,994,675 00
\$2	7,679,172 00

As a result of this constant issue of new notes and the steady redemption of those worn and soiled, there has been a gradual betterment in the condition of the circulation.

A feature of the business of the department which is of exceeding importance, and which has not hitherto been specially referred to, is that connected with the safe keeping of securities held on behalf of the Insurance Companies and on behalf of the Finance and other departments.

Of the former there were held on the 31st December, 1912, securities to the value of \$56,025,774 67, and of the latter, \$162,917,084 02. The amount of Dominion notes and Specie held at the same time was \$74,107,024 25, or a total of—

Insurance securities	\$ 56,025,774 67
Other "	162,917,084 02
Dominion notes and Specie	74,107,024 25
	<hr/> \$ 293,049,882 94

At the same time there were notes and specie
in the hands of the various Assistant
Receivers General to the amount of . . . \$105,060,864 12

Insurance and other securities held in Lon- don on behalf of the department of Finance	12,229,654 26
	<hr/> 117,290,518 38

Total of securities, Dominion notes and specie held by the Receiver General and on his behalf	<u><u>\$ 410,340,401 32</u></u>
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All the above mentioned have been checked and verified.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Minister of Finance.

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DOMINION NOTE CIRCULATION.

Denominations.	March 31, 1909.	March 31, 1910.	March 31, 1911.	March 31, 1912.	March 31, 1913.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
\$ 1.....	8,547,819 00	9,460,985 00	10,078,680 00	10,910,054 00	11,965,784 00
2.....	5,667,718 50	6,267,284 50	7,077,316 50	8,419,131 50	8,818,213 50
4.....	149,481 00	106,245 00	394,499 00	1,245,023 00	228,325 00
5.....	68,550 00	65,900 00	65,550 00	60,650 00	6,154,047 50
50.....	31,600 00	28,100 00	27,000 00	14,400 00	15,850 00
100.....	1,508,500 00	1,583,500 00	1,661,000 00	1,822,000 00	7,700 00
500.....	3,786,000 00	3,837,000 00	4,246,000 00	5,640,000 00	2,001,500 00
1,000.....	523,600 00	529,000 00	533,500 00	442,000 00	5,315,000 00
500 special.....	2,209,000 00	2,312,000 00	2,001,000 00	1,991,000 00	374,500 00
1,000 ".....	56,305,000 00	62,325,000 00	63,230,000 00	82,130,000 00	2,081,000 00
5,000 ".....	526,307 25	591,104 25	648,832 50	711,594 65	74,290,000 00
Fractionals.....	28,104 75	27,949 75	27,892 25	27,800 25	762,180 40
Provincial.....					27,785 25
	79,351,080 50	87,134,068 50	89,994,270 25	113,443,633 40	112,101,885 65

DOMINION NOTES ISSUED AND REDEEMED AND IN CIRCULATION.

Fiscal Year.	Notes in Circulation April 1.	Notes held by Asst. Rec. General's April 1.	New Notes Issued during Year.	Notes With-drawn and Destroyed during Year..	Notes held by Asst. Recs. General March 31.	Notes in Circulation March 31.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1911.....	89,994,270 25	21,496,959 75	47,122,400 00	16,763,677 85		
1912.....	113,443,633 40	28,406,318 75	39,949,522 50	33,648,544 00	28,406,318 75	113,443,633 40
1913.....					35,849,045 00	112,101,885 65

DOMINION NOTES ISSUED.

Denomination.	1911-12.	1912-13.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Fractionals.....	104,400 00	90,522 50
\$1.....	9,376,000 00	12,064,000 00
\$2.....	7,064,000 00	8,000,000 00
\$4.....	6,304,000 00	
\$5.....		13,940,000 00
\$500.....	342,000 00	1,025,000 00
\$1000.....	2,092,000 00	1,130,000 00
\$500 special.....		
\$1000 ".....	1,490,000 00	460,000 00
\$5000 ".....	20,350,000 00	3,160,000 00
Total.....	47,122,400 00	39,749,522 50

DOMINION NOTES WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION AND DESTROYED.

Denomination.	1911-12	1912-13.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Fractionals	35,880 85	47,138 50
\$1	8,506,832 00	10,994,675 00
\$2	5,638,615 00	7,679,172 00
\$4	186,208 00	5,224,138 00
\$5		304,457 50
\$50	4,750 00	44,950 00
\$100	12,300 00	7,000 00
Provincial	92 00	13 00
\$500	264,000 00	955,000 00
\$1000	453,000 00	2,041,000 00
\$500 special	137,000 00	316,000 00
\$1000 "	553,000 00	600,000 00
\$5000 "	975,000 00	5,435,000 00
Total	16,763,677 85	33,648,544 00

STATEMENT showing one and two dollar Dominion Notes in circulation, total amount of Dominion Notes and Bank Notes in circulation and amount of gold held by the Receiver General, March 31, 1882, to March 31, 1913.

Year.	One and Two Dollar Notes in Circulation.	Total Dominion Notes in Circulation.	Bank Notes in Circulation.	Gold held by the Receiver General.
1882	\$ 5,675,413 00	\$ 14,315,437 77	\$ 32,947,269 04	\$ 2,149,461 92
1883	5,809,538 00	15,801,769 98	34,517,813 52	2,331,288 51
1884	6,127,385 00	16,901,296 46	30,197,882 51	2,548,794 52
1885	5,290,655 00	15,608,166 86	29,791,262 85	2,345,525 44
18-6.	5,196,631 00	16,858,838 28	29,959,916 55	4,000,046 84
1887	5,761,588 00	14,781,270 78	31,521,420 43	2,516,972 36
1888	5,933,659 00	15,931,679 11	31,985,285 27	3,452,022 09
1889	5,852,398 00	15,110,965 33	32,471,522 09	3,925,994 19
1890	5,974,395 00	15,228,780 65	31,704,281 61	3,017,109 53
1891	6,262,728 00	16,156,465 48	33,020,661 30	3,789,704 21
1892	6,211,976 00	16,213,525 76	32,483,965 00	3,728,463 36
1893	6,526,193 00	17,587,711 66	33,430,883 00	5,550,381 36
1894	6,362,517 00	19,548,102 45	30,702,607 00	7,624,381 36
1895	6,339,098 00	20,946,237 12	29,414,796 00	9,125,245 43
1896	6,606,214 00	18,791,747 62	20,789,457 00	7,049,897 33
1897	6,711,754 00	21,987,613 26	31,082,521 00	10,380,205 37
1898	7,306,574 00	21,142,624 76	35,930,085 00	9,779,170 97
1899	7,902,076 00	22,933,078 39	38,409,227 00	11,768,191 25
1900	8,599,618 00	24,452,442 52	43,814,918 00	10,829,263 02
1901	9,136,829 00	28,498,519 52	47,611,967 00	15,159,309 02
1902	9,516,552 00	29,868,112 05	52,442,982 00	15,939,396 55
1903	10,671,569 00	33,777,733 58	58,283,484 00	20,702,144 08
1904	11,241,646 00	39,777,831 33	59,760,119 00	27,377,814 83
1905	11,616,702 00	47,839,250 33	58,721,173 00	35,813,970 43
1906	12,697,203 00	47,201,260 22	65,991,818 00	32,617,209 02
1907	14,427,814 00	51,794,696 86	76,346,013 00	37,619,596 81
1908	14,119,524 00	60,455,991 36	69,047,892 00	41,680,761 31
1909	14,215,537 00	79,351,000 50	68,708,458 00	61,581,663 45
2110	15,728,269 00	87,134,065 59	78,265,822 00	69,736,110 85
1911	17,155,996 00	89,994,270 25	81,938,753 00	74,159,771 40
1912	19,356,015 00	113,413,633 40	95,918,404 00	98,892,395 14
1913	20,783,997 00	112,101,885 65	102,202,047 00	98,507,112 51

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STATEMENT showing amount of Canadian Gold Coin issued to March 31st, 1913.

	\$5.	\$10.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Montreal.....	80,000	105,000	185,000
Toronto.....	150,000	130,000	280,000
Halifax.....	12,500	20,000	32,500
St. John.....	17,500	20,000	37,500
Charlottetown.....	6,000	2,000	8,000
Winnipeg.....	70,000	55,000	125,000
Victoria.....	72,500	90,000	162,500
Ottawa.....	450,175	442,150	898,325
By Mint.....	1,445	2,440	3,885
	866,120	866,590	1,732,710.

NOTE.—First coin issued May 10, 1912.

COINAGES (in dollar and cent denomination) executed at the Royal Mint, London, and the Mint, Birmingham, for Canada during the years 1858 to 1907; also coinages struck for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia before Confederation in 1867, and for Prince Edward Island before 1873, when that Province entered the Confederation, and coined and issued by the Royal Mint, Ottawa, January 1, 1908 to March 31, 1913.

Year.	SILVER.						BRONZE.		
	50 cents.	25 cents.	20 cents.	10 cents.	5 cents.	Total.	1 cent.	$\frac{1}{2}$ cent.	Total.
	\$	\$ cts.	\$	\$	\$	\$ cts.	\$	\$	\$
1858.....			150,000	125,000	75,000	350,000 00	100,000		100,000
1859.....							95,790		95,790
1860.....								1,114	1,114
1861.....							10,000		10,000 (a)
1861.....							8,000	2 000	10,000 (b)
1862.....			30,000	15,000	5,000	50,000 00			10,000 (a)
1862.....							10,000		10,000 (b)
1864.....			30,000	10,000	5,000	45,000 00	10,000		10,000 (a)
1864.....							8,000	2,000	10,000 (b)
1870.....	225,000	225,000 00		160,000	140,000	750,000 00			
(j) 1871.....							10,000		10,000 (c)
1871.....	100,000			80,000	70,000	350,000 00			
(j) 1872.....	40,000	560,000 00		100,000	100,000	800,000 00			
(j) 1874.....		400,000 00		60,000	40,000	500,000 00			
(j) 1875.....		250,000 00		100,000	50,000	400,000 00			
(j) 1876.....							40,000		40,000
(j) 1880.....		100,000 00		150,000	150,000	400,000 00			
(j) 1881.....	75,000	205,000 00		95,000	75,000	450,000 00	20,000		20,000
(j) 1882.....		150,000 00		100,000	50,000	300,000 00	40,000		40,000
(j) 1883.....		240,000 00		30,000	30,000	300,000 00			
1884.....				15,000	10,000	25,000 00	25,000		25,000
1885.....		48,000 00		40,000	50,000	138,000 00			
1886.....		135,000 00		80,000	85,000	300,000 00	15,000		15,000
1887.....		25,000 00		35,000	25,000	85,000 00	15,000		15,000
1888.....	30,000	100,000 00		50,000	50,000	230,000 00	40,000		40,000
1889.....		16,585 00 (d)		60,000	60,000	136,585 00			
(j) 1890.....	10,000	50,000 00		45,000	50,000	155,000 00	10,000		10,000
1891.....		30,000 00		80,000	90,000	200,000 00	14,525 (i)		14,525
1892.....	75,500	127,500 00		52,000	45,000	298,000 00	12,000		12,000
1893.....		25,000 00		50,000	85,000	160,000 00	20,000		20,000
1894.....	(e) 14,518	55,000 00		50,000	25,000	144,518 00	10,000		10,000

1895...							12,000		12,000
1896.....				65,000	75,000	140,000 00	20,000		20,000
1897.....							15,000		15,000
1898.....	50,000			72,000	95,000	217,000 00			
(f) 1898.....							10,000		10,000
1899.....	25,000	(f) 103,895 00		120,000	150,000	398,895 00	24,000		24,000
1900.....	59,000	330,000 00		110,000	90,000	589,000 00	10,000		10,000
(j) 1900.....							26,000		26,000
1901.....	40,000	160,000 00		120,000	100,000	420,000 00	41,000		41,000
1902.....	60,000	116,000 00		72,000	106,000	354,000 00	30,000		30,000
(j) 1902.....		200,000 00		110,000	110,000	420,000 00			
1903.....		(g) 211,537 50		50,000	50,000	311,537 50	40,000		40,000
(j) 1903.....	70,000			132,000	132,000	334,000 00			
1904.....	30,000	100,000 00		100,000	120,000	350,000 00	25,000		25,000
1905.....	20,000	200,000 00		100,000	130,000	450,000 00	20,000		20,000
1906.....	175,600	(h) 309,460 75		170,000	155,000	809,460 75	41,000		41,000
1907.....	150,000	523,000 00		262,000	260,000	1,194,000 00	24,000		24,000
(j) 1907.....							8,000		8,000
1908.....	7,700	22,025 00		14,900	18,400	63,025 00	21,604		21,604
1909.....	126,600	403,900 00		210,300	127,500	868,300 00	39,300		39,300
1910.....	243,600	660,300 00		337,000	223,100	1,464,000 00	42,020		42,020
1911.....	162,000	622,000 00		367,700	239,300	1,391,000 00	54,480		54,480
1912.....	150,500	622,500 00		334,500	284,500	1,392,000 00	50,000		50,000
Mar. 31, 1913.....	16,000	36,000 00		34,000	16,000	102,000 00	8,000		8,000
	1,955,418	7,461,703 25	210,000	4,363,400	3,844,800	17,835,321 25	1,074,719	5,114	1,079,833

Notes.—(a) New Brunswick coinage. (b) Nova Scotia coinage. (c) Prince Edward Island coinage. (d) Received from withdrawn 20 cent pieces of the nominal value of \$17,074. (e) Received from withdrawn 20 cent pieces of the nominal value of \$15,000. (f) Including \$18,895 received from withdrawn 20 cent pieces of the nominal value of \$9,500 and worn silver coin of the estimated value of \$10,500. (g) Partly produced from worn silver coin of the nominal value of \$11,686.75 (h) Partly produced from worn silver coin of the nominal value of \$2,000. (i) Including \$4,525 produced from old copper and bronze coin. (j) Coined at the Mint, Birmingham.

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STATEMENT showing amount of smooth and mutilated silver and bronze coin withdrawn from circulation and recoined April, 1, 1908, to March, 31, 1913.

Fiscal Year.	Silver.	Loss on recoinage.	Bronze.	Loss on recoinage.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1908-9.....	24,484 15			
1909-10.....	330,768 64			
1910-11.....	221,296 28		169 96	
1911-12.....	62,655 64		50 63	
1912-13.....	149,959 73		19 40	
Total.....	789,164 34	46,491 71	239 99*	26 14

*\$12.41 not recoined.

STATEMENT showing amount of United States silver and bronze coin withdrawn from circulation in Canada and exported during period from April 1, 1909, to March 31, 1913, together with the expenditure in connection therewith.

	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-12.	Total.*
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Ontario.....	294,900 44	457,658 39	757,381 03	704,172 25	2,214,112 11
Quebec.....	273,172 79	418,791 25	212,506 66	186,032 48	760,456 71
Nova Scotia.....	161,502 78	200,414 79	19,811 47	23,851 50	82,149 80
New Brunswick.....	115,786 65	239,758 23	25,535 00	17,445 00	78,089 50
Manitoba.....	37,809 63	115,863 72	193,231 06	233,452 17	782,228 11
British Columbia.....	17,543 00	50,811 75	468,894 60	534,368 40	1,694,727 04
Alberta.....	14,516 83	23,970 00	61,550 56	108,598 97	323,822 88
Saskatchewan.....	3,298 00	31,811 50	52,776 70	58,919 25	180,050 70
Total.....	918,530 12	1,539,079 63	1,791,187 08	1,866,840 02	6,115,636 85
Commission paid.....	3,444 28	5,769 94	6,715 07	6,999 95	22,929 24
Express charges.....	5,049 09	7,694 90	6,148 96	6,460 29	25,353 24
Total.....	8,493 37	13,464 84	12,864 03	13,460 24	48,282 48