

REPORT
OF THE
BANK OF FINLAND

FOR THE 104th FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1915.

HELSINGFORS
F. TILGMANN, LIMITED
1916.

BANK OF

I. Balance Sheet,

ASSETS.			
Cover for the Issue of Notes.			
Stock of Gold:			
Finnish Gold Coin	28,474,980	—	
Foreign Gold Coin	13,568,799	37	
Bullion	596,526	47	
Gold at the Mint	467	07	42,640,772 91
Finnish Silver Coin		1,300,807	—
Bonds in Foreign Currency		65,850,918	78
Foreign Correspondents		253,648,259	98
» Bank Notes and Coupons		3,121,483	94
» Bills		4,643,496	31
			371,205,738 92
Home Investments			
Inland Bills		51,697,031	59
Loans on Security		8,839,599	31
Advances on Current Accounts		3,184,739	25
			63,721,370 15
Other Assets.			
Bonds in Germany		10,391,241	99
Correspondents in Germany and Austria		22,504,532	86
Silver Bullion		232,196	08
Finnish Copper Coin		42,790	49
Bonds in Finnish Currency		4,805,869	—
Sundry Accounts		79,734	36
Balance of Interest Accrued		615,060	48
Bank Premises	3,642,532	99	
Furniture	100	—	3,642,632 99
			42,314,058 25
Fmk			477,241,167 32

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LIABILITIES.			
Liabilities payable on demand.			
Notes in Circulation		231,614,134	—
Bank Post Bills	3,020,787 61		
Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch	333,387 99	3,354,175	60
Balance of Current Accounts due to Government	9,074,086 93		
« » » » » » Others	136,688,720 31	145,762,807	24
Bills collected	215,331 98		
Foreign Correspondents	1,868,677 82		
Sundry Accounts	2,639,907 98	4,723,917	78
Profits reserved for State purposes		200,000	— 385,655,034 62
Capital		25,000,000	—
Reserve Fund	58,943,499 71		
Bank Premises and Furniture	3,642,632 99	62,586,132	70 87,586,132 70
Profit Reserve Account:			
Reserved for State purposes, if sanctioned			4,000,000 —
Cover for the issue			
of notes	371,205,738: 92.		
Right to issue notes in addition to the above amount	70,000,000: —	441,205,738: 92.	
Deduct:			
Liabilities payable on demand	385,655,034: 62.		
Undrawn amount of advances on current accounts	1,749,460: 75.	387,404,495: 37.	
Unused Amount of Issue Fmk	53,801,243: 55.		
		Fmk 477,241,167 32	

II. Summary of the Bank's Monthly Returns in 1915.

Month.	Cover for the Issue of Notes.			Home Investments.	Other Assets.	Liabilities payable on demand.			Unused Amount of Issue.
	Gold.	Finnish Silver Coin.	Assets abroad.			Notes in Circulation.	Other Liabilities.	Undrawn amount of advances on current accounts.	
	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.			Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	
January . . .	42,523,967	1,536,204	134,648,656	88,951,215	38,448,121	143,062,314	49,834,163	2,282,906	53,529,444
February . . .	42,555,748	1,275,772	147,603,846	88,975,833	38,457,612	158,498,299	47,390,562	1,987,210	53,559,295
March . . .	42,575,368	1,061,644	161,144,527	84,666,030	38,457,120	166,918,464	47,245,518	1,977,464	58,640,093
April	42,596,151	1,036,416	177,953,905	82,736,412	38,592,031	173,535,454	54,873,591	1,796,898	61,380,529
May	42,608,129	991,227	195,437,198	81,237,128	37,618,847	179,402,831	63,241,294	1,749,101	64,643,328
June	42,622,347	1,046,851	214,606,274	79,524,902	38,070,077	180,806,187	79,207,785	1,979,087	66,282,413
July	42,630,328	915,201	235,970,763	77,624,457	37,748,566	185,013,536	93,295,613	1,721,971	69,485,172
August	42,628,706	600,992	255,718,650	74,197,044	37,420,770	183,357,361	111,123,121	1,469,059	72,998,807
September . .	42,648,929	604,722	279,446,701	73,178,493	36,942,051	193,574,711	122,318,830	1,405,279	75,401,532
October	42,656,005	1,020,567	314,977,972	71,571,907	37,345,142	202,018,271	148,757,565	1,246,318	76,632,390
November . . .	42,654,313	1,199,974	330,959,374	70,076,284	37,344,751	224,244,307	140,686,548	1,597,850	78,284,956
December . . .	42,640,773	1,300,807	327,264,159	63,721,370	42,314,058	231,614,134	154,040,901	1,749,461	53,801,243

III. Turnover.

1. Cash Account.

The aggregate Cash turnover in Debit and Credit for 1915 was . . . Fmk 4,455,924,751: 87. of which at the Branches at

Petrograd, Finnish currency . Fmk 67,046,811: 53.

» Russian » 980,666,063: 82. Fmk 1,047,712,875: 35.

Wiborg » 333,319,743: 37.

Björneborg » 181,417,332: 75.

Åbo » 155,885,233: 50.

Tammerfors » 141,356,378: 40.

Nikolaistad » 101,725,749: 43.

Kotka » 68,584,332: 97.

Joensuu » 56,758,592: 65.

Sordavala » 53,312,610: 23.

Uleåborg » 44,209,254: 34.

Kuopio » 41,884,679: 08.

Jyväskylä » 33,363,635: 55.

St. Michel » 20,962,438: 33.

Tavastehus » 18,617,361: 67. Fmk 2,299,110,217: 62.

and at the Head Office at Helsingfors » 2,156,814,534: 25.

Fmk 4,455,924,751: 87.

Thus the average turnover per day was Fmk 14,853,082: 51.
of which at the Head Office » 7,189,381: 78.
and at the Branches » 7,663,700: 73.

Cash in hand:	At the end of 1914.		At the end of 1915.	
Finnish gold coin	Fmk	28,496,210: —	Fmk	28,474,980: —
Foreign gold coin	»	13,470,388: 18.	»	13,568,799: 37.
Gold bullion	»	706,887: 17.	»	596,526: 47.
Silver »	»	15,110: 06.	»	232,196: 08.
Finnish silver coin	»	1,666,183: 25.	»	1,300,807: —
» copper coin	»	142,939: 38.	»	42,790: 49.
Foreign bank notes and coupons	»	2,646,043: 69.	»	3,121,483: 94.
Own bank notes	»	622,284,230: —	»	545,699,813: —
	Fmk	669,427,991: 73.	Fmk	593,037,396: 35.

2. Stock of Finnish Gold Coin.

	20 Mark pieces.	10 Mark pieces.	Total.
	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.
Delivered by the Mint until 31st December 1913	49,450,000	14,800,000	64,250,000
In circulation	28,168,180	7,606,840	35,775,020
Stock on hand at the Bank	Fmk 21,281,820	7,193,160	28,474,980

3. Bonds.

Balance 31st December 1914	Fmk	34,861,395: 34.
Bought during 1915	Fmk	64,545,264: 87.
Profit on sold and drawn bonds	»	130,129: 63.
		Fmk 99,536,789: 84.
Sold and drawn during 1915	Fmk	18,084,971: 82.
Depreciation in 1915	»	403,788: 25.
		Fmk 81,048,029: 77.
of which, bonds in foreign currency.	Fmk	65,850,918: 78.
» » » » in Germany	»	10,391,241: 99.
» » Finnish »	»	4,805,869: —
		Fmk 81,048,029: 77.

This balance was invested in the following securities:

Finnish Government 3 1/2 % Loans of 1895, 1901 & 1903	Fr.	577,500: —
» » 3 % Loan » 1898	»	9,500: —
» » 3 1/2 % » » 1889	M.	36,000: —
» » 4 1/2 % » » 1909	»	163,200: —
» » 5 % » » 1915	£	111,023: -8.
Finlands Hypoteksförening 4 % Loans of 1887 & 1902	M.	367,740: —
» » 4 1/2 % » » 1907 & 1909	»	1,615,545: —
Städernas i Finland Hypotekskassa 4 % Loans of 1895 & 1897	»	239,355: —
» » » » 4 1/2 % » » 1900 & 1903	»	358,830: —
Förenings-Banken i Finland 3 1/2 % Loan of 1895	»	728,000: —

Nordiska Aktiebanken 4 % Loans of 1897 & 1898	M.	208,575: -
City of Helsingfors 4 1/2 % Loan of 1892	Kr.	366,480: —
» » » » » 1909	M.	132,600: —
» » Wiborg » » 1902	Kr.	138,600: —
Russian 4 % Consols of 1889	G. Ro.	30,000: —
» » Gold Loans of 1890 & 1893	»	56,000: —
» 3 1/2 % Gold Loan of 1894	»	248,375: -
» Government 5 % Loans of 1914 & 1915	Ro.	1,314,000: —
» 4 % Treasury Bonds of 1914 & 1915	»	12,245,000: —
» 5 1/2 % War Loan of 1915	»	9,927,000: —
Ryazan-Uralsk 4 % Railway Loan of 1894	G. Ro.	18,750: —
» » » » » 1897	M.	514,500: —
Vladikavkaz » » Loans » 1897 & 1898	»	100,000: —
Russian South Eastern Railway 4 % Loans of 1898 & 1901	»	464,000: -
Moscow-Kiev-Voronezh 4 % Railway Loan of 1895	»	194,500: —
Kozlov-Voronezh » » » » 1887	»	1,800: —
English 4 1/2 % War Loan 1925—1945	£	9,600: —
Transvaal 3 % Loan of 1903	»	10,400: —
Swedish Government 3,6 % Loan of 1887	Kr.	1,050,500: —
Sveriges Allm. Hypoteksbank 3 3/4 % Loans of 1880 & 1883	»	623,000: —
City of Stockholm 3 1/2 % Loan of 1887	M.	46,350: —
» » Gothenburg » » » 1886 & 1890	»	186,300: —
Norges Hypoteksbank 3 1/2 % Loan of 1887	»	162,450: —
City of Copenhagen 3 1/2 % Loans of 1886 & 1887	Kr.	240,000: —
German Imperial 3 % Loans	M.	1,900,000: —
» » 3 1/2 % »	»	1,075,100: —
Prussian 3 % Consols	»	1,600,000: -
» 3 1/2 % » of 1906	»	36,000: -
» » Central Boden Credit Bonds	»	731,500: —
Saxon 3 % State Rentes	»	759,000: —
Hessian 4 % State Loans of 1899 & 1906	»	33,000: —
Hamburg 3 % State Loan of 1886	»	1,217,500: —
Bremen » » » » 1896	»	250,000: —
Austrian 4 % Gold Rentes	Fl.	550,000: —
» » Crown »	K.	735,000: —
Hungarian 4 % Gold Rentes	Fl.	735,000: —
» » Crown »	K.	500,000: —
» 3 1/2 % State Rentes of 1897	»	500,000: —
» » Boden Credit Bonds	»	1,275,800: —
Finlands Hypoteksförening 5 % Loan of 1915	Fmk	20,000: —
Städernas i Finland Hypotekskassa 4 % Loan of 1896	»	15,000: —
Fastighetsbanken i Finland Ab. 5 % Loan of 1907	»	324,500: —
Centrallånekassan för stads- o. landskom. i Finland 5 % Loan of 1910	»	29,000: —
City of Wiborg 5 % Loan of 1915	»	800,000: —
» » Tammerfors » » » 1915	»	165,000: —
Kymmene A.B. 6 % Loans of 1910 & 1915	»	3,527,030: —

4. Foreign Correspondents.

Balance in favour of the Bank:		1914.		1915.	
At the end of January	Fmk	60,486,030: 32.	Fmk	96,831,070: 51.	
» February	»	66,480,871: 97.	»	107,800,098: 95.	
» March	»	76,924,925: 69.	»	122,693,277: 02.	
» April	»	80,600,889: 04.	»	135,886,875: 17.	
» May	»	80,915,230: 17.	»	150,321,150: 87.	
» June	»	76,766,323: 39.	»	168,562,539: 33.	
» July	»	77,491,233: 76.	»	189,130,116: 70.	
» August	»	84,969,562: 35.	»	207,693,844: 64.	
» September	»	83,682,020: 04.	»	227,982,137: 85.	
» October	»	93,683,672: 19.	»	264,016,057: 01.	
» November	»	96,640,055: 71.	»	275,726,328: 56.	
» December	»	77,178,617: 48.	»	251,779,582: 16.	
» » in Germany and Austria		22,437,344: 20.	»	22,504,532: 86.	

At present the Bank of Finland has correspondents at the following places abroad: Stockholm, Copenhagen, Christiania, London, Paris, Basel, Antwerp, Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Lübeck, Berlin, Frankfort-on-Main, Vienna, Trieste, Petrograd, Riga, Madrid, New York and Chicago.

5. Inland Bills.

In portfolio 31st December 1914	Fmk	60,419,384: 92.
Discounted during 1915	»	241,608,251: 16.
	Fmk	302,027,636: 08.
Paid during 1915	Fmk	250,285,104: 49.
Protested during 1915	»	45,500: —
	Fmk	250,330,604: 49.
In portfolio 31st Dec. 1915	Fmk	51,697,031: 59.

The discount rates have been according to the quality and currency of the bills 6, 6 1/2 and 7 % until the 9th of January and after that date 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2 %.

6. Loans on Security.

Balance 31st December 1914	Fmk	25,786,995: 83.
Effected during 1915	»	31,856,382: 10.
	Fmk	57,643,377: 93.
Repaid during 1915	»	48,803,778: 62.
Balance 31st Dec. 1915	Fmk	8,839,599: 31.

The rates of interest for loans have been, according to security, 6, 6 1/2 and 7 % until the 9th of January and after that date 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2 %.

Securities held against these loans:

Bonds and Bank deposit receipts	Fmk	2,552,914: 27.
Shares	»	1,783,820: —
Mortgages	»	4,502,415: 04.
Gold and silver	»	450: —
	Fmk	<u>8,839,599: 31.</u>

7. Advances on Current Accounts.

Balance of amount allowed 31st December 1914	Fmk	7,557,300: —
» » » » » 1915	»	4,934,200: —
Balance of amount used 31st December 1914	Fmk	4,427,469: 97.
Withdrawn during 1915	»	31,276,564: 18.
	Fmk	<u>35,704,034: 15.</u>
Paid in during 1915	»	32,519,294: 90.
	Fmk	<u>3,184,739: 25.</u>

The rates of interest for advances on current accounts during 1915 have been the same as those for loans on security. A commission of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per year has been charged.

Securities held against these advances:

Bonds and Bank deposit receipts	Fmk	2,395,900: —
Shares	»	672,000: —
Mortgages	»	1,866,300: —
	Fmk	<u>4,934,200: —</u>

8. Foreign Bills.

In portfolio 31st December 1914	Fmk	5,195,989: 33.
Discounted during 1915	»	36,149,558: 76.
	Fmk	<u>41,345,548: 09.</u>
Sent for collection during 1915	Fmk	36,645,816: 78.
Protested » »	»	56,235: —
	Fmk	<u>36,702,051: 78.</u>
	Fmk	<u>4,643,496: 31.</u>

9. Inland Bills Protested.

Unpaid 31st December 1914	Fmk	—
Protested during 1915	»	45,500: —
	Fmk	<u>45,500: —</u>
Paid during 1915	Fmk	16,300: —
To bad & doubtful Debts in 1915	»	29,200: —
	Fmk	<u>45,500: —</u>

10. Foreign Bills Protested.

Protested during 1915	»	56,235: —
	Fmk	<u>56,235: —</u>
Paid during 1915	»	56,235: —

11. Bank Notes.

a) Finnish Mark Notes.

	Number of 1 Mark notes.	Number of 3 Mark notes.	Number of 5 Mark notes.	Number of 10 Mark notes.	Number of 12 Mark notes.	Number of 20 Mark notes.	Number of 40 Mark notes.	Number of 50 Mark notes.	Number of 100 Mark notes.	Number of 500 Mark notes.	Number of 1000 Mark notes.	Total Fmk.
Notes in hand and in circulation 31st December 1914:												
Old issues	79,907	52,653	51,645	20,031	8,247	12,082	232	1,422	2,859	371	—	1,588,785
1897/98 issue	—	—	46,170	133,221	—	55,487	—	35,798	275,298	88,901	—	76,443,000
1909 »	—	—	5,250,997	3,731,998	—	1,787,998	—	764,598	1,659,898	169,998	297,214	685,767,625
Printed in 1915:												
1909 issue	—	—	3,264,000	—	—	3,213,500	—	—	—	—	—	80,590,000
1915 »	4,800,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,800,000
Total	4,879,907	52,653	8,612,812	3,885,250	8,247	5,069,067	232	801,818	1,938,055	259,270	297,214	849,189,410
Destroyed during 1915:												
Old issues	1	4	100	600	3	203	—	200	104	31	—	46,509
1897/98 issue	—	—	14,100	59,000	—	20,300	—	17,700	97,800	5,013	—	14,238,000
1909 »	—	—	2,084,000	1,132,000	—	760,000	—	132,800	62,200	—	8,000	57,800,000
Cancelled of 1915 issue	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Notes in hand and in circulation 31st December 1915	4,879,904	52,649	6,514,612	2,693,650	8,244	4,288,564	232	651,118	1,777,951	254,226	289,214	777,104,899
Total	4,879,907	52,653	8,612,812	3,885,250	8,247	5,069,067	232	801,818	1,938,055	259,270	297,214	849,189,410
At the Bank 31st December 1915:												
Old issues	14	62	1,065	670	89	865	2	272	446	110	—	143,873
1897/98 issue	—	—	8,723	10,943	—	6,826	—	4,047	9,615	54,400	—	28,653,415
1909 »	—	—	2,841,870	245,522	—	2,193,421	—	236,304	1,135,413	169,998	244,650	515,538,490
1915 »	1,359,411	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,359,411
In circulation 31st December 1915:												
Old issues	79,892	52,587	50,480	18,761	8,155	11,014	230	950	2,309	230	—	1,398,403
1897/98 issue	—	—	23,347	63,278	—	28,361	—	14,051	167,883	29,488	—	33,551,585
1909 »	—	—	3,589,127	2,354,476	—	2,048,077	—	395,494	462,285	—	44,564	193,019,135
1915 »	3,440,587	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,440,587

b) Rouble Notes.

	Number of 3 Rouble notes.	Number of 5 Rouble notes.	Number of 10 Rouble notes.	Number of 25 Rouble notes.	Total Fmk.
Notes in hand and in circulation 31st December 1914	8,548	2,355	763	289	209,096
Destroyed during 1915	4	—	—	—	48
Notes in hand and in circulation 31st December 1915	8,544	2,355	763	289	209,048
At the Bank 31st December 1915	17	4	1	43	4,624
In circulation »	8,527	2,351	762	246	204,424
The Notes of the Bank in Finnish Marks and Roubles on 31st December 1915 amounted to					Fmk 777,313,947: —
of which:					
In hand					Fmk 545,699,813: —
» circulation					» 231,614,134: — Fmk 777,313,947: —

12. Bank Post Bills.

Outstanding 31st December 1914	Fmk	944,355: 01.
Issued during 1915	»	61,216,468: 89.
	Fmk	62,160,823: 90.
Redeemed during 1915	»	59,140,036: 29.
Outstanding 31st December 1915	Fmk	3,020,787: 61.

13. Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch.

Outstanding 31st December 1914	Ro.	14,800: 74 =	Fmk	38,363: 72.
Issued during 1915	»	2,061,095: 22 =	»	4,897,097: 14.
	Ro.	2,075,895: 96 =	Fmk	4,935,460: 86.
Redeemed during 1915	»	1,926,723: 66 =	»	4,602,072: 87.
Outstanding 31st December 1915	Ro.	149,172: 30 =	Fmk	333,387: 99.

14. Current Accounts.*a) The Government's Current Account.*

Balance 31st December 1914	Fmk	8,721,137: 28.
Paid in during 1915	»	124,585,931: 69.
	Fmk	133,307,068: 97.
Withdrawn during 1915	»	124,232,982: 04.
Balance 31st December 1915	Fmk	9,074,086: 93

b) Other Current Accounts.

Balance 31st December 1914	Fmk	14,695,226: 76.
Paid in during 1915	»	614,716,551: 50.
	Fmk	629,411,778: 26.
Withdrawn during 1915	»	492,723,057: 95.
Balance 31st December 1915	Fmk	136,688,720: 31.

15. Bills for Collection.

Balance 31st December 1914	Fmk	130,040: 10.
Collected during 1915	»	20,351,648: 71.
	Fmk	20,481,688: 81.
Covered by remittance during 1915	»	20,266,356: 83.
Balance 31st December 1915	Fmk	215,331: 98.

IV. The Year's Results.

Profit and Loss Account.

Credit.

Interest on Home Investments	Fmk	4,595,303: 09.	
» » Current Accounts abroad.	»	3,192,045: 52.	
» » Bonds	»	1,279,033: 07.	
Agio	»	6,609,467: 80.	
Commission	»	301,026: 59.	
Bad and doubtful Debts paid	»	36,303: 19.	Fmk 16,013,179: 26.
Net amount of Loss in the year 1915			» 21,285,358: 83.
			Fmk 37,298,538: 09.

Debit.

Salaries	Fmk	664,705: 31.	
Extraordinary Grant, amount used	»	77,941: 37.	
Pensions	»	46,350: —	
Fees to the Representatives of the Diet and their expenses	»	19,539: 99.	
Cost of manufacturing Bank Notes	»	213,129: 42.	
Miscellaneous Expenses	»	130,127: 72.	
Loss on rate of exchange for Roubles	»	35,713,756: 03.	
Value of Bonds depreciated	»	403,788: 25.	
Bad and doubtful Debts in 1915	»	29,200: —	Fmk 37,298,538: 09.

The loss has been covered:			
from Profit Reserve Account with			Fmk 11,803,557: 33.
and from the Reserve Fund »			» 9,481,801: 50.

V. Capital.

The Capital stands unaltered at Fmk 25,000,000: —

VI. Reserve Fund.

The Reserve Fund amounted 31st Dec. 1914 to	Fmk	71,799,578: 19.
In 1915 carried from the Profit Reserve Account for new Bank buildings at Björneborg, Åbo, Sordavala and Tammerfors	»	329,725: 02.
	Fmk	72,129,303: 21.
» 1915 Value of Premises depreciated	Fmk	61,369: 01.
» » transferred to Profit and Loss account	»	9,481,801: 50.
		» 9,543,170: 51.
	Balance 31st Dec. 1915	Fmk 62,586,132: 70.
Bank Premises and Furniture	»	3,642,632: 99.
The remainder amounts to	»	58,943,499: 71.

VII. Profit Reserve Account.

Balance 31st Dec. 1914	Fmk	16,133,282: 35.
In 1915 transferred to the Reserve Fund for Bank buildings	Fmk	329,725: 02.
In 1915 transferred to the Profit and Loss Account	»	11,803,557: 33.
	»	12,133,282: 35.
	Balance 31st Dec. 1915	Fmk 4,000,000: —

which are reserved in 1914 for State purposes, if sanctioned.

VIII. Bank Offices in Operation during 1915.

Head Office at Helsingfors and Branches at Åbo, Björneborg, Nikolaistad, Uleåborg, Kuopio, Joensuu, Sordavala, Wiborg, St. Michel, Tammerfors, Tavastehus, Jyväskylä, Kotka and Petrograd.
Helsingfors, February 7th, 1916.

The Board of Management of the Bank of Finland

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