

REPORT  
OF THE  
BANK OF FINLAND

FOR THE 109th FINANCIAL YEAR  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1920.

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HELSINGFORS  
F. TILGMANN, LIMITED  
1921.

# BANK OF

## I. Balance Sheet,

<b>ASSETS.</b>			
<b>Cover for the Issue of Notes.</b>			
Stock of Gold:			
Finnish Gold Coin . . . . .	28,575,770	—	
Foreign Gold Coin . . . . .	13,625,384	59	
Bullion . . . . .	423,881	72	
Gold at the Mint . . . . .	386	12	42,625,422 43
Finnish Silver Coin . . . . .			537,034 50
» Treasury Bills . . . . .			420,965,000 —
» State Bonds in Finnish Currency . . . . .			476,091,580 75
Bonds in Foreign Currency . . . . .			166,430,400 25
Foreign Correspondents . . . . .			180,265,874 64
» Bank Notes and Coupons . . . . .			845,451 12
Bills in Foreign Currency . . . . .			51,888,419 11
			1,339,649,182 80
<b>Home Investments.</b>			
Inland Bills . . . . .			219,574,085 14
Loans on Security . . . . .			33,749,166 55
Advances on Current Accounts . . . . .			2,032,236 50
			255,355,488 19
<b>Other Assets.</b>			
Silver Bullion . . . . .			55,205 52
Finnish Copper Coin . . . . .			68,185 35
Bonds in Finnish Currency . . . . .			15,919,879 50
Sundry Accounts . . . . .			105 —
Balance of Interest Accrued . . . . .			2,660,215 19
Bank Premises . . . . .	5,875,766	87	
Furniture . . . . .	100	—	5,875,866 87
			24,579,457 43
Fmk . . . . .			1,619,584,128 42

FINLAND.  
31st December, 1920.

<b>LIABILITIES.</b>			
<b>Liabilities payable on demand.</b>			
Notes in Circulation . . . . .		1,341,041,560	—
Bank Post Bills . . . . .	6,684,189 31		
Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch. . .	51,365 17	6,735,554 48	
Balance of Current Accounts due to Government	26,064,783 60		
» » » » » Others . . . . .	53,138,646 22	79,203,429 82	
Bills collected . . . . .	177,783 30		
Government Loan Annuities. . . . .	6,015,524 50		
Foreign Correspondents . . . . .	5,810,407 01		
Sundry Accounts . . . . .	8,628,922 92	20,632,637 73	1,447,613,182 03
<b>Capital</b> . . . . .		100,000,000	—
<b>Reserve Fund</b> . . . . .	17,707,286 17		
Bank Premises and Furniture . . . . .	5,875,866 87	23,583,153 04	123,583,153 04
<b>Profit Reserve Account:</b>			
At disposal . . . . .			48,387,793 35
Cover for the issue			
of notes . . . . .	1,339,649,182: 80		
Right to issue notes			
in addition to the			
above amount . . . . .	200,000,000: —	1,539,649,182: 80	
Deduct:			
Liabilities payable on			
demand . . . . .	1,447,613,182: 03		
Undrawn amount of			
advances on current			
accounts . . . . .	685,763: 50	1,448,298,945: 53	
Unused Amount of Issue Fmk	91,350,237: 27		
<b>Fmk</b> . . . . .			1,619,584,128 42

## II. Turnover.

### 1. Cash Account.

The aggregate Cash turnover in Debit and Credit for 1920 was . . . Fmk 37,860,729,829: 49  
of which at the Branches at

Wiborg . . . . .	Fmk	2,079,331,204: 62	
Åbo . . . . .	»	1,844,837,948: 05	
Wasa . . . . .	»	1,771,094,312: 27	
Uleåborg . . . . .	»	1,102,651,473: 72	
Tammerfors . . . . .	»	798,102,483: 84	
Kuopio . . . . .	»	511,394,473: 13	
Björneborg . . . . .	»	497,216,023: 16	
Kotka . . . . .	»	442,410,049: 17	
Sordavala . . . . .	»	380,375,984: 86	
Joensuu . . . . .	»	299,876,988: 49	
Tavastehus . . . . .	»	249,032,973: 99	
Jyväskylä . . . . .	»	211,741,517: 76	
S:t Michel . . . . .	»	147,243,459: 80	Fmk 10,335,308,892: 86
and at the Head Office at Helsingfors . . . . .	»	27,525,420,936: 63	
	Fmk		37,860,729,829: 49

Thus the average turnover per day was . . . . . Fmk 126,202,432: 76  
of which at the Head Office . . . . . » 91,751,403: 12  
and at the Branches . . . . . » 34,451,029: 64

Cash in hand:	At the end of 1919.		At the end of 1920.	
Finnish gold coin . . . . .	Fmk	28,555,070: —	Fmk	28,575,770: —
Foreign gold coin . . . . .	»	13,595,997: 70	»	13,625,384: 59
Gold bullion . . . . .	»	477,089: 27	»	423,881: 72
Silver » . . . . .	»	25,029: 84	»	55,205: 52
Finnish silver coin . . . . .	»	535,657: 50	»	537,034: 50
» copper coin . . . . .	»	68,199: 67	»	68,185: 35
Foreign bank notes and coupons . . . . .	»	357,561: 37	»	845,451: 12
Own bank notes . . . . .	»	457,777,915: —	»	751,953,656: —
	Fmk	501,392,520: 35	Fmk	796,084,568: 80

### 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 . . . . .	28,094,400	7,579,830	35,674,230
Stock on hand at the Bank . . . . .	Fmk 21,355,600	7,220,170	28,575,770

**3. Bonds.**

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	1,001,946,934: 11
Bought during 1920 . . . . .	Fmk	1,733,320,044: 64
Profit on sold and drawn bonds . . . . .	»	25,306: 41
	Fmk	2,735,292,285: 16
Sold and written off in 1920 . . . . .	»	1,655,885,424: 66
	Fmk	1,079,406,860: 50
Balance 31st December 1920 . . . . .	Fmk	1,079,406,860: 50
of which Finnish State bonds in Finnish currency . . . . .	Fmk	897,056,580: 75
bonds in foreign currency . . . . .	»	166,430,400: 25
» » Finnish » . . . . .	»	15,919,879: 50
	Fmk	1,079,406,860: 50

**4. Foreign Correspondents.**

Balance in favour of the Bank:	1919.	1920.
At the end of January . . . . .	Fmk 319,368,422: 59	Fmk 72,753,608: 82
» February . . . . .	» 263,329,804: 04	» 69,532,365: 59
» March . . . . .	» 161,710,002: 02	» 63,598,259: 56
» April . . . . .	» 123,012,345: 38	» 57,568,872: 59
» May . . . . .	» 95,019,817: 44	» 53,366,081: 46
» June . . . . .	» 84,100,459: 89	» 43,490,081: 75
» July . . . . .	» 57,766,154: 56	» 73,097,299: 57
» August . . . . .	» 53,924,693: 76	» 73,234,954: 73
» September . . . . .	» 57,590,874: 78	» 89,353,031: 69
» October . . . . .	» 13,612,472: 09	» 144,904,410: 55
» November . . . . .	» 24,914,545: 92	» 195,321,769: 18
» December . . . . .	» 66,245,449: 22	» 174,455,467: 63

For the time being the Bank of Finland has correspondents at the following places abroad: Stockholm, Copenhagen, Christiania, London, Paris, Basel, Antwerp, Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Lübeck, Berlin, Cologne, Vienna, Trieste, Riga, Madrid, New York and Chicago.

**5. Inland Bills.**

In portfolio 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	158,632,464: 30
Discounted during 1920 . . . . .	»	1,079,928,923: 50
	Fmk	1,238,561,387: 80
Paid during 1920 . . . . .	»	1,018,987,302: 66
	Fmk	219,574,085: 14
In portfolio 31st December 1920 . . . . .	Fmk	219,574,085: 14

The discount rates have been according to the quality and currency of the bills 7, 7 1/2 and 8 % until 22nd of March, 8, 8 1/2 and 9 % until 9th of November, and after that date 9, 9 1/2 and 10 %.

### 6. Loans on Security.

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	31,666,719: 38
Effected during 1920 . . . . .	»	79,598,532: 13
	Fmk	111,265,251: 51
Repaid during 1920. . . . .	Fmk	77,512,324: 96
Written off Bad and Doubtful Debts . . . . .	»	3,760: —
	Fmk	77,516,084: 96
	Fmk	33,749,166: 55

The rates of interest for loans have been, according to security, 7 1/2, 8 and 8 1/2 % until 22nd of March, 8 1/2, 9 and 10 % until 9th of November, and after that date 9 1/2, 10 and 11 %.

Securities held against these loans:

Bonds and Bank deposit receipts . . . . .	Fmk	18,356,184: 42
Shares . . . . .	»	192,732: 13
Mortgages . . . . .	»	10,000,000: —
Gold and silver . . . . .	»	250: —
Goods . . . . .	»	5,200,000: —
	Fmk	33,749,166: 55

### 7. Advances on Current Accounts.

Balance of amount allowed 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	2,867,000: —
» » » » » 1920 . . . . .	»	2,718,000: —
Balance of amount used 31st December 1919 . . . . .	»	1,787,845: 77
Withdrawn during 1920 . . . . .	»	50,892,028: 96
	Fmk	52,679,874: 73
Paid in during 1920 . . . . .	»	50,647,638: 23
	Fmk	2,032,236: 50

The rates of interest for advances on current accounts during 1920 have been the same as those for loans on security. A commission of 1/2 % per year has been charged.

Securities held against these advances:

Bonds . . . . .	Fmk	2,165,000: —
Shares . . . . .	»	200,000: —
Mortgages . . . . .	»	353,000: —
	Fmk	2,718,000: —

### 8. Foreign Bills.

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	81,735,193: 01
Discounted during 1920 . . . . .	»	625,005,339: 31
	Fmk	706,740,532: 32
Sent for collection during 1920 . . . . .	»	654,852,113: 21
	Fmk	51,888,419: 11

## 9. 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 31 st December 1919:												
old issues . . . . .	79,903	52,648	50,717	18,766	8,244	10,974	232	984	2,486	296	—	1,452,580
1897/98 issue . . . . .	—	—	21,900	50,752	—	21,692	—	9,114	51,798	47,147	—	30,259,860
1909/18 » . . . . .	—	—	9,714,991	9,477,094	—	5,254,994	—	2,855,596	3,872,494	769,214	354,961	1,518,042,975
1915/18 » . . . . .	20,214,993	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,214,993
Printed in 1920:												
1918 issue . . . . .	9,738,000	—	3,120,000	3,776,000	—	1,944,000	—	1,456,000	1,576,000	—	432,000	764,378,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,032,896</b>	<b>52,648</b>	<b>12,907,608</b>	<b>13,322,612</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>7,231,660</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>4,321,694</b>	<b>5,502,778</b>	<b>816,657</b>	<b>786,961</b>	<b>2,334,348,408</b>
Destroyed during 1920:												
old issues . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	10,000
1897/98 issue . . . . .	—	—	400	900	—	1,100	—	2,400	15,700	13,700	—	8,573,000
1909/18 » . . . . .	—	—	3,289,000	2,961,000	—	1,336,500	—	580,200	345,500	8,040	92,320	232,685,000
1915/18 » . . . . .	9,115,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,115,000
Notes in hand and in circulation 31 st December 1920 . . . . .	20,917,896	52,648	9,618,208	10,360,712	8,244	5,894,060	232	3,739,094	5,141,578	794,897	694,641	2,083,965,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,032,896</b>	<b>52,648</b>	<b>12,907,608</b>	<b>13,322,612</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>7,231,660</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>4,321,694</b>	<b>5,502,778</b>	<b>816,657</b>	<b>786,961</b>	<b>2,334,348,408</b>
At the Bank 31 st December 1920:												
old issues . . . . .	14	61	229	81	87	129	2	26	174	102	—	75,556
1897/98 issue . . . . .	—	—	789	1,785	—	994	—	571	1,031	2,715	—	1,530,825
1909/18 » . . . . .	—	—	4,202,679	5,296,313	—	2,510,518	—	1,431,170	652,741	323,825	320,027	742,958,985
1915/18 » . . . . .	4,834,577	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,834,577
In circulation 31 st December 1920:												
old issues . . . . .	79,889	52,587	50,488	18,685	8,157	10,845	230	958	2,312	174	—	1,367,024
1897/98 issue . . . . .	—	—	20,711	48,067	—	19,598	—	6,143	35,067	30,732	—	20,156,035
1909/18 » . . . . .	—	—	5,343,312	4,995,781	—	3,351,976	—	2,300,226	4,450,253	437,349	374,614	1,297,038,990
1915/18 » . . . . .	16,003,416	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,003,416

## b) Penni Notes.

## c) Rouble Notes.

	Number of 25 Penni notes.	Number of 50 Penni notes.	Total Fmk.	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 31 st December 1919	18,369,200	13,898,000	11,541,300	8,544	2,355	762	289	209,008
Printed in 1920 . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	18,369,200	13,898,000	11,541,300	8,544	2,355	762	289	209,008
Destroyed during 1920 . . . . .	3,448,000	3,717,000	2,720,500	—	—	—	—	—
Notes in hand and in circulation 31 st December 1920	14,921,200	10,181,000	8,820,800	8,544	2,355	762	289	209,008
At the Bank 31 st December 1920 . . . . .	3,681,830	3,257,263	2,549,089	17	4	1	43	4,624
In circulation » » » . . . . .	11,239,370	6,923,737	6,271,711	8,527	2,351	761	246	204,384

The Notes of the Bank in Finnish Marks, Pennis and Roubles on 31 st December 1920 amounted to . . . . . Fmk 2,092,995,216:—  
of which in hand . . . . . Fmk 751,953,656:—  
» » » circulation . . . . . » 1,341,041,560:— Fmk 2,092,995,216:—

**10. Bank Post Bills.**

Outstanding 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	6,607,008: 65
Issued during 1920 . . . . .	»	492,317,849: 02
	Fmk	498,924,857: 67
Redeemed during 1920 . . . . .	»	492,240,668: 36
Outstanding 31st December 1920	Fmk	6,684,189: 31

**11. Drafts issued on the Petrograd Branch.**

Outstanding 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Ro.	45,110: 69	=	Fmk	51,365: 17
Issued during 1920 . . . . .	»	—	=	»	—
	Ro.	45,110: 69	=	Fmk	51,365: 17
Redeemed during 1920 . . . . .	»	—	=	»	—
Outstanding 31st December 1920	Ro.	45,110: 69	=	Fmk	51,365: 17

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

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	6,077,984: 34
Paid in during 1920 . . . . .	»	1,192,863,063: 17
	Fmk	1,198,941,047: 51
Withdrawn during 1920 . . . . .	»	1,172,876,263: 91
Balance 31st December 1920	Fmk	26,064,783: 60

*b) Other Current Accounts.*

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	117,030,619: 96
Paid in during 1920 . . . . .	»	9,983,217,505: 92
	Fmk	10,100,248,125: 88
Withdrawn during 1920 . . . . .	»	10,047,109,479: 66
Balance 31st December 1920	Fmk	53,138,646: 22

**13. Bills for Collection.**

Balance 31st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	684,508: 46
Collected during 1920 . . . . .	»	43,653,956: 46
	Fmk	44,338,464: 92
Covered by remittance during 1920 . . . . .	»	44,160,681: 62
Balance 31st December 1920	Fmk	177,783: 30



### III. Summary of the Bank's Monthly Returns in 1920.

Month.	Cover for the Issue of Notes.			Home Investments.	Other Assets.	Liabilities payable on demand.			Unused Amount of Issue.
	Gold and Finnish Silver Coin. *)	Assets in Foreign Currency.	Finnish Treasury Bills and State Bonds in Finnish Currency.			Notes in Circulation.	Other Liabilities.	Undrawn amount of advances on current accounts.	
	Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.			Fmk.	Fmk.	Fmk.	
January . .	43,156,439	319,287,391	830,811,563	181,792,551	14,183,020	1,127,632,933	137,984,474	3,063,194	124,574,791
February .	43,155,365	311,892,348	837,111,850	213,414,567	15,550,294	1,202,234,080	91,876,146	1,326,084	96,723,254
March . . .	43,155,374	309,195,230	849,416,664	279,840,238	15,533,490	1,253,542,597	111,013,593	1,165,102	36,045,976
April . . .	43,155,138	295,940,014	907,296,470	242,657,593	15,817,583	1,240,754,959	127,220,107	1,097,228	77,319,328
May . . . .	43,155,154	297,272,228	919,261,909	203,166,316	16,509,754	1,231,870,276	109,342,705	1,032,089	117,444,222
June . . . .	43,155,160	293,177,632	921,425,506	209,242,170	17,006,216	1,206,223,619	124,834,713	1,255,311	125,444,655
July . . . .	43,155,132	304,462,082	915,896,719	200,519,892	18,107,326	1,207,114,639	113,791,610	654,312	141,953,371
August . . .	43,155,128	282,112,649	957,252,253	247,903,199	18,704,047	1,244,992,006	134,887,491	576,581	102,063,952
September .	43,155,141	294,910,006	967,033,653	300,064,451	19,018,030	1,301,773,153	146,771,882	957,472	55,596,293
October . . .	43,155,135	339,152,564	936,459,231	318,053,994	19,056,944	1,351,674,577	125,034,592	265,060	41,792,761
November . .	43,156,371	380,139,135	891,937,481	291,966,827	19,038,810	1,332,585,245	110,645,991	1,480,801	70,520,950
December . .	43,162,457	399,430,145	897,056,581	255,355,488	24,579,457	1,341,041,560	106,571,622	685,764	91,350,237

\*) The average amount of Finnish Silver coin held was Fmk 535,580:—.

### IV. Clearing.

The Clearing Department's turnover amounted in 1920 to . . . . . Fmk 7,163,942,488: 45 of which in the different months:

January Fmk 688,693,529: 42, February Fmk 550,454,026: 91, March Fmk 541,519,135: 73,  
 April » 470,768,761: 65, May » 416,720,524: 13, June » 485,527,342: 58,  
 July » 588,926,561: 07, August » 621,146,965: 86, September » 753,503,984: 52,  
 October » 731,227,168: 89, November » 646,218,693: 57, December » 669,235,794: 12.

## V. The Year's Results.

### Profit and Loss Account.

#### Credit.

Interest on Home Investments . . . . .	Fmk	47,739,745: 72	
» » Current Accounts abroad . . . . .	»	2,857,241: 58	
» » Bonds . . . . .	»	29,558,775: 63	
Agio . . . . .	»	949,409: 97	
Commission . . . . .	»	822,362: 74	
Bad and Doubtful Debts paid . . . . .	»	10,869: 36	Fmk 81,938,405: —

#### Debit.

Salaries . . . . .	Fmk	2,979,114: 78	
Pensions and Supports . . . . .	»	124,662: 46	
Fees to the Representatives of the Diet and their expenses . . . . .	»	38,359: 55	
Cost of manufacturing Bank Notes . . . . .	»	2,663,019: 78	
Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .	»	1,050,299: 66	
Written off Bad and Doubtful Debts . . . . .	»	3,760: —	Fmk 6,859,216: 23
<b>Net Profit for the Year 1920</b> . . . . .	»		<b>75,079,188: 77</b>
			<b>Fmk 81,938,405: —</b>

Out of this Net Profit there have been transferred:

to the Reserve Fund, the amount used in 1920 for new Bank Buildings	Fmk	2,497,498: 75
to the Profit Reserve Account . . . . .	»	72,581,690: 02

## VI. Capital.

The capital amounted at the end of 1919 to . . . . .	Fmk	25,000,000: —
In 1920 transferred from the Reserve Fund . . . . .	»	75,000,000: —
		<b>Balance 31st December 1920 Fmk 100,000,000: —</b>

## VII. Reserve Fund.

The Reserve Fund amounted at the end of 1919 to . . . . .	Fmk	71,891,757: 62
In 1920 transferred from the Profit Reserve Account . . . . .	»	24,193,896: 67
» » » » » Net Profit the amount used for new Bank		
Buildings at Helsingfors and Jyväskylä . . . . .	»	2,497,498: 75
	Fmk	98,583,153: 04
In 1920 transferred to the Capital . . . . .	»	75,000,000: —
	Balance 31 st December 1920	Fmk 23,583,153: 04
Bank Premises and Furniture . . . . .	»	5,875,866: 87
The remainder amounts to . . . . .	»	17,707,286: 17

## VIII. Profit Reserve Account.

Balance 31 st December 1919 . . . . .	Fmk	25,939,402: 39
Addition in 1920 . . . . .	»	72,581,690: 02
	Fmk	98,521,092: 41
In 1920 used as per resolution of the Finnish Diet . . . . .	Fmk	25,939,402: 39
» » transferred to the Reserve Fund . . . . .	»	24,193,896: 67
	Balance 31 st December 1920	Fmk 48,387,793: 35

## IX. Bank Offices in Operation during 1920.

Head Office at Helsingfors and Branches at Åbo, Björneborg, Wasa, Uleåborg, Kuopio, Joensuu, Sordavala, Wiborg, St. Michel, Tammerfors, Tavastehus, Jyväskylä and Kotka.  
Helsingfors, January 27th, 1921.

## The Board of Management of the Bank of Finland

**OTTO STENROTH.**

**K. BASILIER.**

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