

Quebec only, referring to the *Year Book* for 1867, page 29, and to that for 1868, page 59, for figures which will carry back this table to January, 1861:—

Ontario and Quebec.	Paid up Capital.	Circulation.	Deposits.		Specie and Provincial Notes.	Discounts.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.		
1867.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
July 31.....	29,735,681	8,216,889	14,190,679	15,954,248	7,933,556	49,324,234
Aug. 31.....	29,992,210	8,026,366	13,956,293	16,182,877	7,343,503	50,284,375
Sept. 30.....	30,200,356	9,134,920	14,384,916	16,307,288	6,942,593	53,522,982
Oct. 31.....	30,289,411	10,119,069	14,988,762	16,127,894	7,972,900	55,560,282
Nov. 30.....	30,200,356	8,703,961	15,531,984	15,701,350	8,949,023	52,723,293
Dec. 31.....	30,413,086	8,080,274	14,297,350	15,392,337	9,089,402	50,662,969
1868.						
Jany. 31.....	30,612,700	8,718,928	12,975,045	15,746,143	9,770,573	51,175,582
Feb'y. 29.....	30,750,000	8,603,283	13,531,815	16,052,619	8,944,414	51,995,951
March 31.....	28,044,520	8,225,958	13,450,891	15,766,582	8,112,864	47,539,298
April 30.....	28,358,764	7,607,754	13,125,963	15,934,535	7,461,839	47,067,882
May 31.....	28,462,300	7,294,409	13,609,077	16,110,817	8,237,163	46,700,009
June 30.....	28,529,048	7,209,700	13,939,011	16,229,525	8,101,368	46,143,025

In March, 1868, a reduction is to be noticed in the paid up capital of the Banks. This is due to the disappearance from the returns of the statement of the Commercial Bank, the oldest bank in Ontario, which was obliged to suspend operations and to become amalgamated with the Merchants' Bank, two-thirds of its capital stock of \$4,000,000 disappearing in the process.

To complete the above table, we subjoin a statement shewing the circulation of the Government notes, and the per centage the Government issue bears to the total. It will be seen, by comparing this with the similar statement given last year, that the Government issues, in Quebec and Ontario, are slowly but steadily gaining on those of private banks. No doubt, were Government to order its officials at the custom houses, post offices, &c., to show any preference for Government notes, they would soon supplant the others; but it is questionable whether public opinion would support such a step, and it appears likely that the Legislation which must soon be had will rather compel the banks to hold a per centage of their circulation or of their deposits in Government securities, than deprive them of their power of issuing notes:—

Ontario and Quebec.	Bank Circulation Que. and Ont.	Government Circulation Quebec and Ontario.	Total Circulation Que. and Ont.	Percentage of Govt. Circulation to total	
1867.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
July.....	8,216,889	Aug. 7.....	3,479,693	11,696,582	29.7
Aug.....	8,026,366	Sept. 4.....	3,222,693	11,249,059	32.7
Sept.....	9,134,920	Oct. 2.....	3,559,693	12,694,613	27.4
Oct.....	10,119,069	Nov. 6.....	3,918,242	14,037,311	24.5
Nov.....	8,703,961	Dec. 4.....	4,008,242	12,712,203	27.3
Dec.....	8,080,274	Jany. 1.....	4,265,242	12,345,516	28.2
1868.					
Jany.....	8,718,928	Feb'y. 5.....	4,247,742	12,966,670	26.8
Feb'y.....	8,603,283	March 4.....	4,126,000	12,729,283	27.3
March.....	8,225,958	April 1.....	3,743,000	11,968,958	29.9
April.....	7,607,754	May 6.....	3,535,000	11,142,754	31.2
May.....	7,294,409	June 3.....	3,718,000	10,012,409	31.6
June.....	7,209,700	July 1.....	3,751,000	10,960,700	31.7
July.....	6,956,496	Aug 5.....	3,674,000	10,630,496	32.7

The circulation of Government notes is not confined to the above figures, which represent the circulation in Quebec and Ontario only.

The circulation in New Brunswick is not yet large. In Nova Scotia it is assuming considerable proportions. The following were the amounts in circulation at the middle of September in all the Provinces:—

In Nova Scotia.....	\$103,000	In Quebec and Ontario.....	\$4,128,000
In New Brunswick.....	60,000	Total.....	\$4,281,000

The following table shews the paid up capital, circulation, deposits, specie and discounts of the various banks in the Dominion, and as the similar table in the *Year Book* for 1863 gave these particulars for July, so also does the present table.

The banks are classified as belonging to that Province in which the head office is.

* At the beginning of October, the following were the Dominion notes in circulation:

Quebec and Ontario.....	\$4,584,000
Nova Scotia.....	125,000
New Brunswick.....	66,000
Total.....	\$4,775,000

This rapid increase, in so short a time, shows that the Government note system is not so inelastic as some writers have urged. Here we had an expansion of half a million in a fortnight—required, of course, for the moving of the crops to market.