

181. In 1868, the number of Post Office Savings Banks was 81; the number of depositors, 2,102; the number of deposits made, 3,247, and the amount on deposit, \$204,588; on 30th June, 1885, the number of banks was 355; of depositors, 73,322; of deposits made, 116,576, and the amount on deposit, \$15,090,540, or an increase of \$14,885,952. In 1879, the amount on deposit was \$3,105,190; there has, therefore, been an increase in deposits, in the last six years, of \$11,985,350. The average amount of each deposit, in 1868, was \$65.44, and in 1885, \$60.89, a decrease which should be considered satisfactory, since the object of the system is to encourage small deposits. The average amount to the credit of each account was \$97.33 in 1868, and \$205.81 in 1885.

182. The increase in deposits was largest in 1882, viz., \$3,265,435; the average increase, during the last six years, has been at the rate of two millions per annum, the exact figures being \$1,997,558. The expenses of management, including interest allowed to depositors, average about $4\frac{1}{10}$ per cent. on the average balance in the hands of the Government.

183. The deposits in the Government Savings Banks have increased from \$4,005,295 in 1874, the first year in which there were the same number of banks as at present, to \$17,888,536 in 1885, an increase of \$13,883,244. The total amount on deposit in the Post Office and Government Savings Bank combined on 1st July, 1867, was \$1,422,046, and on 30th June, 1885 \$32,979,076, showing an increase since Confederation of \$31,557,029. The increase in the last six years amounts to \$23,768,393, being more than two-thirds of the total increase.

184. The following table is a comparative statement of particulars respecting the censuses of 1871 and 1881, showing the amount expended over each, the number enumerated, and the area involved.

CENSUS EXPENDITURE, 1871 AND 1881.

Year.	Expenditure.	Area in Square Miles.	Population.
1871.....	\$ 508,770	338,502	3,485,761
1881.....	456,894	*805,140	4,324,810

* Not including The Territories.

185. It will be seen that notwithstanding the increase in area, and in the number of persons enumerated, the census of 1881 cost \$51,876 less than that of 1871. This is principally to be accounted for by the large number of maps, &c., which had to be prepared in 1871, and which were such as could be used again in 1881, as well as by the greatly increased facilities of travel and cheapness in working.