
535. There were 97 companies in operation during the year 1885, distributed among the several Provinces as follow :—73 in Ontario, 18 in Quebec, and 2 each in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; but 15 of these made no return for 1885 to the Department of Finance, viz., 6 in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 1 in Manitoba, 2 in Nova Scotia, and 2 in New Brunswick.

536. It will be seen that the total assets of all the companies exceeded the total liabilities in 1884 and 1883 by \$184,774 and \$50,431 respectively, but that in 1885 the liabilities were in excess of assets to the extent of \$761,159.

537. By far the largest number of companies were in Ontario, and in 1885 the paid up capital in that Province was 94·20 per cent. of the whole amount, while of \$15,435,084 of deposits, \$14,824,088, or 96·04 per cent., were made in the same Province.

538. Of the whole amount of authorized capital, 67·07 per cent. had been subscribed and 31·23 per cent. paid up.

539. The amount paid in by depositors exceeded the amount withdrawn by \$1,190,925.
