

Increase
during the
period.

639. The number of banks that made returns to the Government on 30th June, 1868, was 27, being 15 less than in 1886, and the following are the proportions of increase under the several heads, between those years:—Increase in amount of paid up capital, 104 per cent. ; in notes in circulation, 251 per cent. ; in amount on deposit, 244 per cent. ; in liabilities, 237 per cent. ; and in assets, 193 per cent. The proportion of liabilities to assets was higher in 1886 than in any other year, with the exception of 1870 and 1882, and was lowest in 1877.

Reserve
fund.

640. The total amount of reserve held by the banks on the 30th June, 1886, was \$17,690,141. No returns of this fund were made previous to 1883, when an amendment to the Bank Act, requiring them, was passed.

Total
amount
on deposit

641. The total amount of money on deposit in 1886 in the Chartered Banks, Post Office and Government Savings Banks, Montreal and Quebec Savings Banks, and in the hands of Loan Companies, was \$174,777,793, equal to the sum of \$36.46 per head of population.

Dividends
and prices
1886.

642. The following table gives the share value, paid up capital, last six months' dividend, and highest and lowest quotations at Toronto in 1886, of the principal banks and loan companies in Canada. The prices quoted are taken from the statement published by the committee of the Toronto Stock Exchange:—