

The proportion of liabilities to assets was slightly larger in 1887, being 65·17 per cent. against 64·59 per cent. in 1886. The amount on deposit showed an increase of \$1,700,186, discounts an increase of \$6,704,138, almost identical with that of 1886 over 1885 which was \$6,704,976, and overdue debts a decrease of \$376,670.

Proportions of assets and liabilities.

638. The following statement shows the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1877 and 1887 :—

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

ITEMS.	1868.	1877.	1887.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Notes in circulation .....	18·99	19·22	20·37
Deposits .....	75·03	75·03	76·62
<b>Assets—</b>			
Specie and Dominion notes .....	11·40	8·29	6·80
Debts due to the banks .....	70·28	77·31	75·60

Rate of interest.

639. The rate of interest allowed on deposit by the banks is at present in most cases  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

Particulars of Banks in Canada 1868-1887.

640. The next table gives the paid up capital, assets, liabilities, and other particulars of the various banks in operation in each year since Confederation, according to the returns made to the Government, as required by the Bank Acts :—