

720. The number of banks that made returns to the Government on the 30th June, 1868, was 27, being 11 less than in 1889, and the following are the proportions of increase under the several heads, between those years :—Increase in amount of paid up capital, 98 per cent. ; in notes in circulation, 276 per cent. ; in amount on deposit, 315 per cent. ; in liabilities, 300 per cent. ; and in assets, 228 per cent. The proportion of liabilities to assets was higher in 1889 than in any other year, and was lowest in 1877.

Increase during the period.

721. The total amount of reserve held by the banks on the 30th June, 1889, was \$19,966,999. No returns of this fund were made previous to 1883, when an amendment to the Bank Act, requiring them, was passed.

Reserve fund.

722. The total amount of money on deposit in 1889, in the Chartered Banks, Post Office and Government Savings Banks, Montreal and Quebec Savings Banks, and in the hands of Loan Companies, was upwards of \$207,446,000, equal to the sum of \$40 per head of population.

Total amount on deposit.

723. The following table gives the share value, paid up capital, last six months' dividend, and highest and lowest quotations at Toronto, in 1889, 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 :—

Dividends and prices of principal stocks.