

The proportion of liabilities to assets was larger in 1890, being 68·53 per cent., as compared with 68·44 per cent. in 1889, and 67·90 per cent. in 1888. The amount on deposit showed a decrease of \$106,463, ordinary discounts an increase of \$3,283,376, and overdue debts an increase of \$351,427. Notes in circulation showed an increase of \$849,206.

Proportions of assets and liabilities.

757. The following statement shows the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1877 and 1890.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

ITEMS.	1868.	1877.	1890.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
Liabilities—			
Notes in circulation.....	18·99	19·22	18·37
Deposits.....	75·03	75·03	78·04
Assets—			
Specie and Dominion notes..	11·40	8·29	6·25
Debts due to the banks.....	78·84	80·77	81·90
Notes of and cheques on other banks.....	2·94	2·30	2·97
Balances due from other banks.....	4·66	4·59	6·28

Particulars of Banks in Canada. 1868-1890.

758. 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 Act:—