

908. The form of the above table has been slightly altered, to suit the changes made, after the passing of the new Bank Act, in the returns to Government. An item appears for the first time of "Deposits with Government" for security of note circulation, being the bank circulation redemption fund provided for by the Bank Act. There was a marked increase in the amount of money on deposit, and also in the amount out on current loans, while there was a decrease in the amount of overdue debts. Change in form of return.

909. A comparative statement showing the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1880 and 1892 is given below. The figures for 1891 are included, for comparison with 1892 :— Proportions of assets and liabilities.

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

ITEMS.	1868.	1880.	1891.	1892.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.. . . . .	18·99	18·28	16·66	15·60
Deposits .. . . . .	75·03	76·97	79·34	81·75
Assets—				
Specie and Dominion notes.. . . . .	11·40	9·78	6·46	6·13
Debts due to the banks .. . . . .	78·84	63·78	80·54	74·32
Notes of and cheques on other banks.. . . . .	2·94	1·85	2·70	2·96
Balances due from other banks.. . . . .	4·66	18·70	7·77	7·20
Public securities (other than Dominion) .. . . . .			2·45	5·32

910. 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 :— Particulars of banks in Canada, 1868-1892.

## PARTICULARS OF BANKS IN CANADA, 1868-1892.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Capital Paid up.	Notes in Circulation.	Total on Deposit.	Total Discounts.	Liabilities.	Assets.
	§	§	§	§	§	§
1868..	30,289,048	8,307,079	32,808,103	50,500,316	43,722,647	77,872,257
1869..	30,981,074	8,063,198	38,823,332	53,573,307	48,380,967	83,565,027
1870..	32,050,597	14,167,948	50,767,099	62,252,569	66,530,393	102,147,293
1871..	36,415,210	18,389,893	55,763,066	83,989,756	77,486,706	121,014,395
1872..	45,134,709	25,040,077	64,720,490	107,354,115	94,224,644	151,772,876
1873..	55,102,959	29,516,046	68,677,137	117,646,219	98,296,677	168,519,745
1874..	60,443,445	26,583,130	78,790,368	133,731,260	117,656,218	188,417,005
1875..	63,367,687	20,902,991	75,033,811	123,786,038	101,371,845	184,441,108