

Rates of interest in other colonies. 949. The number of depositors in Australasia is very much larger than in Canada, and the amount on deposit is just as much again, but the rates of interest allowed are generally higher; only one colony, Tasmania, paying as low as  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, while in four colonies, as much as 5 per cent is paid on some deposits.

Transactions of savings banks, 1890-1892. 950. The next table gives particulars of the transactions of the post office and Government savings banks in Canada for the three years ended 30th June, 1890, 1891 and 1892:—

TRANSACTIONS OF THE POST OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS IN CANADA, DURING THE YEARS 1890, 1891 AND 1892.

BANKS.	Year.	Balances, 1st July.	BUSINESS DONE.		Balances, 30th June.	Increase or decrease.	
			Deposits.	With- drawals.			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Post Office Savings Banks..	1890	23,011,422	7,554,273	8,575,042	21,990,653	— 1,020,769	
	1891	21,990,653	7,623,972	7,875,978	21,738,648	— 252,005	
	1892	21,738,648	7,790,593	7,230,839	22,298,401	+ 559,753	
Government Savings Banks—							
	Nova Scotia . . . . .	1890	8,411,511	1,470,514	1,893,076	7,988,949	— 442,562
		1891	7,988,949	1,327,078	1,921,677	7,394,349	— 594,600
1892		7,394,349	1,450,099	1,744,880	7,108,567	— 285,782	
New Brunswick . . . . .	1890	6,045,346	1,009,825	1,042,425	6,012,746	— 32,600	
	1891	6,012,746	999,928	1,070,782	5,941,892	— 70,854	
	1892	5,941,892	1,086,804	1,026,001	6,002,294	+ 60,402	
Toronto. . . . .	1890	752,705	170,435	263,788	659,352	— 93,353	
	1891	659,352	138,125	230,701	566,776	— 92,576	
	1892	566,776	143,265	177,803	582,238	+ 15,462	
Winnipeg. . . . .	1890	892,037	262,326	339,489	814,874	— 77,163	
	1891	814,874	260,817	321,692	753,999	— 60,875	
	1892	753,999	274,851	299,180	729,671	— 24,328	
British Columbia. . . . .	1890	1,598,946	456,389	657,101	1,398,275	— 200,671	
	1891	1,398,275	315,701	829,744	884,232	— *514,043	
	1892	884,232	278,891	439,844	723,280	— 160,952	
Prince Edward Island.	1890	2,244,390	405,823	502,597	2,147,616	— 96,774	
	1891	2,147,616	430,978	458,446	2,120,129	— 27,487	
	1892	2,120,129	498,423	483,857	2,134,696	+ 14,567	
Grand Total, Post Office and Government Sav- ings Banks combined.	1890	42,956,357	11,329,625	13,273,518	41,012,465	— 1,943,892	
	1891	41,012,465	11,096,601	12,709,040	39,400,026	— 1,612,439	
	1892	39,400,026	11,531,926	11,402,404	39,529,548	+ 129,522	

\* 227,574 transferred to P. O. Savings Bank.

Loan companies, 1874-1891. 951. A comparative statement of the liabilities and assets of loan companies and building societies in each year since 1874, and a detailed statement for 1891, are given below. Thirty-three companies made returns in 1874 and 71 in 1891, 61 of which were in Ontario, 8 in Quebec, and 2 in Nova Scotia. In the period between 1874 and 1891 the com-