

891. The balance of deposits is not now required (as it was formerly) to be invested in Canadian Government securities, but forms part of the unfunded debt of the Dominion, and the amount of this floating capital which is at the disposal of the Government, necessarily fluctuates.

892. The following table gives particulars of savings banks in Australasia and Canada, and particulars of savings banks in some of the principal countries :—

## SAVINGS BANKS IN AUSTRALASIA AND CANADA.

COLONIES.	Number of Depositors	Amount on Deposit.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	
			Per Depositor.	Per head of Population.
		\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
New South Wales .....	143,826	23,021,616	160 06	20 58
Victoria .....	297,430	27,392,408	92 10	24 02
Queensland .....	45,885	8,112,028	176 90	20 64
South Australia .....	74,686	10,503,376	140 62	32 78
Western Australia .....	3,014	153,232	50 84	3 14
Tasmania .....	25,324	2,536,750	100 17	17 45
New Zealand .....	118,344	15,266,845	129 00	24 39
Australasia ... ..	708,509	86,986,255	122 77	20 64
Canada, 1892 .....	165,601	39,529,547	238 70	8 06

## SAVINGS BANKS IN SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IN 1890-91.

COUNTRIES.	Number of depositors.	Amount on deposit.	AVERAGE AMOUNT	
			Per depositor.	Per head of population.
		\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
United Kingdom .....	5,800,473	526,220,208	90 76	13 92
Sweden .....	1,010,794	66,473,800	65 76	13 89
Norway .....	452,736	50,438,133	111 41	25 20
Holland .....	499,445	29,102,666	58 27	6 30
Prussia .....	5,029,174	703,048,400	139 79	23 47
Belgium .....	598,675	50,657,133	84 62	8 25
Switzerland .....	802,697	115,578,467	143 99	39 61
Italy .....	3,508,565	336,719,075	95 97	11 10
France .....	5,097,000	450,444,067	88 37	11 75
United States .....	4,021,523	1,445,010,667	359 32	23 07