

893. The number of depositors in Australasia is very much larger than in Canada, and the amount on deposit is more than as much again, but the rates of interest allowed are generally higher, only one colony, Tasmania, paying as low as 3½ per cent, while in four colonies as much as 5 per cent is paid on some deposits.

894. The next table gives particulars of the transactions of the post office and Government savings banks in Canada for the four years ended 30th June, 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893:—

TRANSACTIONS OF THE POST OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS IN CANADA, DURING THE YEARS 1890, 1891, 1892 AND 1893.

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
	1893	22,298,402	8,486,371	6,631,579	24,153,194	+ 1,854,793
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	1,459,099	1,744,880	7,108,567	— 285,782
	1893	7,108,567	1,519,073	1,420,642	7,206,998	+ 98,431
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	6,002,694	+ 60,802
	1893	6,002,694	1,273,727	976,116	6,300,304	+ 297,610
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	532,238	— 34,538
	1893	532,230	148,401	126,325	554,314	+ 22,076
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
	1893	729,671	261,555	299,586	691,639	— 38,032
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
	1893	723,280	235,716	262,904	696,092	— 27,188
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
	1893	2,134,696	559,941	447,521	2,247,117	+ 112,421
Grand Total, Post Office and Gov- ernment Savings 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
	1893	39,529,548	12,484,784	10,164,673	41,849,658	+ 2,320,110

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