

1149. 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, 1893.

COLONIES.	No. of Depositors	Amount on Deposit.	Average Amount.	
			Per Depositor.	Per head of Population.
			\$ cts.	\$ cts.
New South Wales.....	179,727	31,807,355	176 95	25 99
Victoria.....	324,389	32,681,822	100 74	27 94
Queensland.....	47,885	9,127,993	190 60	21 11
South Australia.....	81,798	11,282,437	137 92	32 52
Western Australia.....	4,745	370,285	78 04	5 70
Tasmania.....	28,190	2,824,798	100 21	18 29
New Zealand.....	147,199	19,305,332	131 15	28 71
Australasia.....	813,933	107,400,022	131 95	26 40
*Canada.....	169,314	41,849,658	247 17	8 43

SAVINGS BANKS IN SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	No. of deposits.	Amount on deposit.	Average Amount.	
			Per Depositor.	Per head of Population.
			\$ cts.	\$ cts.
United Kingdom.....	7,219,385	597,827,406	82 81	15 55
Sweden.....	1,360,961	80,567,959	59 19	16 76
Norway.....	432,126	47,435,984	109 78	23 71
Holland.....	630,705	35,033,673	55 54	7 50
Austria (exclusive of Hungary).....	3,348,545	567,071,300	169 33	23 73
Belgium.....	731,057	63,347,453	86 64	10 22
Italy.....	4,152,778	354,236,622	85 30	11 60
France.....	8,268,676	730,241,873	88 31	19 04
Denmark.....	886,291	137,876,560	155 56	63 09
United States.....	4,830,599	1,785,395,553	369 59	26 75

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 two colonies, Tasmania and Victoria, 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.

*These figures only refer to the Postal and Government Savings Banks and do not include the Special Savings Banks, the Building and Loan Companies Savings Branches nor the Savings Branches of the Chartered Banks—the difficulty in procuring the latter owing to the absence of any requirement of them in the Banking Act of 1890 preventing a complete presentation of the savings of the people as represented by deposits. The Special Savings Banks have 64,635 depositors.