

The amount per head of the population was in 1871, \$2.96; in 1881, \$5.44; in 1891, \$10.42; in 1893, \$11.02; in 1894, \$11.14, and in 1895 it was \$11.32 per head.

The development of the savings of the people may fairly enough be assumed from the above figures. They do not show the extent of the development as very large sums of money are held in the savings branches of the chartered banks of the country and in other institutions. Taking the figures given above, it appears that in 20 years, from 1875 to 1895, the savings of the people have increased till they are now four times what they were at the beginning of the period, per head of the population.

The special savings banks, which are Province of Quebec institutions, one being in Montreal and the other in Quebec City, and the two kinds of savings banks which are in charge of the Federal Government, show development even during the past two years, when the pressure of depressed trade affected the earning capacity of the people. The increase in 1895 over 1890 is over \$2,000,000.

971. The following table shows the number of depositors in each province, the amount on deposit, and the proportion of that amount per head of the population on 30th June, 1895:—

## POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS, 1895.

PROVINCES.	Number of Offices.	Number of Depositors	Amount on Deposit.	Average amount to each Depositor.	Average amount per head of population.
				\$ cts.	\$ cts.
			\$		
Ontario .....	448	88,115	18,700,961	212 23	8 50
Quebec .....	123	17,612	4,478,695	254 30	2 89
Nova Scotia .....	48	6,682	1,627,291	243 53	3 58
New Brunswick .....	34	4,442	1,298,263	292 27	4 04
Manitoba .....	25	1,069	163,058	152 53	0 80
British Columbia.....	23	1,904	415,238	218 09	3 16
Prince Edward Island .....	8	101	13,623	134 88	0 12
The Territories .....	22	703	108,413	154 21	0 92
Totals, 1895 .....	731	120,628	26,805,542	222 22	5 27
“ 1894 .....	699	117,020	25,257,868	215 84	5 03
“ 1893 .....	673	114,275	24,153,194	211 36	4 87
“ 1892 .....	642	110,805	22,298,401	201 24	4 55
“ 1891 .....	634	111,230	21,738,648	194 44	4 48
“ 1890 .....	494	112,321	21,990,653	195 78	4 59
“ 1889 .....	463	113,123	23,011,422	203 41	4 85
“ 1888 .....	433	101,693	20,689,032	203 44	4 41