

973. The other savings banks under Government management had a decrease in the number of depositors of 883 ; in the amount on deposit of \$133,188, but an increase in the average amount to each depositor of \$2,69, but was higher than any year since 1890 with the exception of 1893. There were decreases in the number of depositors in Ontario, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, and increases in New Brunswick and British Columbia.

New Brunswick has the largest average amount to each depositor of any province, both in the Post Office and the other Government savings banks.

974. As compared with 1894, the year 1895 shows, for both kinds of Government savings banks, an increase of \$17.66 per depositor in the Province of Ontario ; \$3.60 in the Province of Quebec ; of \$4.21 in the Province of New Brunswick ; of \$16.02 in British Columbia ; of \$22.13 in the Territories ; of \$17.99 in Nova Scotia, and of \$30.16 in Manitoba. Prince Edward Island has a decrease of \$20.18 in the average amount to each depositor. The general average of the whole Dominion shows an increase of \$7.66 per depositor.

975. The amount on deposit in the Government savings banks (postal and other) in 1892 to 1895 per head of the population, by provinces, is given in the next table :—

PROVINCES.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Ontario.....	8 75	8 53	8 38	7 78
*Quebec.....	2 89	2 83	2 70	2 52
Nova Scotia.....	18 87	18 49	18 41	18 19
New Brunswick.....	24 09	23 13	22 32	21 22
Manitoba.....	4 30	4 27	4 32	4 58
British Columbia.....	9 02	8 91	9 15	10 61
Prince Edward Island.....	20 27	21 01	20 67	19 61
*The Territories.....	0 92	0 82	0 59	0 65

* Post Office Savings Banks only.

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.