

In the last ten years the value of the real estate under mortgage has increased 34 per cent, the mortgages have increased in amount 48 per cent, and the overdue mortgages have increased 5 per cent.

The proportion of overdue mortgages to total amount of mortgages during ten years, 1884-93, average 2.90 per cent, and in 1894 it was 2.78 per cent. During 21 years the proportion has been higher in ten years and lower in ten years than it was in 1894.

The aggregate amount of mortgages upon which compulsory proceedings were taken during 1894 was 2.5 per cent of the amount invested and secured by mortgage deeds. The corresponding percentages are, 1880, 4.3 per cent; 1885, 2.3 per cent; 1890, 2.0 per cent; 1891, 2.1 per cent; 1892, 2.0 per cent; 1893, 2.1 per cent, and in 1894, 2.5 per cent. There has been a slight tendency to increase since 1890.

982. Chattel mortgages in the Province of Ontario numbered 21,759 for \$11,220,205, according to returns published by the Ontario Government. The average amount in 1894 was \$516, \$473.25 in 1893, \$518.30 in 1892, \$490 in 1891, \$502 in 1890 and \$462 in 1889.

Of the total chattel mortgages, farmers gave :—

In 1894, 53 per cent in number and 30.7 per cent in amount.			
1893, 54	“	32.8	“
1892, 57	“	33.8	“
1891, 53	“	36.0	“
1890, 61	“	39.6	“
1889, 57	“	38.0	“

The larger proportion of the total number of chattel mortgages was given by farmers, but the proportion of the total amount given by farmers was small, and was smaller in 1894 than in any of the previous years.