

on Wellington street, of \$4,979,242. The sum of \$262,168 has also been expended on the construction of a building near Nepean Point for the Government Printing Bureau.

1222. In 1868 the public assets amounted to \$17,317,410, and in 1895 to \$64,973,828, showing an increase of \$47,656,418. The assets only include interest-bearing investments, loans, cash and banking accounts, no account being taken of the unsold lands belonging to the Government nor of the railways, canals, public buildings and other public works, which it either owns or has assisted in constructing, and which are the material results of the large expenditure of public money. The following are details of the assets on 30th June, 1895 :—

	Amount.
	\$
Sinking funds	34,359,088
Quebec Harbour debentures	3,748,520
Montreal Harbour bonds	385,000
Northern Railway "	73,000
St. John River and Railway Extension Company	433,900
Canadian Pacific Railway land grant bonds	29,000
Province accounts	10,923,487
Sundry investments	287,030
Total interest-bearing investments	50,239,025
Miscellaneous accounts	2,508,600
Cash	3,931,348
Specie reserve	7,761,084
Silver coinage accounts	2,758
Sundry investments	531,013
Total assets	64,973,828

1223. The following table gives, for the period 1867-95, the total assets, the assets not bearing interest and assets bearing interest, the percentage of interest-bearing to total assets and also the sinking funds for the period :—

YEAR.	Total Assets.	Assets without Interest.	Assets bearing Interest.	Per cent of Interest-bearing to Total Assets.	Sinking Funds.
	\$	\$	\$		\$
1867	17,317,410	1,463,690	15,853,720	91·6	1,207,222
1868	21,139,531	4,209,856	16,929,675	80·1	1,562,489
1869	36,502,679	15,812,185	20,690,494	56·7	1,989,296
1870	37,783,964	15,675,194	22,108,770	58·6	2,115,829
1871	37,786,165	14,366,318	23,419,847	61·9	2,537,495
1872	40,213,107	18,107,041	22,106,066	54·9	3,450,482
1873	29,894,970	20,513,788	9,381,182	31·4	3,598,422
1874	32,838,586	21,408,907	11,429,679	34·8	4,112,348
1875	35,655,023	22,107,852	13,547,171	38·0	4,668,122