

DISCOUNTS GIVEN BY THE BANKS—*Concluded.*

| YEAR.      | §           | Average 5 years. |
|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1874 ..... | 146,411,807 | } 143,407,418    |
| 1875 ..... | 151,027,988 |                  |
| 1876 ..... | 142,423,543 |                  |
| 1877 ..... | 141,454,372 |                  |
| 1878 ..... | 135,719,380 |                  |
| 1879 ..... | 127,824,458 | } 141,987,140    |
| 1880 ..... | 116,670,444 |                  |
| 1881 ..... | 137,194,065 |                  |
| 1882 ..... | 155,569,196 |                  |
| 1883 ..... | 172,677,537 |                  |
| 1884 ..... | 161,812,707 | } 166,075,765    |
| 1885 ..... | 159,701,089 |                  |
| 1886 ..... | 162,938,582 |                  |
| 1887 ..... | 170,868,031 |                  |
| 1888 ..... | 175,058,414 |                  |
| 1889 ..... | 188,682,873 | } 205,498,218    |
| 1890 ..... | 195,555,731 |                  |
| 1891 ..... | 210,238,943 |                  |
| 1892 ..... | 210,517,016 |                  |
| 1893 ..... | 222,496,529 |                  |
| 1894 ..... | 219,734,112 |                  |
| 1895 ..... | 220,790,253 |                  |
| 1896 ..... | 226,988,662 |                  |

A comparative statement showing the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years, 1868, 1880, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 is given below. The figures for 1893, 1894 and 1895 are included, for comparison, with 1896.

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

| ITEMS.                                | 1868.    | 1880.    | 1893.    | 1894.    | 1895.    | 1896.    |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                       | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| <i>Liabilities.</i>                   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Notes in circulation.....             | 18·99    | 18·28    | 15·24    | 13·67    | 13·27    | 13·29    |
| Deposits.....                         | 75·03    | 76·97    | 82·17    | 86·18    | 80·60    | 81·57    |
| <i>Assets.</i>                        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Specie and Dominion notes.....        | 11·40    | 9·78     | 6·09     | 6·98     | 6·69     | 6·92     |
| Debts due to the banks.....           | 78·84    | 63·78    | 82·56    | 81·96    | 80·21    | 80·51    |
| Notes of, and cheques on, other banks | 2·94     | 1·85     | 2·41     | 2·10     | 2·16     | 2·45     |
| Balances due from other banks.....    | 4·66     | 18·70    | 6·27     | 6·17     | 6·19     | 7·04     |