

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	162,983,562	
1887	170,848,031	
1888	175,068,414	
1889	188,682,873	205,498,218
1890	195,555,731	
1891	210,233,943	
1892	210,517,016	
1893	222,496,529	
1894	219,734,112	
1895	220,790,253	
1896	226,988,662	
1897	227,945,928	

A comparative statement showing the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1880, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897 is given below.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

ITEMS.	1868.	1880.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
<i>Liabilities.</i>						
Notes in circulation.....	18.99	18.28	13.67	13.27	13.29	13.06
*Deposits.....	75.03	76.97	86.18	80.60	81.57	82.37
<i>Assets.</i>						
Specie and Dominion notes.....	11.40	9.78	6.98	6.69	6.92	7.33
Debts due to the banks.....	78.84	63.78	81.96	80.21	80.51	78.46
Notes of, and cheques on, other banks	2.94	1.85	2.10	2.16	2.45	2.53
Balances due from other banks.....	4.66	18.70	6.17	6.19	7.04	8.86

*Includes deposits payable on demand, after notice or on a fixed day and deposits made by other banks.