

A comparative statement showing the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1880, and 1895 to 1898, is given below :—

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

Items.	1868.	1880.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
<i>Liabilities.</i>	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Notes in circulation.	18·99	18·28	13·27	13·29	13·06	13·17
*Deposits	75·03	76·97	80·60	81·57	82·37	82·77
<i>Assets.</i>						
Specie and Dominion notes.....	11·40	9·78	6·69	6·92	7·33	6·70
Debts due to the banks	78·84	63·78	80·21	80·51	78·46	80·00
Notes of, and cheques on, other banks	2·94	1·85	2·16	2·45	2·53	2·64
Balances due from other banks.. ...	4·66	18·70	6·19	7·04	8·86	8·13

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

The amounts due to Canadian banks from agencies and banks outside of Canada in the five years, 1894 to 1898 (30th June), was :—

—	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£	£	£	£	£
Amount due by Canadian banks...	5,642,918	4,801,492	5,277,473	3,101,580	3,717,828
Net amount due to Canadian banks from agencies in United Kingdom and foreign countries	13,094,071	20,017,690	16,807,125	26,417,282	25,792,237
Total due to Canadian banks	18,736,989	24,819,182	22,084,598	29,518,862	29,510,065

Taking specie and Dominion notes held by the banks, the comparison for the five years is :—

—	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£	£	£	£	£
Specie.....	7,438,513	7,471,967	7,857,220	8,663,459	9,283,030
Dominion notes.....	14,016,698	13,473,432	14,008,577	15,921,435	15,214,505
Total ..	21,455,211	20,945,399	21,865,797	24,584,894	24,497,535