

DISCOUNTS GIVEN BY THE BANKS—*Concluded.*

Year.	\$	Average 5 years.
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 .....	170,838,031	
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	} 228,225,922
1895 .....	220,790,253	
1896 .....	226,988,662	
1897 .....	227,945,928	
1898 .....	245,670,654	

Amount of rest or reserve fund held by the banks according to monthly bank statements since 1887. The amendment to the Bank Act requiring them was passed in 1883:—

Months.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
January .....	17,895,141	17,798,814	19,080,565	20,436,332	22,005,904	23,728,254
February .....	18,047,296	17,951,215	19,154,898	20,559,333	22,036,322	23,947,508
March .....	18,070,296	17,966,215	19,211,999	20,565,333	22,193,026	23,964,849
April .....	18,120,296	18,041,215	19,211,999	20,570,333	22,137,459	24,025,291
May .....	18,610,296	18,686,215	19,866,999	21,034,034	22,853,789	24,599,046
June .....	17,600,296	18,736,215	19,966,999	21,094,034	23,007,678	24,662,336
July .....	17,600,296	18,741,215	19,991,999	21,134,034	23,068,184	24,756,731
August .....	17,653,814	18,765,565	20,016,332	21,499,034	23,155,988	24,772,564
September .....	17,728,814	18,790,565	20,091,332	21,524,034	23,182,546	24,826,594
October .....	17,678,814	18,890,565	20,091,332	21,573,534	23,194,784	24,832,474
November .....	17,683,814	18,940,565	20,141,332	21,603,654	23,355,509	24,938,252
December .....	17,793,814	19,050,565	20,371,332	21,910,369	23,666,827	25,086,615
Total .....	214,482,987	222,358,929	237,197,118	253,534,058	273,858,016	294,140,514
Average .....	17,873,582	18,529,911	19,766,426	21,127,838	22,821,501	24,511,709