

A comparative statement showing the proportions of the principal items of assets and liabilities to the total amounts in the years 1868, 1880, and 1896 to 1899, is given below :—

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

| Items. | 1868. | 1880. | 1896. | 1897. | 1898. | 1899. |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <i>Liabilities.</i> | | | | | | |
| | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| Notes in circulation..... | 18·99 | 18·28 | 13·29 | 13·06 | 13·17 | 12·36 |
| *Deposits | 75·03 | 76·97 | 81·57 | 82·37 | 82·77 | 82·80 |
| <i>Assets.</i> | | | | | | |
| Specie and Dominion notes..... | 11·40 | 9·78 | 6·92 | 7·33 | 6·70 | 6·41 |
| Debts due to the banks..... | 78·84 | 63·78 | 80·51 | 78·46 | 80·00 | 80·44 |
| Notes of and cheques on other banks | 2·94 | 1·85 | 2·45 | 2·53 | 2·64 | 2·69 |
| Balances due from other banks..... | 4·66 | 18·70 | 7·04 | 8·86 | 8·13 | 7·86 |

* 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, 1895 to 1899 (30th June), was :—

| | 1895. | 1896. | 1897. | 1898. | 1899. |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | \$ | £ | \$ | £ | \$ |
| Amount due by Canadian banks... | 4,801,492 | 5,277,473 | 3,101,580 | 3,717,828 | 7,220,934 |
| Net amount due to Canadian banks from agencies in United Kingdom and foreign countries..... | 20,017,690 | 16,807,125 | 26,417,282 | 25,792,237 | 24,623,166 |
| Total due to Canadian banks..... | 24,819,182 | 22,084,598 | 29,518,862 | 29,510,065 | 31,844,150 |