

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	170,868,031	
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	} 228,225,922
1895	220,790,253	
1896	226,988,662	
1897	227,945,928	
1898	245,670,654	
1899	282,102,958	

Amount of rest or reserve fund held by the banks according to monthly bank statements since 1888. The amendment to the Bank Act requiring the publication of them was passed in 1883 :—

Months.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	17,798,814	19,080,565	20,436,332	22,005,904	23,728,254	25,131,057
February	17,951,215	19,154,898	20,559,333	22,036,322	23,947,508	25,263,960
March	17,966,215	19,211,999	20,565,333	22,193,026	23,964,849	25,274,165
April	18,041,215	19,211,999	20,570,333	22,137,459	24,025,291	25,359,982
May	18,686,215	19,866,999	21,034,034	22,853,789	24,599,046	25,981,362
June	18,736,215	19,966,999	21,094,034	23,007,678	24,662,336	26,007,668
July	18,741,215	19,991,999	21,134,034	23,068,184	24,756,731	26,031,245
August	18,765,565	20,016,332	21,499,034	23,155,988	24,772,564	26,062,576
September	18,790,565	20,091,332	21,524,034	23,182,546	24,826,594	26,131,999
October	18,890,565	20,091,332	21,573,534	23,194,784	24,832,474	26,135,348
November	18,940,565	20,141,332	21,603,654	23,355,509	24,938,252	26,213,861
December	19,050,565	20,371,332	21,940,369	23,666,827	25,086,615	26,459,815
Total	222,358,929	237,197,118	253,534,058	273,858,016	294,140,514	310,053,038
Average	18,529,911	19,766,426	21,127,838	22,821,501	24,511,709	25,837,753