

The following gives the two sets of figures, both including Newfoundland, except in 1894 to 1899, when both agencies separated Newfoundland from Canada :—

Year.	BRADSTREETS.		DUN & Co.	
	No.	Value of Liabilities.	No.	Value of Liabilities.
		\$		\$
1885	1,280	9,210,334	1,247	8,743,000
1886	1,186	11,240,025	1,233	10,171,000
1887	1,315	17,054,000	1,366	16,070,595
1888	1,730	15,498,242	1,667	13,974,787
1889	1,616	13,147,910	1,747	14,528,884
1890	1,626	12,482,000	1,847	18,000,000
1891	1,846	14,884,000	1,861	16,723,939
1892	1,682	11,603,210	1,680	13,703,000
1893	1,781	15,690,404	1,344	12,689,794
1894	1,851	17,724,633	1,862	18,493,029
1895	1,876	15,347,931	1,898	16,416,079
1896	2,179	16,208,460	2,121	17,381,683
1897	1,907	13,147,929	1,814	14,311,498
1898	1,427	9,644,100	1,305	10,333,630
1899	1,285	11,077,891	1,290	13,006,675
Totals.....	24,587	203,961,069	24,282	214,547,593

POST OFFICE AND OTHER SAVINGS BANKS.

The Post Office Act, which provides for the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks in Canada, was passed on the 20th December, 1867, and was limited in operation, as regards the savings banks, to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Under its provisions a deposit must not be less than \$1, and by Order in Council, 7th February, 1891, must not exceed \$1,000 in any one year; neither must the total amount on deposit exceed \$3,000. On the first September, 1885, the system was extended to the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the offices are now distributed in the several provinces as follows:—Ontario, 481; Quebec, 146; Nova Scotia, 56; New Brunswick, 43; Manitoba, 36; British Columbia, 41; Prince Edward Island, 9; and the Territories, 26; making a total of 838.

Government savings banks, under the management of the Finance Department, have been established in the maritime provinces and in Manitoba and British Columbia. In these, deposits are allowed to the extent of \$1,000. The number of offices under this system is 25, viz: 16 in Nova Scotia, 5 in New Brunswick, 1 in Prince Edward Island, 1 in Ontario, 1 in Manitoba, and 1 in British Columbia. On the 30th June, 1899, there were 49,320 depositors, with \$15,470,110 on deposit. Arrangements are made for the transfer of the Government savings banks in each province to the Post Office Department, as the position of superintendent of each place becomes vacant. Transfers were made during 1898—one in New Brunswick and two in Nova Scotia. There were no transfers in 1899.