

BANKING.

Bank Failures in Canada.—Table 37 shows that from July, 1868, to December, 1910, there have been 24 failures of banks in Canada, these having a total liability to the public of \$61,953,187. Out of this sum the total loss to the public was \$6,674,665, or 10.8 p.c. For the 46 years since Confederation the amount represents an average annual loss of \$145,101, which is very small proportionately to the business done by the banks. The total loss is, in fact, only 0.52 p.c. of the total liabilities of the banks of Canada to the public as at March 31, 1913, viz., \$1,272,238,689. As will be seen from the table, out of the 24 failures the note holders were paid in full in 22 cases, and the depositors were paid in full in 14 cases. In eight of the failures, in which the depositors were not paid in full, they received payment in varying proportions from the lowest of 11 p.c. to the highest of 99.3 p.c.

37.—Statement of Bank Failures in Canada, 1868-1910.

(From the Official Report of the Debates of the House of Commons, Vol. CII, 1911, 9341-2.)

| Name of Bank. | Date of Suspension. | Liabilities to the Public. | Payments made to | | Amount of loss to the public. |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Note holders. | Depositors. | |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| 1. Commercial Bank of New Brunswick..... | July, 1868.. | 671,420 | In full | In full | — |
| 2. Bank of Acadia..... | Apr., 1873.. | 106,914 | Nil | Nil | 106,914 |
| 3. Metropolitan Bank..... | Oct., 1876.. | 293,379 | In full | In full | — |
| 4. Mechanics Bank..... | May, 1879.. | 547,238 | 57½ | 57½ | 232,576 |
| 5. Stadacona Bank..... | July, 1879.. | 341,500 | In full | In full | — |
| 6. Consolidated Bank..... | Aug., 1879.. | 1,794,249 | " | " | — |
| 7. Bank of Liverpool..... | Oct., 1879.. | 136,480 | " | 96½ | 3,670 |
| 8. Prince Edward Island..... | Nov., 1881.. | 1,108,000 | " | 59½ | 450,000 |
| 9. Exchange Bank..... | Sept., 1883.. | 2,431,935 | " | 66½ | 690,000 |
| 10. Maritime Bank of Canada..... | Mar., 1887.. | 1,409,482 | " | 11 | 750,000 |
| 11. Bank of London..... | Aug., 1887.. | 838,339 | " | In full | — |
| 12. Pictou Bank..... | Sept., 1887.. | 74,364 | " | " | — |
| 13. Central Bank of Canada..... | Nov., 1887.. | 2,631,378 | " | 99½ | 14,260 |
| 14. Federal Bank of Canada..... | Jan., 1888.. | 3,449,499 | " | In full | — |
| 15. Commercial Bank of Manitoba..... | June, 1893.. | 1,341,251 | " | " | — |
| 16. Du Peuple..... | July 15, 1895.. | 6,874,217 | " | 75½ | 1,618,500 |
| 17. Ville Marie..... | July 25, 1899.. | 1,766,841 | " | 17½ | 1,241,174 |
| 18. Bank of Yarmouth..... | Mar. 6, 1905.. | 388,660 | " | In full | — |
| 19. Ontario Bank..... | Oct. 13, 1906.. | 15,272,271 | " | " | — |
| 20. Sovereign Bank..... | Jan. 18, 1908.. | 16,174,408 | " | " | — |
| 21. St. John's..... | Apr. 28, 1908.. | 560,784 | " | " | — |
| 22. St. Hyacinthe..... | June 24, 1908.. | 1,172,630 | " | " | — |
| 23. St. Stephen's..... | Mar., 1910.. | 570,907 | " | " | — |
| 24. Farmers' Bank ¹ | Dec., 1910.. | 1,997,041 | " | ? | 1,567,571 |
| | | | | | 6,674,665 |

¹NOTE.—The report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate the affairs of this Bank, dated February 21, 1913 (Sessional Paper, 3 Geo. V, No. 153A), states that the management of the Farmers' Bank resulted in the entire loss of the paid up capital and the whole of the deposits.