

56.—Ratio of Bank Reserves to Net Liabilities, 1892-1924.

NOTE.—The statistics in this table are based upon the averages of the monthly returns in each year. See Table 55 for actual amounts.

Years.	Cash on hand.	Cash due from banks outside of Canada.	Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada.	Securities.	Total Reserves.
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
1892.....	8.8	11.3	-	8.9	29.0
1893.....	9.4	9.5	-	8.7	27.6
1894.....	10.4	10.4	-	10.1	30.9
1895.....	10.4	12.6	-	9.8	32.8
1896.....	9.9	10.8	-	10.5	31.2
1897.....	10.3	13.6	-	11.9	35.8
1898.....	9.3	12.1	-	14.2	35.6
1899.....	8.7	11.7	-	11.8	32.2
1900.....	8.4	6.5	-	12.2	27.1
1901.....	8.0	4.5	10.0	13.5	36.0
1902.....	7.9	4.4	10.2	13.1	35.6
1903.....	8.9	4.0	7.7	13.0	33.6
1904.....	9.4	4.5	7.7	12.1	33.7
1905.....	9.5	4.9	8.6	11.3	34.3
1906.....	8.9	3.7	8.7	10.4	31.7
1907.....	9.5	2.9	7.2	9.7	29.3
1908.....	11.1	5.5	8.3	9.9	34.8
1909.....	11.3	5.0	14.2	9.9	40.4
1910.....	10.7	4.8	11.5	9.5	36.5
1911.....	11.5	4.8	8.7	9.0	34.0
1912.....	11.3	4.3	8.9	8.1	32.5
1913.....	11.1	3.4	8.1	8.5	31.1
1914.....	12.8	3.9	9.0	8.2	33.9
1915.....	15.4	5.0	9.2	9.1	38.7
1916.....	13.7	6.4	10.8	14.2	45.1
1917.....	11.9	4.0	8.9	21.1	45.9
1918.....	12.4	2.8	7.8	22.8	45.8
1919.....	10.9	2.7	6.9	22.2	42.7
1920.....	9.9	3.1	7.7	14.5	35.2
1921.....	10.7	3.1	7.2	15.4	36.4
1922.....	11.3	4.4	8.0	15.0	38.7
1923.....	10.6	2.8	8.9	18.1	40.4
1924.....	10.2	3.2	7.9	21.7	43.0

Chartered Banks in Canada.—During the period from 1881 to 1901, the number of chartered banks doing business in Canada under the Bank Act remained almost the same, 36 in 1881 and 1891 and 34 in 1901, but during the present century there has been in banking, as in industry, an era of amalgamations, the number of banks having dropped to 25 in 1913 and to 11 in December, 1925. That this has been far from involving a curtailment of banking facilities is seen in Table 48, which shows the development of the banking business since 1867, and in Table 57, which compares the number of branch banks existing in Canada at different periods, showing a growth from 123 at Confederation to 4,040 at Dec. 31, 1924, besides 189 branches in other countries. Table 58 gives the number of branches of the various banks, by provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1924, while Table 59 contains the statistics of branches of Canadian banks doing business outside of Canada, an extension of Canadian banking (more especially to Newfoundland and the West Indies) which has proceeded very rapidly in recent years.