

may be issued to any additional amount in excess of \$76,000,000, but (except as provided by the Finance Act, 1914—see foot-note on page 858) an amount of gold equal to the excess must be held. Thus Dominion notes normally approximate to gold certificates. Under the Act, the Government issues notes of the denominations of 25 cents, \$1, \$2, \$4, \$5, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. In addition, "special" notes of the denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$50,000 (first issue of the last-mentioned September, 1918), are issued for use between banks only, the purpose being as a safeguard against theft. Table 5 gives the main statistics of Dominion note circulation and the reserve on which it has been built since 1890, Table 6 statistics of gold held by the Minister of Finance from 1919 to 1927, while Table 7 shows the use of notes of different denominations during the past six years.

5.—Dominion Note Circulation and Reserves at June 30, 1890-1927.

Years ended June 30.	Notes in circulation.					Reserves of Specie.	Circulation uncovered by Specie. ⁴	Percentage of Specie Reserve to Circulation.
	Notes, \$1, 2, 4 and 5, and Fractionals. ¹	Large notes, \$50, 100, 500, 1000, 5000. ²	Total.					
			Amount.	Per capita.	Index No. ³			
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	p.c.
1890.....	6,665,942	8,691,950	15,357,892	3-20	65-3	3,285,515	10,125,711	21
1891.....	6,768,666	9,407,650	16,176,316	3-34	68-2	3,887,027	10,452,623	24
1892.....	6,898,348	10,384,250	17,282,698	3-53	72-0	5,061,577	10,414,455	29
1893.....	7,136,743	11,311,750	18,448,493	3-73	76-1	6,449,348	10,052,479	35
1894.....	6,967,818	13,093,900	20,061,718	4-09	83-5	8,292,405	9,822,647	31
1895.....	7,059,331	12,460,900	19,520,231	3-87	79-0	7,761,084	9,812,481	40
1896.....	7,377,096	12,995,100	20,372,196	4-00	81-6	8,758,252	9,667,295	43
1897.....	7,519,345	14,798,750	22,318,095	4-34	88-6	10,723,649	9,650,780	43
1898.....	8,157,243	14,020,950	22,178,193	4-26	86-9	10,813,739	9,417,788	49
1899.....	8,770,165	15,466,300	24,236,465	4-60	93-9	13,061,775	9-228,024	54
1900.....	9,640,473	16,454,450	26,094,923	4-90	100-0	12,476,044	11,672,213	48
1901.....	10,161,809	17,736,700	27,898,509	5-19	105-9	14,578,117	11,394,769	52
1902.....	11,029,985	21,750,400	32,780,385	5-92	120-8	15,901,639	11,932,080	58
1903.....	12,173,248	26,832,950	39,006,198	6-87	140-2	25,930,594	11,128,638	66
1904.....	12,581,933	28,992,950	41,574,783	7-13	145-5	23,422,625	16,205,492	56
1905.....	13,045,820	34,288,400	47,334,220	7-89	161-0	28,390,837	16,062,098	61
1906.....	14,633,576	35,307,850	49,941,426	8-09	165-1	29,013,931	18,980,829	58
1907.....	15,939,131	42,377,400	58,316,531	9-25	158-7	34,989,270	21,380,595	60
1908.....	15,279,675	47,778,450	63,058,125	9-71	138-2	39,141,184	21,950,275	62
1909.....	15,860,149	63,145,150	79,005,299	11-80	240-8	55,363,266	21,695,367	70
1910.....	17,871,477	71,414,250	89,285,727	12-90	263-3	66,409,121	20,929,940	74
1911.....	19,840,665	79,468,250	99,308,915	13-78	281-2	78,005,281	21,303,714	78
1912.....	22,982,588	88,949,650	111,932,238	15-19	310-0	92,442,098	19,490,140	82
1913.....	26,845,737	87,517,800	116,363,537	15-45	315-3	94,943,499	21,420,038	81
1914.....	24,586,448	89,595,650	114,182,098	14-84	302-8	92,663,575	21,518,523	81
1915.....	25,183,685	126,937,650	152,120,735	19-34	394-7	89,573,041	62,547,693	59
1916.....	27,283,425	148,213,750	175,497,175	21-84	445-7	114,071,032	61,426,143	66
1917.....	29,498,409	149,069,600	178,568,009	21-82	445-3	119,110,113	59,457,896	67
1918.....	32,623,514	249,716,900	281,339,514	33-78	689-4	121,025,725	113,120,708	81
1919.....	35,084,194	265,665,650	300,749,844	35-47	723-9	118,268,407	182,481,437	79
1920.....	37,203,890	254,312,400	292,016,290	33-83	690-4	95,538,190	196,478,100	39
1921.....	24,403,934	234,365,250	268,769,184	30-58	624-1	83,854,487	184,914,697	31
1922.....	31,404,161	201,344,250	232,748,411	26-13	533-3	85,495,068	147,253,343	37
1923.....	33,276,533	200,869,900	234,146,433	25-93	529-2	121,025,725	113,120,708	52
1924.....	34,816,442	175,492,150	210,308,592	22-98	469-0	96,732,954	113,575,638	46
1925.....	32,294,827	176,096,650	208,391,477	22-48	458-8	116,263,994	92,127,483	56
1926.....	32,512,255	143,200,630	175,712,915	18-71	381-8	94,999,481	80,713,434	54
1927.....	33,845,891	143,160,024	177,005,915	18-59	379-4	105,700,181	71,305,734	60

¹Includes Provincial notes amounting to \$32,857 in 1890 and reduced gradually to \$27,624 in 1927.

²Includes issue of \$50,000 notes, 1919-1927.

³Per capita circulation in 1900 is taken as 100.

⁴The circulation uncovered by specie reserve was to a considerable extent covered between 1890 and 1910 by the holdings of guaranteed debentures, amounting to \$1,948,666. Since 1914 it has been covered in the main by the holding against it of \$16,000,000 of guaranteed Canadian railway securities and of other approved securities. On June 30, 1927, the Dominion notes outstanding against securities approved under the Finance Act, 1923, end c. 4 of the Statutes of 1915, amounted to no less than \$41,950,000.