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CHEQUES CASHED AFAINST IMDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS, AUGUST, 1945
Cheques cashed in clearing centres recorded a further increase in August over the high level of the same month of last year. The total was $\$ 4,727$ million against $\$ 4,532$ million, a gain of 4.3 p.c. Increases were shown in each of the five economic areas except the Prairie Provinces.

The total for the throe centres of the Maritime Provinces was $\$ 104.5$ million against $\$ 97.8$ million in the same month of last year. Increases were recorded in each of the three clearing contres, the aggrogate for the area showing a gain of 6.8 poc. Two of the clearing contres in Quebec recorded increases over August last year. The aggregate for the province was $\$ 1,345$ million, showing an increase of 4.4 p.c. The total for Montreal was $\$ 1,217$ million compared with $\$ 1,147$ million in August 1944. Eight of the 14 clearing centres if Ontario recorded increases in this comparison. Tho total in Toronto was $\$ 1,178$ million against $\$ 1.053$ million. The total for the province rose 5.3 p.c. to $\$ 2,039$ milliuno

While increases were shown in five of the ten clearing centres of the Prairle ProVinces, the total showed a decline of nearly $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. The ajgregate was $\$ 903$ million against $\$ 911$ million in August last year. An increase from $\$ 559$ million last year to $\$ 570$ million in the month under review was shown in Winnipeg. Increases were recordod in New Westminster and Vancuuver, while Victoria showed a recession. The aggregate for the province was $\$ 334$ million against $\$ 297$ million, a gain of $12.6 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$.
COMPARISON WITH THE SIRST EIGYI MONTHS OF 1944.
Each of the five oconomic areas, except the Prairle Provinces, recorded increasos in the first elght months of the present year over the same period of 1944. The aggregate was $\$ 42.8$ billion againet $\$ 59,2$ vilition, the consequent increase having been $\$ 3,621$ million or 6.? poco

The gain in the Maricime Provinces was 13.4 p.c., the total in the first eight months of the present year heving been $\$ 950$ million. The increase in the province of Quebec amounted to $\$ 983$ million or 8,8 p.c. The total in the present yeer was $\$ 12,195$ million against $\$ 11,213$ million, The percentage incrase in Ontario was greater than that of any other economic area. The total in the present year was $\$ 19,670$ million, an increase of $13.8 p_{n} c$ over the same period of last year, The decline in the Prairie Provinces was about 1 p, c., the total heving been $\$ 7,297$ million against $\$ 7,371$ million.

Cheques cashed in each of the five economic areas, except the Prairie Provinces, reachod a historical meximum in the first eight months of the present year. The high point in the Prairie Provinces for the like period was renched in 1944, the total having been $\$ 7,371$ million compared with $\$ 7,297$ million in the first eight months of the present year. The record of 1929, the culmination of the lest major economic cycle, was achieved in erch of the five cridas. The percentago advance in the Maritime provinces was greater than in any other area. The increase was from $\$ 530$ million in the first eight months of 1929 to $\$ 950$ million in the same period of the present $y$ ear, a gein of no less than 79.3 p.c. The advance in Quebec was $14 \mathrm{p}_{0} \mathrm{c}$., the rise having been from $\$ 10,699 \mathrm{mllli}$ ion to $\$ 12,195$ million. The abolute increase in Ontario was greater than in any other area. The rise from $\$ 12,416$ million in 1929 to $\$ 19,670$ millior in the period undor review was no less than 58 poc. The incroase in the Prairlo Provinces was $49.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. while the gain in British Columbia was 35.9 poc。

Mincked increases were also shown over the first eight months of 1938. The largest percentage gain in this respect was shown in the Prairie Provinces, the total rising from $\$ 2,441$ million to $\$ 7,297$ million. The incroase in the Maritime provinces was 128,8 p.c. The total in 1945 was $\$ 950$ million compared with $\$ 4.5$ million in the game period of 1938. Gains of 92 p,c, and 118 p, c. were shown in Quebec and Ontario, respectively. The increase in British Columbia was 122.9 p.c., the total in the first eight months of 1938 having been $\$ 1,212$ million.

The turnover of cheques cashed against current accounts, including Dominion and Provincial balances and demand deposits, was 1,78 . The turnover in the same month of last year was placed at 1.90. An increase, on the other hand, was shown in the turnover of notice deposits, the gain having been from .073 in August last year to .083 . Cheques cashed against current accounts in August amounted to $\$ 4,501$ million, while transactions against notice deposits were $\$ 226$ million.

TABLE $1 .-$ CZIQUES CASHRD GGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES IM CANADA, $A$ UGUSI, 1945 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR IULY: 1945 , AIND AUGUST, 1944

CHEQUES CASABD AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNIS, AUGUST, 1945.


| Montreal | 1,217,353,539 | 1,309,6:7. 209 | 1,147,212,907 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| quebec | 114, 363, 243 | 162,568,995 | 129,658,983 |
| Sherbrooke | 13,618,933 | $13,540,418$ | 11:860,263 |
| Total-quebec | 1,345,335,715 | 1,485:726,622 | 1,288,732,153 |
| Ontario - |  |  |  |
| Brantiord | 18,012,831 | 19,982,974 | 18,324,677 |
| Chatham | 11,312,877 | 12,372,252 | 10:863,940 |
| Fort William | 14,465,151 | 14,637,973 | 22,603,745 |
| Hemilton | 100,018,871 | 101:427,478 | 100,634,423 |
| Kingston | 15,424,154 | 14,685,284 | 12,756,788 |
| Kit chener | 20,998,135 | 23,032,888 | 20,073,548 |
| London | 55,966,173 | 63,946,534 | 43,630,864 |
| Ottawa | 491,089,316 | 746,229,849 | 523,510,527 |
| Peterborough | 12,268,377 | J.2. E $^{777} \cdot 608$ | 11,345,606 |
| St. Catharines | 16,751,402 | 18:06\%,822 | [7, 1. 27, 257 |
| Sarnia | 18,257,781 | 18.695:345 | 15,681,160 |
| Sudbury | 10,066,243 | 10,022,654 | 9,164,794 |
| Toronto | 1,178,095,697 | 1,343,401,927 | 1,052,674;835 |
| Windsor | 76,579,025 | 83,193,592 | '78,930,700 |
| Total-Ontario | 2,039,306,033 | 2,482,374, 180 | 1,937,322,864 |

## Prairie Provinces -

| Brandon | 6,983,091 | 6,593,704 | 6,885;874 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calgary | 106,092,824 | 116,819:110 | 118,187,701 |
| Edmonton | 102,544,757 | 96,362:709 | 89;824,844 |
| Lethbridge | 9,302,091 | 8,858:170 | 8,968,757 |
| Medicine $\mathrm{Hat}_{\text {a }}$ | 5,060,737 | 5,264:049 | 5:116:278 |
| Moose Jaw | 13,759,037 | 13,097,026 | 15,167,587 |
| Prince Albert | 6,478,959 | 6,619,666 | 6,548,134 |
| Regina | 59,489,039 | 85.9E4.512 | 79,936,627 |
| Saskatoon | 23,712,520 | 24,910, 668 | 21,004:943 |
| Winnipeg | 569,625,756 | 621,903,532 | 559,313,507 |
| Total-Prairie Provinces | 903,048,811 | 986,393,246 | 910:954,252 |

British Columbia -

| New Westminster | 15,169,307 | 14,787.326 | i4,802, \% ${ }^{\prime \prime} 5$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vancouver | 281,663,352 | 285, 3:27,677 | 242,403,745 |
| Victoria | 37.552,257 | 44,391,300 | 39,742,7บ8 |
| Total-British Columbia | 334,384,916 | 344,506,303 | 296,949,218 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA | 726,595,804 | ,419: 1 Y1, 2\%1 | ,531,791,470 |



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[^0]TABLS 2. - GELEQUE CASEED IN ECONOMIC AREAS - SHOWING TYPE OF ACCOUNT \& CUMULATIVE TOTALS

| Type of Account | GURRENT ACCOUNTS |  | SAVINGS ACCOUNIS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Maritime Provinces | 99,090,605 | 113,622,019 | 5,429,724 | 6,548,901 |
| Quebec | 1,272,625,491 | 1,418,922,386 | 72,710,224 | 66,804,236 |
| Ont ario | 1,950,636,309 | 2,377, 487,175 | 88,669,724 | 104,887,005 |
| Prairie Provinces | 870,671,222 | 955,265,116 | 32,377,589 | 31,128,130 |
| British Columbia | 307,532,711 | 317,496,850 | 26,852,205 | 27,009, 453 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR GANADA | 4,500,556,338 | 5,182,793,546 | 226,039,466 | 236,377, 725 |
| Oumulative Totals | First Eight Monthe of 1945 | First Eight Months of 1944 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase ( }(+) \\ & \text { Decrease ( } \end{aligned}$ | Percentage of 1945 to 1944 |
| Maritime Provinces | 950,350,587 | 838,032,964 | + 112,317,623 | 113.4 |
| Quebec | 12,195,167,562 | 11,212,504,319 | + 982,663,243 | 108.8 |
| Ontario | 19,669,617,290 | 17,280,347,364 | + 2,389,269,926 | 113.8 |
| Prairie Provinces | 7, 296,903,298 | 7,370,806,762 | - 73,903,464 | 99.0 |
| British Columbia | 2,700,862,408 | 2,490,574,776 | + 210,287.632 | 108.4 |
| GRAND TOTAL POR CANADA | 42,812,901,145 | 39,192,266,285 | + 3,620,634,960 | 106.? |

TABLE 3. - RBLATION OF CHEQUES CASHED TO OTHER FACTORS

| Seasonally Adjusted Economic Indexes | 1944 |  | $1 \begin{array}{llll}1 & 9 & 4 & 5\end{array}$ |  |  | July |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July | August | April | May | June |  |
| Bank Debits 1935-39=100 | 170.0 | 177.1 | 186.7 | 232.6 | 206.3 | 192.6 |
| Physical Volume of Business | 232.2 | 233.1 | 232.2 | 218.6 | 219.5 | 213.7 |
| Common Stocks 1935-39 $=100$ | 87.5 | 86.8 | 94.2 | 97.2 | 102.5 | 100.5 |
| Cost of Living 1935-39=100 | 119.0 | 118.9 | 118.7 | 119.0 | 119.6 | 120.3 |
| Employment in manufacturing 1926=100 | 221.2 | 219.9 | 214.4 | 208.7 | 204.9 | $202 . ?$ |
| Wholesale Pricos 1926=100 | 102.5 | 102.3 | 103.4 | 103.0 | 103.2 | 104.0 |

TABLI 4. - EQUATION OF EXCLANGE - Millions of Dollars


## Circulating Media

Bank Notes in Circulation -

| Bank of Canada | 942.4 | 960.4 | 1,062.3 | 1,055.8 | 1,063.2 | 1,078.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chartered Banks | 36.0 | 35.8 | 30.0 | 29.4 | 28.7 | 28.2 |
| Notes in hands of public | 856.0 | 868.2 | 952.6 | 937.2 | 970.2 | 966.8 |
| Subsidiary coin in hands of public | 56.7 | 57.1 | 59,7 | 59.8 | 61.4 | 61.0 |
| Total Ciroulating Miadia in hands of public | 912.6 | 925.3 | 1,012.3 | 997.0 | 1,031.6 | 1,027.8 |

Doposits
Deposits with Chartered Banks -

| Dominion Government | 521.8 | 293.1 | 219.6 | 1,168.1 | 934.2 | 473.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provincial Government | 210.7 | 110.1 | 142.1 | 92.4 | 102.7 | 120.0 |
| Demand | 1,818.9 | 1,894.1 | 2,113.3 | 1,792.4 | 1,857.3 | 1,934.7 |
| Notice | 2,264,5 | 2,369.6 | 2,734.7 | 2,562.9 | 2,645.5 | 2,740.6 |
| Total | 4.715.9 | 4,666.9 | 5,209.7 | 5,615.8 | 5,539.8 | 5,268.8 |
| Deposits with Bank of Canade - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dominion Government | 43.0 | 53.9 | 39.5 | 33.6 | 43.9 | 57.5 |
| Other | 22.3 | 34.3 | 50.8 | 32.4 | 35.9 | 37.6 |
| Total | 65.3 | 88.1 | 90.3 | 66.0 | 79.8 | 5.1 |
| Total Doposits (Mi) | 4.781.2 | 4,755,0 | 5,300.1 | 5,681,9 | 5,619,6 | 5,363.9 |
| Money Supply ( $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{M}_{2}$ ) | 5,693.9 | 5,680.3 | 6,312.3 | 6,678.9 | 6.651 .2 | 6,391.7 |
| Gash and Cheque Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benk Debits | 4,733.5 | 4,531.8 | 4,855.1 | 6,894.0 | 6,085.6 | 5,415.2 |
| Bank Debits less 5 large | 1.023 .8 | 1,006.7 | 1,040.4 | 1,392.1 | 1,110.0 | 1,112.7 |
| Estimated total cheque payments (i) ( $\mathrm{M}_{1} \nabla_{1}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |


Velocity of deposits $\left(V_{1}\right) \quad \ldots . . \begin{array}{lllllll} & 1.13 & 1.11 & 1.09 & 1.45 & 1.24 & 1.14\end{array}$
Cash Pryments (2) (MV) ....... 1,201.0 $1,196.4$ 1,285.6 $1,684.0$ 1,490.7 1,364.9
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Cash and Cheque Payments }\left(M V+M_{1} V_{1}\right) & 6,621.7 & 6,453.5 & 6,925.4 & 9,646.1 & 8,497.4 & 7,649.5\end{array}$
(1) Including allowances of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ p.c. for cheques cashod outside of clearing centres and estimated debits against accounts (except accounts of other banks) with Bank of Canada.
(2) $\nabla$. Aseumed to be 116.5 p.c. of $\nabla_{1}$.







[^1]TABLE 5. - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING CENTRES IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1924-45
DOLLARS

| Year | Maritime Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1924 | 402,620,925 | 5,102,509,712 | $6.721,051.179$ | 3,251,697,546 | 1,116,350,490 |
| 1925 | 366,734,937 | $5,303,458,129$ | 6,872,565,612 | $3,414,414,535$ | 1,193,605,101 |
| 2926 | 411,032,710 | 6,252,534,573 | $7,864,166,088$ | $3,605,840,690$ | 1,277,683,330 |
| 1927 | 397,548,081 | $7,310,523,954$ | $8,763,382,537$ | $3,540,182,667$ | 1,301,298,925 |
| 1928 | 490,992,477 | 9,881,968,551 | 11;060,845,856 | 4,784,403,567 | $1,632,481,331$ |
| 1929 | 530,148,791 | 10,699,163,978 | $12,415,540,217$ | 4,874,467,782 | $1,987,218,127$ |
| 1930 | 466,589,112 | $8,822,000,036$ | $10,017,924,504$ | 4,015,449,680 | 1,598,797,877 |
| 1931 | 427,080,751 | 7,201,164,115 | 9,048,218,899 | 3,169,453,309 | 1,223,192,659 |
| 1932 | 352,529,557 | 5,134,893,048 | $7,352,236,228$ | 2,969,970,593 | 1,018,629,379 |
| 1933 | 309,086,679 | $5,484,100,876$ | 8,316,983,354 | 4,277,514,638 | 983,923,767 |
| 1934 | 348,238,641 | $6,052,930,513$ | 9,357,588,723 | 3,908,401,386 | $1,076,408,387$ |
| 1935 | $362,816,786$ | $5,796,513,211$ | 9,190,900,494 | $3,825,951,761$ | $1,082,657,870$ |
| 1936 | 403,016,220 | 6,902,040,652 | 9,901,671,879 | 4,199,395,716 | $1,353,538,544$ |
| 1937 | 489,291,380 | $7.727,190.129$ | $10,791,220,157$ | 3,095,290,874 | $1,416,610,618$ |
| 1938 | 415,420,325 | $6,344,430,447$ | 9,010,206,990 | $2,440,863,872$ | 1,211,646,466 |
| 1939 | 418,169,420 | $6,539,424,700$ | 8,859,058,746 | 2,763,328,437 | 1,319,591,483 |
| 1940 | $535,510,665$ | -6,564,656,030 | 9,685,472,728 | 3,896,784,938 | $1,399,519,864$ |
| 1941 | 602,935,599 | $7,055,974,342$ | 11,733,034,052 | 4,217,142,446 | $1,592,510,442$ |
| 1942 | 692,056,916 | 8,036,876,986 | -14,086,477,921 | 4,132,319,518 | $1,827,853,554$ |
| 2943 | 796,682,412 | $9,835,877,639$ | 15,718,217,789 | $5,452,555,446$ | 2,090,266,047 |
| 1944 | 838,032,964 | $11,212,504,319$ | 27,280,347,364 | $7,370,806,762$ | 2,490,574,776 |
| 1945 | 950,350,587 | 12,195,167,562 | 19,669,617,290 | 7.296,903,298 | 2,700,862,408 |

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