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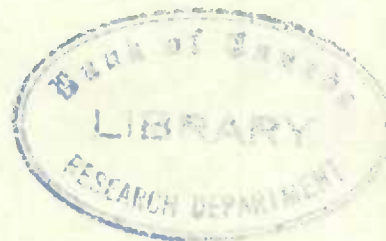
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CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS, JUNE, 1947

Business transactions as measured by the amount of cheques cashed recorded a considerable advance in June over the same month of last year. The total was \$5,975 million compared with \$5,609 million, the indicated increase having been 6.5 per cent. Productive operations were at a much higher level in the current period than in the same month of last year. The level of employment was about 10 per cent higher than one year ago and the percentage of unemployment receded from 4.6 to 2.8. The index of wholesale prices advanced from 141.6 in June, 1946 to 164.3, while the index of the cost of living rose from 123.6 to 134.9. Common stock prices were at a lower position in June than in the same month of last year, but a moderate increase was shown over the preceding month.

Cheques cashed recorded an advance in twenty-eight centres out of thirty-three. The aggregates for the central provinces showed recession, while the Maritimes, Prairie Provinces and British Columbia recorded important increases over June of 1946.

Maritimes

The increase in Halifax over one year ago was spectacular, a gain of 60.2 per cent having been recorded. The increases for Saint John and Moncton were relatively moderate. The advance in the aggregate for the area was 36 per cent.

Quebec

The cities of Quebec and Sherbrooke recorded some advance over the levels of one year ago. The showing in the two centres was counteracted by a recession in Montreal, where the decline was 1.5 per cent. The total for the province was \$1,786 million against \$1,801 million in June, 1946.

Ontario

Eleven of the fourteen centres in Ontario recorded gains over June of last year. Recessions in Ottawa and Toronto were 10.3 per cent and 4.7 per cent, respectively, while a minor recession was shown in Sarnia. The net result was that the total for Ontario at \$2,402 million was 1.7 per cent below the standing of last year.

Prairie Provinces

Each of the ten centres in the Prairie Provinces recorded important gains in this comparison. The greatest percentage gain was recorded in Regina where the total rose from \$67 million to \$95 million, a gain of 43 per cent. An important increase was also shown in Winnipeg, the total amounting to \$594 million. The total for Calgary rose from \$123 million to \$174 million, a gain of no less than 40.8 per cent. The increase in Edmonton was 77.2 per cent, resulting in a total of \$130 million. The increase in the total for the three provinces at 36.4 per cent was

greater than in any other economic area. The total was \$1,085 million against \$796 million one year ago.

British Columbia

The gains in Vancouver and New Westminster were 24.5 and 12 per cent, respectively, while Victoria showed a minor recession. The gain in the provincial total was 19.5 per cent, the amount in June having been \$512 million.

Comparison with the First Half of 1946.

The advance in the first half of 1947 over the same period of 1946 was again demonstrated when the cheques cashed amounted to \$36,409 million compared with \$34,484 million. The increase was \$1,925 million or 5.6 per cent. Ottawa and Toronto were the only centres among the thirty-three showing a recession from the same period of last year. Each of the five economic areas except Ontario recorded important advances.

Maritimes - The total for the Maritime Provinces was \$850 million, an increase of \$64 million over the first six months of 1946. The advances in Moncton and Saint John were 12 per cent or more, while an increase of 4.7 per cent was shown in Halifax.

Quebec - The relative increases in the three centres of Quebec were of a similar character, ranging from 14 per cent to 16 per cent. The increase in Montreal was \$1.3 billion, the total in the first half of the present year having been \$10.6 billion. The consequent increase in the provincial total was \$1,459 million or 14.3 per cent. The standing for the province was \$11,657 million against \$10,197 million in the first half of 1946.

Ontario - Twelve of the fourteen centres in Ontario recorded advances in the present comparison. The greatest percentage increase was shown in Chatham where the debits which had been \$87 million in the first half of 1946 rose to \$116 million. The indicated increase was no less than 33.3 per cent. St. Catharines recorded the second relative advance, the total having been \$145 million against \$117 million. The consequent increase was 24 per cent or \$28 million. Cheques cashed in Toronto amounted to \$10,116 million, a decline of 3.2 per cent. The net result was a recession of 3.5 per cent in the provincial total. The amount for the first half of the present year was \$15.2 billion.

Prairie Provinces - Each of the ten centres in the Prairie Provinces recorded advances in the first half of the present year. The greatest percentage increase was shown in Medicine Hat where the total was \$42 million, a gain of nearly 26 per cent. An increase of 17.7 per cent was shown in Calgary where the total cheques cashed amounted to \$843 million. The debits in Winnipeg exceeded \$3 billion, the increase over the first half of 1946 having been 6 per cent. The total for the three provinces was \$5,544 million compared with \$5,069 million.

British Columbia - An increase of 17.8 per cent was recorded for the three centres of British Columbia. The greatest percentage advance was shown in Vancouver, which moved up 19 per cent. The standing in the first six months was \$2,571 million against \$2,161 million. The total for British Columbia was \$3,135 million against \$2,662 million.

Long Term Comparison

The cheques cashed in Canada were greater in the first six months than in any similar period of any year since the statistics were first collected. An advance of 59.4 per cent was shown over 1929 and 149.6 per cent over 1938. The totals for each of the five economic areas, except Ontario, were greater than in any other similar period. The total for Ontario was less than in 1946, but exceeded any other year. The preceding maximum for the Prairie Provinces was reached in 1944, but the total for 1947 attained a higher position.

The Maritime Provinces showed a greater relative increase over 1929 than any other economic area, while British Columbia recorded a greater relative increase over 1938. The gain in the Maritime Provinces over the culmination of the last economic cycle reached in 1929, was nearly 120 per cent. The advance in British Columbia over the first six months of 1938 was no less than 250.8 per cent. The Prairie Provinces showed an increase of more than 200 per cent over 1938, while the Province of Quebec recorded an advance of 148 per cent over the same half-year.

Turnover of Current and Savings Accounts

The turnover of current deposits was 2.30 in May compared with 2.04 in the same month of last year. Deposits of this type receded from \$2,824 million in May last year to \$2,802 million in the latest month for which statistics are available. Cheques cashed against these accounts however, rose from \$5,756 million to \$6,442 million.

The turnover of savings accounts was slightly lower in May than in the same month of last year. The deposits averaged \$3,660 million against \$3,272 million. The increase in the cheques cashed against savings deposits was from \$360 million to \$399 million. By division it is determined that the turnover in May was .109 against .110 in the same month last year.

Money Supply

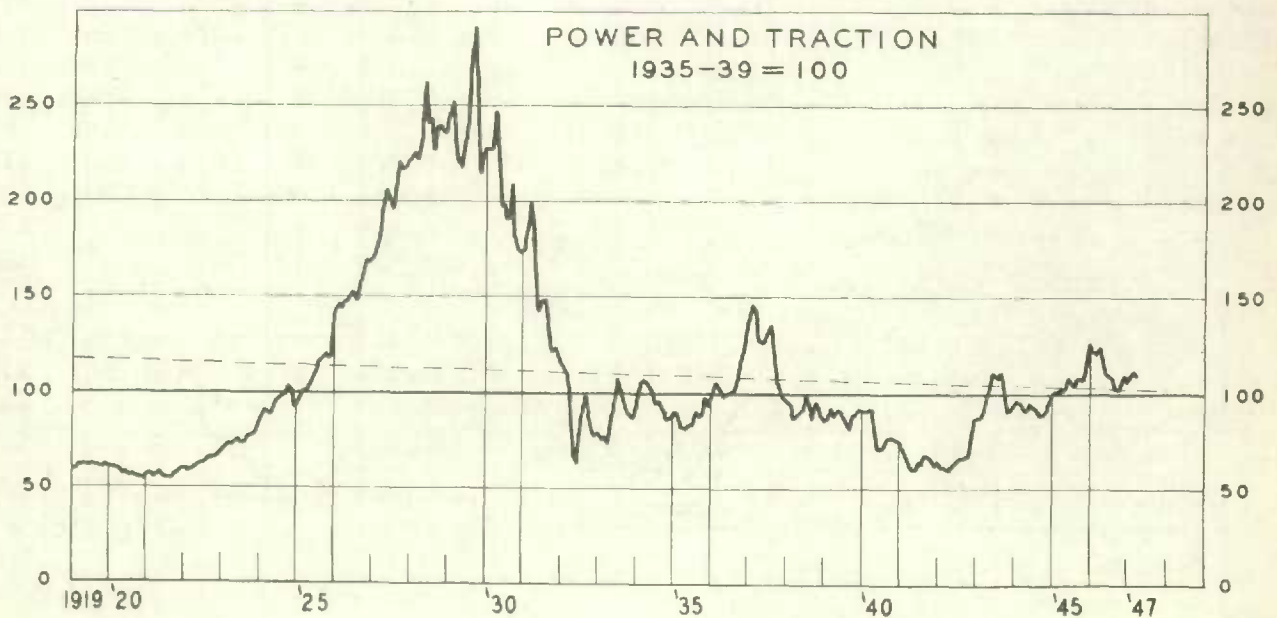
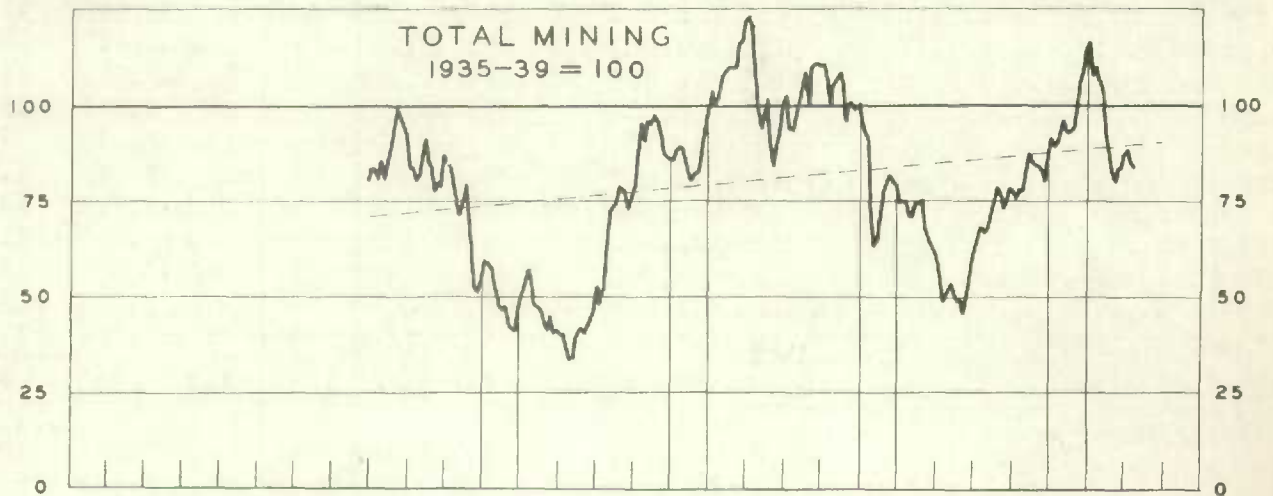
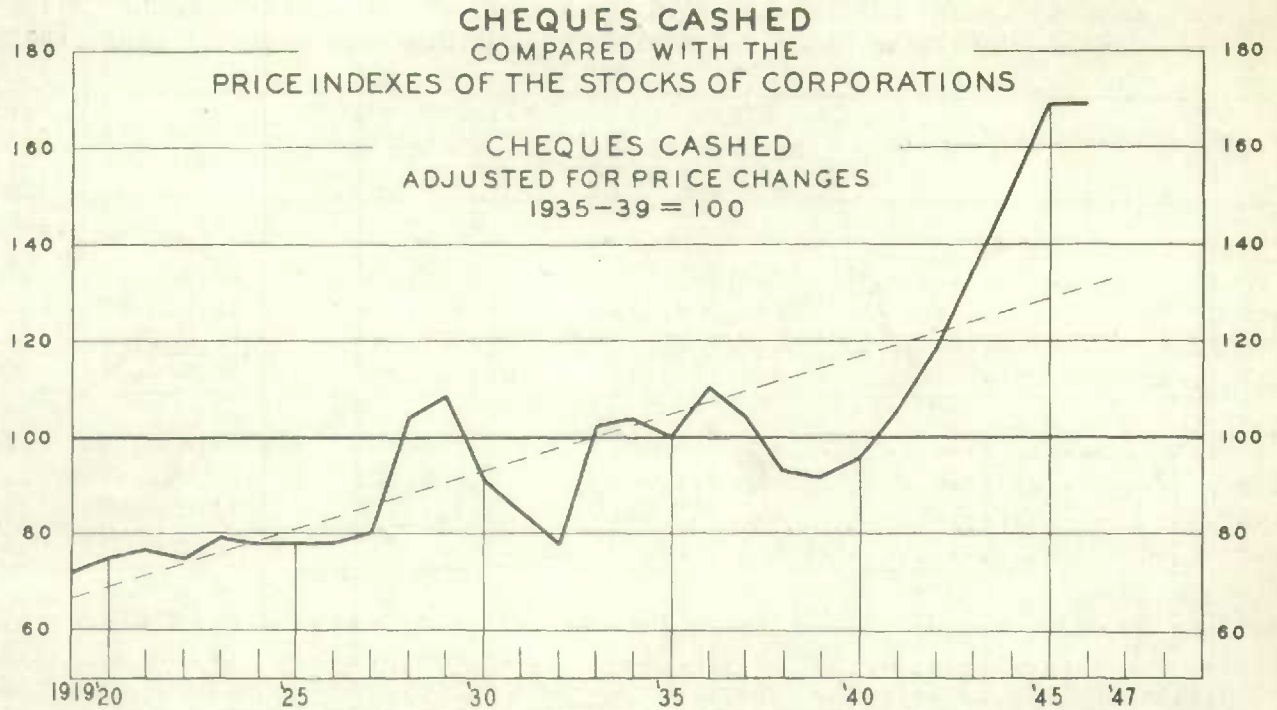
The money supply of Canada consisting of currency and deposits rose 4 per cent over the same month of 1946. The total was \$7,394 million, the increase in the deposits having been greater than in the amount of currency. Notice deposits at the end of May were 11.4 per cent greater than on the same date of last year. Demand deposits, on the other hand, showed a decline of 7 per cent. The net result was that the deposits consisting of four classes with the chartered banks and two classes with the Bank of Canada showed an increase of 4.3 per cent. Notes and subsidiary coin in the hands of the public amounted to \$1,091 million, an increase of 3 per cent.

TABLE 1. - CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1947 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY, 1947 AND JUNE, 1946.

CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS				
Province and Clearing House Centres	June 1 9 4 7	May 1 9 4 7	June 1 9 4 6	Percentage of June 1947 to June 1946
	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Maritime Provinces</u>				
Halifax	122,786,567	70,621,959	76,641,539	160.2
Moncton	24,146,681	28,233,828	22,428,950	107.7
Saint John	42,280,174	45,611,175	39,876,097	106.0
Total - Maritime Provinces.	189,213,422	144,466,962	138,946,586	136.2
<u>Quebec</u>				
Montreal	1,616,487,733	2,048,267,252	1,640,858,472	98.5
Quebec	149,281,225	191,402,067	143,337,701	104.1
Sherbrooke	20,304,396	20,400,775	17,049,746	119.1
Total - Quebec	1,786,073,354	2,260,070,094	1,801,245,919	99.2
<u>Ontario</u>				
Brantford	28,590,726	29,570,889	21,904,524	130.5
Chatham	18,519,495	19,365,912	14,182,036	130.6
Fort William	16,781,373	15,887,797	14,221,294	118.0
Hamilton	145,013,385	181,937,372	114,045,190	127.2
Kingston	18,268,363	19,578,544	15,160,795	120.5
Kitchener	34,030,301	37,897,214	30,667,666	111.0
London	85,368,132	90,163,928	84,023,834	101.6
Ottawa	285,600,069	475,970,315	318,493,227	89.7
Peterborough	19,900,097	20,656,286	17,007,962	117.0
St. Catharines	26,344,812	25,984,938	21,481,700	122.6
Sarnia	21,435,081	23,941,090	21,836,415	98.2
Sudbury	15,311,482	16,375,316	12,969,643	118.1
Toronto	1,598,530,897	1,699,376,073	1,677,215,157	95.3
Windsor	88,897,951	104,068,751	81,631,252	108.9
Total - Ontario	2,402,592,164	2,760,774,925	2,444,840,695	98.3
<u>Prairie Provinces</u>				
Brandon	10,344,374	9,568,826	7,673,441	134.8
Calgary	173,916,122	148,349,613	123,489,944	140.8
Edmonton	129,618,530	107,414,763	73,150,759	177.2
Lethbridge	13,919,691	14,759,030	11,358,179	122.6
Medicine Hat	7,850,601	8,054,437	5,773,146	136.0
Moose Jaw	18,114,077	18,581,534	14,862,664	121.9
Prince Albert	8,784,756	8,719,933	8,264,933	106.3
Regina	95,299,473	94,660,144	66,660,955	143.0
Saskatoon	32,853,349	35,338,897	28,565,618	115.0
Winnipeg	594,479,605	646,097,736	455,886,541	130.4
Total - Prairie Provinces .	1,085,180,578	1,091,524,963	795,686,180	136.4
<u>British Columbia</u>				
New Westminster	23,789,972	23,074,121	21,250,185	112.0
Vancouver	424,291,704	486,511,428	340,749,333	124.5
Victoria	64,217,867	74,729,205	66,700,888	96.3
Total - British Columbia ..	512,299,543	584,314,754	428,700,406	119.5
GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA ..	5,975,359,061	6,841,151,698	5,609,419,786	106.5

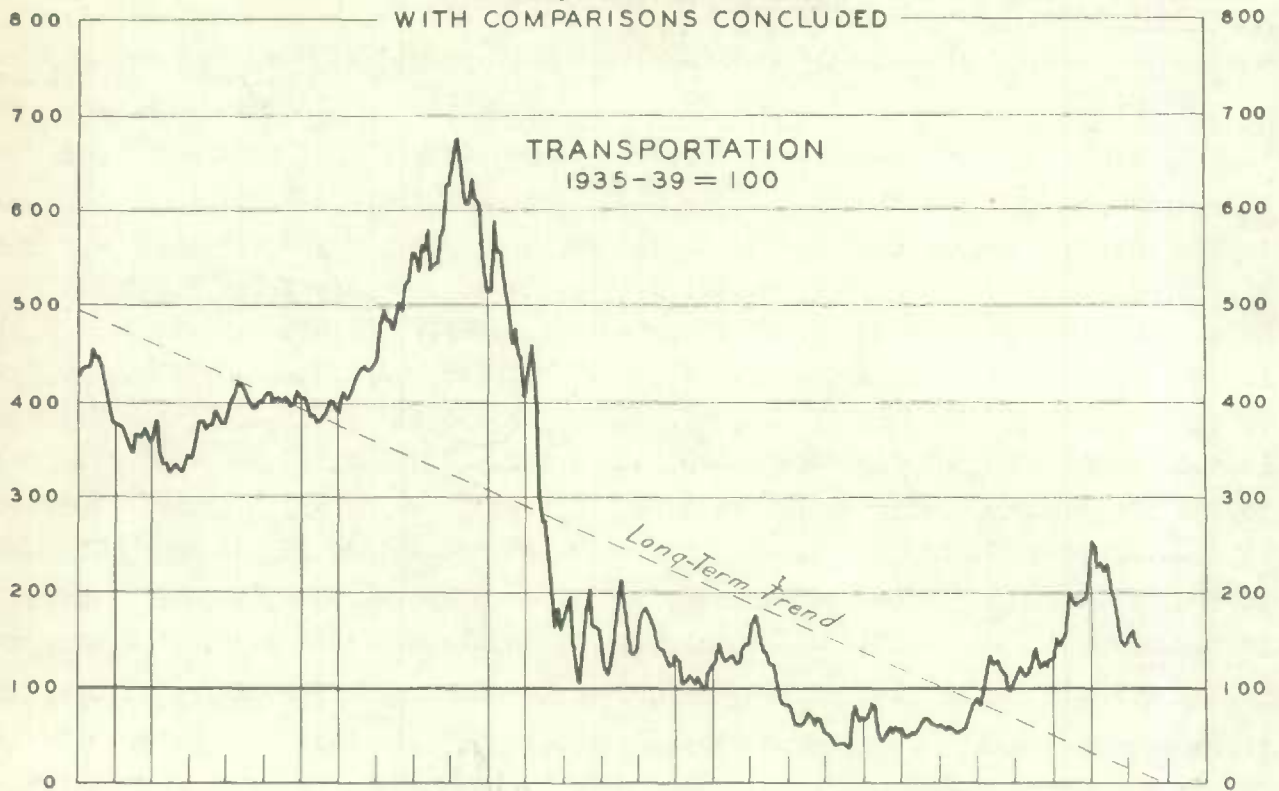
TABLE 2. - CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES IN CANADA DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1947 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1946

Province and Clearing	First Six Months 1 9 4 7	First Six Months 1 9 4 6	Increase (+) Decrease (-)	Percent- age of 1947-1946
	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Maritime Provinces -</u>				
Halifax	454,107,743	433,698,509	+ 20,409,234	104.7
Moncton	146,069,790	129,444,924	+ 16,624,866	112.8
Saint John	249,698,956	222,878,957	+ 26,819,999	112.0
Total - Maritime Provinces.	849,876,489	786,022,390	+ 63,854,099	108.1
<u>Quebec -</u>				
Montreal	10,322,880,820	9,300,241,909	+1,322,638,911	114.2
Quebec	928,031,024	805,988,526	+ 122,042,498	115.1
Sherbrooke	105,741,281	91,123,279	+ 14,618,002	116.0
Total - Quebec	11,656,653,125	10,197,353,714	+1,459,299,411	114.3
<u>Ontario -</u>				
Brantford	156,091,365	130,113,282	+ 25,978,083	120.0
Chatham	115,933,242	86,964,841	+ 28,968,401	133.3
Fort William	94,270,726	82,365,480	+ 11,905,246	114.5
Hamilton	835,398,753	696,370,278	+ 137,028,475	119.7
Kingston	102,703,097	97,448,257	+ 5,254,840	105.4
Kitchener	209,253,896	182,515,235	+ 26,738,661	114.7
London	481,655,236	437,644,631	+ 44,010,605	110.1
Ottawa	2,127,112,178	2,767,696,696	- 640,584,518	76.9
Peterborough	108,273,246	93,050,164	+ 15,223,082	116.4
St. Catharines	145,273,140	116,916,165	+ 28,356,975	124.3
Sarnia	126,912,488	111,241,871	+ 15,670,617	114.1
Sudbury	86,313,541	69,966,679	+ 16,346,862	123.4
Toronto	10,116,271,848	10,446,385,433	- 330,113,585	96.8
Windsor	520,536,339	451,230,435	+ 69,255,904	115.3
Total - Ontario	15,223,999,095	15,769,959,447	- 545,960,352	96.5
<u>Prairie Provinces -</u>				
Brandon	50,091,204	45,575,129	+ 4,516,075	109.9
Calgary	842,521,833	716,089,679	+ 126,432,154	117.7
Edmonton	630,312,204	586,421,162	+ 43,891,042	107.5
Lethbridge	80,061,326	67,616,514	+ 12,445,012	118.4
Medicine Hat	42,109,303	33,456,375	+ 8,652,928	125.9
Moose Jaw	93,980,420	86,861,516	+ 7,118,904	108.2
Prince Albert	52,106,756	48,600,840	+ 3,505,916	107.2
Regina	501,505,512	421,649,296	+ 79,856,216	118.9
Saskatoon	177,734,016	164,258,483	+ 13,475,533	108.2
Winnipeg	3,073,782,385	2,898,873,578	+ 174,908,807	106.0
Total - Prairie Provinces	5,544,204,959	5,069,402,372	+ 474,802,587	109.4
<u>British Columbia -</u>				
New Westminster	126,731,086	110,364,412	+ 16,366,674	114.8
Vancouver	2,570,946,497	2,160,970,300	+ 409,976,197	119.0
Victoria	437,004,941	390,395,654	+ 46,609,287	111.9
Total - British Columbia ..	3,134,682,524	2,661,730,366	+ 472,952,158	117.8
GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA ..	36,409,416,192	34,484,468,289	+1,924,947,903	105.6



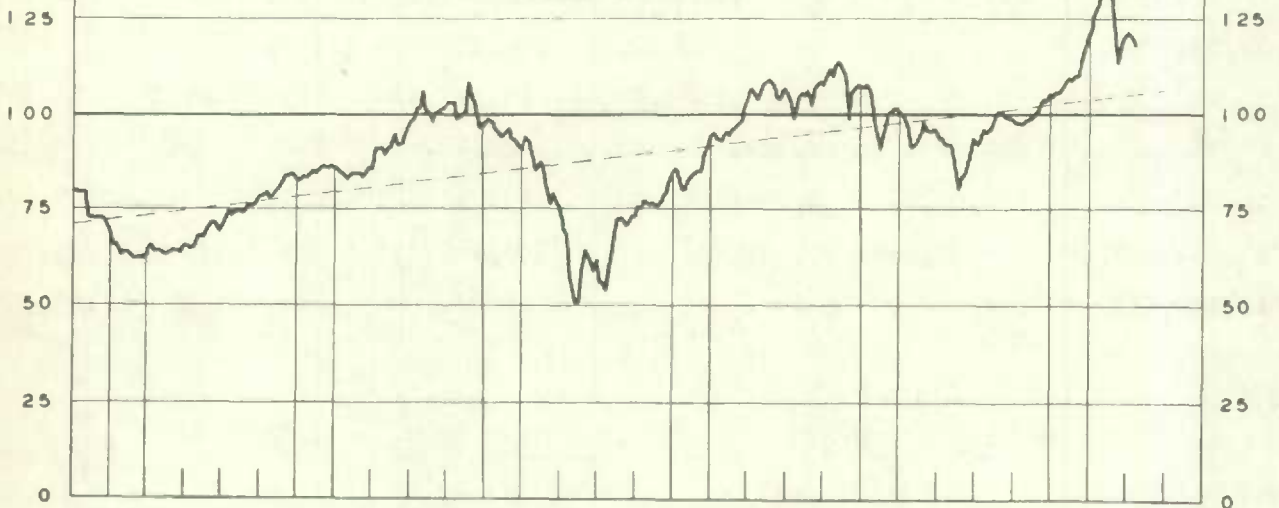
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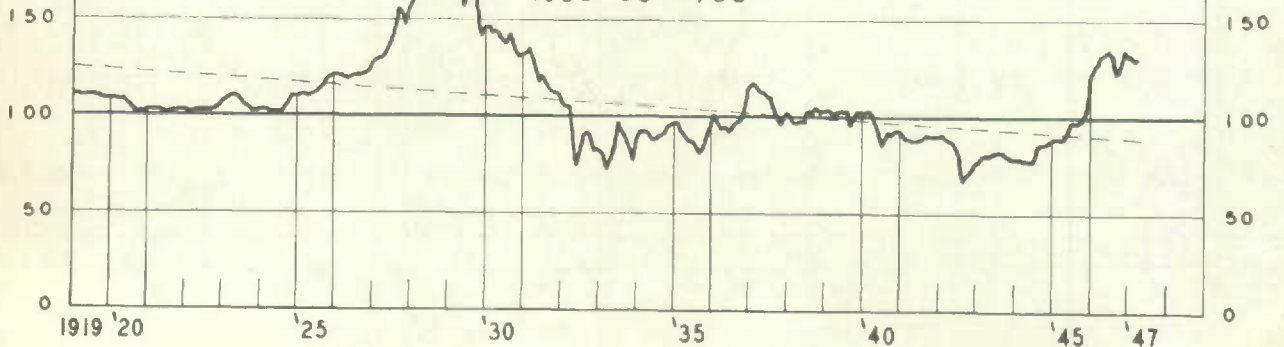


TABLE 3 - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING CENTRES, FIRST SIX MONTHS - 1925-1947.

DOLLARS						
Year	Canada	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
1925	12,812,264,504	269,041,752	3,899,799,963	5,199,568,827	2,577,294,986	866,558,976
1926	14,540,656,730	301,953,529	4,597,025,536	6,010,765,456	2,675,331,452	955,530,757
1927	16,018,185,734	289,731,659	5,493,202,486	6,702,139,891	2,566,873,405	966,238,293
1928	21,125,932,010	362,690,309	7,559,751,044	8,527,462,358	3,444,037,538	1,231,990,761
1929	22,835,608,215	386,504,992	7,378,275,584	9,511,588,169	3,532,047,996	1,527,191,474
1930	19,025,169,814	345,181,002	6,692,407,007	7,763,045,849	3,006,686,725	1,217,849,231
1931	16,425,144,294	325,540,016	5,690,953,637	7,123,493,147	2,362,208,258	922,949,236
1932	12,536,993,390	264,527,910	3,846,040,145	5,482,129,003	2,175,722,835	768,573,497
1933	13,195,271,981	226,055,135	3,823,504,347	5,854,301,495	2,591,106,368	700,304,636
1934	15,442,712,269	249,038,840	4,553,941,818	7,138,804,527	2,706,864,386	794,062,698
1935	15,216,135,721	262,825,095	4,379,880,552	7,080,079,522	2,696,220,435	797,130,117
1936	17,246,852,587	300,965,116	5,256,266,771	7,585,114,670	3,102,480,617	1,002,025,413
1937	18,186,007,802	371,303,143	5,932,431,680	8,463,665,024	2,349,504,892	1,069,103,063
1938	14,585,068,319	306,079,817	4,695,354,069	6,850,827,040	1,839,310,896	893,496,497
1939	15,133,303,510	309,608,139	4,941,994,526	6,889,973,802	2,005,274,569	986,452,474
1940	17,001,690,535	400,016,776	5,070,782,622	7,488,653,490	2,997,221,817	1,045,015,830
1941	18,810,099,627	449,532,487	5,220,758,408	8,923,542,934	3,047,813,957	1,168,451,841
1942	21,591,707,318	525,328,481	5,930,542,825	10,686,169,574	3,125,811,999	1,325,854,439
1943	25,467,386,543	604,021,298	7,309,699,049	12,016,508,449	3,978,675,193	1,558,482,554
1944	29,927,013,177	635,892,074	8,539,183,552	13,332,017,828	5,523,707,448	1,896,212,275
1945	32,667,134,070	725,659,338	9,364,105,225	15,147,937,077	5,407,461,241	2,021,971,189
1946	34,484,468,289	786,022,390	10,197,353,714	15,769,959,447	5,069,402,372	2,661,730,366
1947	36,409,416,192	849,876,489	11,656,653,125	15,223,999,095	5,544,204,959	3,134,682,524

Percentage increase of 1947 over 1929 and 1938

	Canada	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
P.C. to 1929 ..	+ 59.4	+ 119.9	+ 48.0	+ 60.1	+ 57.0	+105.3
P.C. to 1938 ..	+149.6	+ 177.7	+148.3	+122.2	+201.4	+250.8

TABLE 4. - CHEQUES CASHED IN ECONOMIC AREAS-SHOWING TYPE OF ACCOUNT

Type of Accounts	CURRENT ACCOUNTS		SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
	June, 1947	May, 1947	June, 1947	May, 1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritime Provinces ...	180,589,862	135,485,188	8,623,560	8,981,774
Quebec	1,690,569,290	2,136,206,989	95,504,064	123,863,105
Ontario	2,246,025,378	2,594,338,783	156,566,786	166,436,142
Prairie Provinces ...	1,029,666,853	1,041,906,807	55,513,725	49,618,156
British Columbia	464,064,973	534,208,503	48,234,570	50,106,251
GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA.	5,610,916,356	6,442,146,270	364,442,705	399,005,428

TABLE 5. - CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST CURRENT AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS \$ 000

	1 9 4 6		1 9 4 7			
	May	January	February	March	April	May
Cheques Cashed, Current ...	5,755,695	5,894,883	5,307,938	5,411,880	5,700,878	6,442,146
Current Deposits - Average.	2,823,837	2,934,916	2,904,427	2,834,521	2,838,442	2,802,471
Velocity of Current Accounts	2.04	2.01	1.83	1.91	1.97	2.30
Cheques Cashed, Savings ...	359,947	320,957	288,772	325,242	342,355	399,005
Savings Deposits - Average.	3,271,605	3,501,077	3,559,548	3,602,793	3,628,301	3,659,831
Velocity of Savings Accounts	0.110	0.092	0.081	0.090	0.106	0.109

TABLE 6. - RELATION OF CHEQUES CASHED TO OTHER FACTORS
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Economic Indexes	1 9 4 6		1 9 4 7				
	May	June	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Cheques cashed adjusted ..	206.4	190.2	236.3	229.4	226.9	232.4	230.8
Employment(8 Industries) ..	155.9	156.4	166.7	166.4	166.1	166.4	165.5
Percentage Unemployed ...	4.6	3.9	4.9	5.2	4.8	3.9	2.8
Wholesale Prices	141.0	141.6	148.2	153.3	156.2	159.5	162.6
Cost of Living	122.0	123.6	127.0	127.8	128.9	130.6	133.1
Common Stocks	124.4	123.3	106.2	109.4	106.4	104.8	104.4

TABLE 7. - MONEY SUPPLY - MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	May 1946	June	Jan.	Feb.	1 9 4 7	March	April	May
Money Supply (M+M1)	7,105.5	6,974.6	7,545.4	7,555.3	7,502.7	7,694.1	7,394.0	
Bank Notes in Circulation -								
Bank of Canada	1,109.5	1,114.0	1,138.6	1,137.9	1,153.2	1,153.9	1,148.1	
Chartered Banks	23.7	23.2	21.1	20.9	20.7	20.5	20.2	
Notes in hands of public ...	995.6	1,011.0	1,016.7	1,029.6	1,026.6	1,009.6	1,026.0	
Subsidiary coin in hands of public	62.7	64.0	63.0	63.4	63.8	63.4	64.5	
Total Circulating Media in hands of public (M)	1,058.4	1,075.0	1,079.7	1,093.0	1,090.4	1,073.0	1,090.5	
Deposits -								
Deposits with Chartered Banks-								
Dominion Government	248.6	114.3	452.0	299.3	435.6	368.7	186.4	
Provincial Government	120.2	128.1	161.3	140.2	137.3	133.9	143.6	
Demand	2,207.0	2,150.3	2,086.6	2,145.4	1,995.7	2,166.2	2,053.3	
Notice	3,305.7	3,363.5	3,532.8	3,586.3	3,619.3	3,637.3	3,682.4	
Total	5,881.5	5,756.1	6,232.7	6,171.3	6,188.0	6,356.1	6,065.7	
Deposits with Bank of Canada-								
Dominion Government	87.1	57.9	150.1	215.7	159.8	195.7	179.4	
Other	78.4	85.6	82.9	75.3	64.6	69.3	58.5	
Total	165.6	143.4	233.0	291.0	224.4	265.0	237.8	
Total Deposits (M1)	6,047.1	5,899.6	6,465.7	6,462.2	6,412.4	6,621.1	6,303.5	

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