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\text { CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS, APRIL, } 1948
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Cheques cashed rose 13.5 per cent in April, over the same month of last year. The total was $\$ 6,861$ million against $\$ 6,043$ million. Twenty-nine of the 33 clearing centres recorded advances over last year. Each of the five economic areas were at higher levels, the greatest percentage advance having been shown in the Prairie Provinces.

Maritime Provinces
Cheques cashed in the Maritimes during April were $\$ 142.7$ million, a gain of 7.4 per cent over the same month of last year. Advances were shown at Halifax and Saint John, the increase in Halifax being of considerable proportions. The increase in that city was nearly 16 per cent, the total in April having been $\$ 73$ million.

## Quebec

The cheques cashed in Montreal were $\$ 1,785$ million in April, a slight percentage gain having been shown over the same month of last year. The increase in Sherbrooke was 28.3 per cent, while Quebec city recorded a gain of 14.7 per cent. The net result was that the provincial total rose 4.5 per cent, having been $\$ 1,993$ million in April, against $\$ 1,907$ million in the same month last year.

## Ontario

Each of the 14 centres in Ontario, except Ottawa, recorded increases over April, 1947. The greatest percentage increase was shown in Toronto, where the gain was 31.4 per cent. The total in that city was $\$ 2,144$ million against $\$ 1,631$ million. Important percentage increases were shown in Windsor, London, Sarnia and Sudbury. The provincial total rose from $\$ 2,594$ million to $\$ 3,005$ million, representing an increase of nearly 16 per cent.

> Prairie Provinces

The marked gain in Winnipeg accounted in a large measure, for the favourable showing of the Prairie Provinces. Cheques cashed in the city which had been $\$ 475$ million in April last year, rose to $\$ 654$ million in the month under review, a gain of 37.7 per cent. Eight of the 10 centres of the area recorded gains, important increases having been shown in Edmonton and Brandon, The declines were limited to Medicine Hat and Prince Albert.

> British Columbia

The provincial total for British Columbia was $\$ 599$ million, compared with $\$ 513$ million in April, 1947, the gain having been 16. 8 per cent. Each of the three centres recorded increases, the greatest proportional gain having been shown in New Westminster. Debits in Vancouver moved up from $\$ 426$ million to $\$ 498$ million, an increase of nearly 17 per cent. The aggregate for the three centres was nearly 17 per cent greater at $\$ 599$ million.

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COMPARISON WITH FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1947
Bank debits in the first four months of this year were $\$ 25,180$ million, compared with $\$ 23,593$ million last year, the indicated gain having been 6.7 per cent. Advances were shown in each of the five economic areas except Quebec. Advances were recorded in 30 of the 33 clearing centres, the exceptions being Montreal, Ottawa and Victoria. The increase in the Prairie Provinces was 19.7 per cent, leading the rest of the economic areas in relative gain. The greatest absolute increase was recorded in Ontario, the total having moved up $\$ 781$ million, or 7.8 per cent.

The increases were general in the three clearing centres of the Maritimes, the aggregate for the area having been 13 per cent greater. Advances in Halifax and Saint John were 14.4 per cent and 15.7 per cent, respectively. Owing to the recession in Montreal, the cheques cashed in Quebec were at a somewhat lower level in the first four months of the present year than in the same period of 1947. The recession in Montreal was 4.6 per cent, while advances of 30.7 per cent and 25.4 per cent were shown in Quebec and Sherbrooke. The net result for the province was a decline of 1.6 per cent, the total having been $\$ 7,490$ million.

Advances were shown in each of the 14 centres of Ontarin except Ottawa. The greatest percentage increase was recorded in Windsor where the upward movement was 26.7 per cent. Important percentage increases were also shown in Hamilton, Sudbury and St. Catharines. Cheques cashed in Toronto amounted to $\$ 7,422$ million, an increase of nearly nine per cent.

Advances were general in the 10 centres of the Prairie Provinces, the greatest relative increase having been shown in Prince Albert where the gain was no less than 239.6 per cent. The greatest absolute increase was shown in Winnipeg where the total moved up $\$ 392$ million. The aggregate for the area rose 19.7 per cent to $\$ 4,030$ million.

The increase in Vancouver, over the high level of one year ago was 10.8 per cent or nearly $\$ 180$ million. Vicotira was at a slightly lower level, while the increase in New Westminster was 36.3 per cent. The net result for the province was 9.6 per cent.

LONG TERM COMPARISON
Cheques cashed in the first four months of the present year were greater than in any other similar period in history. The total was $\$ 25,180$ million, compared with $\$ 9,393$ million in 1938 and $\$ 15,128$ million in 1929. The preceding maximum was reached in 1947, when the total was $\$ 23,593$ million, A new maximum was reached in each of the five economic areas, except Quebec, where the total was in second place to that of 1947. Marked increases were shown for Canada and in each of the five economic areas over 1929 and 1938.

## TURNOVER OF CURRENT AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Current deposits, including five different types, amounted to $\$ 2,542$ million in March. The standing in March last year was $\$ 2,835$ million, a considerable decline having been shown in this connection. Cheques cashed against such accounts in March were $\$ 5,905$ million, compared with $\$ 5,412$ million one year ago. The turnover on an annual basis increased from 22.93 in March last year to 27.88. From January, 1946 to March of the present year the turnover has been relatively stable. The lowest point in any one month was 20.04 times in February, 1946 and the highest, 30.47 in October, last year. But generally speaking, the turnover has been remarkably stable since 1942 when the statistics for cheques cashed against current accounts were first collected.

As shown in Table 5, the turnover or the number of times that the deposits divides into the amount of cheques cashed against such accounts is shown on an annal basis for the months since January, 1946. Cheques cashed against savings or notice deposits were $\$ 372$ million in March, against $\$ 325$ million in the same month of 1947. The turnover on an annual basis in the latest available month was 1.14 , compared with 1.08 one year ago. Savings deposits, during the interval, had risen from $\$ 3,603$ million to $\$ 3,904$ million.

The cheques cashed by clearing centres in April, 1948 and 1947 against current deposits and savings accounts are shown on page 6, Table 4.

TABLE 1. CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEAR ING HOUSE CENTRES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1948 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MARCH, 1948 AND APRIL, 1947

## CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

Percentage of

| Province and Clearing <br> House Centres | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 1948 \end{gathered}$ | March 1948 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 1947 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage of April, 1948 to April, 1947 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| Maritime Provinces - \$ \$ \$ |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax | 73,425,221 | 82,347,036 | 63,376,061 |  |
| Moncton | 23,726,543 | $24,765,744$ | $25,278,993$ | 93.9 1029 |
| Saint John | 45,551,990 | 42,872,274 | 44,257,173 | 102.9 |
| Total - Maritime Pro | 142,703,754 | 149,985,054 | 132,912,227 | 107.4 |

Quebec -
1,785,452,128
$1,645,004,745 \quad 1,728,461,916$
103.3

Quebec 184,336,384

227,446,195 160,649,864
114.7
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Sherbrooke } \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 23,216,871 & 19,661,500 & 18,089,412 & 128.3\end{array}$
Total - Quebec ............ 1,993,005,383 1,892,112,440 1,907,201,192 104.5

Ontario -
Brantford
Chatham
Fort William
Hamilton
Kingston
Kitchener
London
Ottawa
Peterborough
St. Catharines
Sarnia
Sudbury
Toronto
Windsor
Total - Ontario
Prairie Provinces -

| Brandon | 10,904,081 | 8,856,250 | 9,150,217 | 119.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calgary | 147,950,280 | 138,473,229 | 139,436,946 | 106.1 |
| Edmonton | 122,162,400 | 116,338,086 | 101,588,594 | 120.3 |
| Lethbridge | 15,875,142 | 13,405,246 | 14,363,535 | 110.5 |
| Medicine Hat | 7,114,417 | 6,890,882 | 7,717,350 | 92.2 |
| Moose Jaw | 17,296,524 | 14,852,178 | 15,277,872 | 113.2 |
| Prince Albert | 8,857,762 | 90,478,116 | 9,010,823 | 98.3 |
| Regina | 105,329,786 | 74,950,097 | 93,186,206 | 113.0 |
| Saskatoon | 31,591,550 | 30,266,125 | 31,500,677 | 100.3 |
| Winnipeg | 654,353,633 | 462,949,226 | 475,122,163 | 137.7 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces. | 1,121,435,575 | 957,459,435 | 896,354,383 | 125.1 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 27,038,222 | 24,632,963 | 21,379,056 | 126.5 |
| Vancouver | 498,125,596 | 455,471,591 | 426,305,137 | 116.8 |
| Victoria | 73,590,917 | 68,511,985 | 65,159,895 | 112.9 |
| Total - British Columbia | 598,754,735 | 548,616,539 | 512,844,088 | 116.8 |

GRAND TOTAL FOR
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$6,861,385,881$
$6,277,129,286$
$6,043,232,901$
113.5

TABLE 2. BANK DEBITS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES OF CANADA DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1948 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1947

| Province and Clearing House Centres |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Four Months $1948$ | First <br> Four Months 1947 | Increase ( + ) <br> Decrease(-) | Percentage of 1948-1947 |
|  | \$.000 | \$1000 | \$T000 |  |
| Maritime Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax | 298,191 | 260,699 | + 37,492 | 114.4 |
| Moncton ....................... | 98,369 | 93,689 | + 4,680 | 105.0 |
| Saint John | 187,287 | 161,808 | + 25,479 | 115.7 |
| Total - Maritime Provinces | 583,847 | 516,196 | $+\quad 67,651$ | 113.1 |
| Quebec - |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 6,640,515 | 6,958,126 | - 317,611 | 95.4 |
| Quebec | 767,688 | 587,348 | + 180,340 | 130.7 |
| Sherbrooke | 81,569 | 65,036 | 16,533 $+\quad 12073$ | 125.4 |
| Total - Quebec | 7,489,771 | 7,610,510 | - 120,739 | 98.4 |
| Ontario- |  |  |  |  |
| Brantford | 112,719 | 97,930 | + 14,789 | 115.1 |
| Chatham | 81,668 | 78,048 | + 3,620 | 104.6 |
| Fort William | 68,741 | 61,602 | + 7,139 | 111.6 |
| Hamilton | 608,986 | 506,447 | + 102,539 | 120.2 |
| Kingston | 71,273 | 64,856 | + 6,417 | 109.9 |
| Kitchener | 151,749 | 137,326 | + 14,423 | 110.5 |
| London | 340,942 | 306,123 | + 34,819 | 111.4 |
| Ottawa | 1,232,692 | 1,365,542 | - 132,850 | 90.3 |
| Peterborough | 78,288 | 67,717 | + 10,571 | 115.6 |
| St, Catharines | 108,842 | 92,943 | + 15,899 | 117.1 |
| Sarnia | 85,014 | 81,536 | + 3,478 | 104.3 |
| Sudbury ......................... | 64,438 | 54,627 | + 9,811 | 118.0 |
| Toronto | 7,421,855 | 6,818,365 | + 603,490 | 108.9 |
| Windsor | 415,175 | 327,570 | + 87.605 | 126.7 |
| Total - Ontario | 10,842,383 | 10,060,632 | + 781.751 | 107.8 |
| Prairie Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon ............ | 37,478 | 30,178 | + 7,300 | 124.2 |
| Calgary | 596,843 | 520,256 | + 76,587 | 114.7 |
| Edmonton | 463,261 | 393,279 | + 69,982 | 117.8 |
| Lethbridge ..................... | 53,906 | 51,403 | + 2,503 | 104.9 |
| Medicine Hat ............... | 26,990 | 26,204 | + 786 | 103.0 |
| Moose Jaw | 61,494 | 57,285 | + 4,209 | 107.3 |
| Prince Albert | 117,493 | 34,602 | + 82,891 | 339.6 |
|  | 325,116 | 311,546 | + 13,570 | 104.4 |
| Saskatoon | 122,638 | 109,542 | + 13,096 | 112.0 |
| Winnipeg | 2,224,726 | 1,833,205 | $\begin{array}{r} \\ +\quad 391,521 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 121.4 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces | 4,029,944 | 3,367,499 | + 662,445 | 119.7 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 108,848 | 79,867 | + 28,981 | 136,3 |
| Vancouver | 1,839,702 | 1,660,143 | + 179,559 | 110.8 |
| Victoria | 285,947 | 298,058 | - 12,111 | 95.9 |
| Total - British Columbia... | 2,234,497 | 2,038,068 | + 196,429 | 109.6 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 25,180,442 | 23,592,905 | +1,587,537 | 106.7 |

TABLE 3. CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING CENTRES, FIRST FOUR MONTHS -1925-1948
Thousand Dollars

| Year |  | Canada | Maritime Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1925 |  | 8,379,240 | 173,902 | 2,572,072 | 3,331,099 | 1.733 .765 | 568,403 |
| 1926 |  | 9,441,224 | 202,136 | 3,027,223 | 3,847,336 | 1,722,662 | 641,867 |
| 1927 |  | 10,152,246 | 188,798 | 3,393,567 | 4,309,857 | 1,642,594 | 617,430 |
| 1928 |  | 13,014,579 | 229,890 | 4,557,963 | 5,329,606 | 2,069,624 | 827,496 |
| 1929 |  | 15,128,086 | 256,132 | 5,368,501 | 6,193,617 | 2,267,513 | 1,042,322 |
| 1930 |  | 12,200,560 | 223,182 | 4,256,832 | 4,997,667 | 1,918,285 | 804,595 |
| 1931 |  | 10,560,003 | 212,143 | 3,674,668 | 4,558,589 | 1,493,582 | 621,020 |
| 1932 |  | 8,159,024 | 171,754 | 2,476,433 | 3,570,942 | 1,420,325 | 519,570 |
| 1933 |  | 7,563,229 | 139,608 | 2,223,510 | 3,321,596 | 1,447,610 | 430,905 |
| 1934 |  | 9,711,623 | 158,726 | 2,951,546 | 4,691,608 | 1,374,210 | 535,533 |
| 1935 |  | 9,373,616 | 162,692 | 2,715,199 | 4,456,592 | 1,515,147 | 523,985 |
| 1936 |  | 11,132,085 | 188,403 | 3,444,511 | 4,856,256 | 1,972,926 | 669.989 |
| 1937 |  | 12,525,326 | 254,318 | 4,156,256 | 5,867,089 | 1,523,703 | 723,961 |
| 1938 |  | 9,392,623 | 197,634 | 2,988.206 | 4,431,741 | 1,183,008 | 592,034 |
| 1939 |  | 9,463,015 | 190,635 | 3,128,034 | 4,313,272 | 1,179,325 | 651,749 |
| 1940 |  | 10,980,510 | 266,333 | 3,348,287 | 4,832,544 | 1,831,988 | 701,359 |
| 1941 |  | 11,303,598 | 278,030 | 3,123,071 | 5,428,286 | 1,764,221 | 709.990 |
| 1942 |  | 14,033,701 | 345.973 | 3,899,121 | 6,910,712 | 2,001,710 | 876,185 |
| 1943 |  | 15,694,067 | 355,249 | 4,600,899 | 7,425,586 | 2,366,588 | 945,746 |
| 1944 |  | 18,055,044 | 386,653 | 5,036,037 | 8,029,105 | 3,425,413 | 1,177,836 |
| 1945 |  | 19,687,568 | 438,814 | 5,718,120 | 9,148,326 | 3,155,702 | 1,226,607 |
| 1946 |  | 22,759,406 | 471,043 | 6,511,374 | 10,781,175 | 3,262,771 | 1,733,044 |
| 1947 |  | 23,592,905 | 516,196 | 7,610,510 | 10,060,632 | 3,367,499 | 2,038,068 |
| 1948 | .......... | 25,180,442 | 583,847 | 7,489,771 | 10,842,383 | 4,029,944 | 2,234,497 |
| Percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| increase over:$1929$ |  | + 66.4 | + 128.0 | + 39.5 | + 75.1 | + 77.7 | + 114.4 |
| 1938 | 8 | + 168.1 | + 195.4 | + 150.6 | + 144.7 | + 240.7 | + 277.4 |

TABLE 4. CHEQUES CASHED - DISTRIBUTED BY TYPE OF ACCOUNT \$ ${ }^{\prime} 000$

| Economic Area and Clearing House Centres | CURRENT ACCOUNTS |  | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April |  | Apr |  |
|  | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 |
| Maritime Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax | 69,688 | 59,660 | 3,737 | 3,716 |
| Moncton | 21,981 | 23,897 | 1,746 | 1,382 |
| Saint John | 42,743 | 41,701 | 2,809 | 2,557 |
| Total - Maritime Provinces | 134,412 | 125,257 | 8,292 | 7,655 |
| Quebec - |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 1,687,888 | 1,648,058 | 97,564 | 80,404 |
| Quebec | 173,055 | 150,422 | 11,281 | 10,228 |
| Sherbrooke | 21,176 | 16,474 | 2,041 | 1,616 |
| Total - Quebec | 1,882,120 | 1,814,954 | 110,885 | 92,247 |
| Ontario - |  |  |  |  |
| Brantford | 29,207 | 24,397 | 2,553 | 2,200 |
| Chatham | 16,812 | 14,067 | 2,009 | 1,818 |
| Fort William | 15,513 | 15,230 | 1,545 | 1,312 |
| Hamilton | 147,262 | 123,703 | 12,365 | 11,014 |
| Kingston | 17,357 | 14,282 | 2,930 | 3,029 |
| Kitchener | 38,044 | 33,208 | 2,244 | 1,723 |
| London | 86,740 | 69,574 | 7,071 | 6,581 |
| Ottawa | 261,035 | 465,761 | 16,083 | 13,675 |
| Peterborough | 19,067 | 15,648 | 2,413 | 2,410 |
| St, Catharines | 24,488 | 20,660 | 3,502 | 2,912 |
| Sarnia | 21,059 | 17,431 | 2,034 | 1,382 |
| Sudbury .................... | 15,462 | 12,569 | 2,512 | 2,174 |
| Toronto | 2,046,203 | 1,539,411 | 97,959 | 91,854 |
| Windsor | 101,095 | 79,491 | 10,921 | 6,405 |
| Total - Ontario | 2,839,345 | 2,445,433 | 166,142 | 148,488 |


| Brandon | 9,878 | 8,114 | 1,026 | 1,036 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calgary | 138,871 | 129,744 | 9,080 | 9,692 |
| Edmonton | 112,603 | 93,180 | 9,559 | 8,409 |
| Lethbridge | 14,597 | 13,025 | 1,278 | 1,338 |
| Medicine Hat | 6,423 | 6,993 | 691 | 724 |
| Moose Jaw | 15,769 | 13,874 | 1,527 | 1,403 |
| Prince Albert | 8,176 | 8,007 | 682 | 1,004 |
| Regina | 101,470 | 89,321 | 3,860 | 3,865 |
| Saskatoon | 28,708 | 28.302 | 2,884 | 3,199 |
| Winnipeg | 635,337 | 457,051 | 19,017 | 18,072 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces | 1,071,832 | 847.612 | 49,604 | 48,743 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 23,010 | 17,821 | 4,028 | 3,558 |
| Vancouver | 458,820 | 393,375 | 39,306 | 32,931 |
| Victoria | 63,628 | 56,428 | 9,963 | 8,732 |
| Total-British Columbia | 545,457 | 467,623 | 53,297 | 45,221 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA | 6,473,166 | 5,700,878 | 388,220 | 342,355 |

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

|  | CURRENT ACCOUNTS |  |  | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cheques Cashed | Deposits | Turnover | Cheques Cashed | Savings Deposits | Turnover |
| 1942 | 43,574,261 | 1,733,109 | 25.14 | 1,951,993 | 1,644,670 | 1.19 |
| 1943 | 51,575,324 | 2,193,173 | 23.52 | 2,221,391 | 1,852,737 | 1.20 |
| 1944 | 58,023,253 | 2,489,552 | 23.31 | 2,653,701 | 2,252,774 | 1.18 |
| 1945 | 64,971,186 | 2,752,211 | 23.61 | 3,413,627 | 2,731,926 | 1.25 |
| 1946 | 65,174,276 | 2,828,331 | 23.05 | 4,073,331 | 3,301,891 | 1.23 |
| 1947 | 70,160,625 | 2,758,232 | 25.44 | 4,337,468 | 3,669,934 | 1.18 |
| 1946 - Jan. | 5,701,871 | 3,164,041 | 21.63 | 288,785 | 2,914,135 | 1.19 |
| Feb. | 5,074,980 | 3,039,477 | 20,04 | 260,939 | 3,020,447 | 1.04 |
| Mar. | 5,339,253 | 2,929,659 | 21.87 | 338,917 | 3,124,066 | 1.30 |
| Apr. | 5,426,499 | 2,877,820 | 22.63 | 328,161 | 3,203,844 | 1.23 |
| May | 5,755,695 | 2,823,887 | 24.46 | 359,947 | 3,271,605 | 1.32 |
| Jun. | 5,266,566 | 2,638,763 | 23.95 | 342,854 | 3,334,588 | 1.23 |
| July | 5,203,838 | 2,585,662 | 24.15 | 343,024 | 3,387,165 | 1.22 |
| Aug. | 4,566,334 | 2,605,143 | 21.03 | 300,206 | 3,438,294 | 1.05 |
| Sept. | 5,548,916 | 2,601,723 | 25.59 | 341,593 | 3,494,938 | 1.17 |
| Oct. | 5,863,706 | 2,737,185 | 25.71 | 448,848 | 3,500,438 | 1.54 |
| Nov. | 5,836,163 | 2,945,564 | 23.78 | 375,332 | 3,468,438 | 1.30 |
| Dec. | 5,590,455 | 2,991,043 | 22.43 | 344,724 | 3,464,733 | 1.19 |
| 1947 - Jan. | 5,894,883 | 2,934,916 | 24.10 | 320,957 | 3,501,077 | 1.10 |
| Feb. | 5,307,938 | 2,904,427 | 21.93 | 288,772 | 3,559,548 | 0.97 |
| Mar. | 5,411,880 | 2,834,521 | 22.93 | 325,242 | 3,602,793 | 1.08 |
| Apr. | 5,700,878 | 2,888,442 | 23.69 | 342,355 | 3,628,301 | 1.13 |
| May | 6,442,146 | 2,802,471 | 27.58 | 399,005 | 3,659,831 | 1.31 |
| Jun. | 5,610,916 | 2,644,490 | 25.46 | 364,443 | 3,663,069 | 1.19 |
| July | 5,745,137 | 2,668,264 | 25.84 | 378,761 | 3,666,613 | 1.24 |
| Aug. | 4,926,324 | 2,636,199 | 22.42 | 310,003 | 3,731,745 | 1.00 |
| Sept. | 5,545,663 | 2,632,258 | 25.28 | 388,712 | 3,789,946 | 1.23 |
| Oct. | 6,757,891 | 2,661,218 | 30.47 | 451,060 | 3,779,294 | 1.43 |
| Nov. | 6,391,279 | 2,730,178 | 28.09 | 382,772 | 3,731,567 | 1.23 |
| Dec. | 6,425,689 | 2,761,395 | 27.92 | 385,387 | 3,725,430 | 1.24 |
| 1948 - Jan. | 6,129,572 | 2,684,740 | 27.40 | 361,218 | 3,782,221 | 1.15 |
| Feb. | 5,251,195 | 2,521,814 | 24.99 | 299,942 | 3,852,274 | 0.93 |
| Mar. | 5,905,048 | 2,541,549 | 27.88 | 372,081 | 3,903,616 | 1.14 |

Note: Turnover in the monthly section is placed on an annual footing.

TABLE 6. MONEY SUPPLY - \$'000

| Year | Total Notes in hands of Public | Subsidiary Coin in hands of Public | Demand <br> Deposits | Notice Deposits | Total Deposits | Money <br> Supply |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1938 | 203,726 | 29,379 | 690,486 | 1,630,482 | 2,438,691 | 2,671,796 |
| 1939 | 218,082 | 31,439 | 741,733 | 1,699,224 | 2,626,743 | 2,876,264 |
| 1940 | 294,111 | 35,439 | 875,060 | 1,646,891 | 2,799,963 | 3,129,512 |
| 1941 | 399,724 | 39,332 | 1,088,198 | 1,616,129 | 3,089,034 | 3,528,089 |
| 1942 | 541,514 | 44,402 | 1,341,499 | 1,644,843 | 3,400,430 | 3,986,346 |
| 1943 | 710,081 | 51,667 | 1,619,408 | 1,864,178 | 4,075,279 | 4,837,026 |
| 1944 | 857,697 | 56,900 | 1,863,794 | 2,272,573 | 4,773,352 | 5,687,948 |
| 1945 | 969,547 | 60,944 | 1,986,075 | 2,750,358 | 5,481,932 | 6,512,423 |
| 1946 | 1,004,899 | 63,120 | 2,155,313 | 3,327,057 | 6,141,968 | 7,209,982 |
| 1947 | 1,028,787 | 64,564 | 2,138,772 | 3,681,231 | 6,430,593 | 7,523,944 |
| 1947 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar.. | 1,026,595 | 63,759 | 1,995,714 | 3,619,323 | 6,412,380 | 7,502,734 |
| Apr.. | 1,009,564 | 63,414 | 2,166,166 | 3,637,279 | 6,621,107 | 7,694,085 |
| May. | 1,025,991 | 64,525 | 2,053,198 | 3,682,383 | 6,303,496 | 7,394,012 |
| June. | 1,020,730 | 64,667 | 2,185,833 | 3,643,755 | 6,311,622 | 7,397,020 |
| July . | 1,008,169 | 63,940 | 2,125,613 | 3,689,470 | 6,358,131 | 7,430,239 |
| Aug.. | 1,033,759 | 65,234 | 2,058,155 | 3,774,019 | 6,377,756 | 7,476,749 |
| Sept. | 1,021,125 | 64,500 | 2,163,315 | 3,805,872 | 6,383,102 | 7,468,727 |
| Oct. | 1,055,127 | 65,514 | 2,263,085 | 3,752,715 | 6,497,922 | 7,618,564 |
| Nov.. | 1,052,430 | 66,488 | 2,126,446 | 3,710,418 | 6,425,568 | 7,544,486 |
| Dec.. | 1,045,642 | 66,269 | 2,295,585 | 3.740,442 | 6,548,082 | 7,659,994 |
| 1948 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 1,028,252 | 65,252 | 2,073,302 | 3,824,001 | 6,385,840 | 7,479,344 |
| Feb.. | 1,038,386 | 65,844 | 2,105,426 | 3,880,547 | 6,362,335 | 7,466.566 |
| Mar. | 1,031,593 | 65,762 | 2,200,642 | 3,926,684 | 6,527,992 | 7,625,348 |

TABLE 6a. MONEY SUPPLY - \$'000

|  | $1947$ <br> March | 1948 |  |  | Percentage Change <br> Mar. 1948 <br> to Mar. 1947 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jan. | Feb. | March |  |
| Bank Notes in Circulation - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank of Canada | 1,153.2 | 1,157.5 | 1,156.3 | 1,180.8 | + 2.4 |
| Chartered Banks | 20.7 | 18.0 | 17.8 | 17.7 | - 14.5 |
| Less Bank Holdings of Bank of Canada Notes | 147.3 | 147.2 | 135.8 | 166.9 | + 13.3 |
| Total Circulating Media in hands of public | 1,090.4 | 1,093.5 | 1,104.2 | 1,097.4 | + 0.6 |
| Deposits with Chartered Banks - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dominion Government | 435.6 | 279.0 | 132.9 | 126.4 | - 71.0 |
| Provincial Government | 137.3 | 104.3 | 107.7 | 145.3 | + 5.8 |
| Demand | 1,995.7 | 2,073.3 | 2,105.4 | 2,200.6 | + 11.0 |
| Notice | 3,619.3 | 3,824.0 | 3,880.5 | 3,926.7 | + 8.5 |
| Total | 6,188,0 | 6,280.6 | 6,226.5 | 6,399.1 | 3.4 |
| Deposits with Bank of Canada - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dominion Government ......... | 159.8 | 44.6 | 60.8 | 42.2 | - 73.6 |
| Other | 64.6 | 60.6 | 75.0 | 86.7 | $+\quad 34.2$ |
| Total | 224.4 | 105.2 | 135.8 | 128.9 | - 42.6 |

TABLE 7. RELATION OF CHEQUES CASHED TO OTHER FACTORS

|  | Name of Unit | (1) | Latest month per Col.(1) (2) | Preceding month (3) | Same month 1947 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cheques Cashed | Million \$ | Apr. | 6., 861 | 6,277 | 6.043 |
| Money Supply | Million \$ | Mar. | 7.625 | 7.467 | 7.503 |
| Industrial Production - Total | $1935-39=100$ | Mar. | 182.9 | 181.6 | 177.1 |
| Manufactures | $1935-39=100$ | Mar. | 194.2(1) | 194,2 | 188.5 |
| Mining | $1935-39=100$ | Mar. | 128.0(1) | 120.4 | 113.3 |
| Employment - 9 Leading Industries | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 187.6 | 187.8 | 179.0 |
| Manufactures | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 202.5 | 200.7 | 194.5 |
| Rough and dressed lumber | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 125.2 | 124.7 | 113.4 |
| Textile Products .......... | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 183.7 | 180.4 | 174.7 |
| Mining | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 164.9 | 153.4 | 135.9 |
| Aggregate Payrolls - 9 Industries. | Thousand \$ | Mar. | 80,258 | 78,764 | 67,856 |
| Average Weekly Earnings 9 Industries | Dollars | Mar. | 39.37 | 38.59 | 35.66 |
| Rubber Consumption | Million lb. | Mar. | 15.8 | 14.7 | 15.4 |
| Cigarettes Released | Millions | Mar. | 1,189 | 1,262 | 1,214 |
| Inspected Slaughterings - Cattle | Thousands | Mar. | 108 | 102 | 83 343 |
| Creamery Butter - - Ho........... | Thousands | Mar. | 497 18.31 | 446 11.38 | 343 20.62 |
| Cheese .......... | Million lb. | Mar. | 1.96 | 0.99 | 2.74 |
| Cotton - Bale Openings | Thousand lb. | Apr. | 16,593 | 16,362 | 16,387. |
| Wood Pulp | Thousand tons | Mar. | 627.0 | 562.9 | 591.9 |
| Newsprint | Thousand tons | Apr. | 380.8 | 380.7 | 376.3 |
| Steel Production | Thousand tons | Mar. | 286.0 | 239.6 | 269.7 |
| Automobile Production | Thousands | Mar. | 27.11 | 16.38 | 22.49 |
| Gold - Mint Receipts ................ | Thousand fine ounces | Mar. | 243 | 257 | 206 |
| Contracts Awarded | Million \$ | Apr. | 80.8 | 51.3 | 52.9 |
| Primary Power - Consumption | Million kwh. | Mar. | 3,472 | 3,177 | 3,145 |
| Tons Loaded .................... | Thousand tons | Apr. | 8,393 | 9,107 | 8,533 |
| Retail Trade .......... (unadjusted) | $1935-39=100$ | Mar. | 244.2 | 198.5 | 223.2 |
| Exports ............................... | Million \$ | Mar. | 228.4 | 208.3 | 209,0 |
| Imports | Million \$ | Mar. | 197.05 | 182.17 | 208.89 |
| Cost of Living | 1935-39=100 | Apr. | 151.6 | 150.8 | 130.6 |
| Wholesale Prices - General | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 146,9 | 147.3 | 120.4 |
| Raw and Partly Manufactured .... | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 147,3 | 147.2 | 123.8 |
| Fully and Chiefly Manufactured .. | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 136.7 | 137.2 | 107.7 |
| Consumer Goods | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 137.3 | 136.7 | 108.6 |
| Producers' Goods | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 144.9 | 145.4 | 121.2 |
| Building Materials ................ | $1926=100$ | Mar. | 186.2 | 187.9 | 151.5 |
| Common Stock Prices | $1935-39=100$ | Apr. | 109.1 | 101.5 | 104.8 |
| Bond Yields Index | $1935-39=100$ | Apr. | 96.5 | 96.7 | 84.8 |
| Dividend Payments | Million \$ | Mar. | 40.21 | 12.90 | 41.74 |
| Chartered Bank Cash | Million \$ | Mar. | 686.1 | 667.5 | 683.5 |
| Current Loans | Million \$ | Mar. | 1,844 | 1,861 | 1.507 |
| Dominion - Expenditures | Million \$ | Jan. | 149 | 160 | 171 |
| Revenues | Million \$ | Jan. | 244 | 234 | 257 |

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