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## IN

## CLEARING CENTRES

## JUNE, 1948




The cheques cashed in 33 clearing centres were 8.4 per cent greater in June than in the same month of 1947 . The total was $\$ 6,475$ million, compared with $\$ 5,975$ million in June, 1947, and advances were shown in the totals for each of the five economic areas except the Maritimes, where a decline of 22.3 per cent was shown. Twenty-nine of the 33 clearing centres recorded advances.

Halifax showed a marked decrease, compared with the same month of last year. The total was $\$ 77$ million, against $\$ 123$ million, a decline of 37.5 per cent, resulting in a severe drop for the area, even though advances were shown in Noncton and Saint John.

Each of the three clearing centres in the province of Quebec recorded increases over June, 1947, Quebec showing the largest advance, a gain of 34.2 per cent. Cheques cashed in the area as a whole were more than seven per cent higher than in the same month last year. The total was $\$ 1,919$ million, against $\$ 1,786$ million in June, 1947. Montreal was nearly five per cent higher.

All clearing centres in Ontario showed advances except Ottawa, which recorded a decline of 12.6 per cent. The aggregate for the area was $\$ 2,703$ million, compared with $\$ 2,403$ million in June of last year, an increase of 12.5 per cent. The two largest advances were in Sarnia and Windsor, which recorded gains of 32 and 23.5 per cent, respectively. Toronto showed an increase of 16.6 per cent,

Two of the 10 centres in the Prairie Provinces recorded declines in June. These were Calgary and Moose Jaw, which dropped 5.4 and 1.8 per cent, respectively. The total for the three provinces was $\$ 1,129$ million, compared with $\$ 1,085$ million last year, a gain of 4.1 per cent.

Victoria recorded the largest percentage increase of the 33 centres. in June. The total was $\$ 91$ million, against $\$ 64$ million last year, an advance of 41.4 per cent. Accompanied by gains in New Westminster and Vancouver, the total for the area advanced 12.4 per cent, compared with June, 1947.

## First Six Months

Cheques cashed in the first half of 1948 rose 4.7 per cent over the same period of 1947. The total was $\$ 38,108$ million, against $\$ 36,409$ million. All economic areas showed increases except Cuebec, which receded 3.1 per cent, owing to the reduced level recorded in Montreal. In this comparison, the only other centre in Canada which showed a decline was Ottawa, where a drop of 16.8 per cent was recorded.

All three centres in the Maritimes increased compared with the first six months of 1947, the total having been 8.4 per cent higher. The aggregate in Ontario showed a gain of 6.7 per cent.

All centres in the three Western Provinces recorded gains in the first six months. Prince Albert, with an increase of 161 per cent, showed the largest advance in Canada. The total for the three provinces was 13.1 per cent greater. New Westminster recorded an increase of nearly 28 per cent. With relatively moderate gains in Vancouver and Victoria, the total for British Columbia rose 8 per cent, compared with the first half of 1947.

Long Term Comparison

The cumulative total of cheques cashed for the first six months of 1948 was greater than in the same period of any other year. The gain over 1929 was nearly 67 per cent, while that over 1938 was 161 per cent. In this comparison, all economic areas except Quebec reached record levels. The total for that province was greatest in 1947. The greatest percentage increase over 1929 was shown in the Maritimes, where cheques cashed in the first half of 1948 were 138.3 per cent higher. Next in line was British Columbia, with a gain of 121.7 per cent. Quebec, with an increase of 43.3 per cent, showed the smallest advance. The greatest increase over 1938 was recorded in British Columbia, where cheques cashed rose nearly 279 per cent. The Prairie Provinces and the Maritimes followed with gains of 241 and 201 per cent, respectively. Ouebec advanced 140.5 per cent, while Ontario rose 137 per cent.

> Deposit Turnover

Cheques cashed against current accounts were higher in June than in the same month last year, the total having been $\$ 6,051$ million, against $\$ 5,611$ million. All areas except the Maritimes showed increases. Similarly, cheques cashed against savings accounts recorded an advance over June, 1947. Here, all economic areas showed gains. The aggregate for Canada was $\$ 423.4$ million, against $\$ 364.4$ million.

The turnover of current accounts declined in May, compared with the same month of 1947. Cheques cashed against these accounts showed a relatively greater recession than deposits. The turnover on an annual footing was 26.71 , compared with 27.58 in the same month of last year. Similarly, the turnover in savings deposits declined from 1.31 to 1.23 . In this connection, both cheques cashed and savings deposits increased, but the latter showed a greater proportionate gain, resulting in a lower turnover.

## Economic Setting

Most of the main economic factors shown on Page 8 of this report recorded increases for the latest month for which statistics are available, compared with the same month of 1947. Gains were shown in 36 out of 43 items. Cheques cashed advanced 8.4 per cent. Industrial Production and Employment in nine leading industries were at higher levels, with mining showing a marked recovery. Aggregate payrolls in nine industries were 14.8 per cent higher, reflecting gains of 10.4 per cent in average weekly earnings and 3.4 per cent in numbers employed. Decreased activity was shown for May in rubber consumption, cigarette releases, cheese production and automobiles, compared with May, 1947. Cattle slaughterings and cotton consumption showed marked increases in June. Steel production was up 18.6 per cent in May, compared with the same month of last year. Gold mint receipts showed a marked gain of over 20 per cent in the same comparison.

Construction contracts awarded rose sharply in June of this year. The total was $\$ 133.8$ million, compared with $\$ 75.5$ million, a gain of 77.2 per cent. Imports recorded a decline of 6.3 per cent in Mav. while exports rose 5.4 per cent, Government revenues and expenditures wer down 9.8 and 15.8 per cent, respectively, in May, compared with the same month of last year.

TABLE 1. CHEOUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1948 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY, 1948 AND JUNE。 1947

## CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

| Province and Clearing <br> House Centres | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1948 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & \hline 1948 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1947 \end{aligned}$ | Percentage of <br> June, 1948 to <br> June, 1947 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritime Provinces | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| Halifax ...e.e............ | 76,800,235 | 115,255,123 | 122,786,567 | 62.5 |
| Moncton | 27,555,673 | 27,414,074 | 24,146,681 | 114.1 |
| Saint John | 42,733,188 | 40,336,842 | 42,280,174 | 101.1 |
| Total - Maritime Provinces | 147,089,096 | 183,006,039 | 189,213,422 | 77.7 |
| Quebec - |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 1,694,568,082 | 1,659605,702 | 1,616,487, 733 | 104.8 |
| Quebec | 200,365,677 | 200,432,320 | 149,281,225 | 134.2 |
| Sherbrooke | 23,924, 136 | 23,514.019 | 20,304,396 | 117.8 |
| Total - Quebec | 1,918,857,895 | 1,883,552,041 | 1.786,073,354 | 107.4 |
| Ontario- |  |  |  |  |
| Brantford | 32,298,990 | 32,584,168 | 28,590,726 | 113.0 |
| Chatham | 20,207,811 | 19,013,593 | 18.519,495 | 109.1 |
| Fort William | 19,235,142 | 16,982,689 | 16,781,373 | 114.6 |
| Hamilton | 161,264,627 | 161,380,243 | 145,013,385 | 111.2 |
| Kingston | 19,992,115 | 20,755,629 | 18,268,363 | 109.4 |
| Kitchener | 37,285,502 | $42.242,093$ | 34,030,301 | 109.6 |
| London | 89,053,137 | 84,698,042 | 85,368,132 | 1043 |
| Ottawa | $249,717.583$ | 288,240,666 | 285,600,069 | 87.4 |
| Peterborough | 21,880,197 | 21,858,708 | 19,900,097 | 110.0 |
| St. Catha | $31,495,573$ | 29,388, 561 | $26.344,812$ | 119.6 |
| Sarnia | 28,300,288 | 22.476,600 | 21,435,081 | 132.0 |
| Sudbury | 19,465,269 | 19,117,270 | 15,311,482 | 127.1 |
| Toronto | 1,863,470,789 | 1,822,687,562 | 1,598,530,897 | 116.6 |
| Windsor | $109,815,486$ | $111.085,756$ | 88,897,951 | 123.5 |
| Total - Ontario | 2,703,482,509 | 2,692 511,580 | 2,402,592,164 | 112.5 |
| Prairie Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon ............... | 10,960,786 | 11,784,351 | 10,344, 374 | 106.0 |
| Calgary | $164,497,386$ | 145,802,750 | 173,916,122 | 946 |
| Edmonton | $138,330,901$ | 121.952011 | 129,618,530 | 106.7 |
| Lethbridge | 16,443,084 | 14637.169 | 13,919,691 | 118.1 |
| Medicine Hat | 7.928,109 | 7,282,703 | 7.850,601 | 101.0 |
| Moose Jaw | 17,794,833 | 18,058,726 | 18,114,077 | 98.2 |
| Prince Albert | 9,336,216 | 9,245,260 | 8,784,756 | 106.3 |
| Regina ... | 99,546,695 | 80,313,002 | 95,299,473 | 104.5 |
| Saskatoon | 38,292,397 | 37,636,620 | $32,853,349$ | 116.6 |
| Winnipeg ................. | 626,325,332 | 664, 827.656 | 594,479,605 | 105.4 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces | 1,129.455,739 | 1,111,540,248 | 1,085,180,578 | 104.1 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 26,521,534 | 26,716,556 | $23.789,972$ | 111.5 |
| Vancouver | 458,309,860 | 465,898,785 | 424,291,704 | 108.0 |
| Victoria | 90,828,530 | 82,334,885 | 64,217,867 | 141.4 |
| Total - British Columbia | $575,659,924$ | 574,950,226 | 512,299,543 | 1124 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA | 6,474,545,163 | 6,445,560,134 | 5,975,359,061 | 108.4 |

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

| Province and Clearing House Centres | $\begin{gathered} \text { First } \\ \text { Six Months } \\ 1948 \end{gathered}$ | First Six Months 1947 | Increase ( + ) <br> Decrease(-) | Percentage of 1948-1947 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$:000 | \$ 000 | \$000 |  |
| Maritime Provinces - $\$$ |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax | 490,246 | 454,108 | + 36,138 | 108.0 |
| Moncton........................ | 160,446 | 146,070 | + 14,376 | 109.8 |
| Saint John ..................... | 270,357 | 249,699 | 20,658 | 108.3 |
| Total - Maritime Provinces | 921,049 | 849,876 | + 71,173 | 108.4 |
| Quebec - |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 9,994,689 | 10,622,881 | - 628,192 | 94.1 |
| Quebec | 1,168,486 | 928,031 | + 240,455 | 125.9 |
| Sherbrooke | 129,007 | 105,741 | + 23,266 | 122.0 |
| Total - Quebec | 11,292,181 | 11,656,653 | 364.472 | 96.9 |
| Ontario - |  |  |  |  |
| Brantford | 177,602 | 156,091 | + 21,511 | 113.8 |
| Chatham | 120,889 | 115,933 | + 4,956 | 104.3 |
| Fort William | 104.958 | 94,271 | + 10,687 | 111.3 |
| Hamilton | 931.631 | 833,399 | + 98,232 | 111.8 |
| Kingston | 112,021 | 102,703 | + 9,318 | 109.1 |
| Kitchener | 231,276 | 209,254 | + 22,022 | 110.5 |
| London | 514.694 | 481,655 | + 33039 | 106.9 |
| Ottawa | 1,770,650 | 2,127,112 | - 356,462 | 83.2 |
| Peterborough | 122,027 | 108,273 | + 13,754 | 112.7 |
| St Catherines................ | 169.726 | 145,273 | + 24.453 | 116.8 |
| Sarnia. | 135,791 | 126,912 | + 8889 | 107.0 |
| Sudbury. | 103,021 | 86,314 | + 16,707 | 119.4 |
| Toronto | 11.108,014 | 10,116,272 | + 991,742 | 109.8 |
| Windso | 636,076 | 520,536 | + 115,540 | 122.2 |
| Total - Ontario | 16,238,377 | 15,223,999 | +1,014,378 | 106.7 |
| Prairie Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon | 60,223 | 50,091 | + 10,132 | 120.2 |
| Calgary | 907,143 | 842,522 | + 64,621 | 107.7 |
| Edmonton. | 723,544 | 630,312 | + 93,232 | 114.8 |
| Lethbridge | 84,986 | 80,061 | 4.925 | 106.2 |
| Medicine Hat | 42,201 | 42,109 | 92 | 100.2 |
| Moose Jaw | 97,347 | 93,980 | + 3,367 | 1036 |
| Prince Albert.............. | 136,074 | 52,107 | + 83,967 | 261.1 |
| Regina ....................... | 504,976 | 501,506 | + 3,470 | 100.7 |
| Saskatoon. | 198,567 | 177,734 | + 20,833 | 111.7 |
| Winnipeg .................... | 3,515,879 | 3,073,782 | $+\quad 442.097$ | 114.4 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces | 6,270,940 | 5,544,205 | + 726.735 | 113.1 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 162,086 | 126,731 | + 35,355 | 127.9 |
| Vancouver | 2,763,911 | 2,570,946 | + 192,965 | 107.5 |
| Victoria | 459,110 | 437,005 | + 22.105 | 105.1 |
| Total - British Columbia | 3,385,107 | 3,134,683 | $+\quad 250.424$ | 108.0 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 38,107,655 | 36,409,416 | + 1,698,230 | 104.7 |

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## TABLE 3. CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING CENTRES FIRST SIX MONTHS -1925-1948 <br> Thousands Dollars

| Year | Canada | Marifime Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairle Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1925 | 12,812,265 | 269,04? | 3,899,800 | 5,199,569 | 2.577.295 | 866559 |
| 1926 | 14,540,657 | 301,954 | 4.597,026 | 6.010 .765 | 2,675,331 | 955,581 |
| 1927 | 16,018,186 | 289.732 | 5,493,202 | 6.702 .140 | 2,566:873 | 966238 |
| 1928 | 21,125,932 | 362,690 | 7.559.751 | 8,527,462 | 3.444.038 | 1,231,991 |
| 1929 | 22,835,608 | 386,505 | 7,878.276 | 9,511,588 | 3,532,048 | 1.527.191 |
| 1930 | 19,025,170 | 345,181 | 6,692,407 | 7,763,046 | 3,006,687 | 1.217.849 |
| 1931 | 16,425,144 | 325,540 | 5,690,954 | 7,123,493 | 2.362.208 | 922,949 |
| 1932 | 12,536:993 | 264:528 | 3,846,040 | 5,482,129 | 2.175,723 | 768.573 |
| 1933 | 13,195,272 | 226,055 | 3,823,504 | 5,854,301 | 2,591,106 | 700,305 |
| 1934 | 15,442,712 | 249.039 | 4,553,942 | 7.138.805 | 2, 706,864 | 794,063 |
| 1935 | 15,216,136 | 262,825 | 4,379,881 | 7,080,080 | 2,696,220 | 797.130 |
| 1936 | 17,246,853 | 300,965 | 5,256,267 | 7.585,115 | 3,102,481 | 1.002.025 |
| 1937 | 18,186,008 | 371,303 | 5,932, +32 | 8,463,665 | 2,349,505 | 1.069,103 |
| 1938 | 14,585,068 | 306,080 | 4,695,354 | $6,850,827$ | 1.839.311 | 893,496 |
| 1939 | 15,133,304 | 309,608 | 4,941,995 | 6,889,974 | 2,005,275 | 986.452 |
| 1940 | 17.001,691 | 400.017 | $5,070.783$ | 7,488,653 | 2,997.222 | 1.045.016 |
| 1941 | 18,810,100 | 449.532 | 5,220,758 | 8,923,543 | 3,047,814 | 1.168,452 |
| 1942 | 21,591,707 | 525.328 | 5,930,543 | 10,686:170 | 3.123.812 | 1,325,854 |
| 1943 | 25,467,387 | 604,021 | 7,309,69 | 12,016,508 | 3,978,675 | 1.558.483 |
| 1944 | 29,927,013 | 635:892 | 8,539,184 | 13,332,018 | 5.523,707 | 1,896,212 |
| 1945 | 32,667,134 | 725,659 | 9,364,105 | 15,147,937 | 5:407,461 | 2,021,971 |
| 1946 | 34,484,468 | 786,022 | 10,197,354 | 15,769,959 | 5,069,402 | 2.661,730 |
| 1947 ......... | 36:409,416 | 849,876 | 11,656,653 | 15,223,999 | 5,544,205 | 3,134,683 |
| 1948 ......... | 38,107,655 | 921,049 | 11,292,181 | 16,238,377 | 6,270,940 | 3,385,107 |
| Percentage increase over: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| increase over: $1929$ | $+\quad 66.9$ | 138.3 +1800 | +43.3 +140.5 | $+\quad 70.7$ | $+77.5$ | $+121.7$ |
| $1938$ | $\begin{array}{r}+1613 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $+200.9$ | $+140.5$ | $+137.0$ | $+2409$ | $+278.9$ |

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TABLE 4. CHEQUES CASHED - DISTRIBUTED BY TYPE OF ACCOUNTS \$ 1000

| Economic Area and Clearing House Centres | CURRENT ACCOUNTS |  | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June |  | June |  |
|  | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 |
| Maritime Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Halitax …0.........0... | 72,600 | 118,667 | 4,201 | 4,120 |
| Moncton. | 25,931 | 22,533 | 1,625 | 1,613 |
| Saint John | 39.769 | 39,390 | 2,964 | 2,890 |
| Total - Marikime Provinces | 138,300 | 180.590 | 8,789 | 8,624 |
| Quebec - |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 1,596,795 | 1,533,844 | 97,774 | 82,644 |
| Quebec ........................... | 187,064 | 138.011 | 13,302 | 11,270 |
| Sherbrooke..................... | 22,208 | 18,715 | 1,716 | 1,590 |
| Total - Quebec................. | 1.806,067 | 1,690,569 | 112,791 | 95,504 |
| Ontario - |  |  |  |  |
| Branttord | 29,898 | 26,412 | 2,401 | 2,179 |
| Chatham | 17.833 | 16,432 | 2,375 | 2,088 |
| Fort Willia | 17,554 | 15,225 | 1.682 | 1,557 |
| Hamilton | 148,296 | 133.848 | 12,969 | 11,165 |
| Kingston | 17.106 | 15,595 | 2,886 | 2,673 |
| Kitchener | 34,212 | 32,074 | 3,073 | 1,956 |
| London | 81.914 | 78,950 | 7,140 | 6,418 |
| Ottawa | 229.563 | 268,057 | 20,154 | 17,543 |
| Peterborough | 19,490 | 17.710 | 2,390 | 2,190 |
| St. Catharines | 28,244 | 23.265 | 3,252 | 3,080 |
| Sarnia | 25,982 | 19,744 | 2,319 | 1,691 |
| Sudbury | 16.584 | 13,167 | 2,881 | 2,145 |
| Toronto | 1,751.654 | 1.505,090 | 111,817 | 93,441 |
| Windsor | 101,311 | 80,455 | 8,504 | 8,443 |
| Total - Ontario | 2.519 .640 | 2,246,025 | 183,843 | 156,567 |
| Prairie Provinces - |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon. | 9.913 | 9,348 | 1,048 | 997 |
| Calgary | 153,579 | 163,800 | 10,919 | 10,116 |
| Edmonton. | 127,627 | 114,607 | 10,704 | 15,011 |
| Lethbridge | 15,260 | 12.554 | 1.183 | 1,365 |
| Medicine Hat................... | 6,971 | 7.088 | 957 | 763 |
| Moose Jaw...................... | 16,217 | 16,737 | -1,578 | 1,377 |
| Prince Albert .................... | 8,643 | 7,907 | 694 | 878 |
| Regina. | 90,246 | 91.335 | 9,301 | 3,965 |
| Saskatoon | 35,054 | 29,539 | 3,238 | 3,314 |
| Winnipeg ......................... | 605,570 | 576,751 | 20,756 | 17,728 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces.. | 1,069.079 | 1,029,667 | 60,377 | 55.514 |
| British Columbia - |  |  |  |  |
| New Westminster | 22,668 | 20,204 | 3,854 | 3,586 |
| Vancouver | 414.773 | 387.715 | 43,537 | 36,576 |
| Victoria ........................... | 80,645 | 56,146 | 10,183 | 8,072 |
| Total - British Columbia | 518,086 | 464.065 | 57.574 | 48,235 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 68051.171 | 5,610,916 | 423.374 | 364,443 |

TABLE 5. CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST CURRENT AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS \$ 1000

|  |  | CURRENT ACCOUNTS |  |  | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cheques Cashed | Deposits | Turnover | Cheques Cashed | Savings Deposits | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Turn } \\ & \text { over } \end{aligned}$ |
| 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 | - May | 5,755,695 | 2,823,887 | 24.46 | 359.947 | 3,271,605 | 1.32 |
|  | June | 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 | 448848 | 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 |  | 27.40 | $361,218$ | $3.782,221$ |  |
|  | Feb. $\qquad$ | 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 |
|  | Apr | 6,480,265 | 2,649,266 | 29.35 | 388,228 | 3,938,843 | 1.18 |
|  | May .... | 6,041,737 | 2,714,719 | 26.71 | 403,823 | 3,953,027 | 1.23 |

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

## TABLE 6. RELATION OF CHEQUES CASHED TO OTHER FACTORS

|  | Name of Unit | (1) | Latest month per Col.(1) (2) | Same month 1947 (3) | Percentage change 1948 to 1947 <br> (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cheques Cashed | Million \$ | June | 6,475 | 5.975 | + 8.4 |
| Industrial Production - Total | $1935-39=100$ | May | $181.6(1)$ | 174.9 | $+\quad 3.8$ |
| Manufactures | $1935-39=100$ | May | $189.6(1)$ | 185.4 | + 2.3 |
| Mining | $1935-39=100$ | May | $132.3(1)$ | 112.0 | + 18.1 |
| Employment - 9 Leading Industries | 1936 = 100 | May | 184.5 | 178.4 | + 3.4 |
| Manufactures | . $1926=100$ | May | 201.7 | 195.8 | + 3.0 |
| Rough and dressed lumber | . $1926=100$ | May | 128.3 | 114.5 | + 12.1 |
| Textile Products | -1926 $=100$ | May | 181.5 | 174.6 | + 4.0 |
| Mining | $1926=100$ | May | 172.4 | 139.5 | + 23.6 |
| Aggregate Payrolls - 9 Industries. | Thousand \$ | May | 79.671 | 69.375 | + 14.8 |
| Average Weekly Earnings 9 Industries |  |  | 39.69 | 35.95 |  |
| Rubber Consumption | Million 1 b . | May | 13.3 | 15.6 | - 14.7 |
| Cigarettes Released | Millions | May | 1,265 | 1,379 | - 8.3 |
| Inspected Slaughterings - Cattle | Thousands | June | 94 | 81 |  |
| - Hogs | Thousands | June | 345 | 331 | + 4.2 |
| Creamery Butter ................... | Million 1b. | June | 44.52 | 43.13 | + 3.2 |
| Cheese | Million lb. | May | 9.89 | 13.71 | - 27.9 |
| Cotton - Bale Openings | Thousand lb. | June | 15,396 | 13,850 | + 11.2 |
| Wood Pulp Production | Thousand tons | May | 641.2 | 615.1 | + 4.2 |
| Newsprint Production | Thous and tons | June | 382.9 | 355.6 | + 7.7 |
| Steel Production | Thousand tons | May | 289.6 | 244.1 | + 18.6 |
| Automobile Production | Thousands | May | 21.37 | 21.67 | - 1.4 |
| Gold - Mint Receipts ... | Thous and fine ounces | May | 268 | 223 | $+20.2$ |
| Contracts Awarded | Million \$ | June | 133.8 | 75.5 | + 77.2 |
| Primary Power - Consumption | Million kwh. | May | 3. 459 | 3,154 | + 9.7 |
| Tons Loaded .......... | Thous and tons | May | 9.595 | 9.315 | + 3.0 |
| Retail Trade ........... (unadjusted) | $1935-39=100$ | May | 267.2 | 247.4 | + 8.0 |
| Exports | Million \$ | May | 282.3 | 267.8 |  |
| Imports | Million \$ | May | 225.1 | 240.3 | - 6.3 |
| Cost of Living | $1935-39=100$ | June | 154.3 | 134.9 | + 14.4 |
| Wholesale Prices - General | $1926=100$ | May | 150.0 | 125.7 | + 19.3 |
| Raw and Partly Manufactured | $1926=100$ | May | 152.5 | 128.4 | + 18.8 |
| Fully and Chiefly Manufactured.. | $1926=100$ | May | 137.4 | 114.1 | + 20.4 |
| Consumer Goods | $1926=100$ | May | 138.4 | 113.9 | + 21.5 |
| Praducers' Goods | $1926=100$ | May | 148.6 | 126.1 | + 178 |
| Building Materials | $1926=100$ | May | 192.5 | 161.1 | +19.5 |
| Common Stock Prices | $1935-39=100$ | June | 120.3 | 105.3 | + 14.2 |
| Bond Yields Index | $1935-39=100$ | J une | 95.3 | 84.3 | +13.0 |
| Dividend Payments | Million \$ | J une | 55.16 | 47.82 | +15.3 |
| Chartered Bank Cash | Million \$ | May | 717.5 | 620.0 | + 15.7 |
| Current Loans | Million \$ | May | 1,858 | 1.623 | + 14.5 |
| Dominion - Expenditures | Million \$ | May | 147 | 163 | - 9.8 |
| - Revenues | Million \$ | May | 272 | 323 | - 15.8 |

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