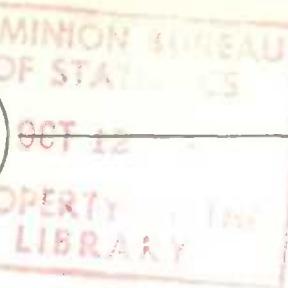


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CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING CENTRES

Total value of cheques cashed in the 52 clearing centres during August was \$16,402 million, almost 18 per cent above the corresponding value of \$13,935 million for August, 1955. Debits in all five economic areas rose substantially in the August comparison. Payments in the Prairie region advanced by over 19 per cent, and in Ontario and Quebec by almost 18 per cent. Value of cheques cashed in the Atlantic Provinces and in British Columbia increased by about 16 per cent as compared with August 1955.

The Centres

Forty-eight of the fifty-two clearing centres showed a higher value of cheque payments than during August last year. The leading centres of Toronto and Montreal recorded gains of over 20 per cent and almost 18 per cent respectively in this comparison. Debits in Winnipeg and Vancouver rose by about 14 per cent in each case.

First Eight Months

The aggregate value of cheques cashed in the fifty-two centres during the first eight months of 1956 was nearly 21 per cent above the total for the corresponding period of 1955. Payments in all economic regions rose in this comparison also. Quebec showed the largest advance of 22.5 per cent, while debits in the Prairie region rose by 22 per cent and in British Columbia by over 21 per cent. Value of cheques cashed in Ontario was nearly 20 per cent higher than for the same period of 1955 and the Atlantic Provinces recorded an increase of 16 per cent.

The national eight month total for the original 35 centres was 547 per cent above that recorded for the first eight months of 1938, and over four times the aggregate for the same period of 1929.

Deposit Turnover

The turnover of current deposits compiled on an annual footing stood at 45.81 in July, far above the corresponding rate of 39.28 for July last year. The turnover of savings accounts on the same basis was 1.66 in July, also well above the July 1955 rate of 1.38.

Economic Setting

During the first seven months of 1956 most indicators of general economic activity exceeded their levels of one year ago. The Index of Industrial Production for this period rose by nearly 8 per cent as compared with the first seven months of the previous year. Manufacturing output increased by 7 per cent, while mineral production advanced by 14.1 per cent in the same comparison. Non-agricultural employment for the first seven months was nearly 7 per cent above the corresponding period last year, while industrial payrolls were almost 12 per cent higher.

Total value of retail trade rose by over 7 per cent in the seven-month comparison. The consumer price index for the first eight months averaged just under 1 per cent higher than during the same period of 1955. Value of exports for the first seven months was over 13 per cent above last year, while value of imports for the first five months of 1956 was over 30 per cent higher than for the corresponding period one year ago.

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TABLE 1. - CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE CLEARING HOUSE CENTRES IN CANADA AUGUST, 1956 AND DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1956 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1955.

| Province and Clearing House Centres | AUGUST | | | FIRST EIGHT MONTHS | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| | 1955 | 1956 | 1956 1955 | 1955 | 1956 | 1956 1955 |
| | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | % | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | % |
| <u>Atlantic Provinces</u> | | | | | | |
| Charlottetown | 16,159 | 25,605 | 158.5 | 119,667 | 132,878 | 111.0 |
| Fredericton | 33,363 | 52,573 | 157.6 | 253,590 | 325,063 | 128.2 |
| Glace Bay | 3,639 | 3,709 | 101.9 | 28,453 | 28,576 | 100.4 |
| Halifax | 124,167 | 149,611 | 120.5 | 1,059,535 | 1,221,600 | 115.3 |
| Moncton | 48,118 | 47,062 | 97.8 | 359,846 | 405,557 | 112.7 |
| Saint John | 63,896 | 67,909 | 106.3 | 454,359 | 545,973 | 120.2 |
| St. John's | 66,151 | 70,055 | 105.9 | 448,740 | 515,061 | 114.8 |
| Sydney | 25,802 | 26,258 | 101.8 | 179,777 | 194,376 | 108.1 |
| Total - Atlantic Provinces | 381,295 | 442,782 | 116.1 | 2,903,966 | 3,369,083 | 116.0 |
| <u>Quebec</u> | | | | | | |
| Chicoutimi | 20,989 | 24,307 | 115.8 | 149,434 | 173,961 | 116.4 |
| Drummondville | 12,213 | 14,731 | 120.6 | 88,925 | 101,412 | 114.0 |
| Granby | 16,608 | 17,923 | 107.9 | 124,600 | 132,117 | 106.0 |
| Montreal | 3,598,326 | 4,240,890 | 117.9 | 27,651,564 | 34,306,443 | 124.1 |
| Quebec City | 325,195 | 371,098 | 114.1 | 2,732,559 | 2,950,227 | 108.0 |
| St. Hyacinthe | 17,083 | 20,759 | 121.5 | 127,315 | 159,581 | 125.3 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 11,783 | 15,083 | 128.0 | 87,151 | 103,461 | 118.7 |
| Sherbrooke | 38,731 | 46,668 | 120.5 | 284,650 | 351,164 | 123.4 |
| Three Rivers | 39,195 | 41,780 | 106.6 | 260,693 | 305,303 | 117.1 |
| Valleyfield | 9,157 | 11,916 | 130.1 | 69,456 | 83,912 | 120.8 |
| Total - Quebec | 4,089,281 | 4,805,155 | 117.5 | 31,576,347 | 38,667,580 | 122.5 |
| <u>Ontario</u> | | | | | | |
| Brantford | 47,551 | 52,127 | 109.6 | 341,176 | 394,538 | 115.6 |
| Chatham | 32,283 | 37,635 | 116.6 | 266,448 | 290,374 | 109.0 |
| Cornwall | 24,703 | 38,705 | 156.7 | 174,762 | 247,607 | 141.7 |
| Fort William | 35,638 | 37,683 | 105.7 | 219,087 | 258,012 | 117.8 |
| Guelph | 23,114 | 26,535 | 114.8 | 180,973 | 216,573 | 119.7 |
| Hamilton | 299,815 | 343,529 | 114.6 | 2,271,177 | 2,734,872 | 120.4 |
| Kingston | 40,121 | 42,345 | 105.5 | 273,984 | 306,614 | 111.9 |
| Kitchener | 66,921 | 76,481 | 114.3 | 525,746 | 610,942 | 116.2 |
| London | 177,679 | 195,226 | 109.9 | 1,333,731 | 1,503,650 | 112.7 |
| Niagara Falls | 41,679 | 46,000 | 110.4 | 318,214 | 355,857 | 111.8 |
| Oshawa | 119,883 | 143,506 | 119.7 | 904,847 | 983,098 | 108.6 |
| Ottawa | 258,316 | 284,416 | 110.1 | 2,179,350 | 2,232,105 | 102.4 |
| Peterborough | 33,296 | 44,567 | 133.9 | 244,128 | 331,337 | 135.7 |
| Port Arthur | 24,066 | 28,170 | 117.1 | 169,869 | 197,158 | 116.1 |
| St. Catharines | 57,015 | 66,375 | 116.4 | 439,715 | 510,205 | 116.0 |
| Sarnia | 43,420 | 48,408 | 111.5 | 307,620 | 369,385 | 120.1 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 42,231 | 57,863 | 137.0 | 269,882 | 365,425 | 135.4 |
| Sudbury | 53,013 | 52,037 | 98.2 | 318,391 | 375,426 | 117.9 |
| Timmins | 13,454 | 15,061 | 111.9 | 103,577 | 116,148 | 112.1 |
| Toronto | 4,392,755 | 5,281,523 | 120.2 | 35,877,688 | 43,629,133 | 121.6 |
| Windsor | 230,884 | 210,446 | 91.1 | 1,635,475 | 1,806,310 | 110.4 |
| Total - Ontario | 6,057,838 | 7,128,639 | 117.7 | 48,355,840 | 57,834,771 | 119.6 |

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| Province and Clearing House Centres | AUGUST | | | FIRST EIGHT MONTHS | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1955 | 1956 | 1956 1955 | 1955 | 1956 | 1956 1955 |
| | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | % | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | % |
| <u>Prairie Provinces</u> | | | | | | |
| Brandon | 17,386 | 20,634 | 118.7 | 121,239 | 139,273 | 114.9 |
| Calgary | 471,833 | 648,065 | 137.4 | 3,480,868 | 4,515,454 | 129.7 |
| Edmonton | 373,310 | 416,749 | 111.6 | 2,536,973 | 3,048,447 | 120.2 |
| Lethbridge | 33,858 | 37,072 | 109.5 | 227,194 | 257,678 | 113.4 |
| Medicine Hat | 13,107 | 16,145 | 123.2 | 89,531 | 110,888 | 123.9 |
| Moose Jaw | 23,459 | 27,437 | 117.0 | 185,960 | 199,391 | 107.2 |
| Prince Albert | 13,764 | 14,728 | 107.0 | 102,579 | 105,392 | 102.7 |
| Regina | 228,577 | 283,256 | 123.9 | 1,538,843 | 1,845,275 | 119.9 |
| Saskatoon | 67,627 | 74,173 | 109.7 | 443,023 | 486,112 | 109.7 |
| Winnipeg | 999,906 | 1,139,548 | 114.0 | 7,441,013 | 9,017,217 | 121.2 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces .. | 2,242,826 | 2,677,807 | 119.4 | 16,167,224 | 19,725,127 | 122.0 |
| <u>British Columbia</u> | | | | | | |
| New Westminster | 61,814 | 61,118 | 98.9 | 434,969 | 472,509 | 108.6 |
| Vancouver | 965,781 | 1,100,098 | 113.9 | 6,621,752 | 8,235,994 | 124.4 |
| Victoria | 136,417 | 186,437 | 136.7 | 1,141,387 | 1,232,931 | 108.0 |
| Total - British Columbia ... | 1,164,012 | 1,347,653 | 115.8 | 8,198,107 | 9,941,435 | 121.3 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA | 13,935,251 | 16,402,036 | 117.7 | 107,201,484 | 129,537,996 | 120.8 |

TABLE 2. - CHEQUES CASHED IN 35 CLEARING CENTRES, FIRST EIGHT MONTHS REPRESENTATIVE YEARS
Thousand Dollars

| Year | CANADA | Atlantic Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie Provinces | British Columbia |
|------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1926 | 19,411,257 | 411,033 | 6,252,535 | 7,864,166 | 3,605,841 | 1,277,683 |
| 1929 | 30,506,539 | 530,149 | 10,699,164 | 12,415,540 | 4,874,468 | 1,987,218 |
| 1932 | 16,828,259 | 352,530 | 5,134,893 | 7,352,236 | 2,969,971 | 1,081,629 |
| 1937 | 23,519,603 | 489,291 | 7,727,190 | 10,791,220 | 3,095,291 | 1,416,611 |
| 1938 | 19,422,568 | 415,420 | 6,344,430 | 9,010,207 | 2,440,864 | 1,211,646 |
| 1943 | 33,893,599 | 796,682 | 9,835,878 | 15,718,218 | 5,452,555 | 2,090,266 |
| 1946 | 44,897,870 | 1,057,643 | 13,519,962 | 20,151,188 | 6,702,993 | 3,466,085 |
| 1947 | 47,769,640 | 1,130,675 | 15,173,786 | 19,674,603 | 7,552,032 | 4,238,544 |
| 1948 | 50,502,048 | 1,262,924 | 15,092,610 | 21,290,653 | 8,337,433 | 4,518,428 |
| 1949 | 54,634,880 1/ | 1,447,600 1/ | 15,624,258 | 22,882,771 | 9,779,849 | 4,900,401 |
| 1950 | 62,174,494 2/ | 1,684,993 | 17,781,534 | 26,781,881 2/ | 10,648,380 | 5,277,705 |
| 1951 | 71,919,506 | 1,875,388 | 21,019,874 | 30,424,421 | 12,104,712 | 6,495,112 |
| 1952 | 80,137,563 | 1,961,164 | 22,798,397 | 33,805,276 | 14,282,850 | 7,289,877 |
| 1953 | 89,569,721 | 2,211,751 | 24,610,728 | 39,041,931 | 16,158,361 | 7,546,950 |
| 1954 | 95,374,558 | 2,272,627 | 27,622,854 | 42,227,596 | 15,483,096 | 7,768,385 |
| 1955 | 103,765,063 | 2,322,480 | 30,668,774 | 46,408,478 | 16,167,224 | 8,198,107 |
| 1956 | 125,563,099 | 2,688,191 | 37,607,833 | 55,600,512 | 19,725,127 | 9,941,435 |

Percentage increase 1956 (35 Centres)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Over 1929 | 311.6 | 407.1 | 251.5 | 347.8 | 304.7 | 400.3 |
| 1938 | 546.5 | 547.1 | 492.8 | 517.1 | 708.1 | 720.5 |

1. Includes debits in St. John's Newfoundland, since April, 1949.

2. Cornwall data added as of May, 1950.

TABLE 3 - CHEQUES CASHED - DISTRIBUTED BY TYPE OF ACCOUNT \$ '000

| Economic Area and Clearing House Centres | CURRENT ACCOUNTS | | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS | |
|---|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| | AUGUST | | 1955 | 1956 |
| | 1955 | 1956 | | |
| <u>Atlantic Provinces</u> | | | | |
| Charlottetown | 15,110 | 24,302 | 1,049 | 1,303 |
| Fredericton | 32,120 | 50,832 | 1,243 | 1,741 |
| Glace Bay | 3,348 | 3,375 | 292 | 334 |
| Halifax | 116,481 | 139,810 | 7,686 | 9,801 |
| Moncton | 46,069 | 44,700 | 2,049 | 2,363 |
| Saint John | 59,764 | 63,722 | 4,132 | 4,187 |
| St. John's | 63,538 | 67,372 | 2,612 | 2,683 |
| Sydney | 24,942 | 25,136 | 860 | 1,123 |
| Total - Atlantic Provinces | 361,372 | 419,248 | 19,922 | 23,534 |
| <u>Quebec</u> | | | | |
| Chicoutimi | 19,433 | 22,448 | 1,556 | 1,859 |
| Drummondville | 11,272 | 13,738 | 941 | 994 |
| Granby | 15,494 | 16,794 | 1,114 | 1,128 |
| Montreal | 3,444,479 | 4,048,689 | 153,847 | 192,201 |
| Quebec City | 295,958 | 332,956 | 29,236 | 38,142 |
| St. Hyacinthe | 13,462 | 15,964 | 3,622 | 4,795 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 10,391 | 13,782 | 1,391 | 1,301 |
| Sherbrooke | 36,613 | 44,196 | 2,119 | 2,472 |
| Three Rivers | 36,070 | 38,169 | 3,125 | 3,610 |
| Valleyfield | 7,835 | 10,525 | 1,322 | 1,390 |
| Total - Quebec | 3,891,007 | 4,557,262 | 198,274 | 247,893 |
| <u>Ontario</u> | | | | |
| Brantford | 44,542 | 48,830 | 3,009 | 3,298 |
| Chatham | 29,773 | 35,015 | 2,510 | 2,620 |
| Cornwall | 22,104 | 35,573 | 2,599 | 3,132 |
| Fort William | 32,861 | 33,380 | 2,776 | 4,303 |
| Guelph | 20,831 | 23,885 | 2,283 | 2,650 |
| Hamilton | 266,435 | 319,951 | 33,381 | 23,578 |
| Kingston | 35,143 | 37,072 | 4,978 | 5,273 |
| Kitchener | 63,302 | 72,637 | 3,619 | 3,844 |
| London | 166,328 | 182,150 | 11,351 | 13,076 |
| Niagara Falls | 37,937 | 41,743 | 3,742 | 4,257 |
| Oshawa | 115,568 | 138,618 | 4,315 | 4,888 |
| Ottawa | 230,198 | 250,358 | 28,117 | 34,058 |
| Peterborough | 29,828 | 40,755 | 3,469 | 3,812 |
| Port Arthur | 21,787 | 25,340 | 2,279 | 2,830 |
| St. Catharines | 51,899 | 60,342 | 5,116 | 6,033 |
| Sarnia | 39,280 | 44,012 | 4,140 | 4,396 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 38,828 | 53,870 | 3,403 | 3,993 |
| Sudbury | 46,866 | 44,919 | 6,147 | 7,117 |
| Timmins | 11,972 | 13,347 | 1,481 | 1,714 |
| Toronto | 4,186,685 | 5,041,372 | 206,070 | 240,151 |
| Windsor | 218,338 | 196,749 | 12,546 | 13,697 |
| Total - Ontario | 5,710,506 | 6,739,918 | 347,332 | 388,721 |

TABLE 3. - (CONCLUDED) CHEQUES CASHED - DISTRIBUTED BY TYPE OF ACCOUNT \$ '000

| Economic Area and Clearing House Centres | CURRENT ACCOUNTS | | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS | |
|---|------------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| | AUGUST | | AUGUST | |
| | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
| <u>Prairie Provinces</u> | | | | |
| Brandon | 15,654 | 18,966 | 1,732 | 1,668 |
| Calgary | 439,275 | 611,209 | 32,558 | 36,856 |
| Edmonton | 351,428 | 396,224 | 21,882 | 20,526 |
| Lethbridge | 32,191 | 35,067 | 1,667 | 2,005 |
| Medicine Hat | 11,718 | 14,695 | 1,389 | 1,450 |
| Moose Jaw | 21,615 | 25,314 | 1,844 | 2,124 |
| Prince Albert | 12,675 | 13,368 | 1,089 | 1,359 |
| Regina | 222,430 | 276,105 | 6,147 | 7,151 |
| Saskatoon | 62,458 | 69,436 | 5,169 | 4,737 |
| Winnipeg | 970,328 | 1,109,204 | 29,578 | 30,344 |
| Total - Prairie Provinces | 2,139,771 | 2,569,588 | 103,054 | 108,220 |
| <u>British Columbia</u> | | | | |
| New Westminster | 53,387 | 53,863 | 8,427 | 7,255 |
| Vancouver | 904,397 | 1,025,769 | 61,384 | 74,329 |
| Victoria | 124,690 | 174,343 | 11,728 | 12,094 |
| Total - British Columbia | 1,082,474 | 1,253,976 | 81,538 | 93,677 |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR CANADA | 13,185,130 | 15,539,991 | 750,121 | 862,045 |

TABLE 4. - CHEQUES CASHED AGAINST CURRENT AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS \$ '000

| | CURRENT ACCOUNTS | | | SAVINGS ACCOUNTS | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Cheques Cashed (1) | Deposits | Turn- over | Cheques Cashed (1) | Savings Deposits | Turn- over |
| 1954 | 140,251,337 | 3,680,000 | 38.11 | 7,811,459 | 5,395,564 | 1.45 |
| 1955 | 152,565,051 | 3,959,938 | 38.53 | 8,785,827 | 6,100,120 | 1.44 |
| 1955 July | 13,059,724 | 3,989,517 | 39.28 | 712,389 | 6,211,249 | 1.38 |
| Aug. | 12,748,729 | 3,950,293 | 38.73 | 716,103 | 6,266,510 | 1.37 |
| Sept. | 12,489,294 | 4,005,423 | 37.42 | 692,661 | 6,313,808 | 1.32 |
| Oct. | 13,077,654 | 4,159,155 | 37.73 | 855,526 | 6,348,843 | 1.62 |
| Nov. | 14,321,692 | 4,334,343 | 39.65 | 954,294 | 6,227,975 | 1.84 |
| Dec. | 14,347,974 | 4,517,100 | 38.12 | 846,719 | 6,093,865 | 1.67 |
| 1956 Jan. | 13,960,362 | 4,428,753 | 37.83 | 709,719 | 6,120,667 | 1.39 |
| Feb. | 12,323,599 | 4,186,721 | 35.32 | 676,656 | 6,170,996 | 1.32 |
| Mar. | 14,131,391 | 4,077,267 | 41.59 | 732,201 | 6,226,999 | 1.41 |
| Apr. | 15,140,250 | 4,154,412 | 43.73 | 755,988 | 6,327,753 | 1.43 |
| May | 16,798,495 | 4,249,386 | 47.44 | 905,987 | 6,363,708 | 1.71 |
| June | 15,504,517 | 4,306,744 | 43.20 | 813,795 | 6,334,783 | 1.54 |
| July | 16,400,171 | 4,296,263 | 45.81 | 879,708 | 6,368,217 | 1.66 |

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

(1) - 35 centres.

TABLE 5. - SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS.

| | Unit | CURRENT MONTH | | | | PERIOD TO DATE | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | | Month (1) | Same Month 1955 (2) | Latest Month Per Col. (1) | Per centage Change (4) | Same Period 1955 (5) | Cumulative total* for period ending per col. (1) (6) | Per centage Change (7) | |
| | | | | (3) | (4) | | | | |
| Industrial Production - Total | 1935-39=100 | July | 263.7 | 284.9p | + 8.0 | 257.9 | 277.9p | + 7.8 | |
| Manufactures | 1935-39=100 | July | 265.1 | 286.4p | + 8.0 | 263.8 | 282.2p | + 7.0 | |
| Mining | 1935-39=100 | July | 264.0 | 279.3p | + 5.8 | 223.2 | 254.6p | + 14.1 | |
| Manufacturing-Inventories | Million \$ | July | 3,537.1 | 3,976.4 | + 12.4 | - | - | - | |
| Shipments | Million \$ | July | 1,583.9 | 1,806.5 | + 14.1 | 11,039.5 | 12,317.2 | + 11.6 | |
| Employment-Industrial Composite | 1949=100 | July | 115.3 | 123.8 | + 7.4 | 108.7 | 116.0 | + 6.7 | |
| -Manufacturing | 1949=100 | July | 111.6 | 117.8 | + 5.6 | 106.7 | 113.3 | + 6.2 | |
| Payrolls - Industrial Composite | 1949=100 | July | 164.1 | 186.9 | + 13.9 | 153.5 | 171.4 | + 11.7 | |
| Average Weekly Earnings " | Dollars | July | 60.87 | 64.56 | + 6.1 | 60.40 | 63.15 | + 4.6 | |
| Average Hourly Earnings-Mfg. | Cents | July | 145.0 | 152.7 | + 5.3 | 144.2 | 149.9 | + 4.0 | |
| Average Hours Worked per Week-Mfg. | Hours | July | 40.9 | 41.2 | + 0.7 | 40.8 | 40.9 | + 0.2 | |
| Building Permits-58 Municipalities | Thousand \$ | July | 67,357 | 120,752 | + 79.3 | 443,271 | 560,517 | + 26.5 | |
| New Dwelling Units Completed | Number | July | 9,606 | 9,663 | + 0.6 | 62,211 | 67,675 | + 8.8 | |
| Tons loaded | Thousand Tons | Aug. | 13,062 | 14,965p | + 14.6 | 83,255 | 95,656p | + 14.9 | |
| Operating Income-Canadian Rlws. (2) | Million \$ | April | 3.2 | 2.6 | - 18.7 | 3.8 | 8.8 | +131.6 | |
| Retail Trade-Total | Million \$ | July | 1,112.3 | 1,185.4 | + 6.6 | 7,081.0 | 7,605.6 | + 7.4 | |
| Department Stores | Million \$ | July | 71.4 | 78.8 | + 10.5 | 563.5 | 618.8 | + 9.8 | |
| Exports | Million \$ | July | 348.1 | 424.3 | + 21.9 | 2,380.0 | 2,694.4 | + 13.2 | |
| Imports | Million \$ | May | 434.0 | 550.0 | + 26.7 | 1,807.3 | 2,354.7 | + 30.3 | |
| Consumer Price Index | 1949=100 | Aug. | 116.4 | 119.1 | + 2.3 | 116.2 | 117.3 | + 0.9 | |
| Wholesale Prices-General | 1935-39=100 | Aug. | 219.7 | 227.0 | + 48.8 | 217.9 | 224.7 | + 3.1 | |
| -Farm Products | 1935-39=100 | Aug. | 204.8 | 214.4 | + 4.7 | 215.4 | 207.1 | - 3.9 | |
| Common Stock Prices (Investors' Index) | 1935-39=100 | Aug. | 245.3 | 291.8 | + 19.0 | 225.4 | 268.5 | + 19.1 | |
| Cheques Cashed | Million \$ | Aug. | 13,935 | 16,402 | + 17.7 | 107,201 | 129,538 | + 20.8 | |
| Govt. of Canada 15-year Bond Yield | Percent | Aug. | 3.14 | 3.76 | + 19.7 | 2.99 | 3.46 | + 15.7 | |
| Dividend Payments | Million \$ | Sept. | 66.5 | 79.9p | + 20.2 | 458.9 | 532.6p | + 16.1 | |
| Total Currency & Active Bank Deposits | Million \$ | June | 5,719 | 5,840 | + 2.1 | 5,504 | 5,671 | + 3.0 | |
| Current Bank Loans | Million \$ | July | 3,986 | 4,936 | + 23.8 | 3,320 | 4,756 | + 43.3 | |
| Federal-Expenditures | Million \$ | July | 307.4 | 349.8 | + 13.8 | 1,200.1(1) | 1,283.0(1) | + 6.9 | |
| -Revenues | Million \$ | July | 369.8 | 459.9 | + 24.4 | 1,332.1(1) | 1,613.3(1) | + 21.1 | |

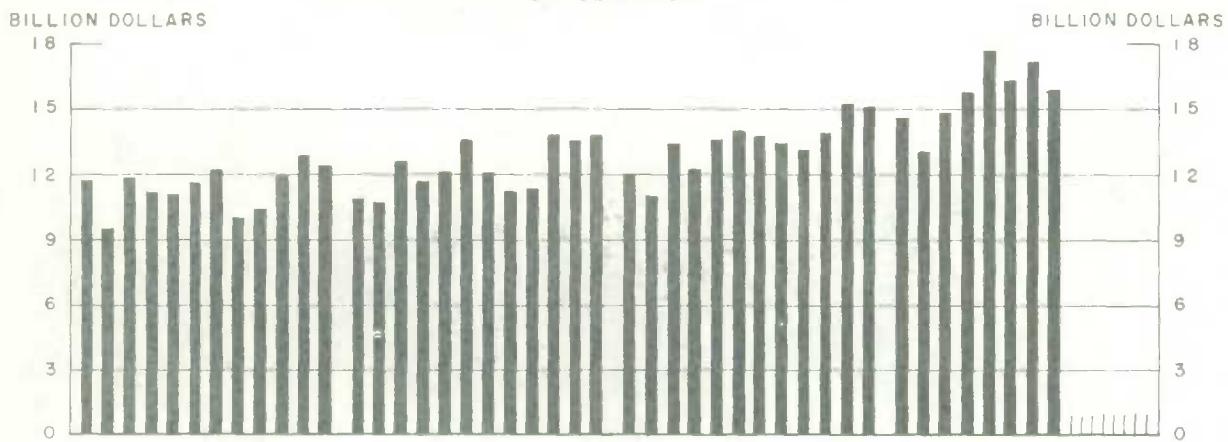
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(1) Totals for elapsed portion of fiscal year.

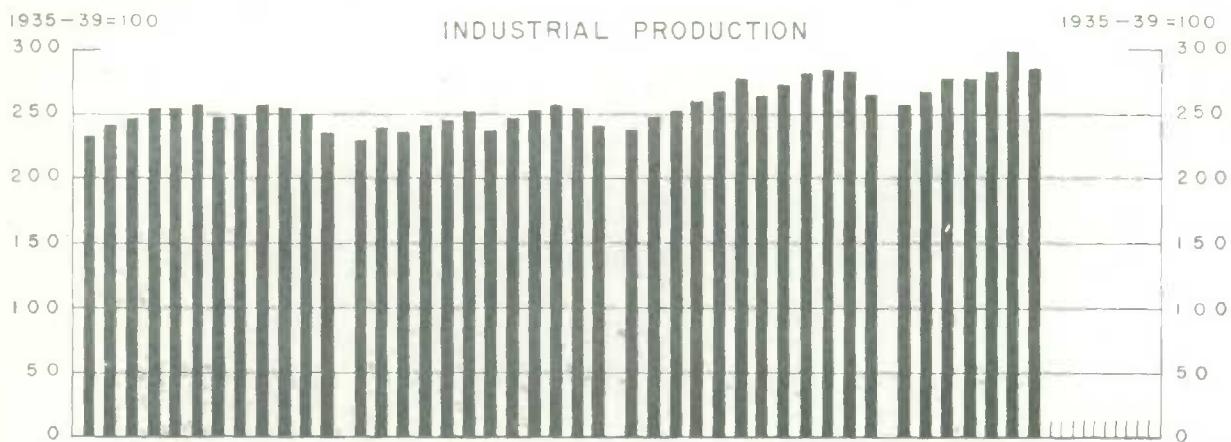
(2) Railways on uniform classification of accounts.

CHEQUES CASHED WITH COMPARISONS

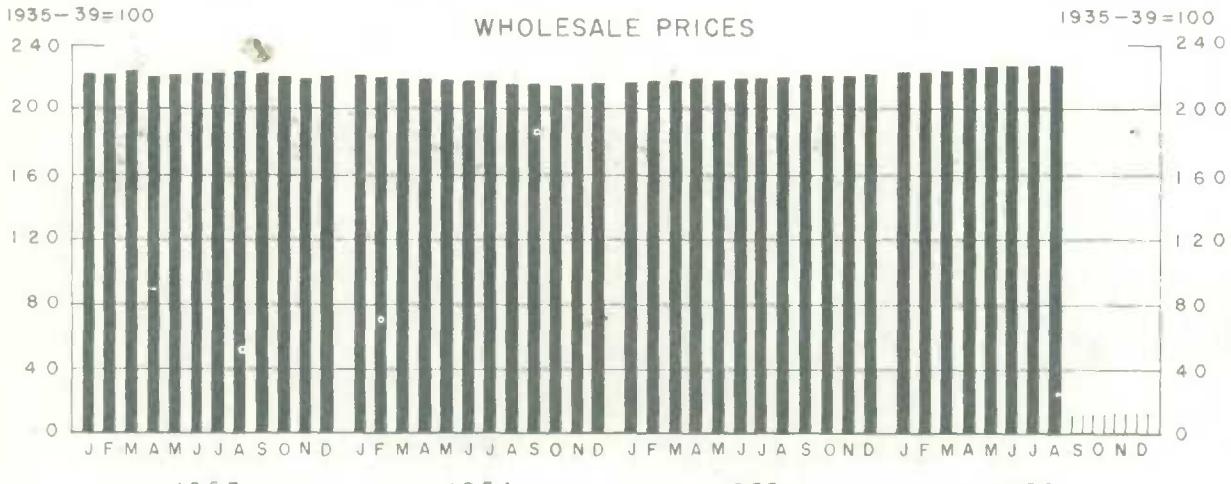
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