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Sales and Purchases of Securities Between canada and Othar countries

The trade in securities between Canada and other countries in December, although less than in November, continued at an unusually high level. The principal decine in December was in sales, purchases remaining about the same. As a result, there was a balange of purchases by Canada of over $\$ 6$ million contrasted with a large balance of sales in the preceding month. The considerable balance of Canadian purchases in the trade with the United States was partly offset by net sales to the United Kingdom and other oountries.

Sales to the United States dropped from $\$ 56,817,932$ in November to $\$ 35,998,458$ in December, while purchases only declined from $\$ 47,616,566$ to $\$ 43,711,150$. Sales to the United Kingdom at $\$ 11,046,507$ were only slightly higher than the $\$ 10,231,534$ recorded in November, but purchases increased from $\$ 7,479,795$ to $\$ 10,991,618$.

During the calendar year 1936 sales to all countries were $\$ 419,632,808$ and purchases were $\$ 411,757,989$, making a total trade of over $\$ 831$ miliion. This represents a much heavier international trade in securities in 1936 than in 1935 when the total trade amounted to about $\$ 552$ million, although the general increase in the prices of securities, particularly of common stocks, during the past year accounts for part of this expansion. The balance of the year's transactions is a small excess of sales as contrasted with a balance of over $\$ 50$ million sales in 1935.

The changes in the trade between Canada and individual countries have been even more pronounced. In 1936 Canadian purchases from the United States exceeded sales by over $\$ 8$ million, compared with a balance of salas to that country of over $\$ 67$ million in 1935 and a balance of purchases in 1934 of about $\$ 68$ million.

There were also quite appreciable changes in the trade with the United Kingdom. The revival of sales to the United Kingdom was an outstanding development. These were particularly large in the latter months of the year. Purchases from Great Britain were greater than in any previous year in which this trade in securities has been recorded. The trade between Canada and countries other than the United Kingdom and the United States also developed in 1936 especially during the three last months of the year. As with the trade with the United Kingdom, this trade was characterized by a balance of sales.

During the latter part of 1936 the trade in Canadian and United States common and preference stocks formed a larger proportion of the total trade than in the first part of the year when the trade in bonds and debentures was a larger percentage of the whole.

Tables showing exchange quotations, the index numbers of common stock prices, and quotations and yields on representative government bonds In Great Britain, the United States and Canada are included in this bulletin. The discount on New York funds at Montreal was slightly less than in the previous month, while the premium on sterling increased. The index numbers of common stock prices in Canada, England and the United States each declined, as did the yield on each of the government bonds shown with the exception of the United Kingdom $3 \frac{1}{2} \%$ War Loan which increased.

The international security transactions shown in this bulletin were carried on through the medium of the investment dealers, stock exchanges, banks, United States branch houses and other agencies. It should be noted, however, that the sales of new issues of Canadian securities outside of Canada'are not included in these figures, such as the new issue of Dominion of Canada bonds of $\$ 48,000,000$ sold in Januery, 1936 to a syndicate in New York. The redemption of called or matured Canadian securities abroad or of British and foreign securities owned in canada are not included among the transactions recorded either.

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Table 1.

| Month | Sales to United States |  |  | Purchases from United States |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 |
| Ju | 14,231,54.5 | 16,001,508 | 45,260,642 | 26,544,836 | 25,044,678 | 28,974,654 |
| February | 13,678,043 | 14,691,217 | 36,260,759 | 26,106,450 | 11,969,013 | 28,329,794 |
| March | 18,137,073 | 27,046,720 | 24,403,261 | 24,382,427 | 12,050,506 | 20,041,317 |
| April | 23,015,121 | 22,834,736 | 16,853,198 | 19,121,847 | 13,935,444 | 15,371,360 |
| Kay | 17,450,321 | 22,057,755 | 12,075,199 | 21,759,197 | 10,976,937 | 15,246,883 |
| June | 17,470,866 | 16,359,575 | 17,317,821 | 16,450,606 | 8,499,061 | 19,240,228 |
| July | 17,348,983 | 18,120,727 | 18,811,327 | 19,396,713 | 10,513,211 | 25,417,735 |
| August | 23,636,938 | 23,057,940 | 21,530,362 | 33,368,764 | 25,526,842 | 29,555,781 |
| September | 15,483, 299 | 21,748,633 | 24,080,465 | 26,393,230 | 15,831,450 | 27,351,749 |
| Ootober | 21,967,108 | 28,416,408 | 25,829,499 | 23,051,235 | 25,573,669 | 42,800,329 |
| November | 16,545,462 | 27,714,098 | 56,817,932 | 19,931,263 | 18,490,740 | 47,616,566 |
| Decemb | 16,981,784 | 30,207,777 | 35,998,458 | 27,655,996 | 24,282,408 | 43,711,150 |
| Total, 28 months | 215,946,543 | 268,257,094 | 335,238,923 | 284,162,564 | 200,693,959 | 343,657,546 |

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| Month | Sales to Great Britain |  |  | Purchases from Great Britain |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 |
| January | 16,577,137 | 4,263,321 | 11,112,761 | 880,262 | 2,460,766 | 3,092,797 |
| February | 15,329,851 | 1,560,990 | 5,993,537 | 1,103,952 | 2,817,360 | 3,540,208 |
| March | 15,532,035 | 1,820,261 | 4,136,831 | 1,614,296 | 5,586,692 | 4,554,205 |
| April | 7,427,210 | 1,085,282 | 2,685,742 | 1,488,030 | 5,587,232 | 3,353,340 |
| May | 7,427,874 | 1,362,195 | 4,446,213 | 2,731,998 | 2,929,576 | 5,721,795 |
| June | 10,284,990 | 1,426,544 | 2,474,323 | 2,449,435 | 1,834,231 | 2,474,113 |
| July | 3,746,970 | 2,691,479 | 1,869,735 | 1,397,213 | 2,481,793 | 3,492,336 |
| August | 5,290,921 | 2,204,573 | 1,573,986 | 2,197,539 | 2,333,535 | 2,648,315 |
| Soptomber | 3,304,565 | 2,816,503 | 5,331,130 | 1,229,079 | 5,225,269 | 6,175,718 |
| October | 4,534,646 | 3,056,239 | 10,886,018 | 2,960,556 | 5,646,187 | 6,170,885 |
| November | 8,244,740 | 2,501,749 | 10,231,534 | 2,050,084 | 4,065,207 | 7,479,795 |
| December* | 4,411,256 | 6,202,128 | 11,046,507 | 3,654,875 | 3,160,645 | 10,991,618 |
| Total, 12 months | 102,112,195 | 30,991,264 | 71,788,317 | 23,757,319 | 44,128,493 | 59,695,125 |

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| Month | Salos to Other Countries |  |  | Purchases from Other Countries |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 |
| Jamuary | 429,933 | 210,842 | 155,938 | 267,062 | 263,481 | 485,588 |
| February | 236,817 | 182,902 | 264,844 | 241,558 | 491,935 | 173,778 |
| March | 278,768 | 145,869 | 647,802 | 222,682 | 1,676,263 | 349,362 |
| April | 382,524 | 238,226 | 699,177 | 466,830 | 452,857 | 961,034 |
| May ............. | 299,032 | 339,835 | 471,946 | 207,003 | 414,054 | 731,932 |
| June | 223,907 | 284,556 | 567,493 | 944,968 | 183,075 | 781,820 |
| July | 124,561 | 261,852 | 1,034,339 | 341,122 | 208,540 | 313,160 |
| August | 249,100 | 136,460 | 771,771 | 260,646 | 175,066 | 439,917 |
| Soptomber | 323,614 | 99,498 | 1,070,718 | 242,138 | 575,276 | 684,826 |
| October | 256,310 | 245,937 | 2,167,123 | 301,091 | 596,388 | 1,398,654 |
| November | 141,731 | 328,209 | 2,562,847 | 481,641 | 510,094 | 1,080,889 |
| December** | 166,453 | 107,358 | 2,191,570 | 360,531 | 394,205 | 1,004,358 |
| Total, 12 months | 3,112,750 | 2,581,544 | 12,605,568 | 4,337,272 | 5,941,234 | 8,405,318 |

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| Month | Sales to All Countries |  |  | Purchases from All Countries |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1934 | - 1935 | 1936 |
| January | 31,238,615 | 20,475,671 | 56,529,341 | 27,692,160 | 25,768,925 | 32,553,039 |
| February | 39,244,711 | 16,435,109 | 42,519,140 | 27,451,960 | 15,278,308 | 32,043,780 |
| March | 33,947,876 | 29,012,850 | 29,187, 894 | 26,219,405 | 19,313,461 | 24,944, 884 |
| April | 30,824,855 | 24,158,244 | 20,238,117 | 21,076,707 | 19,975,533 | 19,685,734 |
| May | 25,177,227 | 23,759,785 | 16,993,358 | 24,698,198 | 14,320,567 | 21,700,610 |
| June | 27,979,763 | 18,070,675 | 20,359,637 | 19,845,009 | 10,516,367 | 22,496,161 |
| July | 21,220,514 | 21,074,058 | 21,715,401 | 21,135,048 | 13,203,544 | 29,223,231 |
| August | 29,176,959 | 25,398,973 | 23,876,119 | 35,826,949 | 28,035,443 | 32,644,013 |
| September | 19,111,478 | 24,664,634 | 30,482,313 | 27,864,447 | 21,631,995 | 34,212,293 |
| October | 26,758,064 | 31,718,584 | 38,882,640 | 26,312,882 | 31,816,244 | 50,369,868 |
| November | 24,931,933 | 30,544,056 | 69,612, 313 | 22,462,988 | 23,066,041 | 56,177,250 |
| December* | 21,559,493 | 36,517, 263 | 49,236,535 | 31,671,402 | 27,837,258 | 55,707,126 |
| Total, 12 months | 321,171,488 | 301,829,902 | 419,652,808 | 312,257,155 | 250,763,686 | 411,757,989 |

Table 2.
Monthly Average of Daily Quotations and Premiums
or Discounts for Now York Funds and Sterling iontroal, 1934-1936

| mionth | 1934 |  | 1935 |  | 1936 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Now York Funds at Montreal | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Promium }+ \\ \text { Discount } \\ \% \end{array}$ | New York Funds at Montreal | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Promium }+ \\ & \text { Discount. - } \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | New York Funds at idontreal | Premium + Discount. \% |
| January | 1.0047 | +0.47 | . 9986 | -0.14 | 1.0005 | +0.05 |
| Fobruary | 1.0084 | +0.84 | 1.0013 | +0.13 | . .9986 | -0.14 |
| March | 1.0022 | +0.22 | 1.0097 | +0.97 | 1.0013 | +0.13 |
| April | . 9979 | -0.21 | 1.0049 | +0.49 | 1.0047 | +0.47 |
| way . | . 9982 | -0.18 | 1.0015 | +0.15 | 1.0018 | +0.18 |
| Juno | . 9922 | -0.78 | 1.0014 | +0.14 | 1.0026 | +0.26 |
| july ... | . 9883 | -1.17 | 1.0022 | +0.22 | 1.0008 | +0.08 |
| August .. | . 9769 | -2.31 | 1.0027 | +0.27 | 1.0001 | +0.01 |
| Soptember | . 9714 | -2.86 | 1.0080 | +0.80 | . 9997 | -0.03 |
| October | . 9791 | -2.09 | 1.0141 | +1.42 | . 9997 | -0.03 |
| November | . 9761 | -2.39 | 1.0105 | +1.05 | . 9986 | -0.14 |
| Decomber | . 9878 | -1.22 | 1.0093 | +0.93 | . 9993 | -0.07 |
| Yoar | . 9902 | -0.98 | 1.0054 | +0. 54 | 2.0006 | +0.06 |


| Nonth | 1934 |  | 1935 |  | 1936 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sterling at Montreal | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Promium + } \\ \text { Discount.- } \\ \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Sterling at hontreal | Promium + Discount. $\%$ | Sterling at hiontreal | $\begin{gathered} \text { Premium }+ \\ \text { Discount.- } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Jenuary | 5.0702 | +4.20 | 4.8870 | +0.43 | 4.9657 | +2.03 |
| Fobruary .......... | 5.0777 | +4.35 | 4.8833 | +0.36 | 4.9940 | +2.62 |
| Miarch | 5.1065 | +4.94 | 4.8247 | -0.85 | 4.9783 | +2.29 |
| April .............. | 5.1476 | +5.79 | 4.8622 | -0.08 | 4.9673 | +2.07 |
| May ................ | 5.1002 | +4.81 | 4.8958 | +0.61 | 4.9798 | +2.32 |
| June ............... | 5.0122 | $+3.00$ | 4.9426 | +1.57 | 5.0328 | +3.41 |
| July ............... | 4.9851 | +2.45 | 4.9674 | +2.08 | 5.0269 | +3.29 |
| August ............. | 4.9509 | $\pm 1.74$ | 4.9850 | +2.45 | 5.0265 | +3.28 |
| Saptember ......... | 4.8551 | -0.22 | 4.9701 | +2.14 | 5.0390 | +3.54 |
| October | 4.8431 | -0.47 | 4.9778 | +2.28 | 4.8972 | +0.63 |
| November | 4.8724 | +0.13 | 4.9776 | +2.28 | 4.8817 | +0.31 |
| December | 4.8865 | to. 42 | 4.9755 | +2.24 | 4.9042 | +0.77 |
| Year | 4.9926 | +2.60 | 4.9293 | +1.29 | 4.9749 | +2.22 |

## Table 3.

 Bid Price and Yield for Domestic Government Bonds in Canada, United Kingdom and United States

[^0]Table 4.

Index Numbers of Common Stocks Prices in Canada, Great Britain and United States, 1934-1936
$(1926$ = 100$)$


[^1]
[^0]:    x All prices are quoted on an "and interest" basis. The price of the United Kingdom War Loan has been adjusted from the "flat" basis on which it is quoted in London.

[^1]:    x London and Cambridge Economic Service indexes have been converted from their original base to a 1926 base so as to render easier comparison with other series.

