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NO. 2
Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada and Other Countries

February, 1937.
The international trade in securities in February continued in the unusually large volume attained in January. The change in the balance of transaotions, however, was quite pronounced. In January there was a balance of purchases of over $\$ 5$ miliion, but in February there were net sales of about $\$ 13$ million. This was principally the result of a change to net sales in the trade with the United States and an incraase in sales to Great Britain.

It will be noted that two new tables which present this trade in greater detail are now published in this bulletin. Through the co-operation of the firms and organizations which report their international trade in securities each month to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, more complete information has become available.

As shown in Table 3 , the trade was principally in Canadian and United states securities. Sales of Cenadian securities in February constituted 59 per cent of the total, while over 34 per cent of the remaining sales were of United states securities. A similar analysis of purchases shows that about 53 per cent of the purchases were repurchases of canadian securities and about 40 per cent were purchases of United States securities. Most of the net aales during the month were of Canadian securities. Net sales of Canadian securities were over \$ll million, while net sales of United states securities were less than $\$ 2$ million.

The trade with individual countries presents distinct character1stics. The transactions between Canada and the United States were about equally divided between United States and Canadian securities. These transactions in Canadian securities in February were almost equally distributed between bonds and stocks. Net sales of canadian bonds were about $\$ 3$ million, while repurchases from the United States of Canadian stocks ex ceoded sales by over 4 million. In the trade in United States stociks, sales by Canadians exceeded their purchases. The sales of canadian bonds to investors in the United States were distributed among the various classes of bonds, although in February Dominion Government bonds and issues guaranteed by the Dominion formed the largest part of these. Transactions in bonds of countries other than the United states, the United Kingdom and Canada increased considerably over that in any recent month, although they constitute only a relutively small proportion of the total.

In the trade between Canada and the United Kingdom, the trade in Canadian securities predominated. The volume of this trade was greater in February than in any previous month in which this trade has been recorded. The bulk of these transactions were in Canadian common and preference stocks, and the net sales during the month were for the most part net sales of stocks and short-term securities.

Sales to countries other than the United Kingdom and the United States were also exceptionally large, although at about the same level as in January. Most of these transactions also were in canadian securities.

As shown in the supplementary tables, the premiums on sterling and United States funds at Montreal declined slightly. The index numbers of common stock prices in Canada and the United States continued to rise, although the rise in the Canadian index was less sharp than in the previous month. The index for the United Kingdom fell, as did the price of the Uhited Kingdom War Loan shown. The prices of the two Canadian bonds also dropped abruptly, while the price of the United States bond only declined slightly.

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 in canada. The sale of new issues of Canadian securities to syndicate members resident outside of Canada are not included in these figures, such as the new issues of $\$ 85,000,000$ Dominion of Canada bonds sold in January, 1937 , to a syndicate in New York.

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Table 1.
Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada
and Other countries

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| Month | Sales to United States |  | Purchases from United States |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1935 | 1935 | 1937 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 |
| January | $16,001,508$ | $45,260,642$ | $42,881,080$ | $23,044,678$ | $28,974,654$ | $54,739,139$ |
| February <br> Total, ${ }^{2}$ <br> months | $14,691,217$ | $36,260,759$ | $49,310,107$ | $11,969,013$ | $28,329,794$ | $45,650,662$ |

## II

| Month | Sales to Great Britain |  | Purchases from Great Britain |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 |
| January <br> Februaryx | $4,263,321$ | $11,112,761$ | $12,984,542$ | $2,460,766$ | $3,092,797$ | $8,783,183$ |
| Total, 2 <br> months | $5,824,911$ | $5,993,537$ | $16,510,801$ | $2,817,360$ | $3,540,208$ | $9,347,580$ |

III

| Month | Sales to Other Countries | Purchases from other Countries |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 |
| January | 210,842 | 155,938 | $3,283,360$ | 263,481 | 485,588 | $1,529,031$ |
| February | 182,902 | 264,844 | $3,341,683$ | 491,935 | 173,778 | $1,213,627$ |
| Total, 2 <br> months | 393,744 | 420,782 | $6,625,043$ | 755,416 | 659,366 | $2,742,658$ |

IV

| Month | Sales to All Countries |  | Purchases from All Countries |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Februaryx | $20,475,671$ | $56,529,341$ | $59,148,982$ | $25,768,925$ | $32,553,039$ | $65,051,353$ |
| Total, 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| months |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## (Summary Table)



Table
Monthly Average of Daily Quotations and Premiums or Discounts for New York Funds and Sterling Montreal, 1935-1937

| Month | 1935 |  | 1936 |  | 1937 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New York Funds at Montreal | $\begin{gathered} \text { Premium }{ }^{+} \\ \text {Discount } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | New York Funds at Montreal | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Premium + } \\ \text { Discount - } \\ \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | New York Funds at Montreal | Premium Discount \% |
| January | . 9986 | -0.14 | 1.0005 | +0.05 | 1.0003 | +0.03 |
| Feb=uary | 1.0013 | +0.13 | . 9936 | -0.14 | 1.0002 | +0.02 |
| March | 1.0097 | $\uparrow 0.97$ | 1.0013 | +0.13 |  |  |
| Apris | 1.0049 | +0.49 | 1.0047 | +0.47 |  |  |
| May | 1.0015 | +0.15 | 1.0018 | +0.18 |  |  |
| June | 1.0014 | +0.14 | 1.0026 | +0.26 |  |  |
| July | 1.0022 | +0.22 | 1.0008 | +0.08 |  |  |
| August | 1.0027 | +0.27 | 1.0001 | +0.01 |  |  |
| September | 1.0080 | +0.80 | . 9997 | -0.03 |  |  |
| October | 1.0141 | +1.41 | .9997 | -0.03 |  |  |
| November | 1.0105 | +1.05 | . 9986 | -0.14 |  |  |
| December | 1.0093 | +0.93 | . 9993 | -0.07 |  |  |
| Year | 1.0054 | +0.54 | 1.0006 | +0.06 |  |  |


| Month | 1935 |  | 1936 |  | 1937 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sterling } \\ \text { at } \\ \text { Montreal } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Premium + } \\ \text { Discount } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Sterling } \\ \text { at } \\ \text { Montreal } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Premium }+ \\ \text { Discount } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sterling } \\ \text { at } \\ \text { Montreel } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Premium }+ \\ \text { Discount } \\ \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| January | 4.8870 | +0.43 | 4.9657 | +2.03 | 4.9092 | +0.87 |
| February | 4.8833 | +0.36 | 4.9940 | +2.62 | 4.8953 | +0.59 |
| March | 4.8247 | -0.85 | 4.9783 | +2.29 |  |  |
| April | 4.8622 | -0.08 | 4.9673 | +2.07 |  |  |
| May | 4.8958 | +0.61 | 4.9798 | +2.32 |  |  |
| June | 4.9426 | +1.57 | 5.0328 | +3.41 |  |  |
| July | 4.9674 | +2.08 | 5.0269 | +3.29 |  |  |
| August | 4.9850 | +2.45 | 5.0265 | +3.28 |  |  |
| September | 4.9701 | +2.14 | 5.0390 | +3.54 |  |  |
| october | 4.9778 | +2.28 | 4.8972 | +0.63 |  |  |
| November | 4.9776 | +2.28 | 4.8817 | $\pm 0.31$ |  |  |
| December | 4.9755 | +2. 24 | 4.9042 | +0.77 |  |  |
| Year | 4.9293 | +1.29 | 4.9749 | +2.22 |  |  |


|  | United | inycom | United | States | Dom | inion | of Canad |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | 5 $\frac{1}{2} \%$ War Call <br> Dec.1. or a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Loan } \\ & \text { cle } \\ & 1952 \\ & \text { ter } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \% \text { of } \mathrm{s} \\ & 1955, \mathrm{c} \\ & \text { on or } \\ & \text { Sept. } 1 \end{aligned}$ | ept.15, <br> allable <br> after <br> 5: 1951 | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \frac{1}{2 \%} \text { of } \\ & 1958 \text {, ca } \\ & \text { on or } \\ & \text { Nov. } 1, \end{aligned}$ | Nov.1, llable after 1948. | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \% \text { of J } \\ & 1955, \text { ca } \\ & \text { on or } \\ & \text { June 1, } \end{aligned}$ | une l, llable after 1950. |
|  | Price | Yiela | Price | Yield | Price | Yield | Price | Yield |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 17 | 100.79 | 3.44 | 96.00 | 3.26 | 99.00 | 4. 57 |  |  |
| Februazy 14 | 101.27 | 3.41 | 97.18 | 3.18 | 99.75 | 4.52 | - |  |
| Narch 14 | 102.48 | 3,32 | 98.29 | 3.11 | 103.00 | 4.22 | - |  |
| April 18 | 103.15 | 3.27 | 99.24 | 3.05 | 104.50 | 4.09 | - | - |
| May 16 | 102.80 | 3.29 | 1.00 .23 | 2.98 | 105.15 | 4.03 | - | - |
| June 13 | 102.23 | 3.312 | 101.00 | 2.93 | 105.00 | 4.04 |  |  |
| July 18 | 103.68 | 3.23 | 102.10 | 2.84 | 105.85 | 3.96 | - | - |
| August 14 | 103.78 | 3.22 | 100.12 | 2.99 | 106.85 | 3.87 | - | - |
| Septemior 15 | 103.88 | 3.22 | 98.18 | 3.12 | 107.25 | 3.83 | - | - |
| October 17 | 104.42 | 3.1 .8 | 100.50 | 2.96 | 106.00 | 3.94 | - |  |
| November 14 | 107.56 | 2.95 | 99.26 | 3.05 | 107.00 | 3.85 | - | - |
| December 12 | 1.07 .13 | 2.98 | 100.15 | 2.99 | 110.75 | 3.51 | - | - |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January J. 6 | 108.67 | 2.88 | 102.50 | 2.81 | 110.25 | 3.55 | - | - |
| February 13 | 1.05.78 | 3.08 | 103.00 | 2.77 | 108.00 | 3.74 | - | $\sim$ |
| March 13 | 105.76 | 3.08 | 102.23 | 2.83 | 108.85 | 3.67 | - | - |
| April 17 | 106.55 | 3.02 | 103.19 | 2.76 | 109.25 | 3.63 | - | - |
| May 15. | 106.79 | 3.00 | 103.28 | 2.75 | 109.85 | 3.57 | - | - |
| $\text { June } 12$ | 105.13 | 3.12 | 103.24 | 2.75 | 108.75 | 3.66 | 97.50 | 3.17 |
| July 17 | 106.30 | 3.03 | 104.40 | 2.66 | 109.00 | 3.64 | 99.05 | 3.06 |
| August 14 . | 105.03 | 3.05 | 103.17 | 2.76 | 110.00 | 3.54 | 100.00 | 3.00 |
| September 18 | 102,70 | 3.29 | 101.30 | 2.88 | 104.25 | 4.08 | 98.25 | 3.12 |
| October 16 | 102.38 | 3.29 | 102.59 | 2.80 | 107.25 | 3.79 | 99.13 | 3.06 |
| November 13 | 105.17 | 3.11 | 102.59 | 2.80 | 107.75 | 3.74 | 98.10 | 3.13 |
| December 18 | 105,82 | 3.06 | 102.41 | 2.81 | 107.13 | 3.79 | 97.75 | 5.16 |
| $1936$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15 | 105.63 | 3.07 | 103.06 | 2.76 | 107.63 | 3.74 | 97.88 | 3.14 |
| February 19 | 106.35 | 3.07 | 103.56 | 2.72 | 109.60 | 3.55 | 97.75 | 3.16 |
| March 1.8 | 105.20 | 3.10 | 103.91 | 2.69 | 109.75 | 3.54 | 98.00 | 3.14 |
| April 15 | 106.25 | 3.02 | 104.19 | 2.66 | 110.13 | 3.50 | 98.63 | 3.10 |
| May 13. | 106.37 | 3.01 | 104.47 | 2.64 | 110.50 | 3.46 | 99.30 | 3.05 |
| June 17 | 105.46 | 3.07 | 104.34 | 2.65 | 112.00 | 3.31 | 99.85 | 3.01 |
| July 15 | 105.81 | 3.04 | 104.56 | 2.63 | 112.48 | 3.26 | 101.00 | 2.91 |
| August 12 | 105.86 | 3.04 | 104.72 | 2.62 | 113.63 | 3.15 | 102.75 | 2.76 |
| September 16 | 105.34 | 3.00 | 105.13 | 2.59 | 113.88 | 3.12 | 101.60 | 2.86 |
| October 14. | 105.95 | 2.95 | 104.97 | 2.60 | 111.63 | 3.32 | 99.88 | 3.01 |
| November 12 | 106.73 | 2.97 | 105.94 | 2.52 | 112.00 | 3.28 | 100.10 | 2.99 |
| December 16 | 1.05 .73 | 3.04 | 106.28 | 2.49 | 112.75 | 3.20 | 101.13 | 2.90 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 13 | $105.02$ | 3.10 | 106.53 | $2.47$ | $112.38$ | $3.23$ | $100.63$ | $2.94$ |
| February 17 | 101.05 | 3.41 | 106.38 | $2.48$ | $109.50$ | 3.50 | $97.50$ | $3.18$ |

[^1]Table 6.
Index Numbers of Common Stocks Prices in Canada, Great Britain and United States, 1935-1937
$11926=100)$

| Month | Canada (96) <br> (Dominion Bureau of Statistics | England (92) (London and Cambridge Economic Servioe) | United States (419) (Standard Gtatistics Co. Inc, ${ }^{x x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |
| January | 88.6 | 119.2 | 69.7 |
| February | 87.8 | 115.7 | 67.8 |
| March . | 84.4 | 113.1 | 63.9 |
| April | 86.4 | 113.9 | 67.5 |
| May | 93.6 | 119.2 | 73.1 |
| June | 93.8 | 122.6 | 76.0 |
| July | 92.4 | 122.6 | 79.4 |
| August | 94.7 | 128.8 | 83.3 |
| September | 93.6 | 122.6 | 85.0 |
| October. | 96.1 | 120.9 | 86.1 |
| November | 105.8 | 129.6 | 94.2 |
| December | 107.4 | 127.9 | 95.7 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |
| January | 112.9 | 134.0 | 101.7 |
| February | 120.7 | 138.3 | 106.7 |
| March | 117.4 | 134.8 | 108.7 |
| April | 115.9 | 139.2 | 108.9 |
| May | 112.8 | 134.0 | 101.0 |
| June | 113.8 | 134.0 | 105.6 |
| July . | 114.3 | 136.6 | 109.2 |
| August .. | 114.7 | 143.5 | 113.0 |
| September | 119.5 | 144.4 | 114.1 |
| October | 126.9 | 147.9 | 118.7 |
| November | 131.8 | 147.0 | 124.2 |
| December | 129.2 | 145.2 | 123.1 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |
| January | 137.4 | 147.0 | 126.4 |
| February | 142.4 | 143.5 | 129.5 |

[^2]
[^0]:    ${ }^{x}$ subject to revision.

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

[^2]:    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.
    $X X$
    Revised index.

