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The results in this report are based upon an annual survey of all known sales finance companies and similar institutions engaged primarily in financing retail instalment sales. Companies engaged mainly in extending cash loans are not included, nor are acceptance companies who are subsidiaries of large retail merchandisers.

After decreases in the amount of paper purchased in 1957 and 1958, the downward trend was reversed in 1959 when finance companies purchased a record amount of financial paper \$1,258,203,000, an increase of 10.9 per cent over the previous year. Balances outstanding at year end also showed a large increase over the previous year (12.1 per cent) reaching a record \$1,149,562,000.

As shown in table 2, the financing of used passenger cars by sales finance companies decreased in volume from 1958, which contributed largely to the smaller ratio of paper purchased in the consumer goods sector—71.7 per cent of the total compared to 76.7 per cent in 1958. On the other hand, paper purchased for commercial and industrial goods increased 34.3 per cent from the previous year. The largest gain occurred in the category "other commercial goods" in both the amount of paper purchased and in balances outstanding at December 31. Financing of new and used commercial vehicles also showed substantial gains from the previous year, 34.8 per cent and 25.4 per cent respectively.

Ontario continued to hold the first position in respect to the volume of paper purchased for motor

vehicles with Quebec and Alberta in second and third place.

Not all firms were able to provide a breakdown of balances outstanding between new and used vehicles and consumer goods other than passenger cars. The results from those firms which were able to provide this information are shown on page 5. It may be assumed that the non-reporting firms generally had the same pattern as those shown in the tables on page 5.

Commodity		nt change /1958	
Commodity	Paper purchased	Balances outstanding	
Total, all commodities	+ 10.9	+ 12.1	
Consumer goods	+ 3.8	+ 4.9	
New passenger cars	+ 10.6	+ 3.7	
Used passenger cars	- 3.1	1	
Other consumer goods	+ 3.7	+ 8.6	
Commercial and industrial goods	+ 34.3	+ 33.6	
New commercial vehicles	+ 34.8	+ 23.9	
Used commercial vehicles	+ 25.4]	
Other commercial goods (including farm implements, tractors, factory and commercial equipment)	+ 37.1	+ 41.1	

TABLE 1. Retail Instalment Credit (extended and outstanding) of Sales Finance Companies Historical Summary, 1941 and 1947-59

		Paper purchased		Balanc	es outstanding (ye	ear end)
Year	Consumer goods	Commercial and industrial goods	Total	Consumer goods	Commercial and industrial goods	Total
			thousands	of dollars		
941 1947 948 1949 ¹ 1950 1951 1952 1953 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958	77, 326 84, 374 122, 522 190, 574 305, 278 299, 558 590, 994 719, 149 630, 837 759, 412 924, 687 900, 414 869, 847 902, 575	22, 951 89, 816 85, 644 94, 156 123, 918 167, 744 227, 639 228, 597 174, 187 217, 666 323, 660 290, 577 264, 703 355, 628	100,277 174,190 208,166 284,730 429,196 467,302 818,633 947,746 805,024 977,078 1,248,347 1,190,991 1,134,550 1,258,203	48,854 48,275 70,451 115,977 202,011 185,492 372,778 516,191 491,645 599,382 756,304 779,576 768,214 805,627	15,820 58,356 59,669 68,086 91,152 127,742 167,029 184,472 164,220 191,717 279,072 287,827 257,380 343,935	64,674 106,631 130,120 184,063 293,163 313,234 539,807 700,663 655,865 791,099 1,035,376 1,067,403 1,025,594 1,149,562

¹ Including Newfoundland from 1949.

TABLE 2. Retail Instalment Credit (extended and outstanding) of Sales Finance Companies, by Commodities, 1958 and 1959

***	Paper purchased				Balances outstanding (year end)			
Commodity	Amount		Per cent of total		Amount		Per cent of total	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	\$'000		per cent		\$'000		per cent	
Total, all commodities	1,134,550	1,258,203	100.0	100.0	1,025,594	1,149,562	100.0	100.0
Consumer goods	869, 847	902,575	76.7	71.7	768,214	805,627	74.9	70.1
New passenger cars	335, 827 333, 011	371,392 322,746	29.6 29.4	29.5 25.6	} 587,667	609, 525	57.3	53.0
gas appliances, furniture, jewel- lery, clothing, etc.)	201,009	208,437	17.7	16.6	180, 547	196,102	17.6	17.1
Commercial and industrial goods	264,703	355,628	23.3	28.3	257,380	343,935	25.1	29.9
New commercial vehicles Used commercial vehicles Other commercial goods (including farm implements, tractors,	70, 280 47, 432	94,707 59,457	6, 2	7.6	} 111,519	138,132	10.9	12.0
factory and commercial equip- ment)	146, 991	201,464	12.9	16.0	145,861	205, 803	14.2	17.9

TABLE 3. Motor Vehicle Instalment (paper purchased) by Sales Finance Companies, by Provinces, 1959

			Passenge	er cars		
Province	New		Used		Total	
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
Canada	158,022	371,392	315,898	322,746	473,920	694,138
Atlantic Provinces Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia ¹	10,661 39,640 65,915 7,033 6,676 15,163 12,934	23,100 95,898 152,192 16,442 15,386 36,656 31,718	26,481 74,585 117,927 16,026 16,672 33,729 30,478	23,015 76,363 123,314 16,866 15,517 34,041 33,630	37,142 114,225 183,842 23,059 23,348 48,892 43,412	46,115 172,261 275,506 33,308 30,903 70,697 65,348
			Commercial	vehicles		
	N	ew ew	Us	ed	Tot	al
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount
		\$,000		\$'000		\$'000
Canada	25,453	94,707	41,975	59,457	67,428	154,164
Atlantic Provinces	2,275 6,203 8,028 1,101 1,463 3,994 2,389	7,240 22,291 29,485 4,817 5,227 15,845 9,802	4,792 9,022 10,570 2,019 2,930 7,108 5,534	4,258 11,377 14,690 3,007 3,144 11,951	7,067 15,225 18,598 3,120 4,393 11,102 7,923	11,498 33,668 44,175 7,824 8,371 27,796 20,832

¹ Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Percentage Breakdown of Credit Outstanding Between New and Used Motor Vehicles

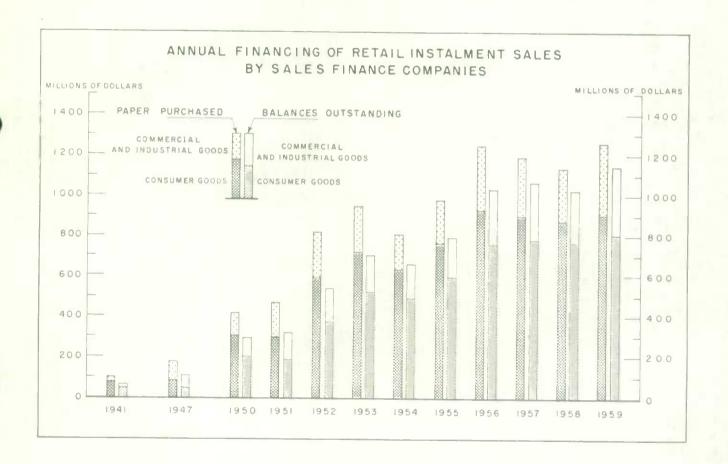
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Commodity	Balances outstanding Dec. 31, 195	
	%	
Passenger cars	100.0	
New passenger cars	53.9	
Used passenger cars	46.1	
Commercial vehicles	100.0	
New commercial vehicles	62.2	
Used commercial vehicles	37.8	

Percentage Breakdown of Financing of "Consumer Goods Other Than Passenger Cars"

(for reporting panel only)

Commodity	Paper purchased 1959
	%
Consumer goods other than passenger	
cars	100.0
Television and radio	16.6
Electrical and gas appliances	24.9
Furniture	15.6
Heating and plumbing equipment	2.7



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