

the later year show a decrease of 18.2 p.c. The bank debits are a comparable record for the five years; the bank clearings, owing to the reduction in the number of banks, are not a comparable record.

26.—Bank Debits at the Clearing-House Cities of Canada, by Individual Cities, calendar years 1927-31.

Clearing-House Centre.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritime Provinces—					
Halifax.....	324,547,787	404,665,405	425,487,760	361,738,685	330,371,553
Moncton.....	84,077,248	91,313,729	89,597,577	101,018,427	87,229,007
Saint John.....	219,119,014	249,488,661	272,872,476	245,595,665	234,942,909
Totals.....	627,744,049	745,467,796	797,957,813	708,350,777	662,543,469
Quebec—					
Montreal.....	11,779,679,473	13,962,318,025	15,558,093,739	12,271,206,394	9,756,753,765
Quebec.....	745,180,824	794,833,137	788,145,269	744,930,005	701,258,406
Sherbrooke.....	119,046,018	155,506,587	137,428,244	120,921,940	92,060,809
Totals.....	12,643,906,315	14,912,657,749	16,483,667,252	13,137,058,339	10,550,072,979
Ontario—					
Brantford.....	120,130,422	143,943,039	166,590,813	126,813,356	106,212,582
Chatham.....	92,586,934	101,383,642	122,271,304	95,460,287	81,403,262
Fort William.....	98,596,600	108,176,187	102,154,515	78,028,739	66,540,124
Hamilton.....	677,127,777	814,420,963	909,896,874	831,837,930	649,599,942
Kingston.....	74,496,420	79,595,640	83,879,278	79,797,075	64,582,365
Kitchener.....	123,259,396	142,995,237	159,265,585	139,515,780	116,857,177
London.....	355,621,944	404,700,773	424,805,150	408,176,670	384,324,602
Ottawa.....	1,922,946,801	2,089,409,008	2,001,694,411	1,904,804,194	1,869,739,944
Peterborough.....	84,632,905	92,760,882	93,245,286	84,634,613	70,964,205
Sarnia.....	103,209,342	120,923,729	146,820,923	124,524,399	104,000,535
Sudbury.....	—	—	34,116,876	87,109,599	58,832,961
Toronto.....	10,536,876,258	12,673,220,316	13,714,209,353	10,654,982,452	9,512,342,450
Windsor.....	452,282,232	541,319,833	594,318,762	428,655,192	310,203,205
Totals.....	14,641,811,031	17,312,849,249	18,543,268,230	15,044,340,286	13,376,546,354
Prairie Provinces—					
Brandon.....	51,370,740	81,324,007	62,315,237	50,605,166	39,802,614
Calgary.....	734,173,249	1,096,733,543	1,253,618,912	898,426,300	647,871,720
Edmonton.....	437,356,863	546,841,716	603,871,484	570,301,889	489,783,798
Lethbridge.....	64,105,290	89,863,419	97,220,871	73,734,543	49,736,330
Medicine Hat.....	40,757,696	56,953,944	54,258,545	37,887,826	26,122,438
Moose Jaw.....	109,425,240	119,937,245	128,436,189	112,897,357	79,343,948
Prince Albert.....	31,358,667	35,799,271	39,150,683	32,683,118	29,802,029
Regina.....	441,328,792	552,941,674	630,284,345	570,766,671	412,701,024
Saskatoon.....	160,732,823	203,264,797	224,155,812	194,543,418	143,056,796
Winnipeg.....	4,004,980,180	5,187,680,266	4,788,952,527	3,712,135,063	3,279,817,622
Branches of the Weyburn Security Bank.....	51,396,596	55,372,926	40,562,191	25,089,552	3,173,413 [†]
Totals.....	6,126,986,036	8,006,712,808	7,922,806,296	6,279,080,873	5,201,211,730
British Columbia—					
New Westminster.....	82,663,727	92,705,331	105,357,294	93,631,458	67,987,301
Vancouver.....	1,595,939,598	1,984,485,771	2,365,678,383	1,812,724,948	1,416,428,661
Victoria.....	374,452,342	422,080,397	451,746,570	415,915,085	321,383,768
Totals.....	2,053,055,667	2,499,271,499	2,922,782,247	2,322,471,491	1,805,799,730
Grand Totals.....	26,093,503,095	43,476,963,109	46,670,491,638	37,491,301,766	31,536,463,262

[†] Three months only.

Subsection 4.—Government and other Savings Banks.

In a comparatively new country where capital is relatively scarce, it is a natural thing that the banks which finance the business institutions should also absorb the bulk of the people's savings for use in promoting the business of the country. Thus in Canada the great bulk of the current savings of the people is found in the savings or notice deposits of the Canadian chartered banks, the annual average figures of which are given for recent years in Table 10 of this chapter, the 1931 average being