

8.—Balance Sheets of the Dominion of Canada, as at Mar. 31, 1936-40—concluded

Item	LIABILITIES ¹				
	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank Note Circulation Redemption Fund.....	6,857,942	7,019,898	5,967,227	5,462,028	5,053,595
Post Office account, money orders, postal notes, etc., outstanding.....	2,726,925	4,074,164	3,664,726	2,498,656	2,787,322
Post Office Savings Bank deposits.....	22,047,287	21,879,593	22,587,233	23,045,575	23,100,118
Insurance, superannuation funds and annuities.....	150,614,097	176,973,747	201,332,556	221,220,852	243,153,278
Trust funds.....	20,943,718	20,933,993	20,951,204	21,328,456	22,213,545
Fundamental and special funds...	6,044,065	13,597,412	21,853,040	34,762,566	20,369,529
Province accounts.....	9,623,817	9,623,817	9,623,817	9,623,817	9,623,817
Funded debt less sinking funds..	3,211,347,008	3,285,066,671	3,252,577,834	3,318,490,049	3,630,954,386
Interest due and outstanding...	1,739,167	3,351,844	1,679,928	1,888,817	1,980,792
Totals, Liabilities or Gross Debt.....	3,431,944,026	3,542,521,139	3,540,237,615	3,638,320,816	3,959,236,382

¹ Direct liabilities only. Indirect liabilities or guarantees given by the Dominion of Canada are listed in Table 41, at pp. 778-780.

Subsection 2.—Receipts and Disbursements

The receipts of the Dominion Government on ordinary account for the fiscal year 1940, showed an increase of \$43,599,386 as compared with the previous year while total receipts were increased by \$59,922,105. The regular expenditure on ordinary account decreased by \$14,708,996, though total expenditures were \$127,730,694 higher than for 1939 due, in large part, to an expenditure of \$118,291,022 on war account. There was an increase of \$118,700,333 in the net debt (gross debt less active assets) during the year. (See Table 39 for interest-bearing debt.)

Changes in the Public Accounts, 1936.—Several important changes were made under various headings in the "Public Accounts" for 1936. On the revenue side "War and Demobilization Receipts", previously carried as "Special Receipts", were transferred to "Ordinary Account" (Casual Revenue). On the expenditure side several recurring items were also transferred from "Special" to "Ordinary", as follows: cost of loan flotations, representing flotation costs of new loans and annual charges for amortization of bond discount; the Government's annual contribution to the Superannuation Fund; the annual payment to maintain the reserve in the Government Annuities Fund; adjustment of War claims; and expenditures made under the Railway Grade Crossing Act. A new category was established under the heading "Government-Owned Enterprises" to cover expenditures incurred by the Government on account of the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian National Steamships, and various Harbour Commissions. Other major changes were the establishment of a separate category for write-down of assets, and transference of payment of old age pensions from the Department of Labour to the Department of Finance. In Tables 9, 10 and 15 the new classification of items has been adopted throughout. Certain new items are introduced in 1938, but they do not affect the comparability of the earlier years.