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The figures of Table 14 represent not only actual city clearings but exchanges between numerous rural branches in each district.

14.—Exchanges of the Clearing Houses of Chartered Banks in Canada, 1937-41

NOTE.—Figures for earlier years will be found in the corresponding table in previous Year Books.

| Clearing House | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Brandon..... | 16,950,884 | 17,582,200 | 16,972,436 | 18,197,284 | 21,445,724 |
| Brantford..... | 50,506,997 | 46,424,869 | 44,722,995 | 48,584,907 | 53,960,821 |
| Calgary..... | 306,818,675 | 300,161,170 | 279,663,913 | 289,115,103 | 343,002,387 |
| Chatham..... | 31,781,621 | 30,160,322 | 30,139,377 | 32,335,738 | 34,466,989 |
| Edmonton..... | 206,183,407 | 201,035,055 | 201,977,802 | 217,964,792 | 265,023,348 |
| Fort William..... | 40,556,659 | 37,527,993 | 34,157,614 | 41,175,118 | 54,883,437 |
| Halifax..... | 134,094,626 | 128,130,093 | 130,899,207 | 162,177,604 | 185,854,076 |
| Hamilton..... | 285,024,414 | 254,838,784 | 267,959,422 | 301,380,568 | 355,937,696 |
| Kingston..... | 29,466,619 | 29,132,380 | 29,484,373 | 32,927,159 | 37,937,181 |
| Kitchener..... | 56,542,066 | 56,352,022 | 53,778,980 | 58,598,321 | 63,556,444 |
| Lethbridge..... | 25,229,839 | 26,331,675 | 26,996,736 | 26,425,880 | 30,752,251 |
| London..... | 146,861,077 | 133,636,073 | 127,963,282 | 137,393,049 | 143,405,318 |
| Medicine Hat..... | 12,092,715 | 12,080,166 | 12,903,438 | 14,104,394 | 17,999,249 |
| Moncton..... | 41,278,230 | 38,511,645 | 38,648,686 | 44,330,340 | 51,439,195 |
| Montreal..... | 5,871,146,518 | 5,382,362,315 | 5,306,897,388 | 5,227,824,609 | 5,911,741,738 |
| Moose Jaw..... | 30,976,707 | 29,487,745 | 31,805,492 | 31,483,325 | 35,368,757 |
| New Westminster... | 35,055,324 | 32,687,614 | 33,076,133 | 36,559,100 | 43,513,502 |
| Ottawa..... | 1,091,883,251 | 998,823,343 | 1,041,873,213 | 1,646,954,059 | 2,696,599,005 |
| Peterborough..... | 32,660,582 | 30,946,954 | 30,242,390 | 31,278,818 | 36,208,217 |
| Prince Albert..... | 18,048,670 | 15,742,684 | 16,795,057 | 18,793,731 | 22,309,998 |
| Quebec..... | 264,680,505 | 250,086,177 | 245,139,004 | 260,549,649 | 270,706,089 |
| Regina..... | 186,954,514 | 207,704,393 | 236,430,344 | 236,194,332 | 250,528,159 |
| St. Catharines..... | — | — | — | — | 47,554,758 ¹ |
| Saint John..... | 99,326,689 | 91,306,823 | 92,751,127 | 110,414,986 | 115,831,886 |
| Sarnia..... | 24,842,473 | 24,564,744 | 23,514,866 | 22,990,528 | 25,222,100 |
| Saskatoon..... | 70,019,704 | 64,577,460 | 69,199,123 | 74,327,851 | 79,835,249 |
| Sherbrooke..... | 35,528,449 | 36,194,610 | 36,637,764 | 42,683,523 | 48,053,013 |
| Sudbury..... | 50,746,395 | 51,778,260 | 51,126,380 | 53,155,916 | 56,953,973 |
| Toronto..... | 6,397,987,564 | 5,835,980,087 | 5,735,792,413 | 5,680,786,868 | 6,537,348,591 |
| Vancouver..... | 975,233,058 | 867,619,815 | 888,885,944 | 908,569,780 | 1,010,156,766 |
| Victoria..... | 89,962,678 | 85,997,667 | 89,366,862 | 93,191,417 | 98,090,281 |
| Windsor..... | 161,779,776 | 145,037,711 | 137,314,911 | 154,023,628 | 188,178,369 |
| Winnipeg..... | 2,030,163,981 | 1,800,572,038 | 2,379,667,846 | 2,451,458,922 | 2,596,339,454 |
| Totals..... | 18,850,384,667 | 17,263,573,887 | 17,742,784,518 | 18,505,951,299 | 21,730,204,021 |

¹ Eight-month figure only. First reported May, 1941.

Equation of Exchange.—The actual amount of currency held by the Canadian public constitutes only about 10 p.c. of the total money supply available. The remainder is made up of the deposits held by the chartered banks.

The supply of circulating media, consisting of bank notes and coin in the hands of the public, showed an increase of about 33 p.c. during 1940, the first full year of war. The 1941 total of \$442,000,000 rose about \$109,000,000 over the preceding year. The sum of deposits held by the banks showed a greater absolute increase than in any other year in the period from 1921 to the present, rising to \$3,026,000,000 as compared with \$2,749,000,000 in 1940.