13.—Bank Debits at the Clearing-House Centres of Canada, by Individual Centres, 1939-43

Note. - Figures for earlier years will be found in the corresponding table in previous Year Books.

Clearing-House Centre	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	\$	\$	8	8	
Maritime Provinces— Halifax Moncton Saint John	381,824,396 108,891,549 189,232,027	466,407,830 131,876,159 226,205,847	532,366,368 154,748,067 253,597,717	601,963,388 184,165,605 289,607,897	672,762,400 207,076,041 363,924,420
Totals, Maritime Provinces.	679,947,972	824,489,836	940,712,152	1.075,736,890	1,243,762,861
Quebec— Montreal. Quebec Sherbrooke. Totals, Quebec	8,759,472,109 977,211.370 83,715,973 9,820,399,452	1,160,797,219 97,806,095	1,050,000,221	127,801,593	1,476,503,724 135,720,215
Ontario— Brantford Chatham Fort William Hamilton Kitchener London Ottawa Peterborough St. Catharines Sannia Sudbury Toronto Windsor Totals, Ontario	107,113,483 102,259,833,183 67,033,833 644,434,304 72,712,646 145,302,026 1,266,268,210 70,496,391 76,489,776 85,812,435 10,173,866,946 420,933,103	133,916,143 114,928,963 81,267,814 837,849,771 92,306,524 174,497,496 441,622,178 2,191,382,511 90,582,623 79,516,191 90,337,448 10,510,504,381 545,691,437	163,477,014 124,725,615 110,017,118 1,105,198,410 105,513,274 218,414,809 497,464,748 3,334,459,483 114,549,341 140,738,960 105,820,585 96,812,765 11,354,826,471 742,770,161	208, 615, 177 119, 967, 266 122, 471, 043 1, 311, 159, 16, 136, 325, 283 261, 214, 568 543, 181, 606 6, 306, 952, 488 141, 611, 607 243, 221, 277 132, 311, 935 104, 074, 081 11, 540, 621, 984 964, 436, 773	232, 033, 285 132, 107, 887 131, 640, 784 1, 331, 492, 619 155, 048, 565, 226 7, 041, 856, 827 148, 557, 997 263, 819, 718 164, 342, 335 113, 558, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103
Prairie Provinces— Brandon Calgary Edmonton Lethbridge Medicine Hat Moose Jaw Prince Albert Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg.	33,810,275 661,675,521	41,906,493 764,328,600 553,324,680 56,707,586 32,705,936 89,420,019 33,392,384 558,939,062 140,267,276 3,847,415,165	54,553,907	68.833,401	78, 328, 898 1, 201, 421, 721 988, 229, 423 95, 167, 384 59, 430, 281 140, 275, 534 59, 218, 070 776, 839, 850 208, 744, 991 5, 592, 307, 440
Totals, Prairie Provinces. British Columbia— New Westminster. Vancouver. Victoria.	78,647,117 1,587,410,731 354,226,232	92,380,530 1,673,281,545 371,451,280	6,591,645,027 110,025,696 1,905,071,855 412,047,033	138, 131, 490 2, 222, 168, 311 480, 583, 012	9,199,963,592 153,522,022 2,636,094,977 507,788,108
Totals, British Columbia Grand Totals	2,020,284,080 31,617,351,831	2,137,113,355 34,437,474,479	2,427,144,584 39,242,957,184	2,840,882,813 45,526,254,202	

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 15 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 34 p.c. during 1942, the third full year of war. The 1942 total of \$588,000,000 rose about \$148,000,000 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 \$3,333,000,000 as compared with \$3,026,000,000 in 1941.