

21.—Financial Business of the Post Office Savings Bank, as at Mar. 31, 1938-43

Item	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits during year.....	3,671,298	3,812,974	4,305,638	3,998,091	5,050,677	8,386,979
Interest on deposits.....	432,436	445,886	450,559	433,901	423,762	438,910
Totals, cash and interest....	4,103,734	4,258,861	4,756,197	4,431,992	5,474,439	8,825,889
Withdrawals.....	3,396,094	3,800,518	4,701,655	5,355,478	5,979,658	6,123,311
At credit of depositors.....	22,587,233	23,045,576	23,100,118	22,176,633	21,671,413	24,373,991

Provincial Government Savings Banks.—Institutions for the deposit of savings are operated by the Provincial Governments of Ontario and Alberta, while a similar institution was in operation in Manitoba from 1924 to 1932, when the depositors' accounts were taken over by the chartered banks.

Ontario.—In the session of 1921, the Legislature of Ontario authorized the establishment of the Province of Ontario Savings Office, and in March, 1922, the first branches were opened. Interest at the rate of 1 and 1½ p.c. per annum compounded half-yearly is paid on accounts. The deposits are repayable on demand. Total deposits on Mar. 31, 1944, were \$38,400,000, and the number of depositors at that date was approximately 104,000. Twenty-two branches are in operation throughout the Province.

Alberta.—In Alberta the Provincial Treasury receives savings deposits and issues demand savings certificates bearing interest at 2 p.c., or term certificates for one, two or three years, in denominations of \$25 and upwards, bearing interest at 2 p.c. for one year and 2½ p.c. for two or three years. The total amount in savings certificates on Dec. 31, 1943, was \$3,621,170, made up of \$2,424,836 in demand certificates and \$1,196,334 in term certificates.

Penny Banks.—Provision is made by the Penny Bank Act (R.S.C., 1927, c. 13) for the institution of banks designed to encourage small savings by school children, although their facilities are not confined to children. Such banks are not deemed to be banks within the meaning of the Bank Act, but are savings banks within the meaning of the Winding-Up Act, and their powers are strictly limited. The only bank operating under this statute is the Penny Bank of Ontario.

22.—Assets and Liabilities of the Penny Bank of Ontario, Years Ended June 30, 1940-43

Item	1940	1941	1942	1943
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Securities.....	903,610	720,109	586,137	151,000
Cash on hand and on deposit.....	431,761	383,909	460,306	374,816
Totals, Assets¹.....	1,336,278	1,105,974	1,047,438	526,100
Liabilities				
Deposits and accrued interest.....	1,299,359	1,050,450	990,964	450,448
Surplus (guarantee fund and interest earned).....	36,919	40,524	41,473	75,652 ³
Totals, Liabilities.....	1,336,278	1,105,974²	1,047,438²	526,100

¹ Totals include minor unspecified items.
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³ Includes \$33,572 investment reserve.

² Includes \$15,000 due under agreement dated Apr. 26,