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## PART I.—NATIONAL WEALTH AND INVESTMENTS Section 1.—National Wealth

Owing to the abnormal economic conditions that have prevailed over the past twelve-year period, no official estimate for national wealth has been made since that of 1933 which measured economic conditions at the lowest point of the pre-war depression. It is not considered desirable to establish another basis of national wealth until conditions have become normal. A short summary of the position is given at pp. 795-796 of the 1942 Year Book.

## Section 2.—British and Foreign Capital Invested in Canada and Canadian Dollars Invested Abroad\*

Investments of external capital in Canada are large and have played an important part in the development of the country. British investments in Canada occupied the primary place in investments of external capital before the War of 1914-18 but United States investments during that War and in the inter-war years grew sharply and soon exceeded the amount of British capital invested in Canada. During the inter-war years there were large flotations of bonds in the United States by Canadian governments and corporations and heavy investments of capital by United States corporations in branch plants and subsidiaries in Canada during that

<sup>\*</sup> Prepared under the direction of C. D. Blyth, M.B.E., B.A., Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In so far as this subject relates to the balance of international payments it is dealt with at pp. 560-572. More detailed information on this subject is given in "The Canadian Balance of International Payments, 1926-43", published by the International Payments Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.