

**32.—Retail Instalment Paper Purchased and Balances Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1941-48**

(Millions of Dollars)

Item	Paper Purchased			Balances Outstanding		
	1941	1947	1948	1941	1947	1948
Consumers' goods.....	77	84	122	49	48	70
New passenger cars.....	23	32	38	—	19	24
Used passenger cars.....	44	31	56	—	17	30
Other.....	10	21	28	—	12	16
Commercial and industrial.....	23	90	86	16	59	60
New commercial vehicles.....	11	33	36	—	21	25
Used commercial vehicles.....	7	14	19	—	8	11
Other.....	5	43	31	—	30	24
<b>Totals, Retail Financing.....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>130</b>

**33.—Retail Instalment Paper Purchased and Year-end Balances Outstanding, by Provinces, 1941, 1947 and 1948**

(Millions of Dollars)

Province	Paper Purchased			Balances Outstanding		
	1941	1947	1948	1941	1947	1948
Maritime Provinces.....	7	11	15	4	7	10
Quebec.....	16	42	46	10	27	30
Ontario.....	48	69	87	30	42	53
Manitoba.....	5	9	10	3	5	6
Saskatchewan.....	6	7	7	5	4	4
Alberta.....	9	16	19	6	10	12
British Columbia.....	9	20	24	7	12	15
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>130</b>

Automotive sales financing makes up the major portion of the activities of finance companies. In 1941, automobile financing was 85 p.c. of the total, while in 1947 and 1948 the percentages were 62 p.c. and 70 p.c., respectively.

Monthly statistics on the financing of automotive commodities have been kept for about 20 years and Table 34 shows the trend since 1939. Figures in this table do not in all cases agree with those given in Table 32 because of minor inconsistencies in reporting on different occasions.

**34.—Financing of Motor-Vehicle Sales by Finance Companies, 1939-48**

Year	New Vehicles		Used Vehicles		All Vehicles	
	No.	Financing	No.	Financing	No.	Financing
		\$		\$		\$
1939.....	37,320	27,852,627	115,787	34,916,119	153,107	62,768,746
1940.....	42,982	33,473,397	133,596	41,762,396	176,578	75,235,793
1941.....	41,032	34,887,591	141,387	49,829,192	182,419	84,716,783
1942.....	7,398	6,207,111	58,912	18,389,804	66,310	24,596,915
1943.....	1,077	1,254,878	38,496	13,637,688	39,573	14,892,566
1944.....	2,371	2,927,396	30,599	11,643,541	32,970	14,570,937
1945.....	3,630	4,934,456	24,356	9,502,726	27,986	14,437,182
1946.....	22,866	27,978,992	30,527	13,607,573	53,393	41,586,565
1947.....	46,700	65,422,230	72,167	43,322,528	118,867	108,744,758
1948.....	51,867	73,805,672	103,767	71,149,341	155,634	144,955,013