

Since November, 1950, Canadian subsidiaries and branches of foreign companies have been authorized to remit earnings on the basis of interim financial statements for quarterly or longer periods. Formerly such remittances were authorized only on an annual basis.

In December, 1950, the Regulations were amended to permit Canadian residents to accept payment in either U.S. or Canadian dollars for services performed for residents of United States dollar area countries. Previously payment in U.S. dollars only was acceptable, which continues to be the case for export shipments to those countries.

The variations in Canada's holdings of gold and U.S. dollars since the commencement of exchange control are given in Table 26. The developments in the balance of international payments which gave rise to the increase during 1948 are reviewed in the Foreign Trade Chapter at pp. 928-935.

26.—Canada's Holdings of Gold and United States Dollars, as at Dec. 31, 1939-49

(Millions of U. S. Dollars)

Year	Exchange Fund Account and Bank of Canada		Other Government of Canada Accounts	Total ¹	Year	Exchange Fund Account and Bank of Canada		Other Government of Canada Accounts	Total ¹
	Gold	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars	Gold and U.S. Dollars		Gold	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars	Gold and U.S. Dollars
1939 ²	204.9	33.8	22.4	393.1	1944....	293.9	506.2	102.1	902.2
1939.....	218.0	54.8	33.4	404.2	1945....	1945....	1945....	1945....	1945....
1940.....	136.5	172.8	20.8	332.1	1946....	536.0	686.3	22.6	1,244.9
1941.....	135.9	28.2	23.5	187.6	1947....	286.6	171.8	43.3	501.7
1942.....	154.9	88.0	75.6	318.5	1948....	401.3	574.5	22.0	997.8
1943.....	224.4	348.8	76.4	649.6	1949....	486.4	594.1	36.6	1,117.1 ³

¹ Includes private holdings, exclusive of working balances, of \$132,000,000 at Sept. 15, 1939, \$98,000,000 at Dec. 31, 1939, and \$2,000,000 at Dec. 31, 1940. ² Sept. 15. ³ Excludes \$18,200,000 borrowed in the United States in August, 1949, and set aside for the retirement on Feb. 1, 1950, of a security issue guaranteed by the Federal Government and payable at the holder's option in United States dollars.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL FINANCE

Section 1.—Loan and Trust Companies*

The 1934-35 Year Book presents at p. 993 an outline of the development of loan and trust companies in Canada from 1844 to 1913.

The laws relating to loan and trust companies were revised by the Loan and Trust Companies Acts of 1914 (4-5 Geo. V, cc. 40 and 55), with the result that the statistics of provincially incorporated loan and trust companies ceased to be collected. However, summary statistics of provincial companies for 1947 and 1948 have been supplied by those companies and are included in Table 1 in order to complete the statistics for loan and trust companies throughout Canada. It is estimated that more than 90 p.c. of the business of provincial companies is represented in the figures, so that they may be accepted as fairly inclusive and representative of the volume of business transacted as compared with federal-registered companies. The statistics of Tables 2 and 3 refer only to those companies operating under federal charter, except that, beginning with 1925, the statistics of loan

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