

*Branches of Chartered Banks.*—During the period from 1881 to 1901, the number of chartered banks doing business in Canada under the Bank Act remained almost the same (36 in 1881 and 1891, and 34 in 1901), but during the present century there has been in banking, as in industry, an era of amalgamations and the number of banks declined to 25 in 1913 and to 10 in 1931. That this has been far from involving a curtailment of banking facilities is seen in Table 9, which shows the development of the banking business since 1937, and in Table 19, which compares the number of branch banks existing in Canada at different periods and indicates a growth from 123 in 1868 to 4,676, inclusive of sub-agencies, at Dec. 31, 1920. As at Dec. 31, 1943, the total stood at 3,084 (exclusive of 139 branches and 3 sub-agencies in other countries), the reduction resulting from the closing of some unprofitable branches and from contractions brought about by wartime conditions. By Dec. 31, 1951, the total had increased to 3,776 (exclusive of 104 branches outside Canada).

**19.—Branches of Chartered Banks in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, for Certain Years 1868-1951**

Province or Territory	1868	1902	1905	1920 <sup>1</sup>	1926 <sup>1</sup>	1930 <sup>1</sup>	1940 <sup>1</sup>	1943 <sup>1</sup>	1946 <sup>1</sup>	1948 <sup>1</sup>	1949 <sup>1</sup>	1950 <sup>1</sup>	1951 <sup>1</sup>
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland...	...	...	9	10	41	28	28	25	23	23	23	38	39
P. E. Island.....	—	5	89	101	169	134	138	134	126	127	132	137	144
Nova Scotia.....	4	35	49	121	101	102	97	93	96	97	98	100	101
New Brunswick..	12	137	196	1,150	1,072	1,183	1,083	1,041	1,067	1,118	1,145	1,164	1,184
Quebec.....	100	349	549	1,586	1,326	1,409	1,208	1,092	1,117	1,176	1,219	1,257	1,304
Ontario.....	—	52	95	349	224	239	162	148	151	157	161	165	168
Manitoba.....	—	30	87	591	427	447	233	213	226	230	235	238	240
Saskatchewan...	—	30	87	424	269	304	172	163	190	210	230	246	257
Alberta.....	2	46	55	242	186	229	192	180	216	259	268	294	304
British Columbia	—	—	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	8	8	9	8
Yukon and N. W. T.....	—	—	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	8	8	9	8
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>4,676</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>3,776</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes sub-agencies in Canada for receiving deposits for the banks employing them.

**20.—Branches of Individual Canadian Chartered Banks in each Province and outside Canada, as at Dec. 31, 1951**

NOTE.—This table does not include sub-agencies which numbered 814 in 1951.

Chartered Banks	Newfoundland	P. E. Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bank of Montreal.....	8	1	16	14	111	185	26
Bank of Nova Scotia.....	16	8	40	35	29	132	8
Bank of Toronto.....	—	—	1	—	21	123	14
Provincial Bank of Canada...	—	2	—	10	111	12	—
Canadian Bank of Commerce.	3	6	19	7	67	226	35
Royal Bank of Canada.....	9	5	64	22	89	220	56
Dominion Bank.....	—	—	1	2	10	107	13
Banque Canadienne Nationale	—	—	—	—	224	12	3
Imperial Bank of Canada....	—	—	1	—	7	123	7
Barclays Bank (Canada).....	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>162</b>