

Columbia showed the largest gain in this comparison with an increase of 758 p.c. The Prairie Provinces recorded the second largest advance of 601 p.c., followed in order by Ontario, the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec.\* As compared with 1956, all five areas showed gains, with Ontario and Quebec accounting for nearly 78 p.c. of the \$13,000,000,000 advance.

Value of cheques cashed in 29 centres was higher in 1957 than in 1956. Payments in the two leading centres reached all-time peaks, Toronto advancing over 11 p.c. and Montreal nearly 5 p.c. In the same comparison Winnipeg decreased by 2 p.c. and Vancouver increased by almost 8 p.c.

\* St. John's, Nfld., was included in the 1957 figure but not in 1938 data. Excluding this centre the ranking would be: British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

17.—Cheques Cashed at 35 Clearing-House Centres 1953-57

NOTE.—Figures for earlier years will be found in the corresponding table of previous Year Books.

Clearing-House Centre	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Atlantic Provinces</b> .....	<b>3,397,536,751</b>	<b>3,483,572,588</b>	<b>3,623,885,796</b>	<b>4,136,063,557</b>	<b>4,253,883,344</b>
Halifax.....	1,473,198,649	1,578,537,898	1,627,402,746	1,900,368,542	1,862,262,193
Moncton.....	508,737,477	516,387,794	558,648,038	616,097,610	610,987,505
Saint John.....	680,166,727	686,419,892	720,696,563	824,915,065	974,094,965
St. John's.....	735,433,898	702,227,004	717,138,449	794,682,340	806,538,681
<b>Quebec</b> .....	<b>38,139,426,225</b>	<b>42,853,000,654</b>	<b>47,931,766,648</b>	<b>57,635,780,762</b>	<b>60,153,465,596</b>
Montreal.....	34,178,607,458	38,498,287,577	43,262,348,510	52,524,281,929	54,937,929,994
Quebec.....	3,535,148,293	3,946,839,332	4,220,646,837	4,575,848,864	4,675,308,837
Sherbrooke.....	425,670,474	407,873,745	448,771,301	535,649,969	540,226,765
<b>Ontario</b> .....	<b>59,073,780,087</b>	<b>65,614,571,762</b>	<b>71,973,447,183</b>	<b>84,580,096,136</b>	<b>92,469,365,362</b>
Brantford.....	522,687,516	494,781,493	529,527,130	596,455,633	587,964,512
Chatham.....	433,438,973	403,893,774	425,388,521	448,947,214	552,228,607
Corwall.....	200,420,702	214,915,773	292,898,906	387,278,729	405,259,116
Fort William.....	311,696,268	310,230,256	354,323,721	410,549,615	455,892,329
Hamilton.....	3,409,585,973	3,175,436,695	3,556,484,589	4,179,292,551	4,355,968,082
Kingston.....	341,335,311	366,274,647	419,087,713	464,435,514	449,613,360
Kitchener.....	765,740,577	766,279,900	817,143,240	940,310,341	978,856,453
London.....	1,973,402,244	2,047,498,306	2,055,087,653	2,279,949,005	2,489,582,356
Ottawa.....	4,588,480,404 <sup>1</sup>	3,415,300,005 <sup>1</sup>	3,267,767,785 <sup>1</sup>	3,567,496,334 <sup>1</sup>	3,823,157,651 <sup>1</sup>
Peterborough.....	365,075,178	368,850,304	380,474,408	515,640,907	533,262,032
St. Catharines.....	632,551,049	616,343,148	683,520,885	780,623,214	795,132,217
Sarnia.....	433,418,719	434,253,776	476,917,287	552,812,971	571,839,628
Sudbury.....	434,356,825	444,396,706	497,174,554	580,450,567	641,458,123
Toronto.....	42,579,170,381	50,646,604,608	55,628,552,603	66,301,163,713	73,497,632,863
Windsor.....	2,082,419,967	1,909,512,281	2,539,098,188	2,574,689,829	2,331,533,033
<b>Prairie Provinces</b> .....	<b>25,019,281,050</b>	<b>24,155,325,487</b>	<b>25,008,324,359</b>	<b>30,706,483,084</b>	<b>32,060,426,593</b>
Brandon.....	186,064,872	184,748,103	191,777,756	217,917,059	222,033,280
Calgary.....	5,020,505,662	4,985,475,389	5,415,909,240	7,280,076,762	8,319,489,021
Edmonton.....	3,514,626,107	3,609,993,451	4,051,760,277	4,728,775,559	4,876,156,389
Lethbridge.....	349,470,995	344,029,413	354,898,604	401,410,718	421,533,161
Medicine Hat.....	157,084,209	142,905,140	146,543,311	176,626,478	193,144,298
Moose Jaw.....	319,040,193	311,252,949	295,191,500	324,438,043	340,909,600
Prince Albert.....	175,349,193	160,153,483	155,489,736	165,300,168	185,407,182
Regina.....	2,432,735,880	2,297,905,822	2,395,122,040	2,885,106,529	3,233,572,111
Saskatoon.....	741,432,468	701,960,040	708,209,073	773,856,439	849,665,271
Winnipeg.....	12,072,971,671	11,416,901,697	11,294,022,822	13,752,975,329	13,418,516,280
<b>British Columbia</b> .....	<b>11,786,822,545</b>	<b>11,956,325,458</b>	<b>12,812,853,961</b>	<b>15,231,472,672</b>	<b>16,621,305,755</b>
New Westminster.....	554,708,805	608,576,723	673,630,786	716,803,680	742,204,569
Vancouver.....	9,790,943,286	9,752,576,977	10,398,019,050	12,579,751,243	13,523,017,398
Victoria.....	1,441,170,454	1,595,171,758	1,741,204,125	1,934,917,749	2,356,083,788
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>137,416,846,658</b>	<b>148,062,795,949</b>	<b>161,350,877,947</b>	<b>192,289,896,211</b>	<b>205,558,446,630</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes some debits reported in preceding years.