

Cheque Payments.—A monthly record of the value of cheques charged to customer accounts at all chartered bank offices in 35 major clearing-house centres of Canada is available from 1924. Except for a minor setback in 1938, the value of cheques cashed shows a continuously upward trend from 1932, the low point of the depression years. The total of \$325,564,498 in 1962 was a record, 953 p.c. greater than in 1938. The advance was well distributed throughout Canada's five economic areas. British Columbia showed the largest gain with an increase of 1,092 p.c. Ontario was second with an advance of 985 p.c., followed by the Prairie Provinces with 956 p.c., the Atlantic Provinces with 918 p.c. and Quebec with 882 p.c.

Value of cheques cashed in 34 of the original 35 centres was higher in 1962 than in 1961. Payments in Toronto showed a gain of 11.1 p.c. and Montreal rose by 12.2 p.c. In the western regions, Winnipeg showed little change and Vancouver advanced by 10.3 p.c.

17.—Cheques Cashed at 35 Clearing-House Centres, 1958-62

| Clearing-House Centre | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Atlantic Provinces | 4,438,573 | 5,119,612 | 5,499,101 | 5,876,687 | 6,509,096 |
| Halifax..... | 1,952,996 | 2,240,973 | 2,470,454 | 2,765,782 | 3,101,706 |
| Moncton..... | 644,873 | 687,497 | 703,300 | 725,886 | 771,911 |
| Saint John..... | 974,038 | 1,240,454 | 1,292,907 | 1,282,369 | 1,352,215 |
| St. John's..... | 866,666 | 950,688 | 1,032,440 | 1,102,650 | 1,283,264 |
| Quebec | 63,318,152 | 70,466,038 | 80,114,230 | 87,213,839 | 97,851,664 |
| Montreal..... | 57,779,114 | 64,370,687 | 73,203,832 | 78,593,811 | 88,211,663 |
| Quebec..... | 4,994,969 | 5,515,388 | 6,285,281 | 7,912,527 | 8,818,728 |
| Sherbrooke..... | 544,069 | 579,963 | 625,117 | 707,501 | 821,273 |
| Ontario | 102,798,608 | 117,852,356 | 125,319,946 | 134,719,363 | 149,812,492 |
| Brantford..... | 611,026 | 692,885 | 688,254 | 693,833 | 791,851 |
| Chatham..... | 639,883 | 618,778 | 655,467 | 654,195 | 665,473 |
| Cornwall..... | 400,905 | 430,320 | 406,526 | 455,088 | 476,467 |
| Fort William..... | 458,694 | 483,014 | 454,425 | 483,450 | 500,329 |
| Hamilton..... | 4,681,253 | 5,784,746 | 5,730,223 | 5,988,206 | 6,709,167 |
| Kingston..... | 499,922 | 530,388 | 520,401 | 561,700 | 627,367 |
| Kitchener..... | 1,050,153 | 1,212,701 | 1,268,458 | 1,321,571 | 1,580,719 |
| London..... | 2,756,333 | 3,248,221 | 3,438,475 | 3,728,758 | 4,184,759 |
| Ottawa..... | 4,823,537 | 5,441,744 ¹ | 5,428,618 ¹ | 5,923,469 ¹ | 6,765,125 |
| Peterborough..... | 534,561 | 597,133 | 588,320 | 566,260 | 615,616 |
| St. Catharines..... | 800,629 | 847,322 | 861,905 | 959,735 | 1,089,736 |
| Sarnia..... | 589,935 | 610,219 | 631,965 | 701,576 | 761,867 |
| Sudbury..... | 613,037 | 646,385 | 650,352 | 711,292 | 792,746 |
| Toronto..... | 82,217,905 | 94,286,069 | 101,652,499 | 109,570,868 | 121,733,430 |
| Windsor..... | 2,120,835 | 2,422,431 | 2,344,058 | 2,399,362 | 2,517,840 |
| Prairie Provinces | 34,490,157 | 37,804,428 | 40,667,168 | 45,540,898 | 48,301,500 |
| Brandon..... | 229,039 | 247,763 | 255,007 | 269,028 | 271,465 |
| Calgary..... | 7,646,109 | 8,528,838 | 8,773,941 | 10,326,214 | 11,415,990 |
| Edmonton..... | 5,149,339 | 5,823,946 | 5,975,975 | 6,672,384 | 7,550,912 |
| Lethbridge..... | 441,664 | 498,787 | 488,953 | 501,226 | 580,068 |
| Medicine Hat..... | 201,480 | 226,498 | 225,390 | 243,630 | 295,133 |
| Moose Jaw..... | 392,210 | 394,040 | 407,835 | 379,010 | 422,339 |
| Prince Albert..... | 204,351 | 229,736 | 235,304 | 247,306 | 253,269 |
| Regina..... | 3,622,192 | 3,859,211 | 4,377,349 | 4,869,831 | 5,326,695 |
| Saskatoon..... | 971,924 | 1,085,023 | 1,101,592 | 1,170,588 | 1,265,700 |
| Winnipeg..... | 15,631,849 | 16,910,586 | 18,825,822 | 20,861,681 | 20,919,929 |
| British Columbia | 16,244,464 | 17,626,917 | 18,018,609 | 20,433,555 | 23,089,746 |
| New Westminster..... | 824,007 | 925,926 | 863,876 | ² | ² |
| Vancouver..... | 13,143,566 | 14,230,065 | 14,653,833 | 17,766,910 | 19,602,381 |
| Victoria..... | 2,276,891 | 2,470,926 | 2,500,900 | 2,666,645 | 3,487,365 |
| Totals | 221,289,954 | 248,869,351 | 269,619,054 | 293,784,342 | 325,564,498 |

¹ Excludes some debits reported in preceding years.

² Included with Vancouver.