

of Canada or where the interest is payable in other than Canadian currency. Where the payments are for interest from bonds of, or guaranteed by, a province of Canada or are dividends paid by a wholly owned subsidiary to its parent company outside Canada, the rate of tax is only 5 p.c.

The gift tax is imposed at the rate of 10 p.c. on gifts of up to \$5,000 and at rates varying from 11 p.c. to 28 p.c. on gifts from \$5,000 to \$1,000,000 or over.

Income-tax revenue in Table 17 is as shown in the *Public Accounts* and represents collections made by the Taxation Division of the Department of National Revenue under the authority of the Income War Tax Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 148).

17.—Collections under the Income Tax Act, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1946-53

NOTE.—Figures for 1919-34 are given in the 1947 Year Book, p. 966, and for 1935-45 in the 1951 edition, p. 993.

Year	General Income Tax	Tax on Dividends and Interest Paid to Non-Residents	Tax on Rents and Royalties Paid to Non-Residents	Gift Tax	Total
	Individual and Corporation				
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1946.....	907,340,303	26,823,894	1,485,725	770,369	937,729,273 ²
1947.....	888,808,484	28,428,143	1,708,003	1,538,888	963,458,245 ³
1948.....	1,008,408,409	33,928,935	1,960,093	2,268,845	1,059,848,357 ⁴
1949.....	1,248,701,580	40,965,426	2,480,337	1,632,930	1,297,999,404 ⁵
1950.....	1,221,335,985	47,474,846		2,089,821	1,272,650,191 ⁶
1951.....	1,360,239,389	61,610,319		3,118,019	1,513,135,510 ⁷
1952.....	2,091,743,522 ⁸	55,017,014		..	2,161,373,408 ⁹
1953.....	2,420,115,712 ⁸	53,674,377		..	2,473,790,089 ⁹

¹ Includes estimated refundable portion.

² Includes deferred tax, \$1,303,982.

³ Includes

deferred tax, \$1,002,027, and tax on private companies, \$41,972,700.

⁴ Includes deferred tax, \$685,967,

and tax on private companies, \$12,596,108.

⁵ Includes deferred tax, \$778,617, and tax on private com-

panies, \$3,440,514.

⁶ Includes deferred tax, \$629,029, and tax on private companies, \$1,120,510.

⁷ In-

cludes deferred tax, \$548,007, and tax on private companies, \$87,619,776.

⁸ Excludes Old Age Security

tax.

⁹ Includes tax of \$14,612,872 on undistributed income of companies.

Tax Collections by the Department of National Revenue on a Fiscal-Year Basis.—Statistics of income-tax collections are gathered at the time the payments are made and, therefore, have the value of being very up-to-date. Their timeliness has been enhanced within the past few years by the adoption of the "pay-as-you-go" system. Under this system most of the tax is collected during the year in which the income, on which the tax is based, is earned. On the average this is about ten months prior to the actual filing of an income-tax return by the taxpayer. The payments on behalf of most taxpayers, however, are made by their employers and a cheque from one employer may cover the tax payments of hundreds of employees. At this stage, therefore, it is not possible to link the moneys received to the individuals who are, in the final analysis, contributing the tax. Collection statistics, for this reason, are not capable of being closely related to the persons who are being taxed and any statistical tables that attempt to describe the taxpayer by occupation or income class must be based on the income-tax returns that are filed by the taxpayers many months after the payment of tax. However, collection statistics, if interpreted along with the tax rate, do serve the purpose of indicating the general trend of income upon which tax is levied well in advance of the final compilation of assessment data.