

Subsection 2.—Government and Other Savings Banks

There are three distinct types of savings banks in Canada in addition to the savings departments of the chartered banks and of trust and loan companies: (1) the Post Office Savings Bank, in which deposits are a direct obligation of the Government of Canada; (2) Provincial Government savings banking institutions in Newfoundland, Ontario and Alberta, where the depositor becomes a direct creditor of the province; and (3) two important savings banks in the Province of Quebec, the Montreal City and District Savings Bank and La Banque d'Économie de Québec, established under federal legislation and reporting monthly to the Department of Finance. Other agencies for the promotion of thrift, through encouraging regular savings, are the co-operative credit unions.

Post Office Savings Bank.—The Post Office Savings Bank was established under the Post Office Act of 1867 (31 Vict., c. 10) in order to "enlarge the facilities now available for the deposit of small savings, to make the Post Office available for that purpose, and to give the direct security of the nation to every depositor for repayment of all money deposited by him together with the interest due thereon". Branches of the Government of Canada's Savings Bank under the Department of Finance were gradually amalgamated with this Bank over a period of 50 years and the amalgamation was completed in March 1929.

22.—Financial Business of the Post Office Savings Bank, as at Mar. 31, 1948-53

NOTE.—Figures for earlier years will be found in the corresponding table of previous Year Books. Totals back to 1868 are given in the 1926, 1946 and 1951 editions, at pp. 833-834, 978, and 1051, respectively.

Item	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits—						
Total.....	36,226,060	37,741,389	38,754,634	37,661,921	38,031,232	39,322,230
Made during year.....	11,983,690	12,843,954	12,144,889	10,368,266	11,011,092	11,521,743
Interest on deposits.....	690,584	710,012	729,007	733,899	722,804	741,954
Totals, cash and interest....	12,674,274	13,553,966	12,873,896	11,102,165	11,733,896	12,263,697
Withdrawals.....	12,212,726	12,038,638	11,860,651	12,194,872	11,364,584	10,972,700

Provincial Government Savings Banks.—Institutions for the deposit of savings are operated by the Provincial Governments of Newfoundland, Ontario and Alberta.

Newfoundland.—The following is a summary financial statement of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for the years ended Mar. 31, 1951 and 1952:—

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Interest on investments, etc.....	739,489	765,752
Less interest on deposits.....	637,520	657,917
Less Expenses.....	40,236	42,692
Profit on sale of investments.....	2,865	2,093
Less Transfer to reserves.....	—	30,000
NET INCOME.....	<u>64,598</u>	<u>37,236</u>

The number of accounts increased from 28,799 at Mar. 31, 1951, to 31,601 at Mar. 31, 1952, and deposits from \$24,561,048 to \$24,875,733 in the same comparison. The interest rate on deposits of private individuals, trust funds and