

TORONTO'S TOTAL SHOWED BIG GAIN

Bank Clearances for the Past Week at the Principal Canadian Cities

Toronto bank clearances for the week just closed show a splendid increase over the corresponding period a year ago. The total for the week, at \$73,835,857, represented a gain of \$13,002,820, or 21.3 per cent. On the other hand, Montreal's total for the week showed a decrease, the curtailment in the hours of business, and the general hindrance to trade on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, being no doubt responsible. Montreal clearances, at \$89,936,470, were \$1,041,907, or 1.1 per cent., behind the total for the same period a year ago. Winnipeg, too, was again among the cities reporting a falling off. The fact that farmers have not yet cashed their season's grain to any great extent is likely responsible for the decline. Winnipeg's total, at \$68,967,577, represented a decrease of \$16,295,668, or 19.1 per cent. Calgary, Saskatoon and Medicine Hat all reported decreases as compared with the corresponding period in 1917.

With the exception of Montreal, gains were pretty general in the East. The largest individual percentage of increase, however, in the entire Dominion was made by New Westminster, B.C., with a total of \$579,634, a gain of \$21,527, or 59.08 per cent. Edmonton clearances, at \$3,741,074, were \$1,378,644, or 58.3 per cent., better than a year ago.

The following compilation shows clearances for the week at the principal clearing house points, with comparisons:—

Western Bank Clearings.

	1918.	Increase.	P.C.
Winnipeg . .	\$ 68,967,577	x\$16,295,668	19.1
Vancouver . .	11,424,620	1,222,128	11.1
Calgary . . .	8,388,094	x2,414,732	22.3
Regina . . .	7,094,711	2,271,399	47.1
Edmonton . .	3,741,074	1,378,644	58.3
Saskatoon . .	1,556,456	x 162,402	5.7
Lethbridge . .	1,025,623	52,514	3.9
Ft. William . .	1,122,876	342,457	43.9
Med. Hat . . .	605,496	x 38,967	6.02
N. Westm'r . .	579,634	21,527	59.08

Total . . . \$105,867,594 x\$13,614,070 11.4

Eastern Bank Clearings.

	1918.	Increase.	P.C.
Toronto . . .	\$ 73,835,857	\$13,002,820	21.3
Montreal . . .	89,936,470	x1,041,907	1.1
Ottawa . . .	7,128,566	1,713,656	31.6
Hallifax . . .	3,558,951	666,296	18.5
St. John . . .	2,002,548	121,432	6.4
London . . .	2,575,826	465,789	23.2

Total . . . \$173,437,060 \$14,848,086 8.9

Windsor . . . 1,167,410
 xDecrease.