

CASH AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS AS AT MARCH 31, 1953 AND MARCH 31, 1952

(In millions of dollars)

	Balance at March 31		Increase or Decrease (—)
	1953 (Estimated)	1952	
Cash in current and special deposits including blocked currency.....	174.6	163.3	11.3
Year-end adjustment accounts—			
Deposits in transit.....	83.5	83.0	0.5
Departmental banking accounts.....	11.3	8.1	3.2
Accountable advances to individuals.....	2.4	0.3	2.1
Advances to contractors.....	10.5	7.8	2.7
Accounts receivable.....	66.5	67.8	-1.3
Other liquid assets—			
Exchange Fund Account—			
Advances represented by cash and securities.....	1,775.8	1,799.4	-23.6
Securities investment account.....	58.2	58.9	-0.7
Working Capital Advances—			
Departmental—			
Defence production revolving fund.....	116.8	82.4	34.4
Temporary loan to Old Age Security Fund.....	100.0		100.0
Other.....	90.1	35.3	54.8
Crown corporations.....	27.0	23.9	3.1
	2,516.7	2,330.2	186.5

The principal changes as shown in the table were increases of \$11.3 million in cash in current and special deposits, \$100 million in temporary loans to the Old Age Security Fund, \$34.4 million in the Defence Production Revolving Fund, and \$54.8 million in other departmental working capital advances. These are offset in part by a decrease of \$23.6 million in the Exchange Fund Account.

The decrease in advances to the Exchange Fund reflects additional cash advances of \$50 million required during the year to finance the purchase of gold and foreign exchange offset by \$73.6 million equivalent to the increase in the Fund's revaluation deficit during 1952 which is deducted from the total advances and carried to sundry suspense accounts. The Fund's revaluation deficit at December 31, 1952, was \$199.2 million compared with \$125.6 million at the end of the preceding year.

Working capital advances are estimated at \$333.9 million an increase of \$192.3 million over the previous year.

An amount of \$100 million is included under this heading for temporary advances to the Old Age Security Fund. Under authority of the Old Age Security Act temporary loans may be made and credited to the fund sufficient to make up the difference between the amount of pensions paid under the act and the amount of Old Age Security tax collected and credited to the fund. As pensions payments from the Fund are estimated at \$324 million and tax receipts credited to the Fund at only \$224 million, the deficit for 1952-53 is expected to amount to \$100 million which will be covered by temporary advances to the Fund.