



of the funded debt, measured in terms of interest charges as a percentage of the gross national product, actually decreased from 2.3 per cent in 1938-39 to 1.7 per cent in 1952-53.

Summary of Security Issues and Redemptions in the Year

During the fiscal year it is estimated that the Government will have issued securities payable in Canadian dollars in the principal amount of \$3,334 million (excluding the refunding of treasury bills which mature fortnightly) and refunded maturing issues in the amount of \$3,186 million. The following is a summary of these transactions:

	In millions of dollars
New Issues:	
Canada Savings Bonds Series VII (Net).....	334
Twenty-five year loan.....	100
Increase in Treasury Bills.....	150
Deposit Certificates.....	100
By refunding or conversion into new issues—Deposit Certificates.....	400
Other.....	2,250
	3,334
Less redemptions.....	3,186
Net increase.....	148

The increase of \$150 million in Treasury Bills outstanding which is shown in the table, together with a further increase of \$50 million which is scheduled to take place in April 1953, will provide funds to enable the Government to retire the \$200 million of Deposit Certificates presently outstanding.

The Canadian dollar value of the Government's external funded debt is expected to decrease by \$6.8 million during the fiscal year. Of this amount \$5.8 million is in respect of indebtedness payable in United States dollars and