

Canada Pension Plan Account

The balance of \$4,778 million is \$934 million higher than the March 31, 1971 balance of \$3,844 million.

Credits to the account of \$1,101 million include \$826 million in contributions under the Act, \$270 million in interest from investments and \$5 million in interest on the operating balance on deposit with the Receiver General. Charges of \$167 million include \$144 million in benefit payments. In 1970-71 receipts were \$1,024 million and disbursements were \$112 million of which \$92 million were benefit payments.

The amount by which the operating balance in the account in any month exceeds the estimated amount required to meet all payments in the following three-month period is available for the purchase of securities of participating provinces. Securities of Canada shall be purchased with the excess remaining after purchasing securities of each province as required. It is estimated that securities totalling \$910 million will have been purchased bringing the balance to \$4,611 million at March 31, 1972.

TABLE 63
(in millions of dollars)

CANADA PENSION PLAN ACCOUNT	Fiscal year ended March 31				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972 (preliminary)
Receipts—					
Contributions	640.2	698.0	745.7	812.4	826.0
Interest on investments	42.2	84.4	139.7	206.9	270.0
Interest on operating balance	1.4	2.4	3.8	4.0	4.6
Other	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
	684.7	785.0	889.6	1,023.7	1,101.0
Disbursements—					
Benefit payments	-1.3	-15.6	-47.4	-91.9	-144.0
Administration expenses	-11.5	-14.4	-17.7	-20.5	-23.0
	-12.8	-30.0	-65.1	-112.4	-167.0
Excess of receipts over payments	671.9	755.0	824.5	911.3	934.0
Balance in account brought forward	680.9	1,352.8	2,107.8	2,932.3	3,843.6
Balance at credit of account	1,352.8	2,107.8	2,932.3	3,843.6	4,777.6
Less investments in securities held in the Canada Pension Plan investment fund	-1,280.8	-2,023.0	-2,832.8	-3,701.3	-4,611.2
Operating balance on deposit with the Receiver General	72.0	84.8	99.5	142.3	166.4

Old Age Security Fund

The Old Age Security Act, 1951, directed that this fund be established and that credits to the fund should consist of a 2 per cent sales tax, a 2 per cent (maximum tax \$60) on individual incomes and a 2 per

cent tax on corporation incomes, and that pension payments of \$40 per month be paid to all eligible persons over 70 years of age. Payments were effective from January 1952.