

It is estimated that during 1952–53 the Government of the United Kingdom will have repaid \$23·5 million of the \$700 million interest-free loan granted under the provisions of The War Appropriation (United Kingdom Financing) Act, 1942, reducing the balance outstanding of this loan to \$196·9 million at March 31, 1953. In addition the Government of the United Kingdom will have repaid \$14·3 million during the year on account of the \$1,185 million loan made under the United Kingdom Financial Agreement Act, 1946, reducing the balance outstanding at March 31, 1953, to \$1,156·7 million.

It is estimated that the total of outstanding advances made under the authority of Part II of the Export Credits Insurance Act will be \$461·9 million at March 31, 1953, a decrease of \$19 million from the balance at the close of the previous year. Advances under this act represent loans made to certain foreign countries to assist them in purchasing goods and services in Canada. A classification of these advances by recipient governments, showing the estimated repayments during the year and the balances outstanding at the year end, is given in the following table:

ADVANCES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS UNDER PART II OF THE EXPORT CREDITS INSURANCE ACT
(In millions of dollars)

	Total Outstanding at March 31, 1952	Repayments during 1952-53	Total Outstanding at March 31, 1953
Belgium.....	57·7	2·3	55·4
China.....	49·4	49·4
Czechoslovakia.....	10·0	10·0
France.....	217·6	8·4	209·2
Indonesia.....	12·4	3·1	9·3
Netherlands.....	112·8	2·6	110·2
Norway.....	21·0	2·6	18·4
	480·9	19·0	461·9

Sinking Fund and Other Investments held for the Retirement of Unmatured Funded Debt

It is estimated there will be an increase of \$1·2 million in these assets which are held for the retirement of the 3 per cent Newfoundland 1943–63 guaranteed stock, the balance at March 31, 1953, being \$27·1 million.

Deferred Charges

It is estimated that Deferred Charges will decrease \$16·3 million during the year. It is expected that the balance of \$214 million which was set up as a deferred charge and credited to the Civil Service Superannuation Account in 1951–52 will be reduced by \$25 million and that an equivalent amount will be written off to expenditure during the year. There will, however, be a net increase of \$8·7 million in unamortized discounts and commissions on loans, due to the payment of \$20·4 million for discounts and commissions on new loans offset by the annual amortization charges of \$11·7 million applicable to and included in the expenditures for 1952–53.

Sundry Suspense Accounts

The estimated increase of \$74·2 million in this asset classification is due mainly to the change in the deficit arising from exchange revaluations of the assets and liabilities in the Exchange Fund Account as at December 31, 1952, which amounted to \$199·2 million at that date as compared with \$125·6 million at the end of the previous year.