

49. As at March 31, 1940, the average rate of interest on the dominion's outstanding direct funded debt (including treasury bills) was 3.40 per cent, as compared with 3.52 per cent on March 31, 1939.

NATIONAL DEBT

50. At the close of the fiscal year there was outstanding unmatured funded debt (including treasury bills) of the dominion in the amount of \$3,695,685,000. Of this total, securities in the amount of \$67,196,000 were held in the sinking funds against certain issues payable in London. The remaining amount, \$3,628,489,000, was outstanding in the hands of the public. Other liabilities, consisting chiefly of annuity, superannuation and insurance funds, Post Office Savings Bank deposits, and trust and con-

tingent funds, were outstanding on the same date in an estimated aggregate amount of \$332,888,000. Without deducting sinking funds now shown as an asset, the gross liabilities of the dominion totalled \$4,028,573,000. On the other side of its balance sheet, the dominion had active assets of \$757,593,000 representing cash on hand, sinking funds and active loans and investments. The net debt of the dominion, the difference between the gross liabilities and the active assets, is therefore estimated at \$3,270,980,000. The increase over the same date last year amounted to \$118,421,000, namely, the amount of the over-all deficit for the fiscal year.

51. The following is a preliminary statement showing the liabilities and assets of the dominion as estimated at March 31, 1940:—

LIABILITIES—MARCH 31, 1940

(estimated)

Bank Circulation Redemption Fund.....		\$ 5,054,000
Post Office Money Orders, Postal Notes, etc., outstanding.....		2,787,000
Post Office Savings Bank deposits.....		23,100,000
Insurance and Superannuation Funds—		
Government Annuities.....	\$ 140,042,000	
Insurance Fund—Civil Service.....	13,336,000	
Insurance Fund—Returned Soldiers.....	18,683,000	
Retirement Fund.....	9,827,000	
Superannuation Funds.....	60,887,000	
		242,775,000
Trust Funds—		
Indian Funds.....	14,298,000	
Common School Funds.....	2,677,000	
Contractors' Securities Deposits.....	2,114,000	
Other Trust Funds.....	3,126,000	
		22,215,000
Contingent and Special Funds.....		4,312,000
Province Debt Accounts.....		11,920,000
Funded Debt and Treasury Bills unmatured.....	3,695,685,000	
Floating Debt—		
Funded Debt matured and outstanding.....	2,465,000	
Interest due and outstanding.....	1,981,000	
Outstanding cheques.....	16,279,000	
		3,716,410,000
		<u>\$4,028,573,000</u>

ASSETS—MARCH 31, 1940

(estimated)

Active Assets—		
Cash, working capital advances and other current assets.....	\$ 186,742,000	
Special Deposits.....	166,000	
Sinking Funds.....	67,196,000	
Bank of Canada Capital Stock.....	5,920,000	
Central Mortgage Bank Capital Stock.....	250,000	
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—Loan.....	1,150,000	
Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd.—Loan.....	450,000	
Dominion and National Housing Acts—Loans.....	9,805,000	
Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938—Loans.....	3,926,000	
Loans to Provinces—		
Post War Housing Loans.....	\$ 2,504,000	
Unemployment Relief Loans.....	155,978,000	
Alberta—Subsidy Overpayment.....	469,000	
		158,951,000
Loans to National Harbours Board—		
Montreal.....	61,698,000	
Vancouver.....	25,032,000	
		86,730,000
New Westminster Harbour Commission—Loan.....		275,000
Canadian Farm Loan Board—Advances and Capital Stock.....		36,695,000