The following shows the clearings for the principal cities in Canada:

	1896.	1897.	PER CENTAGE.
Montreal....	$ 527,851,000	$ 601,185,000	Increase 13.89 %
Toronto.....	342,508,000	371,457,000	" 8.45 "
Winnipeg ...	64,146,000	84,436,000	" 31.63 "
Halifax	61,146,000	63,514,000	" 3.87 "
Hamilton ...	33,920,000	33,350,000	Decrease 1.68 "
*St. John ...	*17,249,000	30,109,000	
	$1,046,820,000	$1,184,051,000	

* For seven months.

The aggregate clearings at the cities in Canada showed an increase of 13.10 per cent., as compared with 1896.

The increase for Winnipeg is $20,290,000, or 31.63 per cent.