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Estimates covering a large part of the Overseas Investments of the United Kingdom outstanding in the years 1938 to 1948 have been compiled in the Statistics Office of the Bank of England. They are designed, in the main, to provide a continuation of the series of studies, covering the years 1926 to 1938, which were prepared under the direction of Lord Kindersley and were published in the *Economic Journal* each year between 1929 and 1939<sup>(1)</sup>. In 1940 Lord Kindersley had collected much of the material for 1939 but he was unable, in the circumstances of the time, to carry the work to completion. Later he was good enough to hand over his material to the Bank, to assist their study of Balance of Payments problems, and facilitated the continued co-operation of the institutions which had formerly supplied him with information. The Bank for their part, while necessarily compelled for some time to limit their work to immediate requirements, intended that when opportunity offered they would prepare and publish complete estimates covering the war years similar to Lord Kindersley's earlier figures, and thus ensure the maintenance of a valuable statistical investigation.

The continuance of the work has only been made possible by the voluntary assistance of a long list of registrars—banks, issuing houses and public companies of all kinds. Their co-operation in the enquiry must here be warmly acknowledged.

#### *Scope of the Investigation: (i) Capital*

In conformity with Lord Kindersley's work, the Bank's estimates cover the nominal capital value of, and the interest and dividends distributed on, the overseas investments of U.K. residents through the medium of securities quoted on, unofficially dealt in, or otherwise known to the London Stock Exchange. These securities fall into three main classes, viz. the loans of central and local governments, shares and debentures of U.K.-registered companies operating entirely or almost entirely abroad and those of companies registered abroad. The Bank have been able to widen the list of securities studied by Lord Kindersley by including a large block of U.S. and Canadian dollar securities not quoted in the Stock Exchange Official List or recorded in the Stock Exchange Official Year Book although undoubtedly known to the London Market: particulars of the U.K.

(1) Articles in the *Economic Journal* as follows:—

Vol. XXXIX	No. 153	— March, 1929	— A New Study of British Foreign Investments.
" XL	" 158	— June, 1930	— British Foreign Investments in 1928.
" XLI	" 163	— Sept., 1931	— British Foreign Investments in 1929.
" XLII	" 166	— June, 1932	— British Foreign Investments in 1930.
" XLIII	" 170	— June, 1933	— British Overseas Investments in 1931.
" XLIV	" 175	— Sept., 1934	— British Overseas Investments in 1932 and 1933.
" XLV	" 179	— Sept., 1935	— Britain's Overseas Investments in 1933 and 1934.
" XLVI	" 184	— Dec., 1936	— British Overseas Investments in 1934 and 1935.
" XLVII	" 188	— Dec., 1937	— British Overseas Investments in 1935 and 1936.
" XLVIII	" 192	— Dec., 1938	— British Overseas Investments, 1937.
" XLIX	" 196	— Dec., 1939	— British Overseas Investments, 1938.



holdings of these securities have been registered with the Bank under Exchange Control regulations<sup>(2)</sup>. The estimates also include U.S. market securities (but not direct investments) pledged with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as collateral security for the loan made to H.M. Government in July, 1941.

Representation of the capital amount of overseas investment by nominal values gives little indication of the actual realisable value of the investment but is a convenient basis for investigating the relative capital movements. For the sake of comparability, U.S. and Canadian dollar securities have been valued at rates of \$4.03 and \$4.45, respectively, from the beginning of the series in 1938; but the revaluation of the Canadian dollar to \$4.03 in 1946 and variations in other exchange rates from time to time are responsible for movements, not of relatively great magnitude, in the apparent amount of U.K. investment. In securities denominated in sterling possible revaluations due to gold clauses or currency options have been ignored. Company shares of no par value have been entered at balance-sheet values. All the estimates give the position at or near the end of the year.

## (ii) *Interest and Dividends*

The figures of interest and of dividends paid on U.K. holdings of shares of overseas-registered companies represent the sums actually received and retained in the U.K. during the year, whether by the investor or by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on account of the relative income tax. This description also applies to dividends paid by U.K.-registered companies up to early in 1946. Subsequently, in accordance with regulations made under section 52 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, dividends taxed in the U.K. at rates less than the full standard rate under Double Taxation Relief agreements are declared at levels which allow for deduction of tax at the full rate, i.e. they include a certain amount of overseas taxation, for which no practicable method of elimination can be found. In order, however, that the figures may represent as far as possible actual cash receipts by the U.K., the few examples of dividends paid free of income tax have been written up by the estimated amount of the tax and the various non-resident taxes levied by certain overseas countries on dividends earned there have, where applicable, been deducted. Dividends paid by U.K.-registered companies have been allocated to the year in which they were earned; those paid by overseas-registered companies to the year in which they were paid to shareholders—this being to some extent a change from Lord Kindersley's practice. No attempt is made in this investigation to provide estimates of the additional profits brought home by U.K. companies operating abroad in excess of the amounts distributed as interest or dividends, and utilised to meet management expenses at home, to pay U.K. taxation, or to increase reserves in this country.

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(2) Figures for total U.K. holdings of these securities are used with the permission of H.M. Treasury.



*Description of Main Classes and Methods of Compilation:*

(i) *Government and Municipal Loans*

Loans of overseas Governments and Municipalities denominated in sterling, or on which interest is payable in sterling, are extensively owned by non-residents of the U.K.<sup>(3)</sup> Estimates of the amounts in U.K. ownership are based upon figures of interest payments made, non-residence being identified by exemption from payment of U.K. income tax. Exceptionally, foreign holdings coming under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property have had their tax exemptions cancelled and require separate enumeration. Some non-resident bondholders are not able, or do not choose, to secure exemption at source on interest payments to them, but obtain subsequent refund of tax from the Inland Revenue: for this reason there is a slight overestimation of the U.K. holdings, which cannot be eliminated. The necessary particulars of capital outstanding and interest and redemption payments made during each year were supplied to the Bank by all the London paying agents. The number of Government and Municipal loans examined individually by this method was 730 in 1938, falling to 687 in 1943 and to 534 in 1948. In addition the Bank have brought into the survey 52 Irish loans, and they are indebted to Irish paying agents for information about the extent of U.K. ownership. U.K. holdings in some 700 U.S. and some 1,100 Canadian dollar loans were covered by collective figures extracted from Exchange Control records. The U.S. dollar loans are largely non-domestic and have been classified in the tables under the relative debtor countries.

(ii) *U.K.-Registered Companies*

The selection of U.K.-registered companies to be considered as operating abroad is a matter of judgment. Investment and financial trusts are excluded because their holdings of overseas securities must be largely covered elsewhere in the investigation. In fact overlapping in general, caused by companies investing in the shares of other companies, is where possible eliminated. Also excluded are those companies which operate both at home and abroad, owing to the difficulty of isolating the part of their capital that should be considered as invested abroad, or of obtaining information on the proportion of their profits derived from abroad. Among these are many important commercial companies, all insurance companies (their investment business being for the present purpose parallel to that of an investment trust) and shipping companies. It has seemed logical to omit the few U.K. shipping companies included by Lord Kindersley, thus avoiding the possibility of an overlap with any independent estimate of the national shipping income.

(iii) *Companies Registered Overseas*

In the enumeration of those overseas-registered companies that are quoted on the London Stock Exchange, no part of the capital is brought in that is known to be owned by an overseas company or by a U.K. company already included.

(3) Of interest paid in London in 1948 by Commonwealth countries on government loans, 24% was paid to non-residents of the U.K., and on municipal loans 20%. Corresponding proportions for payments by foreign countries were 59% and 49%.



The effect of this is to bring U.K.-controlled overseas companies largely into the class of U.K. companies operating abroad, i.e. under the controlling company: but some controlled investments remain in the overseas-registered category. It should be clear that the investigation does not include direct investment abroad by a U.K. company whose main business is at home, whether in the form of an overseas branch or of the ownership of an overseas-registered company outside the range of those here considered.

In the analysis by geographical areas overseas companies have been classified by the country of operation, not (as by Lord Kindersley) by the country of registration. Companies operating in more than one area have been divided according to the evidence available, which includes in the case of a holding company the field of operation of its subsidiaries.

#### (iv) *Companies—Method of Sampling*

U.K. investors hold the bulk of the shares of U.K.-registered companies. In companies registered overseas but quoted on the London market U.K. holdings are in normal times inclined to fluctuate from year to year, many of the securities in question having an international market. To enable the amount of U.K. investment in both classes to be ascertained, a large and representative selection of companies are good enough each year to inform the Bank how much of their capital is owned by residents of the U.K. U.K. ownership in companies not supplying this information is estimated as being the same proportion of their total capital as that of known companies of the same type. For example, the 1948 estimates take account of 1,403 U.K.-registered companies of whom 336 (24%) made a return to the Bank, covering 72% of the total nominal share and loan capital of all 1,403 companies. Similarly, 466 overseas-registered companies were included of whom 301 (65%) made a return, covering 80% of the total capital. To these figures were added, from Exchange Control sources, £117 million nominal of U.K. investment in some 2,900 U.S.A. companies and £70 million nominal in some 760 Canadian companies.

#### *The Estimates: (i) Capital Outstanding*

The results of the investigation are set out in detail in 22 tables below; a summary of the figures of nominal capital is as follows:—

<i>£ millions: end of year</i>	1938	1940	1942	1944	1946	1948
Government and Municipal Loans ...	1,521	1,458	1,186	978	859	797
U.K. Companies: Share Capital ...	817	806	792	768	748	596
: Loan Capital ...	367	335	322	279	255	119
Overseas Companies: Share Capital ...	473	422	351	327	303	304
: Loan Capital ...	368	318	219	192	164	144
In Commonwealth Countries ...	1,998	1,889	1,532	1,325	1,199	1,111
In Foreign Countries ...	1,455	1,352	1,241	1,122	1,035	749
Not Classifiable by Area ...	93	97	97	97	95	99
Total ...	3,545	3,338	2,871	2,544	2,329	1,960



Over the ten years surveyed the nominal value of U.K. investments abroad has thus fallen by £1,585 million, 45% of the total at the beginning of the period. The following table shows where the reductions have been concentrated and expresses them as percentages of the nominal totals held in 1938<sup>(4)</sup> :—

		<i>Decrease 1938 to 1948</i>				<i>Decrease 1938 to 1948</i>	
		<i>£ millions</i>	<i>% of 1938</i>			<i>£ millions</i>	<i>% of 1938</i>
India and Pakistan...		319	82	Argentina ...		317	86
Canada ...		258	61	U.S.A....		193	72
Australia ...		123	24	Brazil ...		82	50
South Africa ...		72	36	Europe ...		50	23
New Zealand ...		68	51	Mexico ...		36	55
Other Commonwealth				Other Foreign			
Countries...		26	8	Countries ...		47	13
All Commonwealth							
Countries...		866	43	All Foreign Countries		725	50

Although the United Kingdom still held substantial overseas assets at the end of 1948 it will be remembered in any assessment of the international capital position that these are more than outweighed by overseas indebtedness incurred during and after the war. No attempt is made to compare the figures presented here with figures officially published from time to time of external liabilities of the United Kingdom, because the present figures are expressed in nominal values and, as stated above, they make no pretence of covering the whole of U.K. direct investment overseas.

## (ii) *Repayment*

Table 21 gives the net reductions in nominal capital that have been identified as due to redemptions by sinking funds or at maturity (any new issues that have been made appearing as negative figures); sales or redemptions, in advance of maturity, of requisitioned securities; private sales under permit of registered securities; liquidations of company capital owing to officially arranged disposals of the relative commercial assets, e.g. railways or utility undertakings; also changes arising from the ordinary run of company reorganisations or liquidations. The total, £1,447 million in the ten years, represents net repatriation, nominal, by the debtor countries and in Table 22 is shown the corresponding net cash receipt by the U.K., viz. £1,244 million. The unidentified residual decreases in the amounts outstanding each year indicate net sales to non-residents through the market and, of course, errors and omissions<sup>(5)</sup>. They amounted to £138 million nominal and their realisation is estimated to have brought in £108 million cash. In general the purchaser is not identifiable, but a large part was probably repatriation and some of this, especially in the case of South American bonds, official. Some sales of Commonwealth government loans represented the investment of various Colonial

- (4) The table excludes changes caused by the classification of Burma and Palestine as Foreign Countries instead of Commonwealth Countries in 1948. The total decrease differs from that shown in the previous table owing to the small increase in investments not classifiable by area.
- (5) Some changes may have arisen out of migration by investors.



reserve funds—the fund and the investment not necessarily relating to the same territory. The total cash received from the U.K. disinvestment of £1,585 million nominal was thus £1,352 million.

It is not necessary to enlarge here on the relation of these changes to the financing of the 1939–45 war. The disposal of securities readily realisable in the U.S.A. in the main preceded the passing of the Lease-Lend legislation in March, 1941: and of the remainder those which were of most value were utilised as collateral for the R.F.C. Loan of July, 1941. In 1948 the interest and dividends on pledged securities—which were earmarked for the service of the loan—amounted to £5.4 million out of the total of £7.9 million from the U.S.A. In Canada official operations continued until mid-1942, after which investments remaining were not specifically pledged but the proceeds of any sales were to be used towards repayment of the \$700 million interest-free loan. The repayment of South African government sterling debt was also effected by official action by the end of 1943; in India the repatriation of the government debt and the U.K.-owned railway shares and debentures was not completed until 1944.

Large-scale repatriation of debt by other countries was related to the accumulation of short-term sterling assets. From 1944 onwards repayments of maturing debt by Australia and New Zealand were very large and there were similar operations on a smaller scale by certain Colonial territories. A special scheme for the repayment of Brazilian bonds entailing some reductions in capital values and cuts in interest rates—the successor to a series of temporary arrangements—was arranged in 1943 and came into force in 1944. Subsequent repayment of debt by the Brazilian Government has been on a larger scale than was originally planned. A writing down of Mexican Government bonds, long in complete default, was accepted in 1943 and since then there have been repatriations of Mexican railway bonds at special prices. At the beginning of 1948 the railways and other assets in the Argentine of the U.K.-registered railway companies, of which the nominal value of United Kingdom holdings was put in at £248 million, were sold for £150 million cash, a price to be related to market values, of course, rather than to nominal values.

During the period under review many sinking funds were regularly maintained and in 1945 and 1946 accumulated war-time arrears were paid up by several countries which had been in enemy occupation. These repayments were not, as in the past, offset by the flow of new investment. From the outbreak of war to 1946 new commercial investment abroad through Stock Exchange securities was negligible and in 1946 and 1947 it was practically limited to South Africa and Rhodesia. The purchase of South African shares shown by this survey represents only a part of the estimated capital flow to that country in the two years in question: the movement continued throughout the greater part of 1948 but, although there were substantial transactions in shares covered by the



survey, the U.K. holding was not increased on balance. A few issues of shares by U.K.-registered oil companies in 1948 appear in the tables under "Rest of South America" and "Not Classifiable."

### (iii) *Interest and Dividends*

The income distributed in respect of U.K. investments overseas (as explained earlier, a smaller figure than income from investments abroad in the national balance of payments) was £155 million in 1938, falling by 25% to £116 million in 1948. The corresponding totals of nominal capital outstanding, it will be remembered, decreased by 45%. Apart from investments in the U.S.A. and the assets of the Argentine railway companies, investments disposed of were, in general, fixed-interest loans of good quality and therefore paying relatively low interest rates. Share capital, more profitable on the average than loans, made up 36% of the total in 1938 and 46% in 1948, and dividends were on the average higher in the later year. Among the investments remaining in 1948 there were nevertheless, in round figures, some £225 million mainly in Europe and the Far East on which no income was being distributed and, mainly in South and Central America, £130 million on which the return was under 1% and £80 million on which it was between 1 and 1½%.

The following table shows income in 1939 and 1948 from the main classes of investments expressed as percentages of nominal capital. Because of the distortion that arises when income is paid during the year on securities which by the end of the year have been disposed of, the capital figure used is the average of the amounts outstanding at the end of the year and at the end of the preceding year. The figures are not yields in the ordinary sense, as no account is taken of market prices, and their value as a measure of the profitability of overseas investment is limited by such considerations as those set out above.

<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>In Commonwealth Countries</i>		<i>In Foreign Countries</i>	
	<i>1939</i>	<i>1948</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1948</i>
Government Loans ... ..	3.9	3.6	2.7	1.2
Municipal Loans ... ..	4.6	4.4	2.6	1.8
U.K. Companies : Share Capital ... ..	8.0	10.0	2.2	5.1
: Loan Capital ... ..	3.9	3.8	2.6	3.6
Overseas Companies : Share Capital ... ..	8.8	9.7	2.3	10.9
: Loan Capital ... ..	3.7	3.4	2.0	1.6

### *Appendices*

Lord Kindersley published figures for 1938 which are not identical with those here given for that year. The nature of the difference is explained in Appendix I. Appendix II relates the present estimates to figures of disinvestment and of overseas income which have been published from time to time in Command Papers.



*Appendix I.—Comparison between the Bank's Estimate and Lord Kindersley's for 1938*

Lord Kindersley's total of £3,692 million consisted of £3,292 million for quoted investments plus £400 million for unquoted investments, "with the proviso that no precision is claimed for this figure" (*Economic Journal*, XLIX, p. 693). Allowance will have been made in the £400 million for some of the dollar securities included in full by the Bank in the light of later knowledge.

										£ millions
Lord Kindersley's quoted investments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,292
Add for revaluation of U.S. and Canadian dollar securities at U.S. \$4.03 and										
Can. \$4.45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
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U.S. dollar securities added by the Bank, at \$4.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,324
										258
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Lord Kindersley's figure adjusted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,582
Bank's estimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,545
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The difference of £37 million is explained by minor additions or exclusions of securities, by adjustments to eliminate double counting, or by revision of the estimated proportion of U.K. holdings of companies' capital.

*Appendix II.—Comparison between the Present Estimates and Other Published Figures*

Estimates of the Realisation of External Capital Assets were given in "Statistical Material presented during the Washington Negotiations" (Cmd. 6707, December, 1945) for the period September, 1939, to June, 1945, and continued for the years 1945 and 1946 in "National Income and Expenditure of the U.K., 1938-46" (Cmd. 7099, April, 1947). These estimates may be compared with the annual change in the Bank's present estimates:—

£ millions					Cmd. 6707/7099 Present Estimates	
1939	September-December	...	...	...	58	—
"	Year	...	...	...	—	55
1940	...	...	...	...	164	152
1941	...	...	...	...	274	243
1942	...	...	...	...	227	224
1943	...	...	...	...	189	181
1944	...	...	...	...	143	146
1945	...	...	...	...	110	127
1946	...	...	...	...	70	88
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	1939-46	...	...	...	1,235	1,216
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Cmd. 6707 also included some geographical detail for the period September, 1939, to June, 1945, which may be compared with the present estimates for the whole years 1939-44 and 1939-45 :—

<i>£ millions</i>							<i>Cmd. 6707</i>	<i>Present Estimates</i>	
							<i>Sept. 1939-June 1945</i>	<i>1939-44</i>	<i>1939-45</i>
Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Eire	...	...	...	...	...	...	201	152	204
India, Burma, Middle East	...	...	...	...	...	...	348	317	324
Colonies and Other Sterling Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	17	22
Sterling Area ...							<u>564</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>550</u>
U.S.A. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	203	169	180
Canada	...	...	...	...	...	...	225	195	212
South America	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	110	122
Europe	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	19	30
Rest of World	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	23	33
Non-Sterling Area ...							<u>554</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>578</u>
Total ...							<u>1,118</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>1,128</u>

The principal differences between the Cmd. 6707/7099 estimates and the present estimates are :—

- (1) the former show the proceeds of sales and redemptions less the cost of purchases and new issues, the latter changes in outstanding nominal amounts ;
- (2) the former cover all investments as far as known, the latter quoted securities only ;
- (3) the former classify non-sterling securities by currency denomination, the latter by debtor country.

The discrepancy in the Sterling Area is predominantly due to (2) : in Canada to (1) and (2) : in the U.S.A. to (2) and (3)—South American U.S. dollar securities are included in Cmd. 6707 under U.S.A., not under South America. In Europe and the Rest of World (1) played a larger part, securities having been disposed of at less than their nominal value.

The same three differences affect comparisons for 1946-8, plus the fact that in the present estimates the Canadian dollar has been revalued from \$4.45 at the end of 1945 to \$4.03 at the end of 1946. Thus " United Kingdom Balance of Payments, 1946-8 " (Cmd. 7520, September, 1948) gives figures of Sales and Redemptions of U.S. and Canadian Securities (net) of £36 million in 1946 and £21 million in 1947. The present estimates give corresponding figures of £27 million and £22 million, but the former is reduced by the revaluation of all outstanding Canadian dollar holdings.



Similarly, "United Kingdom Balance of Payments, 1946-9, No. 2" (Cmd. 7928, April, 1950) gives figures of Sales and Redemptions of Overseas Investments in the Non-Sterling Area of £67 million in 1946, £54 million in 1947 and £181 million in 1948. The present estimates give £63 million, £44 million and £286 million, the large difference for 1948 being mainly due to the Argentine railway transaction.

Turning to annual income, a comparison is possible for 1945 between "Dividends, Interest, etc." in Cmd. 6707 and the present estimates:—

<i>£ millions</i>						<i>Cmd. 6707</i>	<i>Present Estimates</i>
Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Eire	...	...	...	...	...	45	37.2
India, Burma, Middle East ...	...	...	...	...	...	11	9.4
Colonies and Other Sterling Area ...	...	...	...	...	...	17	11.6
Unallocated ...	...	...	...	...	...	22	—
Sterling Area ...						<u>95</u>	<u>58.2</u>
U.S.A. ...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6.9
Canada ...	...	...	...	...	...	14	9.1
South America ...	...	...	...	...	...	28	15.9
Europe ...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5.5
Rest of World ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	7.0
Rest of World and Unallocated ...	...	...	...	...	...	12	—
Non-Sterling Area ...						<u>75</u>	<u>44.4</u>
Non-Classifiable ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	6.2
Total ...						<u>170</u>	<u>108.8</u>

It should be clear that the estimates in Cmd. 6707 cover a wider field than the quoted investments now under review, and represent total earnings remitted, including for U.K. companies management expenses at home, allocations to reserves and Excess Profits and Profits Taxes. They also include payments on sterling loans remitted through London to overseas holders (Cmd. 6707, p. 10, footnote 1).

Estimates of "Interest, Profits and Dividends" are available for some other years in Cmd. 7928; broadly the same considerations apply, although the Cmd. 7928 figures do not include the overseas earnings of U.K. oil companies.

	<i>£ millions</i>					<i>Cmd. 7928</i>	<i>Present Estimates</i>
1938	...	...	...	...	...	205	155.4
1946	...	...	...	...	...	153	110.1
1947	...	...	...	...	...	171	115.9
1948	...	...	...	...	...	174	116.4



## TABLES



## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit ; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000. — signifies nil.

“ Commonwealth Countries ” include Protectorates, Trust Territories, Mandated Territories and Territories under Condominium. Burma and Palestine are included in Commonwealth Countries up to 1947 and in Foreign Countries in 1948. Eire, which did not become the Irish Republic until April, 1949, is included in the Commonwealth throughout. Newfoundland is included under Canada. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Danzig are included in “ Rest of Europe ” throughout.

Some of the geographical areas need definition, as follows :—

British West Africa	...	...	Comprises Nigeria (including Cameroons), Gambia, Gold Coast (including Togoland) and Sierra Leone.
British East Africa	...	...	Comprises Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar.
British Central Africa	...	...	Comprises S. Rhodesia, N. Rhodesia, Nyasaland.
South Africa (Union of)	...	...	Includes S.W. Africa Territory but not Bechuana-land, Basutoland or Swaziland.
Malaya	...	...	Comprises Singapore and the Federation of Malaya.
British North Borneo	...	...	Includes Sarawak and Brunei.
British West Indies	...	...	Includes British Honduras, British Guiana and Bermuda.
Australia	...	...	Includes Papua and New Guinea.
Rest of Europe	...	...	Includes the whole of Turkey and U.S.S.R.
Central America	...	...	Comprises Costa Rica, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

The classification by types of company is that of the Stock Exchange Official Year Book, except that Mines have been sub-divided into Mines, Gold, and Mines, Other. A classification of U.S.-registered companies is not available in such detail.

In the case of the Austrian 4½% Guaranteed Sterling Loan, 1934–59, on which the Austrian Government is in default but on which payments of interest and redemption money have been made by guarantor governments, some in part and at irregular intervals, only those interest payments received from abroad have been included and are shown as receipts from Austria. Payments made by the U.K. Government have been excluded. The nominal capital has been reduced by the full amount of the bonds redeemed but the cash receipts shown are only those received from abroad.

The Austrian 3% Guaranteed Sterling Loan, 1933–53, is wholly guaranteed by H.M. Government : the nominal capital has been reduced by redemptions but no cash receipts of either capital or interest are shown.



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## 1—ALL SECURITIES: NOMINAL CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
Eire ... ..	16	18	18	19	19	19	18	18	18	19	20
British West Africa ...	55	54	54	53	53	52	51	49	49	48	47
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan...	17	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	12	11	11
British East Africa ...	24	24	24	24	22	22	21	21	19	19	15
British Central Africa ...	73	72	72	71	70	71	70	70	69	82	79
South Africa ... ..	199	206	197	161	155	111	110	111	118	127	127
India ... ..	388	379	365	295	194	112	88	82	77	63	60
Pakistan... ..										10	9
Burma ... ..	20	20	20	20	17	16	16	15	14	14	
Ceylon ... ..	28	27	26	26	26	26	26	25	25	25	26
Malaya ... ..	67	65	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
Australia ... ..	520	522	516	506	499	496	477	429	429	411	397
New Zealand ... ..	134	144	128	126	121	117	112	107	83	74	66
Canada ... ..	420	395	355	313	242	234	225	208	189	171	162
British West Indies ...	21	22	22	22	21	21	20	18	18	18	21
Other ... ..	18	18	17	17	17	16	16	16	15	14	8
	1,998	1,978	1,889	1,730	1,532	1,389	1,325	1,244	1,199	1,170	1,111
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
France ... ..	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	8	8	7	7
Germany ... ..	45	47	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
Austria ... ..	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	9	9	8
Denmark ... ..	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	11	8	7	7
Norway ... ..	11	10	9	9	9	8	8	7	6	4	4
Hungary ... ..	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	14	14
Roumania ... ..	19	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Greece ... ..	26	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24	24	24
Rest of Europe ... ..	64	67	67	70	67	62	56	52	50	47	44
Burma ... ..											14
China ... ..	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	36
Japan ... ..	50	48	47	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Netherlands East Indies	24	24	24	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Persia ... ..	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Egypt ... ..	10	11	11	11	9	7	4	4	4	6	7
U.S.A. ... ..	268	250	201	124	120	112	100	88	80	76	75
Mexico ... ..	66	65	65	65	62	53	52	44	32	31	30
Cuba ... ..	28	28	28	28	28	27	26	26	25	25	24
Argentina ... ..	368	355	353	351	346	343	321	318	312	305	51
Brazil ... ..	164	163	162	158	154	149	115	108	103	98	82
Chile ... ..	63	62	60	58	57	56	55	54	53	50	47
Peru ... ..	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	22
Uruguay... ..	23	23	23	24	23	22	23	22	22	22	22
Rest of South America...	37	37	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	32	36
Other ... ..	40	40	39	38	37	35	33	32	31	30	34
	1,455	1,417	1,352	1,268	1,241	1,205	1,122	1,077	1,035	1,010	749
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ...	93	96	97	97	97	96	97	96	95	95	99
TOTAL ... ..	3,545	3,490	3,338	3,095	2,871	2,690	2,544	2,417	2,329	2,274	1,960



## 2—ALL SECURITIES: INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9
British West Africa	...	...	...	4.3	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.9	4.0	3.6
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	.9	.9	.7	.7	.7	.8	.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
British East Africa	...	...	...	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	1.0	.9	1.3
British Central Africa	...	...	...	5.9	5.0	4.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.9	5.4	6.9	7.4
South Africa	...	...	...	17.5	18.0	18.4	17.1	14.7	12.7	12.3	12.2	12.8	14.5	15.0
India	...	...	}	18.5	18.5	18.1	14.9	12.7	8.6	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.2	5.7
Pakistan	...	...											.6	.6
Burma	...	...	...	2.1	2.4	2.3	1.7	*	*	*	*	.4	.4	
Ceylon	...	...	...	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Malaya	...	...	...	4.0	4.0	6.3	3.5	.8	.6	.6	.6	.9	2.1	3.8
Australia	...	...	...	22.2	22.3	22.2	21.7	20.5	20.4	20.4	19.7	17.4	17.2	17.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.1
Canada	...	...	...	15.9	15.4	13.7	12.8	9.3	9.0	9.6	9.1	8.4	7.5	7.6
British West Indies	...	...	...	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	.9	1.2	1.4	1.5
Other	...	...	...	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8	.6	.6	.6	.7	.7	.5
				102.7	102.1	101.4	91.1	77.0	69.6	68.0	67.0	68.2	71.2	71.7
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
France	...	...	...	.4	.4	.1	*	*	—	—	1.6	.2	.2	.4
Germany	...	...	...	2.0	1.4	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Austria	...	...	...	.5	.7	.2	*	*	*	.1	.5	.3	.3	.7
Denmark	...	...	...	.6	.5	.3	.2	.2	.2	—	1.9	.9	.3	.3
Norway	...	...	...	.4	.4	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	.4	.4	.4
Hungary	...	...	...	.4	.3	.3	.2	.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roumania	...	...	...	.4	.4	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...	...	.4	1.0	.6	.1	*	—	*	*	*	*	*
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.8
Burma	...	...	...											.5
China	...	...	...	1.5	.9	.4	.3	.2	.1	.1	*	.1	.1	.1
Japan	...	...	...	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	*	—	—	—	—	*	.1
Netherlands East Indies	...	...	...	1.2	1.1	1.3	.6	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Persia	...	...	...	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.7	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Egypt	...	...	...	.6	.6	.6	.6	.5	.5	.3	.3	.4	4.5	2.1
U.S.A.	...	...	...	7.1	5.6	10.7	6.3	5.9	5.3	5.6	6.9	5.6	6.2	7.9
Mexico	...	...	...	.4	.2	.2	.2	.5	.6	.5	.5	.6	1.0	.9
Cuba	...	...	...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.4	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1
Argentina	...	...	...	7.8	7.8	7.6	6.5	7.0	8.4	6.6	8.0	7.2	6.4	5.2
Brazil	...	...	...	1.6	1.0	2.2	2.5	3.1	3.3	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.4	2.6
Chile	...	...	...	.9	1.2	1.0	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9	.7
Peru	...	...	...	.4	.2	.3	.3	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	.3
Uruguay	...	...	...	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5	.4
Rest of South America	...	...	...	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.4
Other	...	...	...	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7
				40.3	34.3	36.1	28.8	29.4	30.4	29.5	35.6	34.1	37.3	36.0
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				12.5	7.5	5.8	5.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	6.2	7.8	7.4	8.6
TOTAL				155.4	143.8	143.4	125.6	111.2	104.9	102.4	108.8	110.1	115.9	116.4



## 3—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: NOMINAL CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
Eire ... ..	11.2	12.5	12.5	13.8	13.7	13.9	13.4	13.4	13.9	14.3	15.2
British West Africa	18.9	17.7	17.6	17.5	17.0	16.7	16.2	14.4	14.1	12.3	11.6
British East Africa	15.3	15.1	15.2	15.2	14.3	14.1	13.7	13.4	11.2	10.8	6.5
Br. Central Africa	12.4	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.7	12.0	11.7	11.7	12.3	42.1	42.1
South Africa ...	99.1	104.3	97.5	67.8	61.9	23.0	21.7	20.9	21.1	20.6	20.3
India ... ..	239.7	234.1	221.8	155.2	61.5	6.4	5.3	5.2	4.3	3.8	3.7
Pakistan ... ..											
Ceylon ... ..											
Malaya ... ..											
Australia ... ..	455.5	458.4	453.0	443.2	437.0	434.4	419.9	374.0	373.9	356.8	345.3
New Zealand ...	122.2	131.7	116.3	114.7	110.3	106.0	101.6	96.3	73.4	64.7	56.5
Canada ... ..	125.1	107.1	91.4	60.4	50.1	47.3	44.7	40.1	32.9	26.5	24.2
British West Indies	5.4	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	6.6
Other ... ..	14.9	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.5	11.0	10.7	10.3	9.9	9.5	6.4
	1,127.0	1,117.6	1,060.9	923.8	799.4	695.2	669.3	609.8	576.6	571.1	543.5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Germany ... ..	36.8	36.9	36.9	36.9	36.9	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.2	36.2
Austria ... ..	11.0	10.3	10.8	10.8	10.5	10.1	9.8	9.6	9.3	8.9	8.4
Denmark ... ..	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	6.4	5.4	4.6	4.8
Norway ... ..	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.5	2.9	3.1
Hungary ... ..	10.2	10.3	10.1	9.9	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Roumania ... ..	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.4	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.3
Greece ... ..	21.5	21.6	21.5	21.4	21.1	20.9	20.8	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6
Rest of Europe ...	26.1	28.5	28.5	33.1	30.8	27.3	23.8	21.1	19.9	18.2	17.0
China ... ..	33.1	33.0	32.9	32.8	32.8	32.8	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3
Japan ... ..	43.0	41.2	40.9	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.6	40.6	40.6	40.6
Egypt ... ..	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.5	5.1	3.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Mexico ... ..	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Central America ...	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.1
Argentina... ..	40.2	49.0	48.3	47.8	44.7	42.4	21.3	20.1	15.4	9.7	5.5
Brazil ... ..	82.8	81.6	80.8	79.9	77.5	74.1	45.6	40.2	37.9	33.9	27.6
Chile ... ..	24.8	24.1	24.2	24.2	24.5	24.3	23.9	23.5	23.0	21.0	19.5
Uruguay ... ..	5.5	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.2	5.3	5.7	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.4
Rest of S. America	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.2
Other ... ..	8.7	7.8	6.3	4.6	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.4	3.8
	393.7	399.3	396.6	397.9	386.2	365.9	308.8	293.9	282.4	265.2	253.5
TOTAL ... ..	1,520.7	1,516.9	1,457.5	1,321.7	1,185.6	1,061.1	978.0	903.7	859.1	836.3	797.0



## 4—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: INTEREST, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	·4	·5	·5	·5	·6	·6	·6	·6	·6	·6	·6
British West Africa	...			·9	·9	·9	·9	·8	·8	·8	·7	·7	·6	·5
British East Africa	...			·7	·7	·7	·7	·7	·7	·7	·6	·6	·5	·4
British Central Africa	...			·5	·5	·5	·5	·5	·5	·5	·4	·5	·5	1·2
South Africa	...	...		3·9	4·0	4·2	3·9	2·3	1·1	·8	·9	·8	·8	·8
India	...	...	}	8·7	8·5	8·3	5·2	3·0	·4	·4	·3	·2	·2	·2
Pakistan	...	...											*	*
Ceylon	...	...		·2	·2	·2	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Malaya	...	...		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Australia	...	...		18·4	18·6	18·7	18·6	17·7	17·4	17·5	16·7	13·8	13·3	12·7
New Zealand	...	...		5·2	5·0	5·2	4·9	4·8	4·6	4·3	4·0	3·4	2·9	2·6
Canada	...	...		4·5	4·8	3·5	3·3	2·0	1·8	1·7	2·1	1·5	1·1	·8
British West Indies	...			·2	·2	·2	·3	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2
Other	...	...		·8	·8	·6	·6	·6	·5	·4	·4	·4	·4	·3
				44·4	44·6	43·4	39·3	33·3	28·6	28·0	27·1	22·8	21·2	20·5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Germany	...	...		1·6	·9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Austria	...	...		·5	·7	·2	*	*	*	·1	·5	·3	·3	·7
Denmark	...	...		·4	·3	·3	·2	·2	·2	—	·8	·5	·3	·2
Norway	...	...		·2	·2	·1	·1	·1	·1	·2	·1	·2	·1	·1
Hungary	...	...		·3	·3	·2	·2	·1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roumania	...	...		·3	·2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...		·3	·9	·5	·1	*	—	—	—	—	—	*
Rest of Europe	...	...		1·2	1·2	·9	1·0	·8	·8	·6	·7	·6	·3	·3
China	...	...		1·1	·4	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japan	...	...		2·2	2·1	2·1	1·8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egypt	...	...		·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	*	*	*	*	*
Mexico	...	...		—	—	—	—	—	*	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Central America	...			·1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Argentina	...	...		1·7	1·8	2·0	2·0	1·9	1·7	·3	·8	·6	·5	·3
Brazil	...	...		·2	*	·9	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·6	1·4	1·4	1·0	·8
Chile	...	...		·2	·5	·4	·4	·4	·4	·3	·3	·3	·3	·2
Uruguay	...	...		·2	2	·2	·3	·3	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2
Rest of South America	...			*	*	*	*	*	*	·2	·1	·1	·1	*
Other	...	...		·3	·3	·3	·2	·1	·1	*	*	*	·3	·2
				10·7	10·5	8·3	7·6	5·1	5·0	3·7	5·0	4·2	3·4	3·2
TOTAL	...	...		55·1	55·1	51·7	46·9	38·4	33·6	31·7	32·2	27·0	24·6	23·7



## 5—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

<i>End of year</i>				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
British West Africa	...	...	...	35.1	35.1	35.4	35.3	35.4	34.8	33.9	33.5	35.3	35.6	35.2
British East Africa	...	...	...	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.0	5.8
British Central Africa	...	...	...	29.2	29.1	29.0	28.7	28.6	29.1	28.9	28.6	28.2	30.0	29.1
South Africa	...	...	...	21.8	21.8	21.1	20.9	20.5	20.5	20.6	20.5	20.5	22.5	22.1
India	...	...	}	72.6	73.1	73.0	72.4	68.8	63.3	53.2	51.6	50.5	40.5	40.8
Pakistan	...	...											8.3	8.2
Burma	...	...	...	10.9	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	
Ceylon	...	...	...	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9	20.8	20.8	21.0	21.1	21.8
Malaya	...	...	...	61.0	59.0	58.6	58.6	58.4	58.3	58.5	58.5	58.8	58.7	58.6
British North Borneo	...	...	...	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.0
Australia	...	...	...	38.0	37.4	37.3	37.1	37.2	37.2	33.3	32.8	33.1	32.1	29.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.6
Canada	...	...	...	9.9	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.7	9.8	9.5	8.7	7.6	8.0
British West Indies	...	...	...	10.6	11.2	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.4	9.3	9.5	9.6	10.4
Other	...	...	...	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.7
				335.4	333.4	332.3	330.8	326.0	319.3	304.8	299.9	299.7	299.9	285.8
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...	...	28.1	25.8	24.7	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.2	23.0	23.0	21.9	20.1
Burma	...	...	...											10.3
China	...	...	...	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.3
Netherlands East Indies	...	...	...	21.1	21.1	20.9	20.7	20.5	20.5	20.6	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.7
Persia	...	...	...	33.6	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.7	33.8	33.7	33.7	33.8
Egypt	...	...	...	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	3.2
Mexico	...	...	...	16.6	16.5	16.3	16.3	13.7	13.3	13.3	9.2	3.0	2.9	2.8
Cuba	...	...	...	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.9
Central America	...	...	...	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Argentina	...	...	...	181.2	180.7	179.7	179.1	178.4	178.9	178.8	177.9	176.6	176.2	27.9
Brazil	...	...	...	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.8	32.5	32.0	28.8	27.9	27.2	27.6	23.3
Chile	...	...	...	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.1
Peru	...	...	...	15.5	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1
Uruguay	...	...	...	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.5
Rest of South America	...	...	...	22.2	21.8	20.1	20.3	20.1	20.3	20.4	19.8	19.9	19.9	20.2
Other	...	...	...	13.1	13.1	12.4	12.4	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.5	11.0	12.2	13.7
				406.6	403.3	398.2	396.4	390.5	390.3	386.6	380.1	371.6	371.9	228.3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				75.3	75.3	75.3	75.5	75.6	75.5	76.3	76.3	76.2	76.2	82.0
TOTAL				817.3	812.0	805.8	802.7	792.1	785.1	767.7	756.2	747.5	748.0	596.1



## 6—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: SHARE DIVIDENDS, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
British West Africa	...			3·3	3·3	2·7	2·7	2·5	2·7	2·3	2·3	3·3	3·4	3·1
British East Africa	...			·1	·1	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·3	·3	·8
British Central Africa	...			3·8	2·9	2·6	1·9	1·8	1·5	1·5	1·8	3·2	4·6	5·8
South Africa	...			2·2	2·0	2·0	2·0	1·9	2·0	1·9	2·1	2·3	2·9	2·6
India	...	...	}	6·9	7·3	7·0	7·0	7·1	6·3	5·5	6·1	6·5	6·3	4·7
Pakistan	...	...											·5	·5
Burma	...	...		1·3	1·6	1·6	1·0	—	—	—	—	·4	·4	
Ceylon	...	...		1·4	1·5	1·5	1·5	1·6	1·6	1·6	2·0	2·1	2·3	2·2
Malaya	...	...		3·5	3·6	5·8	2·9	·5	·4	·4	·4	·8	1·9	3·5
British North Borneo	...			·2	·2	·3	·1	*	*	*	*	*	·1	·1
Australia	...	...		2·2	2·1	2·0	1·8	1·4	1·7	1·7	1·8	2·5	2·7	2·8
New Zealand	...	...		·4	·4	·4	·4	·4	·3	·3	·3	·3	·4	·4
Canada	...	...		·2	·2	·2	·3	·3	·3	·4	·2	·5	·4	·4
British West Indies	...			·9	·9	·8	·9	·8	·9	·9	·6	1·0	1·2	1·2
Other	...	...		·4	·4	·4	·4	·5	·5	·7	·8	·9	·9	·9
				27·0	26·6	27·6	23·1	19·1	18·4	17·4	18·7	24·2	28·3	29·4
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...		·7	·5	·5	·4	·4	·4	·4	·4	·5	·8	1·1
Burma	...	...												·4
China	...	...		·2	·2	·2	·1	*	*	*	*	·1	·1	—
Netherlands East Indies	...			1·0	1·0	1·2	·4	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Persia	...	...		5·1	2·2	2·2	2·6	5·1	5·2	5·2	5·2	7·2	7·2	7·2
Egypt	...	...		·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·4	·4	·4
Mexico	...	...		·1	·1	·1	·1	·3	·3	·1	·2	·3	·3	·4
Cuba	...	...		·1	·1	·1	·1	*	·1	*	·1	·1	·1	·1
Central America	...			*	*	—	—	—	—	—	*	—	—	—
Argentina	...	...		1·8	1·7	1·7	1·8	1·8	1·8	1·8	1·9	1·2	1·2	1·5
Brazil	...	...		·5	·6	·6	·7	·7	·8	·9	·9	·7	·6	·6
Chile	...	...		·2	·1	·1	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·3	·3
Peru	...	...		·2	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2
Uruguay	...	...		·1	·1	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2	·3	·3	·2	·2
Rest of South America	...			1·5	1·5	1·4	1·2	1·3	1·4	1·5	1·6	1·9	1·9	2·0
Other	...	...		·6	·5	·5	·6	·5	·5	·5	·6	·8	·9	1·0
				12·2	9·0	9·1	8·7	11·0	11·1	11·2	12·0	13·8	14·2	15·3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...			9·4	4·4	4·9	4·6	4·3	4·4	4·5	5·8	6·1	6·2	7·5
TOTAL	...	...		48·6	40·1	41·5	36·4	34·4	34·0	33·2	36·5	44·1	48·8	52·1



## 7—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH											
COUNTRIES											
British West Africa ...	·6	·8	·6	·6	·7	·7	·7	·5	·1	—	—
British East Africa ...	·5	·4	·4	·4	·4	·2	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
British Central Africa ...	23·1	22·9	22·5	22·2	22·0	21·6	21·8	21·5	21·2	1·5	3·3
South Africa ...	2·6	2·5	2·5	2·5	2·5	2·5	2·4	2·4	2·4	1·7	1·7
India ...	70·9	68·4	66·2	63·7	59·7	39·0	25·6	22·0	19·1	15·1	12·2
Pakistan...										1·1	·9
Burma ...										·5	·5
Ceylon ...										·5	·5
Malaya ...										2·3	2·2
British North Borneo ...	1·0	1·0	·9	·9	·9	·9	·9	·9	·9	·1	*
Australia ...	11·2	11·3	11·1	11·0	10·6	10·5	10·1	9·1	8·2	7·5	7·4
New Zealand ...	3·2	3·4	3·3	3·2	3·0	2·8	2·6	2·2	2·2	2·2	2·3
Canada ...	7·8	7·8	7·7	7·7	7·6	7·2	7·0	6·3	5·9	4·1	4·2
British West Indies ...	1·6	1·5	1·5	1·5	1·5	1·5	1·4	1·4	1·2	1·2	1·2
Other ...	4·1	4·0	3·7	3·5	3·5	3·4	3·1	2·9	2·8	2·6	2·5
	132·3	129·6	125·8	122·5	117·5	94·1	79·3	72·6	67·7	40·6	38·4
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Europe ...	10·7	10·7	10·5	8·7	8·4	7·9	7·6	6·4	5·2	4·1	4·0
Burma ...											·3
Netherlands East Indies	2·8	2·6	2·5	2·3	2·3	2·2	2·1	2·1	2·1	2·1	2·2
Mexico ...	7·5	7·4	7·3	7·2	7·0	7·0	6·7	4·1	1·2	1·2	1·2
Central America ...	1·8	1·7	1·7	1·6	1·6	1·6	1·6	1·6	1·6	1·6	1·6
Argentina ...	140·7	119·4	118·6	118·1	117·9	117·5	116·7	115·6	115·3	115·0	13·0
Brazil ...	17·0	17·0	17·0	17·0	16·8	16·4	15·7	15·5	15·0	14·7	11·1
Chile ...	7·3	7·1	5·9	5·7	5·6	5·4	5·3	5·1	5·0	4·8	4·4
Peru ...	4·1	4·1	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·0	4·1
Uruguay...	7·8	7·7	7·6	7·6	7·6	7·5	7·5	7·5	7·5	7·5	7·3
Rest of South America...	7·2	6·8	5·8	5·8	5·8	5·6	5·7	5·6	5·4	5·3	8·7
Other ...	24·6	24·4	23·3	22·9	22·7	22·3	22·0	21·1	21·1	20·2	17·2
	231·6	209·0	204·3	200·8	199·6	197·5	194·9	188·5	183·4	180·5	75·2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ...	2·6	5·0	5·2	5·1	5·1	5·1	4·7	4·5	4·2	4·1	5·1
TOTAL ...	366·5	343·6	335·3	328·4	322·2	296·7	278·9	265·6	255·3	225·1	118·7



## 8—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: LOAN INTEREST, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
British East Africa ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
British Central Africa ...	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.1
South Africa ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
India ...	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.2	1.0	.8	.7	.5
Pakistan... }										*	*
Burma ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ceylon ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*
Malaya ...	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
British North Borneo ...	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
Australia ...	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.3	.3
New Zealand ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Canada ...	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1
British West Indies ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other ...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.5	1.5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Europe ...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.1	.4	.1	.1
Burma ...											*
Netherlands East Indies	.2	.1	.2	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mexico ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	—	—
Central America ...	.1	.1	*	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*
Argentina ...	4.2	4.1	3.7	2.5	3.1	4.8	4.5	5.2	5.3	4.6	3.4
Brazil ...	.2	.2	.5	.4	.7	.6	.7	.7	.6	.6	.2
Chile ...	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Peru ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Uruguay...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	.1	.1	*	*
Rest of South America...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Other ...	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4	.3	.3	.4	.3
	6.1	5.8	5.6	4.4	5.3	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.3	6.3	4.6
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ...	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
TOTAL ...	11.4	11.1	10.8	9.5	10.2	10.9	10.4	10.1	10.1	8.9	6.3



# 9—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: NOM. SHARE CAPITAL, BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions

End of year	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Dominion & Col. Rails...	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Indian Rails † ...	19.4	18.9	18.9	18.0	14.6	9.3					
Foreign Rails ...	214.9	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.2	213.3	213.0	208.5	202.4	202.3	53.8
Banks ...	33.8	33.8	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.8	33.9	33.9	36.3	34.9
Breweries, &c. ...	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Canals & Docks ...	.7	.7	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	—
Commercial, Industrial	62.9	62.1	60.4	60.2	59.2	59.1	59.2	58.8	57.5	57.3	54.9
Electric Light & Power	10.0	10.9	10.9	11.1	11.1	10.9	10.8	10.3	10.0	8.3	8.2
Financial Trusts, Land...	77.8	77.6	77.0	75.4	72.9	72.3	68.6	67.8	66.5	64.8	63.5
Gas ...	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	9.8	9.7
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	.6	.9
Mines, Gold ...	44.8	44.0	44.2	44.0	43.2	42.8	37.8	36.7	38.4	38.2	37.0
Mines, other than Gold...	67.0	66.6	66.6	66.1	65.6	65.4	65.2	64.1	63.1	66.4	61.7
Oil ...	109.1	108.5	106.8	107.5	107.0	107.1	107.7	105.6	105.7	105.6	114.4
Rubber ...	77.2	75.5	74.9	74.8	74.7	74.5	74.5	74.1	74.5	74.5	74.3
Tea & Coffee ...	39.9	39.9	39.9	39.9	39.8	38.9	38.5	38.4	38.3	38.4	38.5
Telegraphs, &c....	23.0	23.0	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.4	22.2	22.2	22.0
Tramways, &c....	10.8	10.7	10.3	9.8	9.8	10.3	10.3	10.8	10.6	10.6	10.3
Waterworks ...	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.9
Other † ...	2.3	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.2
	817.3	812.0	805.8	802.7	792.1	785.1	767.7	756.2	747.5	748.0	596.1

# 10—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: SHARE DIVIDENDS, BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Dominion & Col. Rails...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	—
Indian Rails † ...	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	.5					
Foreign Rails ...	.8	.7	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.5
Banks ...	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.5
Breweries, &c. ...	.8	.8	.7	.8	.7	.7	.6	.7	.9	.9	.7
Canals & Docks...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
Commercial, Industrial	3.4	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.8
Electric Light & Power	.9	.8	.9	1.0	.8	.8	.7	.7	.7	.6	.6
Financial Trusts, Land...	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	4.5
Gas ...	.8	.6	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.7	.7	.6	.5
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mines, Gold ...	4.6	5.0	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2
Mines, other than Gold...	5.9	5.3	6.1	4.5	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.2	5.9	8.2	10.4
Oil ...	16.7	9.3	9.7	9.8	11.9	12.0	12.2	12.7	15.6	15.8	16.6
Rubber ...	3.2	3.8	5.2	2.1	.8	.8	.7	.8	.9	1.7	2.2
Tea & Coffee ...	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.4	4.8	3.9
Telegraphs, &c....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
Tramways, &c....	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Waterworks ...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other † ...	—	—	—	—	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
	48.6	40.1	41.5	36.4	34.4	34.0	33.2	36.5	44.1	48.8	52.1

† "Other" comprises the residue of Indian Rails after 1943, U.S. Rails and Nitrate Companies.



## 11—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: NOM. LOAN CAPITAL, BY TYPES OF COMPANY

	<i>£ millions</i>										
<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Dominion & Col. Rails...	28.2	27.9	27.3	27.0	26.7	26.3	26.0	25.2	24.8	4.6	5.5
Indian Rails ...	68.9	66.5	64.3	61.9	57.9	36.2	23.1	20.5	17.8	15.0	12.0
Foreign Rails ...	180.1	158.5	156.1	155.7	155.3	154.8	154.1	149.6	146.5	145.7	41.9
Breweries, &c. ...	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
Canals & Docks...	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	—
Commercial, Industrial	9.8	9.9	9.6	9.4	9.2	8.6	7.6	6.3	5.2	3.9	3.3
Electric Light & Power	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.7	1.6	.8
Financial Trusts, Land...	29.6	29.4	28.3	26.0	25.4	24.4	23.9	21.4	20.9	19.2	19.3
Gas ...	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	.6	.6	.5	.5	.4
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	—	—
Mines, Gold ...	.8	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9	.7	.6	.3	.1	.1
Mines, other than Gold...	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	2.7	3.0
Oil ...	1.1	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	7.7
Rubber ...	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
Tea & Coffee ...	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	.9
Telegraphs, &c....	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Tramways, &c....	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.2	15.8	15.5	15.4
Waterworks ...	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	.7
Other † ...	4.2	4.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.7
	366.5	343.6	335.3	328.4	322.2	296.7	278.9	265.6	255.3	225.1	118.7

## 12—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: LOAN INTEREST, BY TYPES OF COMPANY

	<i>£ millions</i>										
	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Dominion & Col. Rails...	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	.2
Indian Rails ...	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.0	.9	.7	.6	.5
Foreign Rails ...	4.7	4.6	4.2	3.1	4.0	5.5	5.4	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.8
Breweries, &c. ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Canals & Docks...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Commercial, Industrial	.3	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.6	.2	.4	.1	.1
Electric Light & Power	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Financial Trusts, Land...	1.0	.9	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	.8	.6
Gas ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mines, Gold ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mines, other than Gold...	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Oil ...	—	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.3
Rubber ...	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*
Telegraphs, &c....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Tramways, &c. ...	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1
Waterworks ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*
Other † ...	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
	11.4	11.1	10.8	9.5	10.2	10.9	10.4	10.1	10.1	8.9	6.3

† U.S. Rails, Banks and Nitrate Companies.



## 13—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

End of year				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5
British East Africa	...	...	...	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.5
British Central Africa	...	...	...	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	8.1	4.2
South Africa	...	...	...	65.8	67.8	66.9	61.0	61.4	60.3	60.6	63.4	70.4	79.8	80.1
India	...	...	...	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.3	2.1	2.0
Malaya	...	...	...	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
Australia	...	...	...	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.2	11.4
New Zealand	...	...	...	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.2
Canada	...	...	...	106.0	104.4	102.1	101.3	99.0	97.1	93.1	86.5	82.9	79.4	76.0
British West Indies	...	...	...	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
Other	...	...	...	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	8.3	8.4	8.1	6.8	5.4	5.9	.2
				211.7	211.9	208.6	201.7	197.5	194.1	189.4	184.1	185.1	193.5	183.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...	...	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.1	10.1	9.4	9.9	8.3	7.3	8.0	7.9
Japan	...	...	...	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Egypt	...	...	...	.8	.8	.8	1.0	.7	.7	.5	.6	.6	3.0	2.9
U.S.A.	...	...	...	203.9	188.8	153.3	96.7	94.4	89.5	80.6	72.7	66.5	63.9	63.8
Mexico	...	...	...	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	5.9	5.5	5.1
Cuba	...	...	...	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Argentina	...	...	...	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
Brazil	...	...	...	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.6	14.6	14.6
Rest of South America	...	...	...	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.4
Other	...	...	...	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	9.1
				247.1	232.6	197.9	141.6	138.8	132.1	122.3	112.8	104.0	104.1	108.9
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				13.8	14.3	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.0	15.6	15.6	14.2	14.2	12.2
TOTAL				472.6	458.8	421.5	358.4	351.4	341.2	327.3	312.5	303.3	311.9	304.3



## 14—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: SHARE DIVIDENDS, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·2	·1	·1	·1	·1
British East Africa	...			·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
British Central Africa	...			·6	·7	·6	·7	·7	·8	·7	·7	·8	·9	·3
South Africa	...	...		10·9	11·4	11·7	10·7	10·0	9·2	9·2	8·8	9·4	10·6	11·3
India	...	...	...	·1	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·1	·1	·2
Malaya	...	...	...	·3	·2	·3	·4	·1	—	—	—	*	·1	·2
Australia	...	...	...	·9	·9	·9	·7	·8	·7	·7	·6	·7	·8	1·3
New Zealand	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Canada	...	...	...	4·6	4·1	4·4	4·4	4·2	4·0	4·5	3·6	3·9	3·7	4·5
British West Indies	...			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	·1
Other	...	...	...	1·0	·8	·8	·9	·2	·2	·2	·2	·3	·3	·1
				18·8	18·6	19·4	18·4	16·6	15·4	16·0	14·6	15·6	16·7	18·3
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...	...	·6	·4	·2	·2	·2	·1	·2	·3	·2	·2	·5
Japan	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	—	—	—	—	*	·1
Egypt	...	...	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4·1	1·7
U.S.A.	...	...	...	6·0	4·5	9·4	5·5	5·4	5·0	5·3	6·5	5·3	6·0	7·7
Mexico	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·2	·3	·2
Cuba	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	·1	*	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	·4	*	*	·2	·4	·8	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·0
Rest of South America...				*	*	*	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	·1
Other	...	...	...	·3	·3	·3	·3	·2	·1	·1	·1	·2	·3	·3
				7·6	5·6	10·2	6·5	6·6	6·2	6·7	8·1	7·1	12·0	11·6
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				2·9	2·8	·7	·8	·1	·1	·2	·3	1·5	1·0	·9
TOTAL				29·3	27·0	30·3	25·7	23·4	21·8	22·8	23·0	24·2	29·6	30·8



## 15—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL, BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

<i>End of year</i>				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.7
South Africa	...	...	...	9.5	9.1	8.8	8.3	8.1	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.7	2.8	3.0
India	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2
Australia	...	...	...	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.4	5.2	4.0
Canada	...	...	...	170.8	165.6	143.1	133.3	74.7	72.7	70.2	65.2	58.8	53.2	49.8
Other	...	...	...	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.0	.9	.7	.6	.6	.4	.3	.2
				191.3	185.1	161.4	150.7	91.7	85.9	82.4	77.3	70.2	64.4	60.0
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...	...	37.7	37.7	34.1	34.0	33.6	33.4	32.4	30.0	27.3	26.0	25.0
Japan	...	...	...	6.2	6.2	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Egypt	...	...	...	.7	.6	.7	.8	.7	.3	.1	.1	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	57.4	55.1	44.3	25.7	24.3	22.0	18.0	14.1	12.5	11.5	10.5
Mexico	...	...	...	26.7	26.1	26.1	26.1	25.9	23.9	23.2	22.5	20.7	20.5	20.1
Cuba	...	...	...	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
Argentina	...	...	...	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.0
Brazil	...	...	...	14.8	15.2	15.0	12.2	12.0	11.8	9.9	9.6	8.1	6.7	5.3
Chile	...	...	...	19.1	18.6	17.5	15.7	14.4	13.9	13.2	13.0	12.5	11.8	10.9
Rest of South America	...	...	...	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3
Other	...	...	...	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2
				175.6	172.3	154.9	131.3	126.2	119.5	109.4	101.6	93.5	88.3	83.5
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	.6	.6	.2	.2	.2	.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	368.3	359.1	317.8	283.5	219.3	206.0	192.4	179.1	163.9	153.0	143.6



## 16—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: LOAN INTEREST, BY COUNTRIES

				£ millions										
				1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES														
Eire	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	*	·1
South Africa	...	...	...	·4	·4	·4	·4	·3	·3	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2
India	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*
Australia	...	...	...	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·1
Canada	...	...	...	6·4	6·2	5·4	4·7	2·6	2·5	2·8	2·9	2·5	2·1	1·7
Other	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
				7·3	7·0	6·2	5·3	3·4	3·2	3·4	3·5	3·0	2·6	2·1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES														
Europe	...	...	...	1·3	1·3	·5	·1	·1	·1	·1	2·5	·8	·4	·6
Japan	...	...	...	·3	·3	·3	·1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	·9	·9	1·1	·6	·5	·4	·3	·3	·2	·2	·2
Mexico	...	...	...	·2	*	*	*	*	·2	·2	·1	·1	·3	·2
Cuba	...	...	...	*	*	—	—	·2	·4	·1	·1	*	*	·1
Argentina	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	·2	·3	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·3	·2	·1
Chile	...	...	...	·3	·3	·3	·2	·2	·2	·1	·2	·2	·1	·1
Rest of South America...	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	·1	·1	·1	*	*
Other	...	...	...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	*
				3·6	3·4	2·8	1·6	1·4	1·5	1·0	3·5	1·7	1·4	1·3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	...	...	...	11·0	10·6	9·0	7·0	4·8	4·7	4·4	7·0	4·6	4·0	3·5



**17—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL,  
BY TYPES OF COMPANY**

*£ millions*

<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.											
Dominion & Col. Rails ...	50.9	50.9	50.9	50.9	49.7	49.7	47.5	44.9	41.4	38.3	36.4
Foreign Rails ...	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.2	7.1	6.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
Banks ...	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.3	10.9
Breweries, &c. ...	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1
Canals & Docks ...	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.3
Commercial, Industrial	59.2	60.0	61.0	60.5	59.1	57.6	58.8	55.3	56.2	62.9	64.9
Electric Light & Power	22.4	22.6	22.4	22.0	21.5	21.1	20.1	19.2	19.0	18.9	13.9
Financial Trusts, Land...	8.8	8.1	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.9
Gas ...	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.3	4.8
Mines, Gold ...	44.0	45.1	43.4	37.4	39.1	38.0	37.5	39.2	41.8	46.6	45.6
Mines, other than Gold...	22.1	22.2	22.1	22.0	19.5	18.6	18.0	17.0	15.9	16.8	18.5
Oil ...	13.6	13.8	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.0	14.0	13.9	14.4	16.3	13.6
Rubber ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Shipping... ..	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
Telegraphs, &c....	1.6	1.6	1.0	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8	.8
Tramways, &c. ...	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4
TOTAL EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.	268.7	270.0	268.2	261.7	257.0	251.7	246.7	239.8	236.8	248.0	240.5
U.S.A.											
Rails ...	39.8	38.3	30.7	18.4	17.7	16.0	13.1	10.7	10.3	10.2	8.4
Financial ...	8.7	8.4	7.3	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.4
Utilities ...	33.5	32.1	24.0	18.2	17.5	16.8	14.8	12.9	10.2	9.6	9.9
Industrial ...	121.9	110.0	91.3	54.0	53.2	50.9	47.3	44.3	41.3	39.6	41.2
TOTAL U.S.A. ...	203.9	188.8	153.3	96.7	94.4	89.5	80.6	72.7	66.5	63.9	63.8
TOTAL ...	472.6	458.8	421.5	358.4	351.4	341.2	327.3	312.5	303.3	311.9	304.3



**18—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: SHARE DIVIDENDS,  
BY TYPES OF COMPANY**

	<i>£ millions</i>										
	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>											
Dominion & Col. Rails ...	·7	·1	·6	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·9	1·8	1·7	1·5	1·4
Foreign Rails ...	·2	·1	·1	*	*	*	—	·1	·2	·2	*
Banks ...	1·0	1·0	1·0	·9	·7	·5	·5	·5	·8	·9	1·1
Breweries, &c. ...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	*	*	·1	·1	·1
Canals & Docks ...	1·7	1·8	·5	·7	—	—	—	—	·8	4·1	1·7
Commercial, Industrial	6·0	6·1	5·8	5·3	5·0	5·0	4·7	3·6	4·1	5·1	6·7
Electric Light & Power	1·2	1·2	1·1	1·2	1·2	1·2	1·2	1·3	1·5	1·5	1·1
Financial Trusts, Land...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·2	·2	·4	·4	·7
Gas ...	·1	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	·3	·2	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3
Mines, Gold ...	8·4	8·7	8·8	7·1	6·8	6·1	5·3	5·2	5·4	5·0	5·1
Mines, other than Gold...	2·0	1·8	2·0	2·8	1·8	1·4	1·9	1·9	2·2	2·8	3·2
Oil ...	·7	·7	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·2	·4	·7	·5
Rubber ...	*	*	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	*	*
Shipping... ..	·2	·1	·2	·2	·2	·2	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Telegraphs, &c....	·1	·1	*	*	*	*	—	·1	*	*	*
Tramways, &c....	·4	*	*	·2	·4	·8	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·0
<b>TOTAL EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>	<b>23·3</b>	<b>22·5</b>	<b>21·0</b>	<b>20·2</b>	<b>18·0</b>	<b>16·8</b>	<b>17·5</b>	<b>16·5</b>	<b>18·9</b>	<b>23·6</b>	<b>23·1</b>
<b>U.S.A.</b>											
Rails ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial ...	·3	·3	·4	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3	·3
Utilities ...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
Industrial ...	5·5	4·0	8·8	5·1	5·0	4·6	4·9	6·1	4·9	5·6	7·2
<b>TOTAL U.S.A.</b>	<b>6·0</b>	<b>4·5</b>	<b>9·4</b>	<b>5·5</b>	<b>5·4</b>	<b>5·0</b>	<b>5·3</b>	<b>6·5</b>	<b>5·3</b>	<b>6·0</b>	<b>7·7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29·3</b>	<b>27·0</b>	<b>30·3</b>	<b>25·7</b>	<b>23·4</b>	<b>21·8</b>	<b>22·8</b>	<b>23·0</b>	<b>24·2</b>	<b>29·6</b>	<b>30·8</b>



**19—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL,  
BY TYPES OF COMPANY**

*£ millions*

<i>End of year</i>	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>											
Dominion & Col. Rails ...	147.7	147.4	129.7	120.2	62.1	61.6	59.1	55.7	50.4	47.1	44.4
Indian Rails ...	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Foreign Rails ...	43.0	42.8	42.4	39.5	39.0	38.4	35.4	33.3	30.8	29.9	29.2
Banks ...	17.2	13.0	12.5	12.5	12.3	11.4	11.0	10.6	10.5	10.1	9.1
Canals & Docks ...	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.1
Commercial, Industrial	27.5	24.5	20.5	19.8	19.5	16.6	16.1	14.5	13.7	11.2	10.8
Electric Light & Power	30.2	29.0	23.7	23.4	22.8	20.9	20.9	19.9	19.3	19.0	18.9
Financial Trusts, Land...	11.4	13.2	12.8	12.6	12.3	10.8	10.5	10.4	8.0	7.4	5.4
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0
Mines, Gold ...	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	.6	.4	.3	.3	.2	.3
Mines, other than Gold...	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5	.8	.6	.6	.5	.4	.5
Nitrate ...	16.1	15.7	14.7	12.9	11.7	11.2	10.5	10.2	9.8	9.1	8.6
Telegraphs, &c....	.9	.9	.8	.8	.7	.7	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5
Tramways, &c....	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.4	2.4	1.7
Other† ...	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.1	.8	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3
<b>TOTAL EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>	<b>310.9</b>	<b>304.0</b>	<b>273.5</b>	<b>257.8</b>	<b>195.0</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>133.1</b>
<b>U.S.A.</b>											
Rails ...	32.6	31.3	25.6	14.4	13.6	11.9	8.4	5.0	4.1	3.7	3.0
Financial ...	2.5	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1
Utilities ...	19.7	18.9	14.6	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.0
Industrial ...	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.8	.5	.5	.5
<b>TOTAL U.S.A.</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>368.3</b>	<b>359.1</b>	<b>317.8</b>	<b>283.5</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>192.4</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>143.6</b>

† Breweries, &c., Gas, Oil and Shipping Companies.



**20—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: LOAN INTEREST,  
BY TYPES OF COMPANY**

*£ millions*

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.											
Dominion & Col. Rails ...	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.5
Indian Rails ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foreign Rails ...	.5	.5	.2	.1	.3	.4	.1	1.4	.3	.3	.3
Banks ...	.5	.4	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.5	.3	.3	.4
Canals & Docks ...	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
Commercial, Industrial	1.1	1.0	.8	.6	.5	.5	.4	.6	.4	.2	.2
Electric Light & Power	1.1	.9	.7	.5	.3	.5	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4
Financial Trusts, Land...	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.9	.6	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Mines, Gold ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*
Mines, other than Gold	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nitrate ...	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Telegraphs, &c....	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	.1	*	*	*
Tramways, &c. ...	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	*
Other† ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>
U.S.A.											
Rails ...	.3	.4	.4	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	*
Financial ...	.1	.1	.1	*	.1	.1	*	.1	*	*	*
Utilities ...	.4	.4	.5	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Industrial ...	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL U.S.A.</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>.6</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>

† Breweries, &c., Gas, Oil and Shipping Companies.



## 21—ALL SECURITIES: NET CAPITAL REPAYMENT, NOMINAL

£ millions

COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES				1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Eire	...	...	...	...	-1.3	.1	-1.1	.2	.1	.1	.3	.6	.1 -1.1
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	-1.5	-.1	.1	-.1	.4	.1	1.8	-1.1	1.1 - .1
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	3.2	.4	.3	.3	—	.2	.3	.3	.3
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	-.1	.1	.1	.5	.3	.1	-.2	1.8	-.6 3.6
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	.8	.2	.2	.2	.7	.1	-.1	.1	-12.4 -1.2
South Africa	...	...	...	...	-4.6	7.4	28.4	4.6	37.7	.1	1.7	-3.2	-6.3 2.4
India	...	...	...	}	2.8	14.4	67.6	98.7	79.7	22.7	5.0	2.8	4.3 2.9
Pakistan	...	...	...										.1 .1
Burma	...	...	...		.5	.1	*	*	1.2	.1	—	—	—
Ceylon	...	...	...		.2	1.4	*	*	.1	.3	.2	—	— .1
Malaya	...	...	...		.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	-.3	.2 - .1
Australia	...	...	...	...	-4.7	3.3	5.9	1.2	8.5	15.9	41.5	1.6	14.2 10.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	-12.0	15.0	1.6	3.1	3.8	2.8	4.2	21.2	8.6 10.7
Canada	...	...	...	...	24.5	40.6	42.2	71.5	7.0	9.0	20.4	25.1	20.8 5.7
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	-.5	-.2	*	.5	.2	.3	.2	.1	— -2.3
Other	...	...	...	...	.2	.7	*	.5	*	.6	.4	.6	1.0 *
FOREIGN COUNTRIES				7.4	83.7	145.5	181.5	140.1	52.4	75.8	49.5	31.4	31.0
France	...	...	...	...	.2	1.0	—	—	—	—	1.8	-.2	.3 1.0
Germany	...	...	...	...	.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Austria	...	...	...	...	.8	1.0	.4	.4	.3	.2	.6	.6	.4 .3
Denmark	...	...	...	...	.2	—	—	—	—	—	.3	3.0	.8 .4
Norway	...	...	...	...	.6	.1	—	.1	.2	.2	.9	.7	1.8 .1
Hungary	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.3	—	—	—	—	—	.1 .1
Roumania	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	*	.1	.1	—	—	—	.2	—	.1 —
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	-1.7	.2	-.9	1.9	3.3	3.6	3.1	1.5	2.6 .3
Burma	...	...	...	...									.3
China	...	...	...	...	.7	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	2.1	.8	.4	—	.4	—	—	—	—
Netherlands East Indies	...	...	...	...	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	—	—	* - .2
Persia	...	...	...	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* .4
Egypt	...	...	...	...	.3	.2	.2	.2	1.1	3.1	*	*	-.2 .1
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	18.0	48.9	76.9	4.7	7.4	12.9	13.9	7.6	3.6 .9
Mexico	...	...	...	...	.2	.3	.1	2.8	7.9	.7	5.9	11.6	.4 .1
Cuba	...	...	...	...	—	—	.2	—	*	1.4	*	*	.7 .2
Argentina	...	...	...	...	13.8	2.1	1.9	3.7	3.0	20.8	3.7	5.6	6.7 251.7
Brazil	...	...	...	...	1.3	.5	3.2	1.4	2.5	23.3	3.8	3.4	1.4 7.1
Chile	...	...	...	...	1.0	1.7	2.0	1.1	.4	.2	.6	.8	1.6 2.2
Peru	...	...	...	...	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	.5	.1	*	* *
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1 .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	1.0	3.2	*	.1	.1	-.1	.7	-.1	.3 -3.4
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.6	.7	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.1	.2	1.0 3.6
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				39.5	61.3	85.9	18.0	28.4	68.5	36.8	34.8	21.8	265.2
				-3.6	*	.1	*	.9	*	*	.2	-2.2	-7.4
TOTAL				43.3	145.0	231.5	199.4	169.5	120.9	112.6	84.6	51.0	288.8



## 22—ALL SECURITIES: NET CAPITAL REPAYMENT, CASH

£ millions

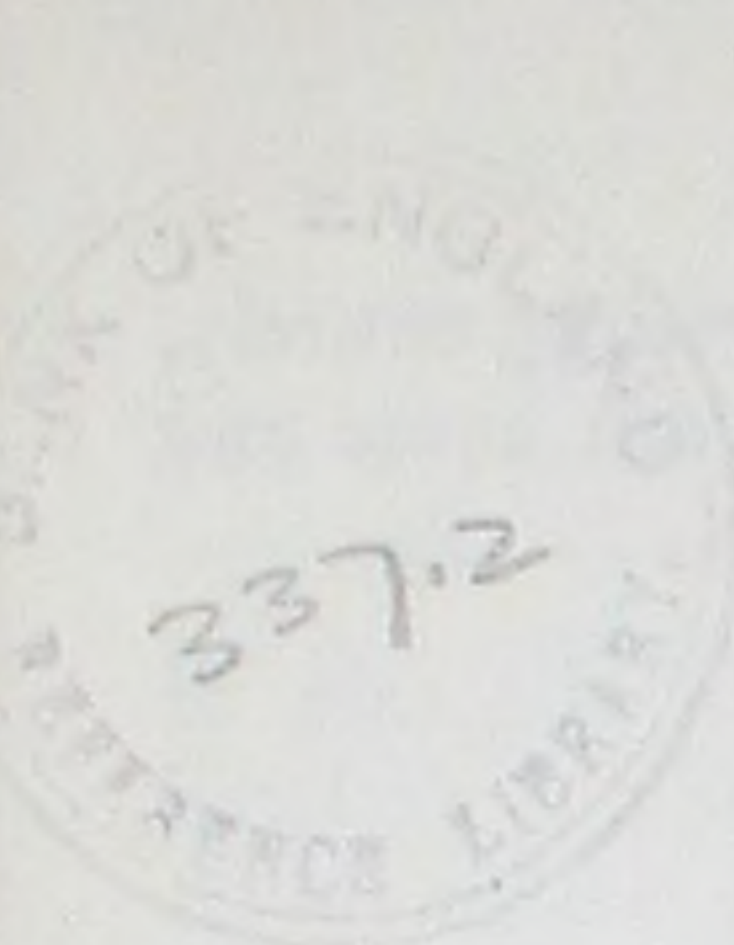
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES				1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Eire	...	...	...	...	—1.3	.1	—1.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	.6	.1 —1.1
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	—1.0	.2	*	— .1	.3	.1	1.6	—2.2	— .1 —1.1
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	3.5	.4	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	.3	.3
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	— .3	*	*	.1	.1	.1	— .4	1.7	— .8 3.7
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	.3	.8	.6	.2	.7	— .2	.3	— .2 —12.1	—1.1
South Africa	...	...	...	...	—4.7	6.6	30.6	4.9	40.0	— .3	— .4	—6.7 —14.5	10.1
India	...	...	...	}	2.8	14.4	72.5	90.7	83.9	26.5	6.5	3.0	6.6 2.8
Pakistan	...	...	...									.2	.1
Burma	...	...	...		*	*	*	.1	1.0	.1	—	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...		.2	1.4	*	*	.2	.3	.1	*	.1 — .1
Malaya	...	...	...		— .2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	.1	— .3	* — .2
Australia	...	...	...	...	—5.0	3.3	6.0	.8	8.5	15.8	38.6	2.9	12.3 9.9
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	—11.9	15.0	1.6	3.2	3.6	2.9	4.1	21.6	8.6 10.7
Canada	...	...	...	...	24.6	40.8	42.3	71.6	5.4	10.5	21.0	27.8	20.7 6.4
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	— .5	— .2	*	.9	.1	.3	*	*	— .1 —1.0
Other	...	...	...	...	.2	.6	—	.6	*	.4	*	.1	1.8 *
					6.7	83.5	152.8	173.8	144.4	56.9	72.0	48.6	22.9 39.4
FOREIGN COUNTRIES													
France	...	...	...	...	.2	.1	—	—	—	—	1.8	.4	.5 .4
Germany	...	...	...	...	.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Austria	...	...	...	...	.4	.8	*	*	*	*	.3	.1	.1 .1
Denmark	...	...	...	...	.2	—	—	—	—	—	.3	2.8	.8 .4
Norway	...	...	...	...	.6	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.9	.9	1.0 .1
Hungary	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.3	*	—	—	—	—	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	—2.0	— .5	—3.9	2.0	3.5	3.2	2.8	1.3	2.9 1.0
Burma	...	...	...	...									.3
China	...	...	...	...	.7	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	1.8	.7	.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands East Indies	...	...	...	...	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	—	* — .2
Persia	...	...	...	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* .4
Egypt	...	...	...	...	.4	.2	.2	.2	1.1	3.1	*	— .1 — .5	.1
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	25.1	50.8	74.0	4.4	5.5	10.9	11.4	10.1	4.7 —1.8
Mexico	...	...	...	...	*	—	*	.1	.2	.3	.3	1.3	.8 .2
Cuba	...	...	...	...	—	—	.2	—	*	.5	*	*	.3 .1
Argentina	...	...	...	...	1.8	2.0	1.8	3.8	2.6	20.7	3.6	5.2	6.6 153.6
Brazil	...	...	...	...	.9	.4	1.4	1.1	1.2	8.0	1.9	1.4	1.2 8.6
Chile	...	...	...	...	.8	1.5	.8	1.0	.4	.2	.4	.7	1.1 1.3
Peru	...	...	...	...	.1	.1	*	*	*	.1	.1	.1	.1 *
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	*	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1 .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	.1	1.1	.3	*	— .4	— .4	— .9	—1.8	.2 —3.4
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.4	.4	.1	1.3	1.2	1.0	.2	.5 3.3
					32.0	58.1	76.1	13.0	15.7	48.2	24.0	22.7	20.4 164.5
NOT CLASSIFIABLE				...	—3.7	*	*	*	.8	— .1	.1	.7	—2.3 —27.3
TOTAL				...	35.0	141.6	228.9	186.8	160.9	105.0	96.1	72.0	41.0 176.7



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# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS 1948 AND 1949

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The scope of the Bank's investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948"\*, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions, which have a particular bearing on the interpretation of the figures, are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange; they include U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities formerly registered with the Bank under Exchange Control regulations.

Capital values are nominal, which gives little indication of the actual value of the investment but is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year. The effect on the figures of the devaluation of sterling in September, 1949, is described below.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

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The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely, or almost entirely, abroad and excludes those whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments. This problem was discussed in detail in Appendix II of "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses and public companies—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at end-1948 and end-1949 follows, with the previously published figures for 1938 for comparison; although in this connection it will be remembered that the composition of the Commonwealth was somewhat different in the pre-war year.

<i>£ millions</i>		END OF YEAR			
		1938	1948	1949	
Government and Municipal Loans	...	1,521	795	793	
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	817	583	587	
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	367	120	110	
Overseas Companies : Share Capital	...	473	311	373	
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	368	158	173	
In Commonwealth Countries	... ..	1,998	1,111	1,130	
In Foreign Countries	... ..	1,455	759	809	
Not classifiable by Area	... ..	93	96	98	
TOTAL	... ..	<u>3,545</u>	<u>1,967</u>	<u>2,037</u>	

During 1949 the nominal value of U.K. investments increased by about £70 million. The sterling equivalent of the nominal value of securities denominated in other currencies, in U.K. ownership in September, 1949, was increased at that date by the devaluation of sterling. This increase is estimated at £84 million; viz., in U.S. domestic securities £34 million, in Canadian domestic securities £12 million and in dollar securities of other countries and other currency securities £38 million. Apart from the effect of currency changes there was therefore a net decrease of £14 million in the nominal value of the investments over the year. Net capital repayment, of which particulars are given in Table I and which represents identified repatriation by the debtor countries, came to £2 million nominal: there was no corresponding net cash receipt by the U.K., total receipts and payments being approximately equal. The residual decrease of £12 million nominal, representing net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents and including errors and omissions, is estimated to have had a cash value of £8 million. The total cash received from the U.K. disinvestment of £14 million nominal was thus £8 million.



The year 1949 was the first in the Bank's series of estimates in which new investment was comparable in size with repayment. Gross repayment, which comprises redemptions and sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country, and includes capital written off but excludes conversions, amounted to £75 million and the corresponding cash receipt to £58 million. Substantial loan redemptions were effected by the Australian and Nigerian Governments and companies operating railways in Uruguay and Portuguese East Africa were liquidated. Gross new investment came to £73 million nominal or £58 million cash. The increase in the nominal capital invested in Mexico arose from a capitalisation of reserves. The acquisition of U.S. domestic securities was effected by sales of non-domestic U.S. dollar securities, one constituent of the £12 million nominal sales through the market mentioned above.

The total of interest and dividends received in 1949 remained practically the same as in 1948 but there were big changes in a few individual countries. The estimate for Argentina fell by £4.4 million owing to the loss of income from the railways, sold in 1948, and restrictions on the remittance of profits. Of £1.9 million more from the U.S.A., £1.5 million was the result of the change in the rate at which U.S. dollar income was converted to sterling. An increase of £1.5 million from Malaya was distributed mainly by rubber companies.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, is as follows:—

<i>£ millions</i>		1938	1948	1949
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	55.1	23.7	21.1
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	48.6	51.4	55.0
"    "    : Loan Interest	...	11.4	6.3	3.1
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	29.3	30.5	33.2
"    "    : Loan Interest	...	11.0	4.3	3.9
From Commonwealth Countries	...	102.7	71.8	74.1
From Foreign Countries	...	40.3	35.8	33.6
Not classifiable by Area	...	12.5	8.6	8.6
TOTAL	...	<u>155.4</u>	<u>116.2</u>	<u>116.3</u>

During the compilation of the 1949 estimates those for 1948 have been revised, in the light of the later information available, to ensure comparability between the two sets of nominal capital figures and greater accuracy in the net repayment estimates. About £9 million was added, to South Africa, Australia and the West Indies, to represent U.K. investment in 1948 in overseas-registered companies first quoted in London in 1949. A reduction of £7 million in Argentina and of nearly £1 million in Brazil, part of which was re-allocated to various African territories, represents changes reported as having previously been made in the investment field of some U.K.-registered land and property companies. A re-consideration of the whole class of Canadian companies gave lower estimates for share capital (commercial, electricity and land companies) and higher for railway loans. Other substantial revisions were made in oil companies (affecting "Not classifiable" and "Rest of South America"). The net effect of all revisions was to raise the estimate of total nominal capital for 1948 by £7 million.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>						NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET CAPITAL REPAYMENT IN 1949 <sup>(1)</sup>	
						End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	...	47	42	3.6	3.9	4.2	2.4
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	1.0	1.0	.3	.3
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	...	16	18	1.4	1.4	— 2.2	— 2.5
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	...	79	85	7.5	8.3	— 6.8	— 6.7
South Africa	...	...	...	...	...	132	150	15.5	15.9	— 14.7	— 16.7
India	...	...	...	...	...	60	61	5.7	6.2	— .6	— .5
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	.6	.8	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	...	26	26	2.4	2.5	— .2	*
Malaya	...	...	...	...	...	64	68	3.8	5.3	— 4.5	— 4.6
Australia	...	...	...	...	...	401	386	17.3	16.5	16.5	19.6
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	...	68	68	3.3	2.9	.7	.7
Canada	...	...	...	...	...	168	172	7.6	6.9	6.4	4.5
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	...	23	27	1.6	1.9	— 3.7	— 4.6
Other	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	.5	.6	1.4	.5
						1,111	1,130	71.8	74.1	— 3.2	— 7.6
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	...	20	21	.9	.9	— .5	— .5
France	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	.4	.4	.2	.2
Germany	...	...	...	...	...	42	45	—	—	*	*
Austria	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	.7	.1	.4	.1
Denmark	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	.3	.3	.3	.3
Norway	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	.4	.5	— .7	— .9
Hungary	...	...	...	...	...	14	15	—	—	.1	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	...	16	15	—	—	.7	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	...	24	24	*	.1	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	...	44	48	1.8	1.6	— .9	— .9
Burma	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	.5	.5	*	*
China	...	...	...	...	...	36	36	.1	.1	*	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	...	46	47	.1	.1	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	.1	.3	—	—
Persia	...	...	...	...	...	34	34	7.2	7.2	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	...	...	9	11	2.1	2.7	*	—
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	...	75	115	8.0	9.9	— 6.0	— 6.2
Mexico	...	...	...	...	...	30	47	.9	.9	— 10.1	.1
Cuba	...	...	...	...	...	24	24	.1	.1	.1	.1
Argentina	...	...	...	...	...	44	42	4.9	.5	2.4	1.6
Brazil	...	...	...	...	...	79	79	2.6	2.2	2.8	1.6
Chile	...	...	...	...	...	47	46	.7	1.0	1.5	1.2
Peru	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	.3	.3	*	*
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	...	23	9	.4	.5	14.2	6.5
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	...	32	33	1.5	1.9	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	...	34	32	1.7	1.5	3.2	4.3
						759	809	35.8	33.6	7.7	7.7
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	...	96	98	8.6	8.6	— 2.3	— .2
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	1,967	2,037	116.2	116.3	2.2	.1

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Capital Investment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL				NOMINAL			
	CAPITAL		INTEREST		CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949	End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES			
British West Africa ...	11.6	8.7	.5	.5	Irish Republic ...	15.5	16.4	.6 .7
British East Africa ...	6.5	7.2	.4	.3	Germany ...	36.2	39.0	— —
British Central Africa	42.1	47.9	1.2	1.3	Austria ...	8.4	8.0	.7 .1
South Africa ...	20.3	29.5	.8	.8	Denmark ...	4.8	4.7	.2 .2
India ...	3.7	3.7	.2	.2	Norway ...	3.1	3.3	.1 .1
Ceylon ...	3.5	3.1	.1	.1	Hungary ...	9.6	9.9	— —
Malaya ...	1.3	5.6	*	.1	Roumania ...	11.3	11.3	— —
Australia ...	344.9	323.5	12.7	11.2	Greece ...	19.6	20.3	* *
New Zealand ...	57.0	56.5	2.6	2.2	Rest of Europe ...	17.0	18.5	.3 .2
Canada ...	22.9	22.2	.8	.8	China ...	33.3	33.3	— —
British West Indies ...	6.1	6.0	.2	.2	Japan ...	40.7	40.9	— —
Other ...	6.6	6.5	.3	.3	Central America ...	2.0	1.8	* *
	526.4	520.4	19.8	17.9	Argentina ...	5.5	4.6	.3 .2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	268.5	272.6	3.9	3.2	Brazil ...	26.8	22.5	.8 .7
TOTAL ...	794.9	793.0	23.7	21.1	Chile ...	19.3	17.8	.2 .5
					Uruguay ...	5.8	5.7	.2 .2
					Rest of S. America	4.2	4.2	* *
					Other ...	5.5	10.4	.3 .3
						268.5	272.6	3.9 3.2

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified; included in "Other".

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948." The Irish Republic, formally constituted on the 18th April, 1949, was there included in Commonwealth Countries, but is here included in Foreign Countries in both 1948 and 1949. The former Netherlands East Indies became the Republic of the United States of Indonesia on the 26th December, 1949, and is here described as Indonesia.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949	End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	35.3	33.5	3.1	3.4	—	..	—	—
British East Africa	...	...	...	7.0	7.1	.9	1.0	*	*	*	*
British Central Africa	...	...	...	29.7	29.9	5.9	6.6	3.3	3.3	.1	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	23.1	27.1	2.8	3.2	1.7	1.7	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	41.0	43.0	4.7	5.3	12.2	10.8	.5	.5
Pakistan	...	...	...	8.3	8.3	.5	.7	.9	.8	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	21.8	22.0	2.2	2.4	.5	.5	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	58.6	58.8	3.5	4.8	2.3	2.1	.1	.1
British North Borneo	...	...	...	4.0	2.6	.1	.1	*	*	—	*
Australia	...	...	...	29.3	35.3	2.8	3.1	7.8	7.7	.3	.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	5.6	5.8	.4	.4	2.3	2.4	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	9.8	8.1	.4	.4	5.1	4.5	.1	.1
British West Indies	...	...	...	11.4	12.9	1.3	1.4	1.2	2.2	*	.2
Other	...	...	...	5.7	5.7	.9	1.0	2.5	2.5	.1	.2
				290.5	300.1	29.7	33.8	39.7	38.5	1.5	1.8
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.3	1.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	20.1	20.2	1.1	1.2	4.1	4.1	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	9.7	9.7	.4	.4	.3	.4	*	*
China	...	...	...	2.3	2.3	—	—	..	..	..	..
Indonesia	...	...	...	20.7	20.7	.1	.2	2.2	2.2	*	*
Persia	...	...	...	33.8	33.8	7.2	7.2	—	—	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	3.2	3.0	.4	.4	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	2.8	2.8	.4	.5	1.2	1.2	—	—
Cuba	...	...	...	10.9	10.9	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Central America	...	...	...	2.4	2.4	—	—	1.6	1.6	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	21.2	21.2	1.2	.4	13.0	12.9	3.4	—
Brazil	...	...	...	22.9	23.1	.6	.5	11.2	10.5	.2	*
Chile	...	...	...	12.1	12.0	.3	.2	4.4	4.7	.1	.2
Peru	...	...	...	15.1	15.1	.2	.2	4.1	4.1	.1	.1
Uruguay	...	...	...	9.9	2.7	.2	.1	7.4	.5	*	.3
Rest of South America	...	...	...	16.3	16.3	1.1	1.6	8.7	8.7	.2	.2
Other	...	...	...	14.1	12.9	1.1	1.0	17.2	15.5	.3	.1
				218.9	210.5	14.2	13.9	75.3	66.3	4.6	1.1
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	73.8	76.3	7.5	7.3	5.1	5.4	.2	.2
TOTAL	...	...	...	583.2	586.9	51.4	55.0	120.2	110.1	6.3	3.1



## IV—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949	End 1948	End 1949	1948	1949
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	2.6	3.9	.1	.1	..	—	..	—
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	4.3	4.3	.3	.3	—	—	—	—
South Africa	...	...	...	...	83.6	88.4	11.7	11.7	3.0	2.9	.2	.1
India	...	...	...	...	2.0	2.3	.2	.2	1.2	1.1	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	...	1.6	1.6	.2	.3	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	14.2	14.5	1.3	1.7	4.9	4.9	.1	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	3.4	3.4	.2	.3	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	66.8	73.8	3.7	3.1	62.9	63.5	2.5	2.5
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	3.7	4.6	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	1.2	*	*
					182.4	197.2	17.9	17.8	72.3	73.5	2.8	2.9
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.5	1.6	.1	.1	1.7	1.7	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	8.0	9.8	.5	.6	25.2	26.0	.6	.4
Japan	...	...	...	...	.5	.5	.1	.1	4.7	5.5	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	...	5.5	7.3	1.7	2.3	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	63.3	91.8	7.7	9.6	10.5	17.4	.2	.2
Mexico	...	...	...	...	4.9	13.9	.2	.2	20.1	27.6	.2	.1
Cuba	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	—	—	1.1	1.3	.1	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	1.4	1.6	*	—	3.0	1.3	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	...	13.2	18.0	1.0	1.0	5.4	4.5	.1	.1
Chile	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	11.4	11.6	.1	.1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	3.4	4.4	.1	*	2.3	2.7	*	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	9.1	10.1	.3	.5	.2	.2	*	*
					111.0	159.4	11.7	14.3	85.7	99.8	1.4	1.0
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	17.3	16.5	.9	1.1	.1	.1	*	*
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	310.7	373.1	30.5	33.2	158.1	173.3	4.3	3.9



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Dominion & Colonial Rails ...	1.6	1.3	—	—	5.5	5.3	.2	.2
Indian Rails ...	..	..	..	..	12.0	10.4	.5	.5
Foreign Rails ...	54.1	46.0	.5	.2	41.8	33.3	3.8	.5
Banks ...	36.0	38.9	3.5	3.6	—	—	—	—
Breweries, &c. ...	5.2	6.6	.7	1.1	.8	.8	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c....	56.3	59.4	5.1	5.2	3.3	4.2	.1	.3
Electric Light & Power ...	8.2	9.7	.6	.7	.8	.9	.1	*
Financial Trusts, Land, &c....	59.4	56.5	4.5	3.9	19.9	19.1	.6	.5
Gas ...	7.5	7.4	.5	.5	.4	.4	*	*
Mines, Gold ...	36.9	35.2	2.2	2.7	.1	.1	*	*
Mines, other than Gold ...	57.4	62.8	10.4	11.4	3.0	3.0	.1	.1
Oil ...	109.3	111.8	15.7	16.9	7.7	7.6	.3	.3
Rubber ...	74.3	74.5	2.2	3.4	3.8	3.7	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee ...	38.5	39.3	3.9	4.2	1.1	1.3	*	.1
Telegraphs, &c ...	21.9	21.9	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	.1	.1
Tramways, &c. ...	10.7	10.1	.2	.2	16.0	15.9	.1	.2
Other (1) ...	6.0	5.7	.4	.2	2.4	2.7	.3	.1
	<u>583.2</u>	<u>586.9</u>	<u>51.4</u>	<u>55.0</u>	<u>120.2</u>	<u>110.1</u>	<u>6.3</u>	<u>3.1</u>

## VI—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>								
Dominion & Colonial Rails ...	37.9	39.4	1.5	.8	59.0	57.6	2.3	2.3
Foreign Rails ...	5.0	7.1	*	*	28.8	35.0	.3	.3
Banks ...	10.9	12.7	1.1	1.2	9.4	9.5	.4	.3
Canals & Docks ...	4.8	6.7	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.1	*	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	62.7	69.1	6.5	6.3	10.4	11.9	.2	.2
Electric Light & Power ...	10.6	13.4	1.0	.4	17.9	19.6	.4	.3
Financial Trusts, Land, &c....	5.5	6.1	.6	.5	5.4	6.2	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ...	5.1	5.3	.3	.5	1.9	2.0	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ...	46.2	49.0	5.0	5.6	..	..	..	..
Mines, other than Gold ...	18.9	19.5	3.2	3.9	1.4	1.3	*	.1
Nitrate ...	—	—	—	—	9.2	8.5	.1	.1
Oil ...	21.1	29.6	.5	.8	—	—	—	—
Tramways, &c. ...	12.0	16.5	1.0	1.0	1.9	2.1	*	*
Other (2) ...	6.9	7.0	.4	.4	1.2	1.1	*	*
<b>TOTAL EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>	<u>247.4</u>	<u>281.3</u>	<u>22.9</u>	<u>23.6</u>	<u>147.6</u>	<u>156.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.8</u>
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Rails ...	7.8	10.3	*	.2	3.0	4.0	*	.1
Financial ...	4.4	5.7	.3	.2	1.1	1.5	*	*
Utilities ...	9.9	16.4	.1	.6	6.0	10.5	.1	.1
Industrial ...	41.2	59.5	7.2	8.7	.5	1.4	*	*
<b>TOTAL U.S.A.</b>	<u>63.3</u>	<u>91.8</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>9.6</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>17.4</u>	<u>.2</u>	<u>.2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>310.7</u>	<u>373.1</u>	<u>30.5</u>	<u>33.2</u>	<u>158.1</u>	<u>173.3</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>3.9</u>

(1) Iron, Coal &amp; Steel, Waterworks and Nitrate Companies and shares of Indian Rails.

(2) Indian Rails, Breweries, &amp;c., Gas, Rubber, Shipping and Telegraphs, &amp;c., Companies and loans of Gold Mines.



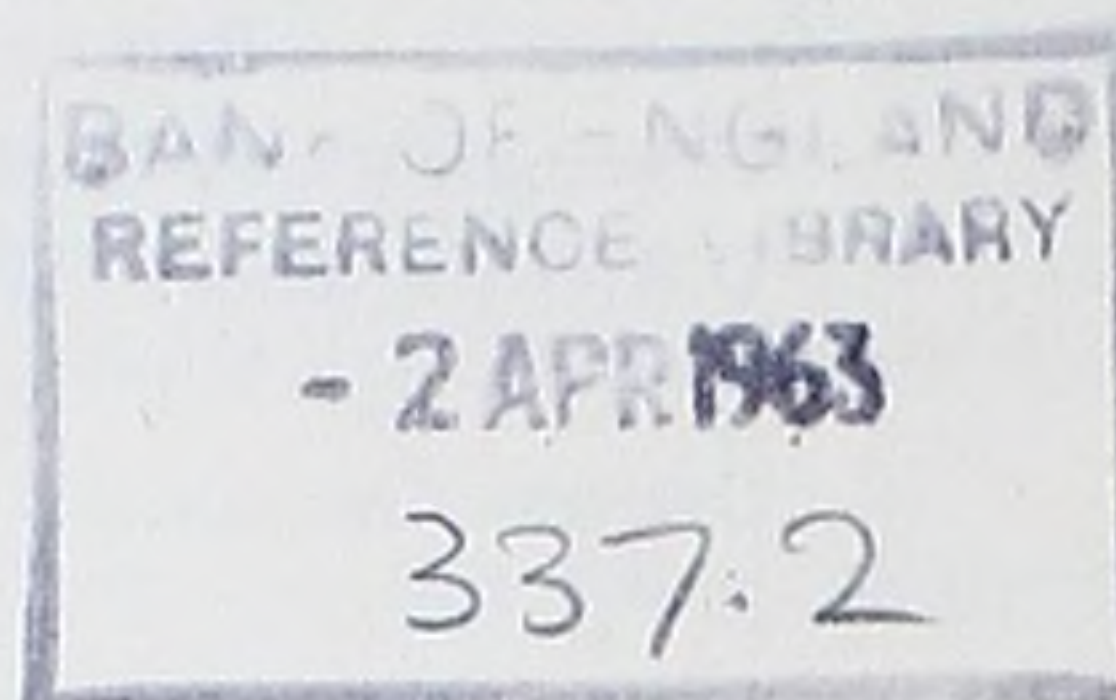
# UNITED KINGDOM

## OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

### 1949 AND 1950

*Bank of England, 1952*

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This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948"\* and continued in respect of the year 1949 in a paper issued in connection with the Bank's Report for the year ended 28th February, 1951. The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions, which have a particular bearing on the interpretation of the figures, are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange; they include U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities formerly registered with the Bank under Exchange Control regulations.

Capital values are nominal, which gives little indication of the actual value of the investment but is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely, or almost entirely, abroad and excludes those whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared

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include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments. This problem was discussed in detail in Appendix II of "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses and public companies—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at end-1949 and end-1950 follows, with the previously published figures for 1938 for comparison; although in this connection it will be remembered that the composition of the Commonwealth was somewhat different in the pre-war year.

<i>£ millions</i>							
END OF YEAR				1938	1949	1950	
Government and Municipal Loans	...			1,521	795	785	
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...			817	590	587	
„ „ : Loan Capital	...			367	106	106	
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...			473	373	374	
„ „ : Loan Capital	...			368	174	168	
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...		1,998	1,133	1,134	
In Foreign Countries	...	...	...	1,422	775	751	
Not classifiable by Area	...	...	...	126	131	134	
TOTAL	...	...	...	<u>3,545</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>2,020</u>	

During 1950 the nominal value of U.K. investments decreased by over £18 million. Net capital repayment, of which particulars are given in Table I and which represents identified repatriation by the debtor countries, came to £4 million nominal. On a cash basis, however, instead of a repayment there was a net new investment abroad of £7 million. The residual decrease of £14 million nominal, representing net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents and including errors and omissions, is estimated to have had a cash value of £12 million. Thus the net effect of the various transactions causing the disinvestment of £18 million nominal was a receipt of £5 million cash.

Gross repayment, which comprises redemptions and sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country, and includes capital written off but excludes conversions, amounted to £65 million nominal, and the corresponding cash receipt to £56 million. There were substantial redemptions of Australian and Brazilian Government loans. Mexican railway loans were reduced, under a plan first proposed in 1946 and declared operative in March, 1950, partly by writing down and partly by repayment. Realisation of investments in Canada continued, the proceeds being mostly absorbed in the amortisation of the Government interest-free loan. Gross new investment—new issues, purchases from identified non-residents and capital written up—came to £61 million nominal or £63 million cash. Africa was the principal field for new investment, mainly Commonwealth government loans and shares and loans of South African gold mining companies. Among non-Commonwealth countries there was new investment in government and municipal loans of the Irish Republic and, as in 1949, U.S. domestic securities were acquired on a considerable scale from the



proceeds of sales of non-domestic U.S. dollar securities, one constituent of the £14 million nominal sales through the market mentioned above.

The total of interest and dividends for 1950 was about £25 million more than in 1949. Total loan interest was down slightly, in proportion to the reduction in the nominal capital. Outstanding increases in dividends were in those declared by rubber and tin companies in Malaya, by gold and other mines in South Africa and British West and Central Africa, by tea companies in India and Ceylon and by oil companies (affecting "Not classifiable"). The sterling value of U.S. dollar dividends also was much higher in 1950—the first full year in which conversion was effected at a rate of \$2.80 to £1.

The above-mentioned increases affected the dividends of certain classes of both U.K.-registered and overseas-registered companies. Dividends of the remaining classes of overseas-registered companies were almost unchanged whereas those of the other U.K.-registered companies showed a moderate rise overall. In this connection it will be remembered that the Finance Act of 1950 granted, in the form of "Unilateral Relief", new or increased relief from U.K. taxation to many U.K.-registered companies whose profits were also subject to overseas taxes. Part of the increase in dividends paid by such companies out of 1950 profits over those paid out of 1949 profits does not therefore represent larger profits but lower U.K. taxation.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, is as follows:—

£ millions		1938	1949	1950
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	55.1	21.1	20.6
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	... ..	48.6	55.0	72.8
" " : Loan Interest	... ..	11.4	3.1	2.7
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	... ..	29.3	33.1	41.5
" " : Loan Interest	... ..	11.0	4.0	4.2
From Commonwealth Countries	... ..	102.7	74.1	90.5
From Foreign Countries	... ..	35.2	26.5	32.1
Not classifiable by Area	... ..	17.5	15.7	19.3
TOTAL	... ..	<u>155.4</u>	<u>116.4</u>	<u>141.8</u>

During the compilation of the 1950 estimates those for 1949 have been revised, in the light of the later information available, to ensure comparability between the two sets of nominal capital figures and greater accuracy in the estimates of new investment and repayment. A few revisions, the most considerable being in the estimate for Mexico, represent newly disclosed U.K. investment. Others arise from the policy, which is on the increase among U.K.-registered companies operating abroad, of widening their field of operations; information about these activities is often not available until some time after they are completed. The consequent revisions to the estimates, while affecting the figures for individual countries, do not usually alter the total. Thus some of the investments formerly included under Norway, Burma and Indonesia have been dispersed over a number of areas, including, for example, British East Africa, India and Malaya, and practically the whole of the considerable investment previously shown under Persia has been transferred to "Not classifiable". The net effect of revisions from all causes was to raise the estimate of total nominal capital at end-1949 by £1 million.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

					NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET CAPITAL REPAYMENT IN 1950 <sup>(1)</sup>	
					End 1949	End 1950	1949	1950	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES										
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	43	44	3.9	5.3	— .8	— .9
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	11	11	1.0	1.0	— .1	— .1
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	19	24	1.4	1.4	— 5.5	— 5.6
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	86	92	8.3	10.0	— 7.0	— 7.4
South Africa	...	...	...	...	149	160	15.9	18.6	— 12.7	— 17.0
India	...	...	...	...	61	63	6.2	8.1	— 1.9	— 1.6
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	9	9	.8	1.2	.2	.2
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	25	25	2.5	3.9	.1	.1
Malaya	...	...	...	...	69	69	5.3	11.4	.2	*
Australia	...	...	...	...	385	370	16.5	16.6	13.6	14.1
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	69	68	2.9	3.0	.4	.5
Canada	...	...	...	...	172	161	6.9	7.4	10.7	13.3
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	27	28	1.9	1.9	— 1.6	— 1.9
Other	...	...	...	...	7	8	.6	.8	— 1.4	— 1.2
					1,133	1,134	74.1	90.5	— 5.8	— 7.5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES										
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	21	24	.9	1.0	— 4.0	— 4.0
France	...	...	...	...	8	8	.4	.6	— .1	.2
Germany	...	...	...	...	45	45	—	*	—	—
Austria	...	...	...	...	9	9	.1	.1	.4	.1
Denmark	...	...	...	...	7	6	.3	.3	.3	.4
Norway	...	...	...	...	3	3	.1	.1	.3	.2
Hungary	...	...	...	...	15	15	—	—	.1	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	14	14	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	24	24	.1	*	.5	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	50	50	1.9	2.0	— .4	— .9
Burma	...	...	...	...	10	10	.3	.6	.1	.1
China	...	...	...	...	36	36	.1	.1	.3	.3
Japan	...	...	...	...	47	47	.1	.1	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	21	21	.3	.3	*	*
Egypt	...	...	...	...	11	10	2.7	3.1	.2	.2
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	115	124	10.0	14.8	— 9.0	— 9.7
Mexico	...	...	...	...	52	40	.9	1.1	8.9	2.6
Cuba	...	...	...	...	24	24	.1	.1	—	—
Argentina	...	...	...	...	40	40	.5	.6	1.2	1.2
Brazil	...	...	...	...	79	64	2.2	2.2	10.4	10.7
Chile	...	...	...	...	46	44	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.1
Peru	...	...	...	...	22	22	.3	.5	.1	.1
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	8	6	.5	.3	1.8	2.6
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	34	33	1.9	1.4	1.1	— .4
Other	...	...	...	...	33	34	1.6	1.9	— .9	— .4
					775	751	26.5	32.1	13.2	4.3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	131	134	15.7	19.3	— 3.3	— 3.6
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	2,038	2,020	116.4	141.8	4.2	— 6.9

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Capital Investment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>	NOMINAL				NOMINAL				
	CAPITAL		INTEREST			CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End	End				End	End		
	1949	1950	1949	1950		1949	1950	1949	1950
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES				
British West Africa ...	8.7	9.5	.5	.3	Irish Republic ...	16.4	20.1	.7	.7
British East Africa ...	7.2	12.8	.3	.3	Germany ...	39.0	38.8	—	—
British Central Africa ...	47.7	52.6	1.3	1.4	Austria ...	8.0	7.7	.1	.1
South Africa ...	29.5	33.7	.8	1.0	Denmark ...	5.1	4.4	.2	.2
India ...	3.7	3.7	.2	.2	Norway ...	3.3	2.5	.1	.1
Ceylon ...	3.1	3.0	.1	.1	Hungary ...	9.9	9.9	—	—
Malaya ...	5.6	5.0	.1	.2	Roumania ...	11.4	11.4	—	—
Australia ...	323.5	307.3	11.2	10.7	Greece ...	20.3	20.1	*	—
New Zealand ...	57.1	55.9	2.2	2.0	Rest of Europe ...	18.4	17.8	.2	.3
Canada ...	21.8	18.1	.8	.7	China ...	33.3	33.3	—	—
British West Indies ...	6.0	7.0	.2	.2	Japan ...	40.9	40.9	—	—
Other ...	6.5	7.7	.3	.3	Central America ...	1.8	1.4	*	*
	520.4	516.4	17.9	17.3	Argentina ...	4.6	4.2	.2	.2
					Brazil ...	22.7	15.2	.7	.7
					Chile ...	20.6	19.9	.5	.4
					Uruguay ...	4.3	4.2	.2	.2
					Rest of S. America ...	4.2	3.9	*	*
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	274.5	268.3	3.2	3.3	Other ...	10.4	12.6	.3	.3
TOTAL ...	794.9	784.7	21.1	20.6		274.5	268.3	3.2	3.3

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1949	End 1950	1949	1950	End 1949	End 1950	1949	1950
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	34.7	34.8	3.4	5.0	..	..	..	..
British East Africa	...	...	...	7.8	7.5	1.0	.9	*	—	*	*
British Central Africa	...	...	...	30.4	32.4	6.6	8.1	3.5	3.5	.1	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	26.3	26.9	3.2	2.7	1.7	1.6	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	43.5	44.0	5.3	7.1	10.8	12.3	.5	.6
Pakistan	...	...	...	8.3	8.2	.7	1.2	.8	.7	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	21.8	21.7	2.4	3.8	.5	.5	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	60.0	60.3	4.8	10.6	2.0	1.8	.1	.1
British North Borneo...	...	...	...	2.6	2.6	.1	.3	*	*	*	*
Australia	...	...	...	35.2	35.9	3.1	4.0	7.7	7.5	.3	.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	5.8	5.9	.4	.7	2.4	2.4	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	8.2	8.1	.4	.5	4.5	4.5	.1	.1
British West Indies	...	...	...	13.0	12.9	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.1	.2	.1
Other	...	...	...	5.8	5.9	1.0	1.0	2.5	2.8	.2	.1
				303.3	307.0	33.8	47.3	38.4	39.7	1.8	1.7
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.3	1.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	22.1	22.3	1.2	1.3	3.6	4.5	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	7.0	7.0	.2	.6	.3	.3	*	*
China	...	...	...	2.3	2.3	—	—	..	—	..	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	19.2	19.2	.2	.3	1.8	1.8	*	*
Egypt	...	...	...	2.6	2.5	.4	.3	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	2.8	2.8	.5	.5	1.2	.5	—	—
Cuba	...	...	...	11.0	11.0	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Central America	...	...	...	2.4	2.4	—	—	1.6	1.6	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	20.9	20.7	.4	.4	11.5	11.5	—	*
Brazil	...	...	...	23.1	20.3	.5	.6	10.4	9.4	*	*
Chile	...	...	...	12.0	11.5	.2	.3	4.7	4.6	.2	.2
Peru	...	...	...	15.1	15.0	.2	.2	4.1	4.1	.1	.2
Uruguay	...	...	...	2.7	1.1	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	16.2	14.9	1.6	1.2	8.8	9.3	.5	.1
Other	...	...	...	15.1	14.7	1.1	1.4	15.5	15.1	.1	.1
				175.9	169.1	6.8	7.4	63.4	62.5	1.1	.8
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	110.7	110.6	14.4	18.1	4.4	4.2	.2	.2
TOTAL	...	...	...	589.8	586.7	55.0	72.8	106.2	106.5	3.1	2.7



## IV—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1949	End 1950	1949	1950	End 1949	End 1950	1949	1950
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	3.9	3.7	.1	.2	—	—	—	—
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	4.3	3.9	.3	.3	—	—	—	—
South Africa	...	...	...	...	88.7	89.9	11.7	14.7	3.0	8.3	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	...	2.3	2.3	.2	.1	1.1	1.1	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	...	1.7	1.8	.3	.4	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	14.1	14.9	1.7	1.5	4.9	4.7	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	3.4	3.4	.3	.2	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	74.0	68.9	3.1	3.6	63.5	61.7	2.5	2.5
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	4.4	4.8	.1	.1	1.2	1.2	*	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
					197.2	194.2	17.8	21.2	73.7	77.0	2.9	3.0
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.5	1.1	.1	.1	1.4	1.7	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	9.4	9.1	.6	.7	26.0	24.0	.4	.3
Japan	...	...	...	...	.5	.5	.1	.1	5.5	5.4	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	...	7.3	7.2	2.3	2.7	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	92.9	97.0	9.5	14.0	16.2	18.6	.3	.4
Mexico	...	...	...	...	13.9	12.7	.2	.3	32.0	22.6	.1	.3
Cuba	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	—	—	1.3	1.3	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	1.8	1.9	—	*	1.3	1.3	*	—
Brazil	...	...	...	...	18.0	14.9	1.0	.8	4.6	4.3	.1	.1
Chile	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	8.5	7.9	.1	.1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	4.4	4.7	*	*	3.6	3.3	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	10.2	11.2	.5	.5	.2	.2	*	*
					160.3	160.6	14.2	19.3	100.5	90.6	1.1	1.2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	15.6	19.2	1.1	1.0	.2	.2	*	*
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	373.1	374.0	33.1	41.5	174.4	167.8	4.0	4.2



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End	1949	1950	End	End	1949	1950
	1949	1950			1949	1950		
Dominion & Colonial Railways	1.3	1.3	—	—	5.3	5.1	.2	.2
Indian Railways ... ..	..	..	..	..	10.4	8.6	.5	.4
Foreign Railways ... ..	45.5	42.8	.2	.2	32.4	30.4	.5	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	38.9	38.7	3.6	4.0	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries ...	7.1	7.3	1.1	.8	.8	.8	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c....	61.6	62.4	5.2	5.9	4.3	3.9	.3	.2
Electric Lighting & Power ...	9.6	9.6	.7	.7	.9	4.4	*	.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	56.1	55.4	3.9	4.6	17.9	17.5	.5	.7
Gas ... ..	9.4	9.4	.5	.5	.4	.8	*	*
Mines, Gold ... ..	34.7	33.3	2.7	3.2	.1	.3	*	*
Mines, other than Gold ...	62.9	65.9	11.4	15.3	2.9	2.9	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	109.0	108.1	16.9	21.1	7.6	8.0	.3	.1
Rubber ... ..	74.4	74.6	3.4	9.0	3.3	3.2	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee ... ..	39.5	39.5	4.2	5.8	1.1	1.4	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones ...	24.2	24.6	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	10.1	9.9	.2	.2	15.7	15.7	.2	.2
Other(1) ... ..	5.6	4.0	.2	.3	3.1	3.5	.2	.1
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>589.8</b>	<b>586.7</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>

## VI—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End	1949	1950	End	End	1949	1950
	1949	1950			1949	1950		
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	39.4	37.6	.8	.8	57.6	56.7	2.3	2.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	7.1	6.5	*	*	39.1	30.2	.3	.4
Banks & Discount Companies	12.8	13.6	1.2	1.3	9.5	8.7	.3	.2
Canals & Docks ... ..	6.7	6.4	2.2	2.7	1.1	1.1	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	66.7	62.9	6.3	6.4	11.8	11.3	.2	.2
Electric Lighting & Power ...	13.4	14.2	.4	.5	19.6	17.6	.3	.3
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	6.5	5.9	.5	.6	3.1	2.9	.2	.1
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..	5.3	5.3	.5	.5	2.0	1.6	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ... ..	50.6	53.5	5.6	8.5	..	..	..	..
Mines, other than Gold ...	19.7	18.9	3.9	4.1	1.3	1.3	.1	.1
Nitrate ... ..	—	—	—	—	8.5	7.9	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	28.4	31.1	.8	.9	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	16.5	13.6	1.0	.9	2.2	2.1	*	*
Other(2) ... ..	7.3	7.4	.4	.5	2.3	7.8	*	.1
	<b>280.2</b>	<b>276.9</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Railways ... ..	10.3	10.1	.2	.2	4.0	3.7	.1	.1
Financial ... ..	3.5	3.5	.4	.7	.7	.7	*	*
Utilities ... ..	17.7	18.8	1.0	1.3	10.8	13.5	.2	.3
Industrial ... ..	61.4	64.6	7.9	11.8	.7	.7	*	*
	<b>92.9</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>373.1</b>	<b>374.0</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>167.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>

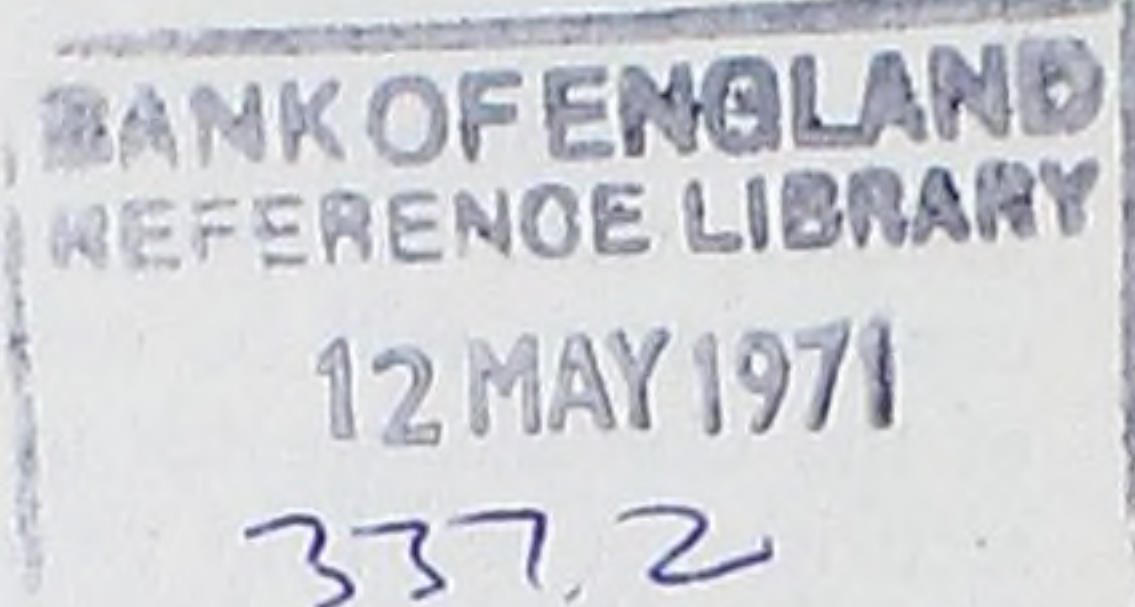
(1) Iron, Coal &amp; Steel, Nitrate and Water Works, shares of Indian Railways and loans of Telegraphs &amp; Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways, Breweries &amp; Distilleries, Gas, Rubber, Shipping and Telegraphs &amp; Telephones and loans of Gold Mines and Oil.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

1950 AND 1951



*Bank of England, 1953*

This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948" and continued in subsequent years in papers issued in connection with the Bank's Annual Report.\* The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions, which have a particular bearing on the interpretation of the figures, are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange; they include U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities formerly registered with the Bank under Exchange Control regulations.

Capital values are nominal, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership, although it gives little indication of the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely, or predominantly, abroad and excludes a number whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies. In consequence, an important part of U.K. direct, or controlled, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should, however, be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, fall into the category of direct investments.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers

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the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments. This problem was discussed in detail in Appendix II of "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses and public companies—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at end-1950 and end-1951 follows, with the previously published figures for 1938 for comparison; although in this connection it will be remembered that Burma, Palestine and the Irish Republic were part of the Commonwealth in the pre-war year and that holdings of U.S. and Canadian dollar securities at end-1938 were converted to sterling at rates of \$4.03 and \$4.45 respectively, for the sake of comparability with later figures.

<i>£ millions</i>						
END OF YEAR				1938	1950	1951
Government and Municipal Loans	...	...	...	1,521	789	769
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	817	583	569
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	...	...	367	106	89
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	473	376	388
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	...	...	368	165	171
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	1,998	1,133	1,120
In Foreign Countries	...	...	...	1,422	750	718
Not classifiable by Area	...	...	...	126	137	147
TOTAL	...	...	...	<u>3,545</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>1,985</u>

During 1951 the nominal value of U.K. investments decreased by £34 million. Net capital repayment, of which particulars are given in Table I and which represents identified repatriation by the debtor countries, amounted to £13 million nominal and the corresponding cash receipt was about £13 million also. The sterling value of securities denominated in Canadian dollars increased by nearly £2 million owing to a small change in the value of the Canadian dollar. The residual decrease of £23 million nominal, representing net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents and including errors and omissions, is estimated to have had a cash value of £18 million. Thus the net effect of the various transactions causing the disinvestment of £34 million nominal was a receipt of £31 million cash.

Gross repayment, which comprises redemptions, net market sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country and capital written off but excludes conversions, amounted to £66 million nominal, and the corresponding cash receipt to £57 million. The realisation of investments in Canada, and, on a reduced scale, the redemption of Australian government and municipal loans continued. Companies operating railways in Brazil and Venezuela, represented by an investment of £18 million nominal in 1950, ceased to be included on completion of the payment for the sale of their properties: the corresponding cash receipt was £11 million. Included in the total of nominal gross repayment, but without any cash equivalent, is an amount of £7 million, representing U.K.-registered companies' share and loan capital which, during 1951, has been exchanged into £8.5 million nominal in overseas-registered companies.



Gross new investment in 1951—new issues (of which £8.5 million resulted from the exchanges mentioned above), net market purchases identified as being from residents of the debtor country and capital written up—came to £53 million nominal or £44 million cash. As in 1950, Commonwealth Africa was the principal field for new investment, mainly government and municipal loans of British West, East and Central Africa and shares and loans of commercial and mining companies in South Africa. There was an important new loan to the Kingdom of Norway and another to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the latter being shown under Not Classifiable in Tables I and IV and under Banks & Discount Companies in Table VI). A number of bonus issues amounted to £9 million in all.

The yearly totals of interest and dividends, after falling from about £155 million in 1938 to about £102 million in 1944, have risen steadily in subsequent years and the total for 1951 was £4 million more than that for 1938 and so the highest in this series of estimates. Share dividends in 1951 were almost £54 million, or 69%, higher than in 1938—withstanding a decrease of £333 million, or 26%, in nominal share capital—and more than enough to offset the decrease of about £50 million, or 64%, in loan interest.

Compared with 1950, interest and dividends were in all nearly £16 million higher. Total loan interest was up slightly, a decrease in proportion to the reduction in the nominal capital being rather more than offset by the receipt of about £1 million arrears of interest, mainly from companies operating in Canada and Brazil. The share dividends of U.K.-registered companies rose as a whole by nearly £10 million. The largest increases were in those of copper and tin mines (mainly in British Central Africa and Malaya), of oil companies (mainly in Not Classifiable) and of rubber companies (in Malaya and elsewhere). Dividends paid by overseas-registered companies were over £5 million higher in total, the rise being general in almost all types of company.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, is as follows:—

£ millions		1938	1950	1951
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	55.1	20.7	20.0
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	48.6	74.3	84.0
“ “ : Loan Interest	...	11.4	2.7	3.2
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	29.3	41.9	47.4
“ “ : Loan Interest	...	11.0	4.2	4.7
From Commonwealth Countries	...	102.7	92.1	100.8
From Foreign Countries	...	35.2	32.3	36.4
Not classifiable by Area	...	17.5	19.5	22.3
TOTAL	...	<u>155.4</u>	<u>143.8</u>	<u>159.4</u>

During the compilation of the 1951 estimates those for 1950 have been revised, in the light of the later information available. Increases in investments in shares of South African companies and in Australian and some European government and municipal loans represent newly disclosed U.K. investment. The figure for U.K.-registered companies operating in Central Africa was reduced, although the dividend estimate was increased. Investment in loans of South African companies also was revised downward. The result of all revisions was to reduce the estimate of total nominal capital at end-1950 by £1 million and to increase the total of interest and dividends during 1950 by £2 million.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

					NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET CAPITAL REPAYMENT IN 1951 <sup>(1)</sup>	
					End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES										
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	44	45	5.3	5.4	- 3.0	- 2.8
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	11	8	1.0	.4	2.9	5.5
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	24	25	1.4	1.8	- 2.2	- 1.7
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	90	96	11.2	14.2	- 9.2	- 7.8
South Africa	...	...	...	...	161	162	18.8	21.1	- 4.2	- 7.9
India	...	...	...	...	64	62	8.1	7.2	.9	1.7
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	9	9	1.2	1.0	- .1	.1
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	25	25	3.9	3.2	- .5	.7
Malaya	...	...	...	...	69	69	11.4	15.8	.4	.5
Australia	...	...	...	...	372	362	16.6	16.7	4.0	3.7
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	68	64	2.8	2.6	1.0	1.0
Canada	...	...	...	...	161	156	7.9	8.4	6.1	12.1
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	27	27	1.8	2.1	- .4	- .6
Other	...	...	...	...	8	9	.8	.9	- .8	- .5
					1,133	1,120	92.1	100.8	- 5.1	3.8
FOREIGN COUNTRIES										
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	24	24	1.0	1.1	- .1	- .1
France	...	...	...	...	8	8	.6	.7	.4	1.1
Germany	...	...	...	...	45	44	*	*	..	..
Austria	...	...	...	...	9	7	.1	.1	1.1	.8
Denmark	...	...	...	...	7	6	.3	.3	.4	.4
Norway	...	...	...	...	3	7	.1	.2	- 4.4	- 4.2
Hungary	...	...	...	...	15	15	—	—	.1	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	14	14	—	—	—	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	24	24	*	*	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	50	50	2.2	2.9	- 1.5	1.7
Burma	...	...	...	...	10	10	.6	1.0	.1	*
China	...	...	...	...	36	36	.1	.1	*	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	47	46	.1	.1	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	21	20	.2	.7	.1	*
Egypt	...	...	...	...	10	10	3.1	3.3	.2	.2
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	125	125	14.9	15.5	.6	- 6.8
Mexico	...	...	...	...	39	38	1.1	1.6	.8	1.1
Cuba	...	...	...	...	24	24	.1	.1	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	40	38	.6	1.2	.9	.9
Brazil	...	...	...	...	64	46	2.2	2.4	18.8	13.1
Chile	...	...	...	...	43	37	1.0	1.0	3.5	2.7
Peru	...	...	...	...	22	22	.5	.5	*	*
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	6	5	.3	.2	- .2	*
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	32	29	1.4	1.4	2.3	1.8
Other	...	...	...	...	33	33	1.9	2.0	.2	.5
					750	718	32.3	36.4	23.3	13.3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	137	147	19.5	22.3	- 5.2	- 4.4
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	2,019	1,985	143.8	159.4	13.0	12.8

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Capital Investment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL				NOMINAL				
	CAPITAL		INTEREST		CAPITAL		INTEREST		
	End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951	End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951	
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES				FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
British West Africa ...	9.4	10.5	.3	.3	Irish Republic ...	20.1	20.3	.7	.8
British East Africa ...	12.8	13.1	.3	.4	Germany ...	38.8	38.7	—	—
British Central Africa ...	52.6	59.2	1.4	1.6	Austria ...	7.6	6.7	.1	.1
South Africa ...	33.8	33.0	1.0	1.2	Denmark ...	4.8	4.2	.2	.2
India ...	3.7	3.6	.2	.2	Norway ...	2.5	6.5	.1	.2
Ceylon ...	3.0	2.6	.1	.1	Hungary ...	9.9	9.9	—	—
Malaya ...	5.0	4.9	.2	.1	Roumania ...	11.4	11.4	—	—
Australia ...	309.8	300.8	10.8	10.1	Greece ...	20.5	20.3	—	—
New Zealand ...	55.9	52.4	2.0	1.8	Rest of Europe ...	19.0	17.1	.3	.4
Canada ...	18.1	14.1	.7	.5	China ...	33.3	33.3	—	—
British West Indies ...	7.0	7.0	.2	.2	Japan ...	40.9	40.7	—	—
Other ...	7.7	7.4	.3	.3	U.S.A. ...	7.8	4.4	.1	.1
	518.8	508.6	17.4	16.8	Central America ...	1.4	1.2	*	*
					Argentina ...	4.0	2.6	.2	.1
					Brazil ...	15.8	15.1	.7	.4
					Chile ...	19.9	16.5	.4	.4
					Uruguay ...	4.2	3.5	.2	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	3.9	3.8	*	*
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	270.1	260.2	3.3	3.2	Other ...	4.5	4.0	.2	.2
TOTAL ...	788.9	768.8	20.7	20.0		270.1	260.2	3.3	3.2

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951	End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa ... ..				34.4	34.7	5.0	5.1	..	..	..	..
British East Africa ... ..				7.5	7.8	.9	1.2	—	—	*	—
British Central Africa ...				29.5	29.9	9.3	12.2	3.5	3.5	.1	.1
South Africa ... ..				26.8	25.9	2.9	2.8	1.6	1.6	.1	.1
India ... ..				44.1	44.9	7.1	6.3	12.3	10.5	.6	.5
Pakistan ... ..				7.9	8.1	1.2	.9	.7	.6	*	*
Ceylon ... ..				21.6	22.2	3.8	3.1	.5	.4	*	*
Malaya ... ..				60.5	61.0	10.6	14.4	2.1	1.6	.1	.1
British North Borneo... ..				2.7	2.7	.3	.4	*	*	*	—
Australia ... ..				35.5	33.6	4.0	4.3	7.5	6.4	.3	.2
New Zealand ... ..				5.9	5.9	.5	.5	2.4	2.1	.1	.1
Canada ... ..				8.1	6.5	.5	.5	4.5	1.5	.1	.4
British West Indies ... ..				12.1	11.8	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.2	.1	.1
Other ... ..				5.8	3.7	1.0	.4	2.8	2.6	.1	.1
				302.5	298.6	48.4	53.8	40.1	33.1	1.7	1.8
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic ... ..				1.3	1.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe ... ..				21.6	21.7	1.5	2.1	4.5	4.4	.1	.1
Burma ... ..				7.0	7.0	.6	1.0	.3	.2	*	*
China ... ..				2.3	2.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia ... ..				18.7	18.6	.2	.6	1.8	1.7	*	.1
Egypt ... ..				2.5	2.5	.3	.3	..	..	..	..
Mexico ... ..				2.8	3.5	.5	.8	.5	.5	—	—
Cuba ... ..				11.0	11.0	.1	*	..	..	..	..
Central America ... ..				2.6	2.7	—	*	1.6	1.6	*	*
Argentina ... ..				20.9	20.9	.4	1.0	11.5	11.5	*	*
Brazil ... ..				19.9	9.9	.6	.6	9.4	2.9	*	.6
Chile ... ..				11.1	9.5	.3	.2	4.4	2.4	.2	.1
Peru ... ..				15.2	15.2	.2	.3	..	..	..	..
Uruguay ... ..				1.0	1.3	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America ...				14.2	13.5	1.2	1.2	13.2	11.7	.3	.3
Other ... ..				15.4	15.0	1.5	1.5	14.7	14.7	.1	.1
				167.7	156.0	7.6	9.8	61.7	51.4	.8	1.3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ... ..				112.7	114.0	18.3	20.4	4.2	4.1	.2	.2
TOTAL ... ..				582.8	568.6	74.3	84.0	106.0	88.6	2.7	3.2



## IV—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951	End 1950	End 1951	1950	1951
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	3.7	4.2	.2	.2	—	—	—	—
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	4.1	3.8	.3	.3	—	—	—	—
South Africa	...	...	...	...	92.0	92.5	14.7	16.6	7.2	8.7	.1	.3
India	...	...	...	...	2.3	2.3	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya	...	...	...	...	1.8	1.8	.4	1.1	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	14.5	16.8	1.4	2.0	4.7	4.7	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	3.4	3.4	.2	.2	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	68.9	70.4	4.1	4.4	61.7	63.6	2.5	2.5
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	4.8	4.9	.1	.1	1.2	1.2	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	1.1	1.0	*	*
					195.8	200.3	21.6	25.2	75.9	79.3	3.0	3.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	1.7	1.6	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	9.1	10.6	.7	.8	24.4	23.6	.3	.3
Japan	...	...	...	...	.5	.5	.1	.1	5.4	4.8	—	—
Egypt	...	...	...	...	7.2	6.8	2.7	2.9	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	97.0	100.2	14.0	14.5	18.6	18.2	.4	.5
Mexico	...	...	...	...	12.7	11.0	.3	.4	21.4	21.2	.3	.3
Cuba	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	—	*	1.3	1.2	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	1.9	2.0	*	*	1.3	1.3	—	*
Brazil	...	...	...	...	14.9	14.3	.8	.7	4.2	3.5	.1	*
Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	7.9	8.3	.1	.1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	4.8	5.4	*	.2	3.1	2.8	.1	*
Other	...	...	...	...	11.2	11.2	.5	.7	.2	.2	*	*
					160.8	163.4	19.3	20.6	89.4	86.8	1.2	1.4
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	19.5	24.3	1.0	1.6	.2	5.0	*	.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	376.0	388.0	41.9	47.4	165.4	171.1	4.2	4.7



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Dominion & Colonial Railways	1.3	1.3	—	—	5.1	4.1	.2	.4
Indian Railways ... ..	..	..	..	..	8.6	6.8	.4	.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	42.4	31.0	.2	.3	29.7	21.9	.3	.8
Banks & Discount Companies	38.8	39.9	3.8	3.7	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries ...	7.3	6.6	1.0	.9	.8	.8	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c....	62.7	64.6	6.0	6.9	3.9	3.9	.2	.1
Electric Lighting & Power ...	9.7	9.7	.7	.6	4.4	4.3	.2	.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	55.4	52.0	4.6	4.4	17.5	15.8	.7	.6
Gas ... ..	9.4	9.3	.5	.6	.8	.8	*	*
Mines, Gold ... ..	32.3	30.2	3.2	2.7	.3	.3	*	*
Mines, other than Gold ...	62.5	63.8	16.7	22.4	2.9	2.9	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	108.1	109.5	21.1	23.6	8.0	7.5	.1	.1
Rubber ... ..	74.7	74.7	9.1	12.2	3.5	2.9	.1	.2
Tea & Coffee ... ..	39.5	39.6	5.8	4.4	1.4	1.3	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones ...	24.6	24.5	1.2	.9	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	9.9	8.9	.2	.2	15.7	13.6	.2	.1
Other(1) ... ..	4.1	3.1	.3	.2	3.5	1.5	.1	.1
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>582.8</b>	<b>568.6</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>

## VI—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	37.6	38.4	1.3	1.4	56.7	57.6	2.3	2.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	6.5	6.3	*	*	29.5	29.0	.4	.4
Banks & Discount Companies	13.6	14.1	1.3	1.5	8.8	13.1	.2	.2
Canals & Docks ... ..	6.4	6.2	2.7	2.9	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	63.7	64.4	6.3	7.5	11.4	11.1	.2	.2
Electric Lighting & Power ...	14.2	16.6	.5	.7	17.6	17.6	.3	.3
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	5.9	5.8	.6	.6	2.9	4.0	.1	.1
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..	5.3	5.4	.5	.6	1.6	1.6	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ... ..	54.0	54.1	8.5	9.3	4.7	5.2	*	.2
Mines, other than Gold ...	19.2	18.8	4.1	5.5	1.4	1.2	.1	.1
Nitrate ... ..	..	..	..	..	7.9	8.3	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	31.4	35.1	.9	1.4	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	13.6	13.0	.9	.7	2.1	2.1	*	*
Other(2) ... ..	7.5	9.6	.5	.8	1.5	1.4	.1	.1
	<b>279.0</b>	<b>287.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>146.8</b>	<b>152.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Railways ... ..	10.1	11.7	.2	.3	3.7	3.5	.1	.1
Financial ... ..	3.5	3.3	.7	.7	.7	.7	*	*
Utilities ... ..	18.8	19.1	1.3	1.4	13.5	13.4	.3	.4
Industrial ... ..	64.6	66.1	11.8	12.1	.7	.7	*	*
	<b>97.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>376.0</b>	<b>388.0</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>171.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>

(1) Iron, Coal &amp; Steel, Nitrate and Water Works, shares of Indian Railways and loans of Telegraphs &amp; Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways, Breweries &amp; Distilleries, Gas, Rubber, Shipping, Tea &amp; Coffee and Telegraphs &amp; Telephones, shares of Nitrate and loans of Oil.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

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This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948" and continued in subsequent years in papers issued in connection with the Bank's Annual Report.\* The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions, which have a particular bearing on the interpretation of the figures, are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange; they include U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities formerly registered with the Bank under Exchange Control regulations.

Capital values are nominal, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership, although it gives little indication of the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely, or predominantly, abroad and excludes a number whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies. In consequence, an important part of U.K. direct, or controlled, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should, however, be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, fall into the category of direct investments.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers

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the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments.

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses and public companies—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at the end of 1950, 1951 and 1952 follows.

<i>£ millions</i>					
END OF YEAR		1950	1951	1952	
Government and Municipal Loans	...	789	769	781	
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	583	567	580	
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	106	88	78	
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	376	389	380	
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	165	170	167	
TOTAL	... ..	<u>2,019</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>1,985</u>	
In Commonwealth Countries	... ..	1,133	1,125	1,123	
In Foreign Countries	... ..	750	712	708	
Not classifiable by Area	... ..	137	146	153	

During 1952 the nominal value of U.K. investments increased by £2 million. Details by countries are given in Table I, which also shows particulars of net new investment, comprising new issues, net market purchases identified as being from residents of the debtor country and capital written up less redemptions, net market sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country and capital written off. Net new investment so defined amounted to over £32 million nominal but, owing partly to the capitalisation of reserves included in the figures, the corresponding cash investment was only £16 million. The sterling value of securities denominated in Canadian dollars increased by £3 million owing to a small rise in the value of the Canadian dollar. The residual decrease of £33 million nominal, representing net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents and including errors and omissions, is estimated to have had a cash value of £49 million. Thus, although there was a rise of £2 million in the nominal capital outstanding, the net effect of the various transactions involved was a cash receipt of £33 million.

Gross new investment in 1952, which excludes conversions, amounted to £88 million nominal and £60 million cash. There were £21 million of capitalisation issues, of which £14 million were made by U.K.-registered oil companies, appearing in Table V. New investment in Commonwealth countries came to £50 million nominal, the largest amounts going to East and Central Africa and, on a smaller scale, to the British West Indies and Pakistan. Substantial investments in Australia, South Africa and India were made also but were offset by repayments and market sales. New investment in foreign countries was £27 million nominal. Of this total £20 million represented net additions to the nominal value of U.K. holdings of U.S. domestic securities, partly acquired by the investment of the proceeds of sales



of non-domestic U.S. dollar securities, of other currency securities saleable on the U.S. market and of certain foreign currencies.

Gross repayment in 1952, also excluding conversions, came to £56 million nominal and £44 million cash. Repayment by Commonwealth countries was £31 million nominal. There were redemptions of government and municipal loans on a large scale by Australia and, to a smaller extent, by India, Canada and New Zealand. Repayment by foreign countries came to £24 million nominal but the corresponding cash receipt was only £8 million; for example, investments in Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Rest of South America and Rest of Europe were reduced owing to company re-organisations.

The total of interest and dividends, which reached its highest figure in this series of estimates in 1951, fell by £6 million to £154 million in 1952. Japan recommenced payment of interest, with arrears, on its external sterling and dollar bonded debt at the end of the year. This was the main cause of a slight rise, less than £1 million, in interest on government and municipal loans and the loans of overseas-registered companies. Interest on U.K.-registered companies' loans was lower, mainly because of some payments of arrears in 1951. Practically the whole of the fall of £6 million took place in share dividends, £4 million in dividends of U.K.-registered companies and £2 million in those of overseas-registered companies. Lower dividends declared by rubber, tea and many mining companies affected the figures of income from British Central Africa, South Africa, India, Ceylon and Malaya. Higher dividends were paid by oil companies, in some cases on increased share capital; these appear mainly under Not Classifiable.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, is as follows:—

£ millions		1950	1951	1952
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	20.7	20.0	20.3
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	74.3	83.8	80.1
„ „ : Loan Interest	...	2.7	3.2	2.4
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	41.9	47.6	45.8
„ „ : Loan Interest	...	4.2	4.7	5.1
TOTAL	...	143.8	159.4	153.8
From Commonwealth Countries	...	92.1	101.1	92.4
From Foreign Countries	...	32.3	36.2	35.1
Not classifiable by Area	...	19.5	22.2	26.3

During the compilation of the 1952 estimates those for 1951 have been revised, in the light of the later information available. Many of the revisions represent re-classification of investments by countries without affecting the amount of the investments; for example, investments previously shown under South Africa have been transferred to East and Central Africa, others from Pakistan to India and from Not Classifiable and Rest of South America to British West Indies. The largest amendments of the amounts of the estimates affect the figures of companies registered abroad operating in France and Rest of Europe. The result of all revisions was to reduce the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1951 by £2 million, the total of interest and dividends remaining unchanged.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

					NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1952 <sup>(1)</sup>	
					End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES										
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	44	43	5.4	5.2	— .6	*
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	8	7	.4	.3	— 1.1	— 6.0
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	26	38	2.0	2.2	14.6	14.2
British Central Africa	...	...	...	...	98	103	14.3	13.7	7.7	7.2
South Africa	...	...	...	...	161	160	21.1	20.8	3.8	6.1
India	...	...	...	...	63	62	7.2	6.4	— .8	— 3.0
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	8	9	1.0	1.3	.9	— .2
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	25	25	3.2	2.3	— .5	— .7
Malaya	...	...	...	...	70	70	15.5	10.2	— .6	— .7
Australia	...	...	...	...	362	348	16.9	15.7	— 3.8	— 4.4
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	64	62	2.6	2.6	*	*
Canada	...	...	...	...	157	154	8.4	8.4	— 4.7	— 9.0
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	31	34	2.2	2.4	2.9	1.0
Other	...	...	...	...	9	9	.9	.9	.6	.6
					1,125	1,123	101.1	92.4	18.6	5.1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES										
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	24	27	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4
France	...	...	...	...	7	6	.6	.6	— .4	— .6
Germany	...	...	...	...	44	44	*	*	—	—
Austria	...	...	...	...	7	7	.1	.1	— .5	— .2
Denmark	...	...	...	...	6	6	.3	.3	— .3	— .3
Norway	...	...	...	...	7	6	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Hungary	...	...	...	...	15	15	—	—	— .1	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	14	13	—	—	— 1.2	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	24	24	*	*	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	48	46	2.9	2.8	— .1	.5
Burma	...	...	...	...	10	10	1.0	.7	— .2	— .2
China	...	...	...	...	36	36	.1	.1	*	*
Japan	...	...	...	...	46	45	.1	1.0	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	20	20	.7	1.0	— .3	— .1
Egypt	...	...	...	...	9	9	3.3	3.2	.2	— .2
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	125	144	15.5	14.9	19.6	13.9
Mexico	...	...	...	...	38	35	1.6	1.6	— 1.4	— 1.1
Cuba	...	...	...	...	24	16	.1	*	— 7.2	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	38	37	1.2	.8	— 1.0	— 1.0
Brazil	...	...	...	...	46	43	2.4	1.9	— 2.6	— 1.8
Chile	...	...	...	...	37	35	1.0	.8	— 1.1	— .6
Peru	...	...	...	...	22	21	.4	.6	.1	— .4
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	28	26	1.4	1.4	— 1.8	— .1
Other	...	...	...	...	33	32	2.0	2.0	.2	*
					712	708	36.2	35.1	3.1	9.0
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	146	153	22.2	26.3	10.7	1.6
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	1,983	1,985	159.4	153.8	32.5	15.8

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment. In previous papers the corresponding columns have been headed "Net Capital Repayment" with Net New Investment indicated by a minus sign.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL				NOMINAL			
	CAPITAL		INTEREST		CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952	End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES			
British West Africa ...	10.3	8.9	.3	.3	Irish Republic ...	20.3	23.0	.8 .8
British East Africa ...	13.1	23.5	.4	.6	Germany ...	38.7	38.5	— —
British Central Africa ...	59.2	65.1	1.6	1.8	Austria ...	6.7	6.3	.1 .1
South Africa ...	33.0	30.8	1.2	1.3	Denmark ...	4.2	3.8	.2 .2
India ...	3.6	2.4	.2	.2	Norway ...	6.5	6.0	.2 .2
Ceylon ...	2.6	2.4	.1	.1	Hungary ...	9.9	9.9	— —
Malaya ...	4.9	4.9	.1	.1	Roumania ...	11.4	11.4	— —
Australia ...	300.8	290.3	10.1	9.6	Greece ...	20.3	20.2	— —
New Zealand ...	52.4	50.4	1.8	1.7	Rest of Europe ...	17.1	16.4	.4 .3
Canada ...	14.7	12.5	.5	.5	China ...	33.3	33.2	— —
British West Indies ...	6.7	6.6	.2	.2	Japan ...	40.7	40.6	— .6
Other ...	7.4	7.5	.3	.3	U.S.A. ...	4.4	24.2	.1 .3
	508.7	505.4	16.8	16.7	Central America ...	1.3	.9	* *
					Argentina ...	2.5	1.6	.1 .1
					Brazil ...	15.4	14.2	.4 .4
					Chile ...	16.5	15.0	.4 .4
					Uruguay ...	3.5	3.5	.1 .1
					Rest of S. America ...	3.8	3.0	* *
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	260.7	275.8	3.2	3.6	Other ...	4.0	4.0	.2 .2
TOTAL ...	769.4	781.2	20.0	20.3		260.7	275.8	3.2 3.6

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948".



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952	End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	34.0	33.5	5.1	4.9	..	..	..	..
British East Africa	...	...	...	8.6	8.4	1.3	1.1	—	—	—	—
British Central Africa	...	...	...	30.8	30.3	12.3	11.3	3.6	3.6	.1	.2
South Africa	...	...	...	24.3	25.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	1.5	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	45.2	46.8	6.3	5.6	10.5	9.0	.5	.4
Pakistan	...	...	...	7.4	8.6	.9	1.2	.6	.5	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	22.4	22.0	3.1	2.2	.4	.4	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	61.3	61.5	14.4	9.4	1.6	1.5	.1	.1
British North Borneo	...	...	...	2.7	2.8	.4	.3	*	*	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	33.4	33.3	4.1	4.0	6.4	6.1	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	5.8	5.8	.5	.6	1.9	2.0	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	6.4	5.9	.5	.5	.9	.9	.4	*
British West Indies	...	...	...	12.9	13.8	1.8	2.0	3.1	3.3	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	.4	.4	2.6	2.4	.1	.1
				299.0	301.6	53.8	46.3	33.5	31.3	1.8	1.3
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.3	1.4	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	21.7	21.5	2.1	1.9	4.3	3.3	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	6.9	9.3	1.0	.7	.2	*	*	*
China	...	...	...	2.3	2.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	18.3	18.1	.6	.8	1.7	1.6	.1	.1
Egypt	...	...	...	2.1	2.4	.3	.3	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	3.5	3.0	.8	.9	.5	.3	—	—
Cuba	...	...	...	10.7	9.8	*	*	..	..	..	..
Central America	...	...	...	2.7	2.7	*	*	1.6	1.6	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	20.9	20.9	1.0	.7	11.5	11.4	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	9.7	8.7	.6	.6	2.9	2.8	.6	.1
Chile	...	...	...	9.2	9.2	.2	.2	2.4	2.3	.1	.1
Peru	...	...	...	15.0	15.2	.2	.2	..	..	..	..
Uruguay	...	...	...	1.3	1.3	.1	*	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	14.0	14.2	1.2	1.3	11.7	11.3	.3	.4
Other	...	...	...	14.9	14.6	1.5	1.7	14.7	8.9	.1	.1
				154.5	154.3	9.7	9.4	51.3	43.6	1.3	1.0
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	113.4	123.7	20.3	24.3	2.9	2.8	.2	.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	566.9	579.7	83.8	80.1	87.7	77.6	3.2	2.4



## IV—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952	End 1951	End 1952	1951	1952
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa ... ..					4.3	6.4	.3	.5	—	..	—	..
British Central Africa ... ..					4.0	4.2	.3	.4	—	—	—	—
South Africa ... ..					92.9	92.4	16.7	16.3	8.9	9.6	.3	.4
India ... ..					2.3	2.3	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya ... ..					1.8	1.8	.8	.5	—	—	—	—
Australia ... ..					16.8	16.6	2.4	1.7	4.9	2.1	.2	.2
New Zealand ... ..					3.4	3.4	.2	.2	—	—	—	—
Canada ... ..					71.2	72.1	4.4	4.8	63.8	62.4	2.5	2.5
British West Indies ... ..					7.5	9.6	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Other ... ..					.3	.3	.1	.1	1.9	1.8	.1	.1
					204.5	209.2	25.5	24.8	79.5	75.9	3.2	3.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic ... ..					1.1	1.1	.1	.1	1.6	1.5	.1	.1
Rest of Europe ... ..					9.4	9.0	.7	.9	21.7	20.5	.3	.3
Japan ... ..					.5	.5	.1	.1	4.7	4.3	—	.2
Egypt ... ..					6.8	6.6	2.9	2.9	*	*	*	*
U.S.A. ... ..					100.2	97.1	14.5	13.6	18.2	20.9	.5	.6
Mexico ... ..					11.1	10.0	.4	.3	21.1	20.1	.3	.3
Cuba ... ..					.8	.5	*	*	1.2	.8	*	*
Argentina ... ..					2.0	2.0	*	—	1.3	1.3	*	—
Brazil ... ..					14.3	13.7	.7	.8	3.5	3.3	*	*
Chile ... ..					..	..	..	..	8.3	8.1	.1	.1
Rest of South America ... ..					2.8	1.0	.2	.1	3.4	3.3	*	.1
Other ... ..					10.9	8.5	.7	.5	.4	.4	*	*
					159.9	150.1	20.5	19.4	85.6	84.5	1.4	1.7
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ... ..					24.3	20.2	1.6	1.7	5.0	6.7	.1	.2
TOTAL ... ..					388.8	379.5	47.6	45.8	170.1	167.2	4.7	5.1



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Dominion & Colonial Railways	1.3	1.0	—	—	4.1	4.0	.4	.1
Indian Railways ... ..	..	..	..	..	6.8	4.9	.3	.2
Foreign Railways ... ..	30.8	29.0	.3	.3	21.9	15.8	.8	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	39.9	42.0	3.7	4.1	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries ...	6.6	6.4	.9	.9	.8	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c....	65.0	65.1	7.0	6.3	3.9	4.3	.1	.1
Electric Lighting & Power ...	9.7	9.2	.6	.8	4.3	4.2	.2	.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	50.7	50.3	4.4	4.4	14.8	14.0	.6	.7
Gas ... ..	9.3	9.3	.6	.5	.8	.8	*	*
Mines, Gold ... ..	30.2	29.7	2.7	2.6	.3	.5	*	*
Mines, other than Gold ...	62.9	62.6	22.2	21.0	2.9	2.1	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	108.9	123.7	23.5	27.7	7.6	6.8	.1	.1
Rubber ... ..	75.1	74.5	12.2	6.9	2.9	2.7	.2	.2
Tea & Coffee ... ..	39.6	39.3	4.4	3.3	1.3	1.7	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones ...	24.9	25.7	.9	1.0	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	8.9	8.9	.2	.2	13.6	13.6	.1	.1
Other(1) ... ..	3.1	3.1	.2	.2	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>566.9</b>	<b>579.7</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>

## VI—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End			End	End		
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
<b>EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.</b>								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	38.4	38.7	1.4	1.4	57.6	57.3	2.3	2.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	6.8	6.5	*	*	29.2	26.8	.4	.4
Banks & Discount Companies	14.3	14.3	1.5	1.6	13.3	12.9	.2	.3
Canals & Docks ... ..	6.2	6.0	2.9	2.9	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c....	65.4	66.4	7.7	7.5	11.3	9.9	.2	.2
Electric Lighting & Power ...	16.1	17.9	.7	.5	15.6	14.9	.3	.5
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	6.2	6.7	.6	.7	4.1	3.9	.1	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..	5.5	5.4	.6	.6	1.6	1.5	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ... ..	54.3	53.3	9.3	8.3	5.2	6.2	.2	.2
Mines, other than Gold ...	18.8	15.9	5.6	5.9	1.2	.2	.1	.1
Nitrate ... ..	..	..	..	..	8.3	8.1	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	34.0	29.3	1.3	1.3	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	13.0	12.5	.7	.8	2.1	2.1	*	*
Other(2) ... ..	9.6	9.6	.8	.7	1.6	1.6	.1	*
	<b>288.6</b>	<b>282.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>151.9</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Railways ... ..	11.7	8.7	.3	.3	3.5	3.4	.1	.1
Financial ... ..	3.3	3.7	.7	.8	.7	.7	*	*
Utilities ... ..	19.1	21.8	1.4	1.1	13.4	16.1	.4	.5
Industrial ... ..	66.1	63.0	12.1	11.5	.7	.7	*	*
	<b>100.2</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>388.8</b>	<b>379.5</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>170.1</b>	<b>167.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>

(1) Iron, Coal & Steel; Nitrate; Shipping; Water Works; shares of Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways; Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Rubber; Shipping; Tea & Coffee; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate; loans of Oil.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

1953

*Bank of England, 1955*



This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948" and continued in subsequent years in papers issued in connection with the Bank's Annual Report.\* The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions, which have a particular bearing on the interpretation of the figures, are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange, including U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control.

Capital values are nominal, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership, although it gives little indication of the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely, or predominantly, abroad and excludes a number whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies. In consequence, an important part of U.K. direct, or controlled, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should, however, be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, fall into the category of direct investments.

\* Copies of the original pamphlet may be obtained from the Secretary, Bank of England, price 2/- a copy, post free, and a limited number of copies of the supplementary papers are also available.



The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments.

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses and public companies—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at the end of 1951, 1952 and 1953 follows.

£ millions

END OF YEAR				1951	1952	1953
Government and Municipal Loans ...	...	...	...	773	790	798
U.K. Companies: Share Capital ...	...	...	...	567	572	568
„ „ : Loan Capital ...	...	...	...	88	78	93
Overseas Companies: Share Capital ...	...	...	...	389	375	387
„ „ : Loan Capital ...	...	...	...	170	167	168
TOTAL ...	...	...	...	<u>1,987</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>2,013</u>
In Commonwealth Countries ...	...	...	...	1,125	1,114	1,146
In Foreign Countries ...	...	...	...	716	716	695
Not classifiable by Area ...	...	...	...	146	152	172

During 1953 the nominal value of U.K. investments increased by £31 million. Details by countries of investments at the end of 1952 and 1953 are given in Table I, which also shows net new investment during 1953, comprising new issues, net market purchases identified as being from residents of the debtor country and capital written up, less redemptions, net market sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country and capital written off. Net new investment so defined amounted to £62 million nominal and the corresponding net cash investment was £71 million. The residual decrease of £31 million nominal, representing, apart from the effect of errors and omissions, net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents, is estimated to have had a cash value of £31 million. Thus the net effect of all transactions leading to the rise of £31 million nominal was a cash investment abroad of £40 million.

Gross new investment in 1953, which excludes conversions, amounted to £108 million nominal and £97 million cash. Commonwealth countries, principally East Africa, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, accounted for £65 million nominal and of this total £38 million nominal was invested in new government and municipal loans. As a consequence of the inclusion of a New Zealand loan of £10 million, of which only 10 per cent was paid up in 1953, and of nearly £8 million of capitalisations of company reserves the cash value of new investment in the Commonwealth was only £53 million. New investment in foreign countries, mostly in the U.S.A. and the Irish Republic, came to £23 million nominal and £24 million cash; it included over £3 million of capitalisation issues. Nearly all the new investment not classifiable by area, £20 million nominal and cash, consisted of oil company debentures.



Gross repayment in 1953, also excluding conversions, came to £46 million nominal and £26 million cash. Of these totals £17 million nominal and £12 million cash was by Commonwealth countries, and £29 million nominal and £13 million cash was by foreign countries. Among individual countries there were substantial repayments by Australia (mainly government loans) and Cuba (shares and loans of a railway company).

Of the total of net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents of £31 million, nominal and cash, more than half consisted of Australian and German government loans, while, on the other hand, there was a small net purchase of Canadian securities, mainly public utility shares.

The total of interest and dividends in 1953 amounted to over £160 million, nearly £7 million more than in 1952 and £1 million more than the 1951 figure, previously the highest in this series of estimates. An increase of £7 million in interest on government and municipal loans was mainly caused by the first full year's payment by Japan of interest and arrears, under the Agreement of September 1952, and to a distribution by the Administrator of Enemy Property to holders of German loans. There was a small rise in total share dividends of U.K. companies: higher payments were made by tea companies operating in India, Pakistan and Ceylon and by oil companies not classifiable by area, but lower dividends paid by mining and rubber companies reduced income from Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Malaya, Indonesia and Mexico. Loan interest paid by U.K. companies was £1 million greater owing to the increased capital invested. A decrease of nearly £3 million in share dividends received from overseas companies was mainly due to a fall of £2 million in dividends from South African mines, and a small increase in loan interest was caused by payments on loans of Japanese and German companies.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, follows.

£ millions		1951	1952	1953
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	20.1	20.6	27.7
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	83.8	80.0	80.5
„ „ : Loan Interest	...	3.2	2.4	3.4
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	47.6	45.7	43.1
„ „ : Loan Interest	...	4.7	5.1	5.6
TOTAL	...	<u>159.5</u>	<u>153.8</u>	<u>160.4</u>
From Commonwealth Countries	...	101.1	92.0	90.7
From Foreign Countries	...	36.3	35.2	40.9
Not classifiable by Area	...	22.2	26.5	28.8

During the compilation of the 1953 estimates those for 1952 have been revised in the light of the later information available. The largest amendments are an increase in U.S. government bonds and decreases in German and Japanese bonds, in the shares of U.K. companies operating in India and Ceylon and of those not classifiable by area and in the shares of South African companies. The result of all revisions was to reduce the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1952 by £3 million, the total of interest and dividends remaining unchanged. As some amendments affected 1951 the estimates for that year in the two summary tables above have also been revised, the nominal capital having been increased by £4 million and interest by £100,000.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1953(1)	
	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES						
British West Africa ... ..	42	43	5.2	5.5	.5	.8
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan ... ..	7	6	.3	.3	— .4	— .4
British East Africa ... ..	39	43	2.2	2.5	6.4	6.0
Rhodesia & Nyasaland ... ..	103	115	13.7	12.8	13.6	14.5
South Africa ... ..	155	160	20.4	18.6	5.5	8.1
India ... ..	59	60	6.5	8.5	1.4	3.7
Pakistan ... ..	9	9	1.3	1.7	.2	.4
Ceylon ... ..	23	23	2.2	2.7	.4	*
Malaya ... ..	70	69	10.2	8.1	— .4	— .4
Australia ... ..	348	344	15.7	15.0	5.6	5.4
New Zealand ... ..	62	72	2.6	2.7	12.2	1.0
Canada ... ..	154	156	8.4	8.9	— .1	— .6
British West Indies ... ..	35	37	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
Other ... ..	9	10	.9	.9	.8	.5
	1,114	1,146	92.0	90.7	48.1	41.5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES						
Irish Republic ... ..	27	33	1.1	1.2	4.8	4.6
France ... ..	6	6	.6	.4	— .6	— .8
Germany ... ..	43	34	*	2.8	.1	*
Austria ... ..	7	6	.1	.1	— .8	— .2
Denmark ... ..	6	5	.3	.3	— .1	— .1
Norway ... ..	6	5	.2	.2	*	*
Hungary ... ..	15	15	—	—	— .1	—
Roumania ... ..	14	14	—	*	— .1	—
Greece ... ..	24	23	*	.2	— .8	— 1.1
Rest of Europe ... ..	46	46	2.8	2.5	— .1	— .1
Burma ... ..	10	9	.7	.9	— 1.0	— .4
China ... ..	36	36	.1	.1	—	—
Japan ... ..	42	39	1.0	5.5	— .7	— .7
Indonesia ... ..	20	19	1.0	.7	— 1.0	— .2
Egypt ... ..	9	9	3.2	3.2	— .4	— .2
U.S.A. ... ..	156	172	15.1	15.2	15.9	18.9
Mexico ... ..	35	32	1.6	1.0	— 1.1	— .9
Cuba ... ..	16	1	*	*	— 14.9	— 4.1
Argentina ... ..	36	36	.7	.6	— .5	— .9
Brazil ... ..	43	40	1.9	1.2	— 1.6	— 1.4
Chile ... ..	35	33	.8	.7	— 1.4	— .6
Peru ... ..	21	21	.6	.6	*	*
Uruguay ... ..	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .2
Rest of South America ... ..	26	25	1.4	1.3	— .3	— .3
Other ... ..	33	32	2.0	2.1	— .6	— .5
	716	695	35.2	40.9	— 5.5	10.8
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ... ..	152	172	26.5	28.8	19.6	19.0
TOTAL ... ..	1,982	2,013	153.8	160.4	62.2	71.3

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL				NOMINAL				
	CAPITAL		INTEREST		CAPITAL		INTEREST		
	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES				FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
British West Africa ...	8.9	9.2	.3	.3	Irish Republic ...	23.0	27.9	.8	1.0
British East Africa ...	23.5	27.7	.6	.8	Germany ...	36.9	28.1	—	2.5
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	65.1	73.1	1.8	2.2	Austria ...	6.3	5.5	.1	.1
South Africa ...	30.8	30.4	1.3	1.3	Denmark ...	3.8	3.2	.2	.1
India ...	2.4	1.8	.2	.1	Norway ...	6.0	5.4	.2	.2
Ceylon ...	2.4	2.2	.1	.1	Hungary ...	10.0	10.0	—	—
Malaya ...	4.9	4.9	.1	.1	Roumania ...	12.2	12.1	—	*
Australia ...	290.3	284.0	9.6	9.3	Greece ...	20.2	20.1	—	—
New Zealand ...	50.4	58.0	1.7	1.7	Rest of Europe ...	16.6	16.1	.3	.3
Canada ...	12.6	12.2	.5	.4	China ...	33.2	33.2	—	—
British West Indies ...	6.7	9.1	.2	.3	Japan ...	38.0	35.6	.6	4.8
Other ...	7.5	7.3	.3	.3	U.S.A. ...	35.7	44.7	.5	.8
	505.7	519.8	16.7	16.8	Argentina ...	1.6	.7	.1	*
					Brazil ...	14.5	12.7	.4	.3
					Chile ...	15.3	13.0	.4	.4
					Uruguay ...	3.5	3.5	.1	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	3.0	2.6	*	*
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	284.3	277.8	3.9	10.9	Other ...	4.6	3.6	.2	.1
TOTAL ...	790.0	797.7	20.6	27.7		284.3	277.8	3.9	10.9

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948". The area described as Rhodesia & Nyasaland refers to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland constituted in August, 1953, and described in previous papers as British Central Africa.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa ...	...	...	...	33.2	33.1	4.9	5.1	..	..	..	..
British East Africa ...	...	...	...	9.1	9.3	1.1	1.0	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia & Nyasaland ...	...	...	...	29.8	29.8	11.3	10.1	3.6	6.3	.2	.1
South Africa ...	...	...	...	25.4	26.9	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
India ...	...	...	...	44.0	47.1	5.7	7.8	9.0	7.9	.4	.4
Pakistan ...	...	...	...	8.5	8.8	1.2	1.6	.5	.4	*	*
Ceylon ...	...	...	...	19.7	20.1	2.1	2.6	.4	.4	*	*
Malaya ...	...	...	...	61.4	61.3	9.4	7.3	1.5	1.3	.1	.1
British North Borneo ...	...	...	...	2.8	2.7	.3	.2	*	*	—	—
Australia ...	...	...	...	33.2	34.2	4.0	3.8	6.1	6.1	.2	.2
New Zealand ...	...	...	...	5.8	6.4	.6	.7	2.0	2.0	.1	.1
Canada ...	...	...	...	5.8	5.8	.5	.6	.7	.7	*	*
British West Indies ...	...	...	...	13.9	15.1	2.0	2.2	3.3	3.8	.1	.1
Other ...	...	...	...	3.4	3.6	.4	.5	2.6	2.5	.1	.1
				295.9	304.1	46.4	46.6	31.3	33.0	1.3	1.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic ...	...	...	...	1.4	1.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe ...	...	...	...	21.4	20.6	1.9	1.9	3.3	2.7	.1	.3
Burma ...	...	...	...	9.2	8.5	.7	.8	*	*	*	*
China ...	...	...	...	2.2	2.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia ...	...	...	...	18.0	17.0	.8	.5	1.6	1.6	.1	.2
Egypt ...	...	...	...	2.5	2.6	.3	.3	..	..	..	..
Mexico ...	...	...	...	3.0	3.0	.9	.5	.4	.4	—	*
Cuba ...	...	...	...	9.8	*	*	*	..	..	..	..
Central America ...	...	...	...	2.7	2.7	*	*	1.6	1.6	*	*
Argentina ...	...	...	...	20.0	20.5	.6	.5	11.4	11.4	*	*
Brazil ...	...	...	...	8.7	8.5	.6	.4	2.8	2.8	.1	.1
Chile ...	...	...	...	9.2	9.2	.2	*	2.3	2.3	.1	.1
Peru ...	...	...	...	15.2	15.2	.2	.3	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America ...	...	...	...	15.4	15.6	1.3	1.2	11.3	11.3	.4	.3
Other ...	...	...	...	14.9	14.6	1.7	1.8	9.0	3.9	.1	.1
				153.7	141.6	9.3	8.5	43.8	37.9	1.0	1.1
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ...	...	...	...	122.0	121.9	24.2	25.4	2.8	22.4	.1	1.1
TOTAL ...	...	...	...	571.6	567.6	80.0	80.5	77.9	93.3	2.4	3.4



## IV—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa ... ..					6.1	5.9	.5	.7	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia & Nyasaland ... ..					4.2	5.5	.4	.4	..	..	..	..
South Africa ... ..					87.5	87.1	15.9	13.8	10.0	13.8	.4	.5
India ... ..					2.3	2.3	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya ... ..					1.8	1.7	.5	.6	—	—	—	—
Australia ... ..					16.6	17.4	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.0	.2	.1
New Zealand ... ..					3.4	6.1	.2	.2	—	—	—	—
Canada ... ..					72.3	74.5	4.8	5.3	62.4	62.5	2.5	2.5
British West Indies ... ..					9.6	8.3	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Other ... ..					.3	.3	.1	.1	2.1	2.2	.1	.1
					204.3	209.1	24.4	22.8	76.5	80.5	3.2	3.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic ... ..					1.1	1.1	.1	.1	1.5	2.4	.1	.1
Rest of Europe ... ..					9.0	9.5	.9	.5	20.3	19.9	.3	.5
Japan ... ..					.2	.2	.1	.1	4.0	3.2	.2	.6
Egypt ... ..					6.6	6.0	2.9	2.9	*	*	*	*
U.S.A. ... ..					97.1	106.0	13.6	13.4	20.9	19.0	.6	.5
Mexico ... ..					10.4	8.7	.3	.1	20.2	19.6	.3	.3
Cuba ... ..					.5	.4	*	*	.8	.7	*	*
Argentina ... ..					2.0	2.2	—	—	1.3	1.2	—	—
Brazil ... ..					13.7	13.2	.8	.4	3.3	3.2	*	*
Chile ... ..					..	..	..	..	8.1	8.1	.1	.1
Rest of South America ... ..					1.0	.9	.1	.1	3.3	3.2	.1	*
Other ... ..					8.5	8.7	.5	.6	.4	.3	*	*
					150.2	156.8	19.4	18.3	84.2	80.7	1.7	2.2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ... ..					20.8	20.8	2.0	2.0	6.7	6.7	.2	.2
TOTAL ... ..					375.2	386.8	45.7	43.1	167.5	167.9	5.1	5.6



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE		SHARE		NOM. LOAN		LOAN	
	CAPITAL		DIVIDENDS		CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953
Dominion & Colonial Railways	..	..	..	..	4.0	3.8	.1	.1
Indian Railways ... ..	..	..	..	..	5.0	3.7	.2	.2
Foreign Railways ... ..	29.0	19.3	.3	.1	15.8	10.6	.3	.2
Banks & Discount Companies	42.1	45.3	4.1	4.4	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries ...	6.4	6.4	.9	1.0	.7	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	61.5	61.1	6.1	6.1	4.4	3.7	.1	.4
Electric Lighting & Power ...	9.2	9.1	.9	.8	4.2	4.1	.2	.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	49.8	52.0	4.4	5.0	14.0	14.6	.7	.6
Gas ... ..	9.3	8.6	.5	.7	.8	.8	*	*
Mines, Gold ... ..	29.0	28.0	2.6	2.4	.7	.7	*	*
Mines, other than Gold ...	61.6	61.1	21.0	18.6	2.1	4.8	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	121.2	125.3	27.7	29.3	6.8	26.3	.1	1.1
Rubber ... ..	74.9	73.9	6.9	4.9	2.8	2.6	.2	.2
Tea & Coffee ... ..	38.8	38.7	3.4	5.8	1.7	2.0	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones ...	25.7	25.7	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	8.9	9.0	.2	.2	13.6	13.5	.1	.1
Other (1) ... ..	4.1	4.1	.2	.2	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
TOTAL ... ..	571.6	567.6	80.0	80.5	77.9	93.3	2.4	3.4

## VI—COMPANIES REGISTERED ABROAD: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE		SHARE		NOM. LOAN		LOAN	
	CAPITAL		DIVIDENDS		CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953	End 1952	End 1953	1952	1953
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	38.7	38.5	1.4	1.4	57.3	57.2	2.3	2.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	6.5	6.4	*	*	26.9	27.2	.4	.4
Banks & Discount Companies	14.2	14.4	1.6	1.8	12.9	12.6	.3	.3
Canals & Docks ... ..	6.0	5.8	2.9	2.8	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	64.1	64.4	7.4	7.3	9.9	12.6	.2	.4
Electric Lighting & Power ...	17.9	19.1	.5	.6	14.8	13.8	.5	1.0
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	6.7	7.0	.7	1.1	3.9	3.8	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..	4.8	4.9	.6	.5	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ... ..	51.6	52.4	8.3	6.5	6.2	7.4	.2	.3
Mines, other than Gold ...	15.8	15.8	5.9	5.2	.6	.5	.1	*
Nitrate ... ..	..	..	..	..	8.1	8.1	.1	.1
Oil ... ..	29.7	28.5	1.3	1.4	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus ...	12.5	11.1	.8	.4	2.1	1.9	*	*
Other (2) ... ..	9.6	12.6	.7	.6	1.6	1.5	*	*
	278.1	280.8	32.1	29.7	146.5	148.9	4.4	5.1
U.S.A.								
Railways ... ..	8.7	9.9	.3	.3	3.4	3.4	.1	.1
Financial ... ..	3.7	4.3	.6	.7	.7	.7	*	*
Utilities ... ..	21.8	28.6	1.1	1.4	16.1	14.1	.5	.4
Industrial ... ..	63.0	63.2	11.6	11.1	.7	.8	*	*
	97.1	106.0	13.6	13.4	20.9	19.0	.6	.5
TOTAL ... ..	375.2	386.8	45.7	43.1	167.5	167.9	5.1	5.6

(1) Iron, Coal & Steel; Nitrate; Water Works; shares of Dominion & Colonial Railways and Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

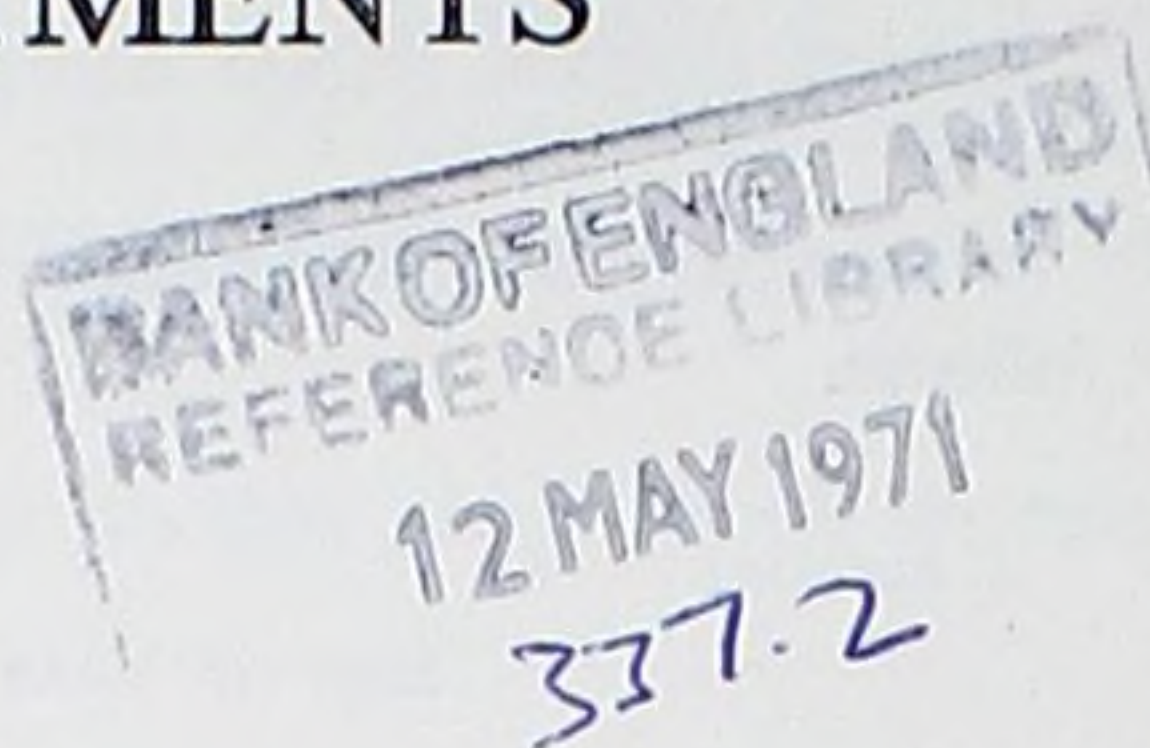
(2) Indian Railways; Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Rubber; Shipping; Tea & Coffee; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate; loans of Oil.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

1954

*Bank of England, 1956*



This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948", and continued in subsequent years in papers issued in connection with the Bank's Annual Report.\* The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions bearing on the interpretation of the figures are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange, including U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control.

Capital values are nominal, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership, although it gives little indication of the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely or predominantly abroad and excludes a number whose activities are divided between home and abroad. (Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies). In consequence an important part of U.K. controlled, or direct, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should however be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, fall into the category of controlled investments.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K.

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\* A limited number of copies of the original pamphlet and of the supplementary papers are available from the Secretary, Bank of England.



overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments.

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses, public companies and others—is again gratefully acknowledged.

A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at the end of 1952, 1953 and 1954 follows.

*£ millions*

END OF YEAR					1952	1953	1954
Government and Municipal Loans	...	...	...	...	790	799	781
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	...	572	565	656
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	...	...	...	78	93	85
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	...	375	388	425
"    "    : Loan Capital	...	...	...	...	167	172	181
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	1,982	2,017	2,128
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	...	1,114	1,153	1,178
In Foreign Countries	...	...	...	...	716	693	683
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	...	152	172	267

During 1954 the total nominal value of the U.K. investments covered by this survey increased by £111 million. Details by countries of investments at the end of 1953 and 1954 are given in Table I, which also shows net new investment during 1954, comprising new issues, net market purchases identified as being from residents of the debtor country and capital written up, less redemptions, net market sales identified as being to residents of the debtor country and capital written off. Net new investment so defined amounted to £132 million nominal: but the nominal value of investments decreased by £2 million as a result partly of changes in the rates of exchange used for the valuation of some non-sterling securities and partly of security conversions. The residual decrease of £19 million nominal represented, apart from the effect of errors and omissions, net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents. The net cash investment corresponding to the nominal figure of £132 million was only £51 million, because of a large amount of issues in capitalisation of company reserves. The cash value of the £19 million nominal net sales is estimated at £25 million: so that the net effect of all transactions leading to the rise of £111 million nominal was a cash investment abroad of £26 million.

Gross new investment in 1954, which excludes conversions, amounted to £176 million nominal, including £111 million of capitalisation issues, and to £91 million cash. In the Commonwealth the new investment, which was distributed over all the separate territories, came to £63 million nominal and £65 million cash; it included £30 million nominal in new government and municipal loans, of which the largest were for British East Africa, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Ceylon and New Zealand, and £27 million nominal in shares, of which £11 million were capitalisation issues. New investment in foreign countries was £17 million nominal, including £9 million capitalisation issues, and £21 million cash. New investment in the U.S.A. came to £16 million cash but, as it was accompanied by exchanges of existing holdings of government bonds for shares, to only £1 million nominal. New investment not classifiable by area, £96 million nominal and £5 million cash, included £91 million capitalisation issues, nearly all by oil companies.



Gross repayment in 1954, also excluding conversions, amounted to £44 million nominal and £40 million cash. Commonwealth countries repaid £25 million nominal and £22 million cash, repayment by Australia, mainly government loans, and by Malaya exceeding new investment. Repayment by foreign countries came to £19 million nominal and £18 million cash.

In the total of net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents of £19 million nominal and £25 million cash the principal transactions were net sales of Commonwealth government loans, shares of South African and Rhodesian mines and German bonds, and net purchases of U.S.A. and Canadian securities.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, follows.

<i>£ millions</i>		1952	1953	1954
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	20.6	27.6	28.2
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	80.0	81.1	95.6
"    "    : Loan Interest	...	2.4	3.4	3.5
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	45.7	43.8	53.1
"    "    : Loan Interest	...	5.1	5.7	5.9
TOTAL	...	153.8	161.7	186.4
From Commonwealth Countries	...	92.0	91.6	104.6
From Foreign Countries	...	35.2	41.3	44.0
Not Classifiable by Area	...	26.5	28.8	37.8

The total of interest and dividends in 1954 amounted to £186 million, £25 million more than the 1953 figure, previously the highest in this series of estimates. As much as £24 million of the increase was in share dividends. Those of U.K.-registered companies operating in the Commonwealth rose by £13 million, after allowing for the transfer of a group of companies from the U.K. to the Rhodesian register. Share dividends of Commonwealth-registered companies, after the same adjustment, were £1 million less. Share dividends of all companies operating in foreign countries rose by £3 million, most of the increase coming from the U.S.A., and those of oil companies not classifiable by area were £9 million greater. The increases in dividends were generally commensurate with the increases in the nominal share capital, although many of the new issues made during the year did not earn a full year's dividend. Companies which made capitalisation issues in some cases reduced the rate of their dividend but generally the amount was increased. Considerably higher rates were declared by tea and rubber companies, which raised income from India, Ceylon and Malaya. Slightly lower rates by some gold and base metal mining companies affected, especially, receipts from South Africa.

Interest on all classes of loans was £1 million higher on a smaller capital; this was mainly because some new loans issued during 1953 did not pay full interest until 1954. Payment was resumed on some German bonds but receipts from Japanese bonds were less than in 1953, when payments of arrears had been exceptionally heavy.

During the compilation of the 1954 estimates those for 1953 have been revised in the light of the later information available. The result of all revisions was to increase the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1953 by £4 million and that of total interest and dividends by a little more than £1 million.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

					NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1954(1)	
					End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES										
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	43	42	5.5	5.6	— .6	.3
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	6	6	.3	.3	— .3	— .3
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	44	49	2.5	2.7	8.1	7.9
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	115	120	13.5	14.0	7.8	8.3
South Africa	...	...	...	...	161	162	18.9	17.7	4.8	8.2
India	...	...	...	...	59	61	8.4	13.2	2.3	.8
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	9	10	1.7	2.2	.3	.7
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	23	29	2.7	5.1	6.4	4.9
Malaya	...	...	...	...	69	69	8.1	10.2	— .4	— .8
Australia	...	...	...	...	346	337	15.1	15.8	— 3.3	— 4.8
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	73	81	2.7	3.5	8.9	12.9
Canada	...	...	...	...	158	167	8.9	9.9	2.3	2.7
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	37	37	2.7	3.4	1.6	1.5
Other	...	...	...	...	9	9	.8	.9	.3	.7
					1,153	1,178	91.6	104.6	38.3	43.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES										
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	33	36	1.2	1.5	3.1	3.0
France	...	...	...	...	6	6	.4	.5	.3	.2
Germany	...	...	...	...	34	29	2.8	3.6	1.2	— .1
Austria	...	...	...	...	6	4	.1	.3	— 1.1	— 1.0
Denmark	...	...	...	...	5	4	.3	.2	— .9	— 1.0
Norway	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Hungary	...	...	...	...	14	14	—	*	—	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	14	14	*	*	— .3	— .2
Greece	...	...	...	...	23	22	.2	.2	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	46	47	2.6	3.1	1.5	.9
Burma	...	...	...	...	8	8	.9	.5	— .3	— .3
China	...	...	...	...	36	35	.1	.1	—	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	39	38	5.6	4.2	— .8	— .8
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	19	18	.7	.5	— .4	— .2
Egypt	...	...	...	...	9	10	3.2	3.4	1.3	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	172	180	15.2	17.6	1.0	15.5
Mexico	...	...	...	...	32	29	1.0	.8	1.4	— .9
Argentina	...	...	...	...	35	36	.6	.5	.3	.1
Brazil	...	...	...	...	40	36	1.2	1.2	— 2.4	— 2.8
Chile	...	...	...	...	33	32	.8	.7	— .6	— .4
Peru	...	...	...	...	21	23	.6	.5	.9	— .3
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	25	24	1.4	1.4	— 1.9	— 3.2
Other	...	...	...	...	33	28	2.1	2.8	— 4.5	— 5.2
					693	683	41.3	44.0	— 2.4	3.2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	172	267	28.8	37.8	95.7	4.8
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	2,017	2,128	161.7	186.4	131.5	51.2

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST			NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954		End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES				
British West Africa ...	9.2	8.7	.3	.3	Irish Republic ...	27.9	31.8	1.0	1.2
British East Africa ...	27.7	29.0	.8	1.0	Germany ...	27.9	23.4	2.5	3.3
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	73.1	79.1	2.2	2.4	Austria ...	5.5	4.2	.1	.3
South Africa ...	30.6	30.2	1.1	1.2	Denmark ...	3.4	2.2	.1	.1
India ...	1.8	1.5	.1	.1	Norway ...	5.4	5.1	.2	.2
Ceylon ...	2.2	7.0	.1	.1	Hungary ...	9.0	9.0	—	*
Malaya ...	4.9	4.7	.1	.1	Roumania ...	12.6	12.5	*	*
Australia ...	284.9	269.0	9.3	9.1	Greece ...	20.1	19.4	*	*
New Zealand ...	58.0	65.2	1.7	1.9	Rest of Europe ...	15.7	15.2	.3	.3
Canada ...	13.3	13.3	.4	.4	China ...	33.2	33.1	—	—
British West Indies ...	9.1	9.6	.3	.3	Japan ...	35.6	34.7	4.8	3.7
Other ...	7.2	6.7	.3	.3	U.S.A. ...	44.7	32.0	.8	.9
	521.8	524.1	16.7	17.4	Argentina ...	.7	.9	*	*
					Brazil ...	12.7	11.0	.3	.3
					Chile ...	13.0	12.4	.4	.4
					Uruguay ...	3.5	3.3	.1	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	2.6	2.6	*	*
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ...	277.2	257.1	10.9	10.9	Other ...	3.6	4.5	.1	.1
TOTAL ...	799.0	781.2	27.6	28.2		277.2	257.1	10.9	10.9

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948". Changes made in the supplementary papers are the transfer of the Irish Republic (formerly Eire) from Commonwealth Countries to Foreign Countries, the substitution of Indonesia for Netherlands East Indies and of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for British Central Africa.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954	End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	33.7	33.1	5.2	5.2	.3	.3	*	*
British East Africa	...	...	...	9.8	10.1	1.0	1.1	.4	.8	*	*
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	29.5	13.4	10.5	3.2	6.4	1.9	.2	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	26.8	30.2	3.0	3.2	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	46.5	49.6	7.8	12.6	7.8	6.6	.4	.3
Pakistan	...	...	...	8.6	9.2	1.6	2.1	.5	.3	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	19.9	20.9	2.6	4.9	.4	.9	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	61.5	61.5	7.3	9.7	1.3	1.1	.1	.1
Australia	...	...	...	33.7	37.7	3.8	4.7	6.0	7.0	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	6.4	7.1	.7	.9	2.0	2.1	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	5.9	7.1	.7	1.1	.7	.6	*	*
British West Indies	...	...	...	14.5	15.4	2.1	2.9	3.6	2.7	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	5.9	6.3	.6	.7	2.1	2.0	.1	.1
				302.6	301.5	46.8	52.3	33.0	27.9	1.2	1.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.3	1.3	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	20.5	21.7	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.6	.3	.1
Burma	...	...	...	8.1	7.7	.8	.5	*	*	*	*
China	...	...	...	2.2	2.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	17.1	16.7	.6	.5	1.5	1.4	.2	*
Egypt	...	...	...	2.6	4.1	.3	.4	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	3.0	2.9	.5	.4	.4	.4	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	19.7	20.1	.5	.4	11.4	11.3	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	8.3	7.4	.4	.5	2.8	2.7	.1	*
Chile	...	...	...	9.2	9.2	.1	.1	2.3	2.3	.1	.1
Peru	...	...	...	15.2	16.6	.3	.2	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	15.5	15.4	1.4	1.4	11.3	10.6	.3	.3
Other	...	...	...	18.0	16.8	1.8	2.0	5.4	3.6	.1	.7
				140.6	142.2	8.9	9.1	37.8	35.0	1.1	1.3
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	122.1	212.5	25.5	34.2	22.4	22.4	1.1	1.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	565.3	656.1	81.1	95.6	93.2	85.3	3.4	3.5



## IV—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES : BY COUNTRIES

£ millions					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954	End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	5.8	6.3	.7	.5	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	6.1	21.4	.7	8.1	.3	4.6	*	.2
South Africa	...	...	...	...	86.5	86.4	14.1	12.6	15.3	13.6	.5	.7
India	...	...	...	...	2.2	2.2	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya	...	...	...	...	1.7	1.7	.6	.3	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	17.3	17.8	1.6	1.6	4.4	5.4	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	6.2	6.3	.2	.7	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	76.0	81.2	5.3	5.8	62.6	64.4	2.5	2.6
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	8.4	8.4	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	2.0	4.3	.1	.1
					210.5	231.9	23.5	29.9	84.6	92.3	3.3	3.9
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	2.4	2.3	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	9.6	10.2	.6	.9	19.8	19.3	.5	.5
Japan	...	...	...	...	.2	.2	.1	.1	3.2	2.6	.6	.4
Egypt	...	...	...	...	6.0	5.7	2.9	3.0	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	106.0	126.9	13.4	15.8	19.0	18.6	.5	.5
Mexico	...	...	...	...	8.7	7.0	.1	.1	19.6	18.7	.3	.2
Argentina	...	...	...	...	2.2	2.2	—	—	1.1	1.1	—	—
Brazil	...	...	...	...	13.2	11.7	.4	.4	3.2	3.1	*	*
Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	8.1	7.8	.1	.1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	.9	.7	.1	.1	3.2	2.4	*	*
Other	...	...	...	...	8.8	6.0	.6	.6	1.0	1.0	*	*
					156.6	171.8	18.3	21.0	80.6	76.8	2.2	1.8
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	20.8	20.8	2.0	2.2	6.7	11.7	.2	.3
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	387.9	424.6	43.8	53.1	171.9	180.7	5.7	5.9



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End	1953	1954	End	End	1953	1954
	1953	1954			1953	1954		
Dominion & Colonial Railways	..	..	..	..	3.8	3.8	.1	.1
Indian Railways	..	..	..	..	3.7	2.6	.2	.1
Foreign Railways	19.3	17.7	.3	.3	10.6	8.8	.2	.8
Banks & Discount Companies	45.3	49.8	4.5	4.9	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries	6.3	7.5	1.0	1.0	.7	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	61.7	64.2	6.0	6.7	3.6	3.5	.4	.2
Electric Lighting & Power	9.1	8.7	.8	.8	4.0	3.9	.2	.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	50.7	56.0	5.4	6.3	14.4	14.0	.6	.6
Gas	8.6	8.6	.7	.8	.8	.8	*	*
Mines, Gold	27.8	26.0	2.4	2.4	.9	1.2	*	*
Mines, other than Gold	60.6	45.4	18.6	11.2	4.8	1.3	.1	*
Oil	125.1	218.0	29.2	39.0	26.3	25.2	1.1	1.1
Rubber	73.2	72.6	4.9	7.5	2.6	2.5	.2	.1
Tea & Coffee	38.8	41.7	5.8	13.0	2.0	2.2	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones	25.7	26.6	1.2	1.3	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus	8.9	8.8	.2	.2	13.5	13.3	.1	.1
Other (1)	4.1	4.7	.2	.1	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
TOTAL	565.3	656.1	81.1	95.6	93.2	85.3	3.4	3.5

## VI—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions				NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954	End 1953	End 1954	1953	1954
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.											
Dominion & Colonial Railways				38.5	38.6	1.4	1.5	57.2	58.3	2.3	2.4
Foreign Railways ... ..				6.4	6.4	*	*	27.2	26.3	.4	.3
Banks & Discount Companies				15.2	16.5	1.7	1.8	12.7	17.3	.3	.4
Canals & Docks ... ..				5.8	5.5	2.8	3.0	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c. ...				64.1	64.2	7.4	6.8	12.2	11.3	.4	.5
Electric Lighting & Power ...				19.1	18.1	.6	.8	13.9	14.9	1.0	.7
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...				7.0	7.7	1.1	1.4	3.8	3.9	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..				4.9	5.1	.5	.5	1.5	1.6	.1	.1
Mines, Gold ... ..				52.4	52.1	6.5	5.6	7.4	6.3	.3	.4
Mines, other than Gold ...				16.2	31.4	5.8	12.8	.4	4.8	*	.2
Nitrate ... ..				..	..	..	..	8.1	7.8	.1	.1
Oil ... ..				28.5	28.8	1.4	1.7	5.1	6.1	.1	.2
Tramways & Omnibus ...				11.1	9.6	.4	.4	1.8	1.8	*	*
Other (2) ... ..				12.8	13.6	.7	1.2	.8	1.0	*	*
				281.9	297.7	30.4	37.3	152.9	162.1	5.2	5.4
U.S.A.											
Railways ... ..				9.9	10.3	.3	.6	3.4	3.5	.1	.1
Financial ... ..				4.3	7.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	*	*
Utilities ... ..				28.6	34.2	1.4	1.8	14.1	13.4	.4	.4
Industrial ... ..				63.2	74.6	11.1	12.7	.8	1.0	*	*
				106.0	126.9	13.4	15.8	19.0	18.6	.5	.5
TOTAL ... ..				387.9	424.6	43.8	53.1	171.9	180.7	5.7	5.9

(1) Iron, Coal & Steel; Nitrate; Water Works; shares of Dominion & Colonial Railways and Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways; Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Rubber; Shipping; Tea & Coffee; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

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This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948", and continued in subsequent years in papers issued in connection with the Bank's Annual Report.\* The scope of the investigation, the methods of compilation of the estimates and the composition of the different classes of investments were fully described in the original pamphlet, to which reference should be made. Certain definitions bearing on the interpretation of the figures are here re-stated in summary form.

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange, including U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control.

Capital values are nominal, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership, although it gives little indication of the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely or predominantly abroad and excludes a number whose activities are divided between home and abroad. (Among those excluded are all insurance and shipping companies). In consequence an important part of U.K. controlled, or direct, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should however be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, fall into the category of controlled investments.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. tax. In the case of U.K.-registered companies entitled to Double Taxation Relief, gross dividends as declared include some overseas taxation. For this reason, and because the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits, the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in official studies of the national Balance of Payments.

The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses, public companies and others—is again gratefully acknowledged.

\* A limited number of copies of the original pamphlet and of the supplementary papers are available from the Secretary, Bank of England.



A summary of the nominal capital values of the investments at the end of 1953, 1954 and 1955 follows.

<i>£ millions</i>					
END OF YEAR					
			1953	1954	1955
Government and Municipal Loans	...	...	799	780	768
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	...	565	652	673
" " : Loan Capital	...	...	93	83	80
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	...	388	429	434
" " : Loan Capital	...	...	172	183	182
TOTAL	...	...	2,017	2,127	2,137
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...	1,153	1,180	1,215
In Foreign Countries	...	...	693	683	661
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	172	264	261

Details by countries of investments at the end of 1954 and 1955 are shown in Table I. Table I also gives, by countries, the nominal and cash values of net new investment during 1955; that is, the results of all identified transactions in which the nominal investment or repayment and the corresponding cash payment or receipt relate to the same overseas country. Net new investment, so defined, amounted to £57 million nominal but the total nominal value of all investments included in the survey increased by only £10 million. Of the difference of £47 million, £2 million was due to a decrease in the nominal value of investments as the result partly of changes in the rates of exchange used for the valuation of some non-sterling securities and partly of security conversions. The residual decrease of £45 million nominal represents, apart from errors and omissions, net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents.

Some further details are given below of net new investment, nominal and cash.

<i>£ millions nominal</i>					
			GROSS NEW INVESTMENT	GROSS REPAYMENT	NET NEW INVESTMENT
Commonwealth Countries	...	...	84	26	58
Foreign Countries	...	...	20	19	1
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	—	2	— 2
TOTAL	...	...	104	47	57
<i>£ millions cash</i>					
Commonwealth Countries	...	...	45	18	27
Foreign Countries	...	...	24	16	8
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	—	2	— 2
TOTAL	...	...	69	36	33

Differences between the nominal and cash figures are due to the inclusion of £45 million of issues in capitalisation of company reserves and of other, offsetting, factors such as new issues at a premium or repayments at less than the nominal value.

Gross new investment in the Commonwealth included £17 million nominal in new government and municipal loans, of which the largest were for British East Africa, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, New Zealand and Mauritius and £54 million nominal in shares, distributed over all the separate territories, £38 million of these being capitalisation issues; there were also £12 million of company loans. Gross new investment in foreign countries included £7 million capitalisation issues: investment in the U.S.A. was £6 million nominal and £18 million cash.



The cash value of net new investment is shown above to have been £33 million. The residual decrease of £45 million in the nominal value of investments, representing net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents, is estimated to have had a cash value of £75 million. Thus transactions as a whole gave rise to a cash receipt from abroad of £42 million although the total nominal value of U.K. overseas investments went up by £10 million.

Net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents were unusually large in 1955. Sales of investments in the Commonwealth were estimated at £20 million nominal and £43 million cash in all. They included £6 million nominal of shares in companies operating in South Africa and £2 million nominal in Rhodesia and Nyasaland, sold for £25 million and £9 million respectively; there were also, on a somewhat smaller scale, net sales of Commonwealth government loans in general and of Canadian securities. Net sales of investments in foreign countries amounted to £23 million nominal and £27 million cash; there were substantial sales of German and Japanese government bonds and of the shares and loans of companies operating in France, Mexico and Brazil. Sales of investments not classifiable by area were £2 million nominal and £5 million cash, mainly of oil companies' shares.

A summary of interest and dividends, in a similar form to that given above for nominal capital, follows.

<i>£ millions</i>				1953	1954	1955
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	...	...	27.6	28.2	27.0
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	...	...	81.1	94.7	111.7
" " : Loan Interest	...	...	...	3.4	3.4	3.2
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	...	...	43.8	54.2	59.3
" " : Loan Interest	...	...	...	5.7	6.0	6.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	161.7	186.5	207.3
From Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	91.6	105.4	109.7
From Foreign Countries	...	...	...	41.3	44.2	46.2
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	28.8	36.9	51.4

The total of interest and dividends in 1955 amounted to £207 million, £21 million more than the 1954 figure which was previously the highest in this series of estimates. Share dividends alone rose by £22 million, made up of an extra £4 million from Commonwealth countries, £4 million also from foreign countries and £14 million from companies not classifiable by area. In general the increases were the result of larger share capital holdings and especially of the inclusion of the first full year's dividend on many of the new issues made in 1954. Higher rates of dividend were declared by oil, rubber and many gold and base metal mining companies, but tea dividends were lower.

Interest on all classes of loans was £1 million less than in 1954, in keeping with the decrease in capital. Receipts from German and Japanese bonds were reduced, as special payments either out of Enemy Property or on account of arrears had been made in 1954. A similar special distribution out of Enemy Property was made on Roumanian bonds in 1955.

During the compilation of the 1955 estimates those for 1954 have been revised in the light of the latest information available. The result of all revisions was to reduce the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1954 by £1 million, that of total interest and dividends being almost unchanged.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

					NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1955(1)	
					End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES										
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	42	41	5.6	5.2	— 1.3	.4
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .3	— .3
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	49	57	2.7	2.7	10.1	6.1
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	120	132	13.7	15.2	13.8	7.6
South Africa	...	...	...	...	162	161	18.3	18.6	5.8	6.8
India	...	...	...	...	61	66	13.2	9.9	6.3	— 2.3
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	10	10	2.2	2.0	.9	— .1
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	29	29	5.1	5.0	.2	— .7
Malaya	...	...	...	...	69	71	10.4	14.5	2.1	— .6
Australia	...	...	...	...	337	336	16.1	17.0	1.9	.8
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	81	89	3.3	3.5	9.3	3.0
Canada	...	...	...	...	169	170	10.3	11.2	6.5	6.6
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	36	37	3.4	3.6	1.4	*
Other	...	...	...	...	9	10	1.0	1.1	1.3	.3
					1,180	1,215	105.4	109.7	57.8	27.5
FOREIGN COUNTRIES										
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	36	38	1.5	1.7	1.3	.8
France	...	...	...	...	6	5	.5	.4	— .2	— .1
Germany	...	...	...	...	29	24	3.6	.9	.2	— .2
Austria	...	...	...	...	4	3	.3	.2	— .3	— .2
Denmark	...	...	...	...	4	4	.2	.2	— .2	— .2
Norway	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .2	— .2
Hungary	...	...	...	...	14	14	*	*	—	—
Roumania	...	...	...	...	14	14	*	1.7	— .1	—
Greece	...	...	...	...	22	22	.2	*	*	— .2
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	47	45	3.1	3.5	— .6	— .4
Burma	...	...	...	...	8	8	.5	.8	*	.2
China	...	...	...	...	35	34	.1	.1	— 1.0	—
Japan	...	...	...	...	38	32	4.2	3.7	— .9	— 1.1
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	18	18	.5	.7	— .2	*
Egypt	...	...	...	...	10	10	3.4	3.4	— .5	— .2
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	180	186	17.4	19.9	6.2	17.6
Mexico	...	...	...	...	30	26	.8	1.2	1.8	— 1.0
Argentina	...	...	...	...	36	36	.6	.8	.3	.6
Brazil	...	...	...	...	36	31	1.2	.8	— 2.3	— 2.2
Chile	...	...	...	...	32	31	.9	1.0	— .7	— .4
Peru	...	...	...	...	23	21	.5	.6	*	*
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	24	20	1.5	1.9	— 2.6	— 3.8
Other	...	...	...	...	28	30	2.8	2.3	1.6	— .8
					683	661	44.2	46.2	1.5	7.8
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	264	261	36.9	51.4	— 1.9	— 2.0
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	2,127	2,137	186.5	207.3	57.4	33.3

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST			NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955		End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES				
British West Africa ...	8.7	7.3	.3	.3	Irish Republic...	31.8	32.4	1.2	1.4
British East Africa ...	29.0	29.4	1.0	1.1	Germany ...	23.4	18.9	3.3	.8
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	79.1	87.4	2.4	2.7	Austria ...	4.2	3.1	.3	.2
South Africa ...	30.2	29.8	1.2	1.1	Denmark ...	2.2	1.9	.1	.1
India ...	1.5	1.4	.1	.1	Norway ...	5.1	4.7	.2	.2
Ceylon ...	7.0	6.7	.1	.3	Hungary ...	9.0	9.0	*	*
Malaya ...	4.7	4.6	.1	.1	Roumania ...	12.6	12.4	*	1.7
Australia ...	269.0	264.6	9.1	8.9	Greece ...	19.4	19.1	*	*
New Zealand ...	65.2	67.2	1.9	2.2	Rest of Europe ...	15.2	14.2	.3	.2
Canada ...	13.3	11.6	.4	.4	China ...	33.1	33.1	—	—
British West Indies ...	9.6	8.9	.3	.3	Japan ...	34.7	29.1	3.7	3.2
Other ...	6.7	7.3	.3	.3	U.S.A. ...	32.0	34.8	.9	.7
	524.1	526.1	17.4	17.6	Argentina ...	.9	.7	*	*
					Brazil ...	11.0	9.0	.3	.2
					Chile ...	12.4	11.8	.4	.4
					Uruguay ...	3.3	3.1	.1	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	2.6	1.6	*	.1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ...	255.8	241.8	10.9	9.4	Other ...	3.1	2.8	.1	.1
TOTAL ...	779.9	767.9	28.2	27.0		255.8	241.8	10.9	9.4

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948". Changes made in the supplementary papers are the transfer of the Irish Republic (formerly Eire) from Commonwealth Countries to Foreign Countries, the substitution of Indonesia for Netherlands East Indies and of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for British Central Africa.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British West Africa	...	...	...	...	33.4	33.1	5.3	4.9	.3	.3	*	*
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	10.1	10.8	1.1	1.0	.8	.5	*	*
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	12.8	17.1	2.9	3.3	1.9	2.1	.1	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	...	30.1	33.3	3.2	3.5	1.5	1.5	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	...	49.6	55.9	12.6	9.4	6.6	5.5	.3	.3
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	9.2	10.2	2.1	2.0	.3	.2	*	*
Ceylon	.....	...	...	...	20.9	21.3	4.9	4.7	.9	.7	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	...	61.4	63.2	9.7	13.5	1.1	.8	.1	*
Australia	...	...	...	...	37.7	40.9	4.7	5.3	7.0	7.0	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	7.1	8.0	.8	.8	2.1	2.4	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	...	7.1	8.7	.9	1.0	.6	.6	*	*
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	14.5	15.9	2.8	3.0	1.7	1.9	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	6.3	6.2	.8	.9	1.1	1.0	.1	*
					300.2	324.7	51.9	53.3	26.0	24.5	1.1	1.1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.3	1.4	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	21.8	22.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	...	7.7	7.4	.5	.7	*	.4	*	*
China	...	...	...	...	2.2	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	16.8	16.8	.5	.7	1.4	1.3	*	*
Egypt	...	...	...	...	4.1	3.9	.4	.5	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	...	2.9	2.9	.4	.6	.4	.4	*	*
Argentina	...	...	...	...	20.1	20.2	.6	.8	11.3	11.6	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	...	7.3	7.0	.5	.4	2.7	2.6	*	.1
Chile	...	...	...	...	9.2	9.2	.3	.4	2.3	2.2	.1	.1
Peru	...	...	...	...	16.6	16.5	.2	.3	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	15.3	14.8	1.5	1.7	10.4	7.6	.3	.4
Other	...	...	...	...	17.0	16.7	2.0	2.0	3.6	5.3	.7	.2
					142.4	140.4	9.5	10.7	34.8	34.1	1.2	1.0
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	209.2	207.7	33.3	47.7	22.4	21.3	1.1	1.1
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	651.7	672.8	94.7	111.7	83.2	79.9	3.4	3.2



## IV—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	6.3	5.9	.5	.4	3.3	10.6	.1	.2
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	21.4	20.4	8.1	8.9	4.6	4.9	.2	.2
South Africa	...	...	...	...	86.3	83.9	13.1	13.2	13.6	12.7	.7	.7
India	...	...	...	...	2.2	2.8	.1	.2	..	..	..	..
Malaya	...	...	...	...	2.2	2.2	.5	.9	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	17.8	18.8	1.9	2.4	5.4	5.2	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	6.3	11.9	.5	.4	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	83.6	86.4	6.3	7.2	64.4	63.0	2.6	2.6
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	9.7	9.6	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	1.8	1.7	.1	.1
					236.2	242.1	31.2	33.8	93.2	98.0	3.9	4.0
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	2.3	3.4	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	10.1	8.1	.9	.9	19.0	18.4	.5	.4
Japan	...	...	...	...	.2	.2	.1	.1	2.6	2.1	.4	.4
Egypt	...	...	...	...	5.7	5.5	3.0	3.0	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	126.9	130.4	15.6	18.3	18.6	18.7	.5	.5
Mexico	...	...	...	...	7.0	8.1	.1	.4	18.7	14.3	.2	.2
Argentina	...	...	...	...	2.2	2.3	—	—	1.1	1.1	—	—
Brazil	...	...	...	...	11.7	10.0	.4	*	3.1	2.8	*	*
Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	7.8	7.2	.1	.1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	.7	.5	.1	.1	2.5	2.1	*	*
Other	...	...	...	...	6.0	6.1	.6	.5	2.5	2.2	*	.1
					171.7	172.4	20.8	23.3	78.1	72.4	1.8	1.7
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	20.8	19.9	2.2	2.3	11.7	11.6	.3	.4
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	428.7	434.5	54.2	59.3	183.0	182.0	6.0	6.1



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955
Dominion & Colonial Railways	..	..	..	..	3.8	3.6	.1	.1
Indian Railways	..	..	..	..	2.6	1.7	.1	.1
Foreign Railways	17.7	17.5	.5	.7	8.8	8.7	.8	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	49.8	55.8	5.0	5.7	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries	7.5	7.7	1.0	1.0	.7	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	64.3	65.8	7.0	6.8	3.5	3.4	.2	.1
Electric Lighting & Power	8.7	8.1	.8	.7	3.0	3.0	.2	.1
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	54.4	62.7	5.7	6.2	12.8	13.5	.5	.6
Gas	8.6	8.6	.8	.8	.8	.7	*	*
Mines, Gold	25.9	21.9	2.4	1.8	1.2	.9	*	*
Mines, other than Gold	42.4	44.3	10.3	11.7	1.3	3.4	*	.1
Oil	218.0	221.6	39.0	54.4	25.2	21.5	1.1	1.2
Rubber	72.6	71.6	7.5	10.9	2.5	2.2	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee	41.8	48.0	13.0	9.0	2.2	1.8	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones	26.6	27.3	1.3	1.3	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus	8.8	8.7	.2	.2	13.3	13.3	.1	.1
Other (1)	4.7	3.2	.1	.4	1.5	1.4	.1	.1
TOTAL	651.7	672.8	94.7	111.7	83.2	79.9	3.4	3.2

## VI—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955	End 1954	End 1955	1954	1955
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	38.6	37.7	1.5	1.5	58.3	57.8	2.4	2.4
Foreign Railways	6.4	6.2	*	*	26.0	22.1	.3	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	16.5	16.9	1.8	2.3	17.4	17.0	.4	.5
Canals & Docks	5.5	5.3	3.0	3.0	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	66.5	65.8	7.4	7.0	11.3	9.0	.5	.3
Electric Lighting & Power	18.1	17.0	.8	.9	17.3	23.5	.7	.9
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	7.7	7.9	1.4	1.6	3.9	2.8	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel	5.0	4.7	.5	.5	1.6	1.5	.1	.1
Mines, Gold	52.2	50.9	6.1	6.8	6.3	5.4	.4	.3
Mines, other than Gold	32.1	31.6	13.0	14.4	4.8	7.7	.3	.3
Nitrate	..	..	..	..	7.8	7.2	.1	.1
Oil	28.8	30.9	1.7	1.9	6.1	6.2	.2	.3
Tramways & Omnibus	9.6	7.9	.4	*	1.8	1.5	*	*
Other (2)	15.0	21.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	.7	*	*
	301.9	304.1	38.6	41.1	164.4	163.3	5.4	5.6
U.S.A.								
Railways	10.3	10.1	.4	.4	3.5	3.4	.1	.1
Financial	7.8	8.6	.7	1.0	.7	.8	*	*
Utilities	34.2	35.5	1.8	2.0	13.4	13.4	.4	.4
Industrial	74.6	76.3	12.7	14.9	1.0	1.1	*	*
	126.9	130.4	15.6	18.3	18.6	18.7	.5	.5
TOTAL	428.7	434.5	54.2	59.3	183.0	182.0	6.0	6.1

(1) Iron, Coal and Steel; Nitrate; Water Works; shares of Dominion & Colonial Railways and Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways; Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Rubber; Shipping; Tea & Coffee; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate.

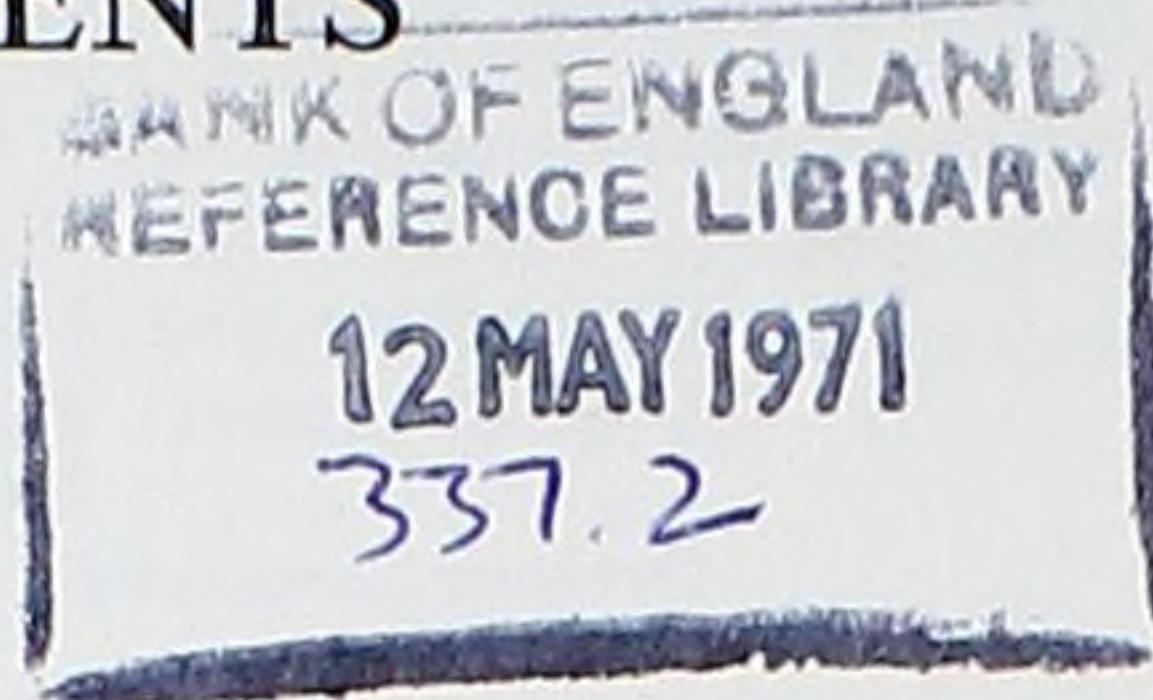


# UNITED KINGDOM

## OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

1956

*Bank of England, 1958*



This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948", and continued in subsequent years in papers issued with the Bank's Annual Report.\*

### *Scope of the Estimates*

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom through the medium of securities quoted on, or otherwise known to, the London Stock Exchange, including U.S. and Canadian dollar market securities on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control.

Capital is represented by nominal value, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership; it is not intended to indicate the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely or predominantly abroad and excludes companies whose activities are divided between home and abroad. Also excluded are all insurance and shipping companies. In consequence an important part of U.K. controlled, or direct, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. It should however be clear that nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, would be regarded as controlled investments in the generally accepted sense.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. income tax at the full standard rate. Most of the U.K.-registered companies included are entitled to Double Taxation Relief and their gross dividends as declared therefore overstate the amount required to pay net dividends to shareholders plus the relative income tax. On the other hand the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits; hence the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in the U.K. Balance of Payments White Papers.

\* A limited number of copies of the original pamphlet and of the supplementary papers are available from the Secretary, Bank of England.



The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses, public companies and others—is again gratefully acknowledged.

### *Nominal Capital Values—Summary*

£ millions

END OF YEAR					1954	1955	1956
Government and Municipal Loans	...	...	...	...	781	770	732
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	...	656	677	676
"      "      : Loan Capital	...	...	...	...	83	79	77
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	...	429	436	447
"      "      : Loan Capital	...	...	...	...	183	183	178
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	2,132	2,144	2,110
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	...	1,185	1,222	1,221
In Foreign Countries	...	...	...	...	683	662	614
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	...	264	261	276

### *Change during 1956—Nominal Value*

The nominal value of all investments included in the survey decreased by £34 million in 1956. Table I gives, by countries, the nominal and cash values of net new investment or net repayment during 1956; that is, the results of all identified transactions (including some market purchases or sales) in which the nominal investment or repayment and the corresponding cash payment or receipt relate to the same overseas country. The total of all these transactions was a repayment of £10 million nominal. Non-sterling securities, however, increased by £4 million as the result of changes in the rates of exchange used for their conversion to sterling. There was therefore a residual decrease of £28 million nominal. This includes some transactions in which investments in one country are known to have been sold to another country, notably £4 million nominal shares of the Trinidad Oil Company sold to the U.S.A.: otherwise the residual decrease represents, apart from errors and omissions, net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents.

### *Gross New Investment and Repayment*

£ millions nominal

					New Investment	Repayment	Net New Investment
Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	...	32	24	8
Foreign Countries	...	...	...	...	17	51	—34
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	...	17	1	16
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	66	76	—10

£ millions cash

Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	...	26	14	12
Foreign Countries	...	...	...	...	6	12	—6
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	...	—	1	—1
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	32	27	5

New investment, the total of which was smaller than usual, included £29 million nominal of issues in capitalisation of company reserves, £5 million in the Commonwealth, £7 million in foreign countries and £17 million by oil companies not classifiable by area. Issues other than capitalisations comprised £13 million nominal in new government and municipal loans, of which the largest were for British East Africa, New Zealand and the Irish Republic, £15 million nominal in shares and £9 million in company loans.



Repayment, other than from the U.S.A., came to £62 million nominal, £10 million government and municipal loans, £41 million shares and £11 million company loans; owing to company liquidations or capital reorganisations, affecting especially investments in the British West Indies, Chile and Peru, the corresponding cash receipt was only £27 million. Investments in the U.S.A. decreased by £14 million nominal. This was the result of a net sale of £20 million nominal government bonds and a net purchase of £6 million nominal shares; because of the different price levels there was on balance a small net cash investment of £1 million. Some further investment in the U.S.A. was offset by switches into Canadian securities.

### *Market Transactions*

The residual decrease of £28 million in the nominal value of investments included, besides the sale to the U.S.A. of £4 million nominal shares of the Trinidad Oil Company for £63 million cash, net sales through the market to unidentified non-residents amounting to £24 million nominal, which are estimated to have realised £27 million cash. They included £12 million nominal of investments in South Africa, Rhodesia and Nyasaland and Australia, sold for £22 million, and £11 million nominal in Germany and Japan (mainly bonds affected by the debt settlement agreements) sold for £17 million. In the reverse direction, £10 million nominal of investments in Canada were purchased for £32 million cash.

### *Total Cash Transactions in 1956*

The cash value of net new investment is shown above to have been £5 million and the residual decrease of £28 million in the nominal value of investments to have had a cash value of £90 million. Thus the whole of the transactions leading to the fall of £34 million nominal resulted in a receipt from abroad of £85 million cash.

### *Interest and Dividends*

£ millions

		1954	1955	1956
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	28.2	27.1	27.4
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	95.2	112.2	120.1
" " : Loan Interest	...	3.4	3.2	2.9
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	54.2	59.3	65.8
" " : Loan Interest	...	6.0	6.1	6.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	...	<b>187.0</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>223.1</b>
From Commonwealth Countries	...	105.8	110.3	117.7
From Foreign Countries	...	44.2	46.1	49.7
Not Classifiable by Area	...	36.9	51.5	55.7

For the fourth year in succession there was a rise in the total of interest and dividends. Interest on all classes of loans together rose very slightly (less than £1 million) in 1956 although capital was reduced. A special distribution out of Enemy Property was made on German bonds; a similar distribution on Roumanian bonds had been made in 1955. Both higher rates of dividend and larger capital holdings increased dividends from oil companies (by over £5 million), tea companies and, in general, companies operating in the U.S.A. and Canada. Higher rates alone applied to copper mines and some of the new South African gold mines paid their first dividend.

### *Revisions*

During the compilation of the 1956 estimates those for 1954 and 1955 have been revised in the light of the latest information available. The effect of all revisions was to increase the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1954 by £5 million and at the end of 1955 by £7 million; total interest and dividends were increased by £.5 million in both years.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

				NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1956(1)	
				End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES									
British West Africa	...	...	...	45	44	5.6	5.4	— 1.0	— 1.2
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	...	...	5	—	.2	—	—	—
British East Africa	...	...	...	57	60	2.7	3.4	4.3	4.7
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	132	130	15.2	17.7	— 1.0	— 1.2
South Africa	...	...	...	161	156	18.7	19.5	— .8	— .6
India	...	...	...	66	65	9.9	10.8	— .6	— 1.8
Pakistan	...	...	...	10	11	2.0	2.6	— .1	— .2
Ceylon	...	...	...	29	28	5.0	5.7	.2	— 1.5
Malaya	...	...	...	71	72	14.5	14.7	— .6	— 1.6
Australia	...	...	...	338	335	17.0	17.2	3.7	4.1
New Zealand	...	...	...	89	93	3.5	4.3	4.6	4.2
Canada	...	...	...	171	188	11.2	12.5	3.6	6.2
British West Indies	...	...	...	37	29	3.6	2.9	— 5.0	1.1
Other	...	...	...	10	10	1.1	1.1	.2	.2
				1,222	1,221	110.3	117.7	7.7	12.3
FOREIGN COUNTRIES									
Irish Republic	...	...	...	38	41	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.5
France	...	...	...	5	4	.4	.4	— .1	— .1
Germany	...	...	...	24	17	.9	3.0	— .6	— .3
Austria	...	...	...	3	3	.2	.3	— .4	— .2
Denmark	...	...	...	4	3	.2	.2	— .2	— .2
Norway	...	...	...	5	4	.2	.2	— .4	— .4
Hungary	...	...	...	14	14	*	*	—	—
Roumania	...	...	...	14	14	1.7	*	— .1	—
Greece	...	...	...	22	21	*	*	— .1	— .2
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	45	48	3.4	3.3	3.5	— 1.3
Burma	...	...	...	8	8	.8	1.2	*	—
China	...	...	...	34	34	.1	*	— .4	—
Japan	...	...	...	32	26	3.7	3.1	— .8	— .9
Indonesia	...	...	...	18	17	.7	.5	— 1.5	— .3
Egypt	...	...	...	10	11	3.4	3.7	1.1	— .2
Sudan	...	...	...	—	4	—	.2	— .5	— .5
U.S.A.	...	...	...	186	173	19.9	22.8	— 13.3	1.6
Mexico	...	...	...	26	24	1.2	1.2	— 1.1	— 1.1
Argentina	...	...	...	36	34	.8	.7	— 1.0	— 1.0
Brazil	...	...	...	32	28	.8	1.0	— 1.4	— 1.4
Chile	...	...	...	31	27	1.0	.9	— 2.9	— .5
Peru	...	...	...	21	7	.6	.4	— 13.4	*
Uruguay	...	...	...	5	5	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Rest of South America	...	...	...	20	20	1.9	1.9	— .9	— .8
Other	...	...	...	30	28	2.3	2.6	— 1.4	— .6
				662	614	46.1	49.7	— 34.1	— 6.2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	261	276	51.5	55.7	16.8	— .7
TOTAL	...	...	...	2,144	2,110	207.8	223.1	— 9.6	5.4

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST			NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST	
	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956		End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					FOREIGN COUNTRIES				
British West Africa ...	7.3	6.7	.3	.2	Irish Republic...	32.4	35.4	1.4	1.5
British East Africa ...	29.4	32.6	1.1	1.2	Germany ...	18.7	15.3	.8	2.6
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	87.4	85.2	2.7	2.9	Austria ...	3.1	2.5	.2	.2
South Africa ...	29.8	28.5	1.1	1.1	Denmark ...	1.9	1.8	.1	.1
India ...	1.4	1.3	.1	.1	Norway ...	4.7	4.0	.2	.2
Ceylon ...	6.6	5.9	.3	.2	Hungary ...	9.0	9.0	*	*
Malaya ...	4.6	4.6	.1	.1	Roumania ...	12.4	12.3	1.7	*
Australia ...	266.0	260.0	8.9	8.6	Greece ...	19.1	18.8	*	*
New Zealand ...	67.2	69.3	2.2	2.4	Rest of Europe ...	14.2	13.3	.2	.3
Canada ...	11.6	11.9	.4	.4	China ...	33.1	33.1	—	—
British West Indies ...	8.9	10.0	.3	.3	Japan ...	29.0	23.9	3.2	2.7
Other ...	7.3	3.3	.3	.1	U.S.A. ...	34.8	14.2	.7	1.0
	527.4	519.4	17.7	17.8	Argentina ...	.5	.3	*	*
					Brazil ...	9.8	8.2	.3	.2
					Chile ...	11.8	10.6	.4	.3
					Uruguay ...	3.1	2.8	.1	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	1.7	1.8	.1	.1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ...	242.1	213.0	9.4	9.6	Other ...	2.8	5.8	.1	.2
TOTAL ...	769.5	732.3	27.1	27.4		242.1	213.0	9.4	9.6

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948". Changes made in previous supplementary papers were the transfer of the Irish Republic (formerly Eire) from Commonwealth Countries to Foreign Countries, the substitution of Indonesia for Netherlands East Indies and of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for British Central Africa. In 1956, the Republic of the Sudan (formerly the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan) has been transferred from Commonwealth Countries to Foreign Countries.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
British West Africa	...	...	...	37.6	37.2	5.3	5.2	.3	.4	*	*
British East Africa	...	...	...	10.8	10.7	1.0	1.1	.5	.8	*	*
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	17.1	18.0	3.3	3.8	2.1	2.2	.1	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	33.3	33.1	3.5	3.9	1.5	2.3	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	55.5	55.6	9.4	10.4	5.5	4.6	.3	.2
Pakistan	...	...	...	10.0	10.5	2.0	2.6	.2	.1	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	21.3	21.5	4.7	5.4	.7	.7	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	63.1	64.5	13.4	13.8	.8	.8	*	.1
Australia	...	...	...	40.9	42.6	5.3	5.8	7.0	8.7	.2	.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	7.7	8.2	.8	.9	2.4	3.2	.1	.1
Canada	...	...	...	8.7	8.9	1.0	1.3	.6	.7	*	*
British West Indies	...	...	...	15.9	14.1	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	6.2	6.1	.9	.8	1.0	.4	*	*
				328.1	331.0	53.7	57.3	24.5	26.8	1.1	1.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.4	1.4	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	22.3	25.8	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.6	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	7.4	7.4	.7	1.2	.4	.2	*	*
China	...	...	...	1.2	.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	16.8	15.5	.7	.4	1.3	1.2	*	*
Egypt	...	...	...	3.9	5.1	.5	.6	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	2.9	2.8	.6	.6	.3	.2	—	—
Argentina	...	...	...	20.5	18.9	.8	.6	11.4	11.3	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	6.9	6.4	.4	.3	2.6	1.9	.1	.1
Chile	...	...	...	9.2	6.9	.4	.4	2.2	2.1	.1	.1
Peru	...	...	...	16.5	1.8	.3	.2	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	14.8	14.5	1.7	1.9	7.6	4.2	.4	.1
Other	...	...	...	16.6	16.9	2.0	2.3	5.3	5.7	.2	.3
				140.6	124.3	10.7	11.1	33.8	29.4	1.0	.7
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	207.9	220.5	47.7	51.7	21.2	20.9	1.1	1.0
TOTAL	...	...	...	676.6	675.9	112.2	120.1	79.5	77.1	3.2	2.9



## IV—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	6.0	5.9	.4	.4	10.6	10.3	.2	.6
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	20.5	20.2	8.9	10.6	4.9	4.4	.2	.3
South Africa	...	...	...	...	84.2	80.8	13.3	13.9	12.6	11.1	.7	.6
India	...	...	...	...	2.8	2.8	.2	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya	...	...	...	...	2.2	1.9	.9	.6	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	18.8	18.8	2.4	2.2	5.1	5.1	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	11.9	11.9	.4	.8	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	87.4	100.7	7.2	8.2	63.0	65.6	2.6	2.6
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	9.7	2.6	.2	.2	..	..	..	..
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.3	.1	.1	1.7	1.3	.1	.1
					243.7	246.0	33.9	37.2	97.8	97.7	4.0	4.3
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	3.4	3.4	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	7.9	7.7	.7	.8	18.6	14.6	.4	.6
Japan	...	...	...	...	.2	.2	.1	*	2.6	2.1	.4	.3
Egypt	...	...	...	...	5.5	5.2	3.0	3.0	*	*	*	*
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	130.4	136.8	18.3	20.6	18.7	18.6	.5	.7
Mexico	...	...	...	...	8.1	7.2	.4	.4	14.5	13.7	.2	.2
Argentina	...	...	...	...	2.3	2.5	—	*	1.1	1.1	—	—
Brazil	...	...	...	...	10.0	8.9	*	.4	2.8	3.0	*	*
Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	7.2	7.0	.1	*
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	.5	2.5	.1	*	2.1	3.7	*	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	6.1	6.0	.5	.5	2.2	1.9	.1	.1
					172.2	178.0	23.2	26.0	73.3	69.2	1.8	2.2
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	19.9	22.8	2.3	2.6	11.6	11.5	.4	.4
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	435.9	446.8	59.3	65.8	182.6	178.4	6.1	6.9



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956
Dominion & Colonial Railways	..	..	..	..	3.6	3.4	.1	.1
Indian Railways	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.0	.1	*
Foreign Railways	17.5	14.9	.7	.8	8.7	8.4	.3	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	55.8	58.1	5.7	6.2	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries	7.7	6.9	1.0	.9	.7	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	70.7	70.8	7.3	7.1	3.4	4.7	.1	.2
Electric Lighting & Power	8.1	8.0	.7	.8	3.0	2.9	.1	.1
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	62.6	48.8	6.2	7.2	13.1	12.3	.5	.5
Gas	8.6	13.2	.8	1.0	.7	.7	*	*
Mines, Gold	21.5	19.8	1.8	1.6	.8	1.0	*	.1
Mines, other than Gold	44.1	43.6	11.7	12.3	3.4	3.1	.1	.1
Oil	221.6	233.2	54.4	59.4	21.5	21.3	1.2	1.1
Rubber	71.5	71.8	10.9	10.9	2.2	2.0	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee	47.6	48.6	9.0	10.4	1.8	1.7	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones	27.3	26.6	1.3	1.3	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus	8.7	8.6	.2	.2	13.3	12.5	.1	.1
Other (1)	3.2	3.1	.4	.1	1.4	1.4	.1	.1
TOTAL	676.6	675.9	112.2	120.1	79.5	77.1	3.2	2.9

## VI—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956	End 1955	End 1956	1955	1956
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	37.7	38.7	1.5	1.5	57.8	57.9	2.4	2.4
Foreign Railways	6.2	6.1	*	*	22.1	21.2	.3	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	16.9	19.5	2.3	2.6	17.0	16.2	.5	.5
Canals & Docks	5.3	5.0	3.0	3.0	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	65.6	67.4	6.8	7.0	9.2	6.0	.3	.5
Electric Lighting & Power	17.0	17.7	.9	1.0	24.0	22.2	.9	1.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	8.9	12.9	1.6	1.8	3.0	5.2	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel	4.7	4.7	.5	.6	1.5	1.2	.1	.1
Mines, Gold	51.3	50.1	6.9	7.2	5.4	4.3	.3	.2
Mines, other than Gold	31.5	30.8	14.4	16.1	7.7	7.9	.3	.4
Nitrate	..	..	..	..	7.2	7.0	.1	*
Oil	30.9	28.3	1.9	2.4	6.0	6.9	.3	.3
Tramways & Omnibus	7.9	6.8	*	.4	1.5	1.8	*	*
Other (2)	21.4	21.7	1.1	1.6	.7	1.0	*	*
	305.5	309.9	41.0	45.2	163.9	159.7	5.6	6.2
U.S.A.								
Railways	10.1	8.2	.4	.5	3.4	3.4	.1	.1
Financial	8.6	10.5	1.0	1.1	.8	.8	*	*
Utilities	35.5	39.9	2.0	2.3	13.4	13.4	.4	.5
Industrial	76.3	78.3	14.9	16.8	1.1	1.1	*	*
	130.4	136.8	18.3	20.6	18.7	18.6	.5	.7
TOTAL	435.9	446.8	59.3	65.8	182.6	178.4	6.1	6.9

(1) Iron, Coal and Steel; Nitrate; Water Works; shares of Dominion & Colonial Railways and Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

(2) Indian Railways; Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Rubber; Shipping; Tea & Coffee; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate.



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This paper continues a series of estimates first published by the Bank in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948", and continued in subsequent years in papers issued with the Bank's Annual Report.\*

## *Scope of the Estimates*

The estimates cover the investments of residents of the United Kingdom in securities dealt in on the London Stock Exchange and in U.S. and Canadian dollar securities quoted abroad on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control.

Capital is represented by nominal value, which is a convenient basis for investigating changes in ownership; it is not intended to indicate the realisable value of investments from time to time. The conversion into sterling of the nominal amounts of securities denominated in other currencies has been made at the rates of exchange current at the end of each year.

As well as giving the annual change in the nominal value of the securities held, the estimates show the amount of cash paid or received by the United Kingdom on account of transactions in these securities.

Government and municipal loans are classified by debtor country, not by currency, and overseas-registered companies are classified by country of operation, not by country of registration.

The selection of U.K.-registered companies is limited to those operating entirely or predominantly abroad and therefore excludes many whose assets overseas are substantial. Insurance and shipping companies also are excluded. In consequence, an important part of U.K. controlled, or direct, investments overseas is omitted from the estimates. Nevertheless nearly all the U.K.-registered companies that are included, as well as some overseas-registered companies, represent controlled investments in the generally accepted sense.

The amounts of interest and dividends are gross of U.K. income tax at the full standard rate. Most of the U.K.-registered companies included are entitled to Double Taxation Relief and their gross dividends as declared therefore overstate the amount required to pay net dividends to shareholders plus the U.K. income tax paid on their behalf. On the other hand the investigation neither covers the whole field of U.K. overseas investment nor takes account of undistributed profits; hence the figures of interest and dividends are not comparable with figures of investment income contained in the U.K. Balance of Payments White Papers.

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\* A limited number of copies of the original pamphlet and of the supplementary papers are available from the Secretary, Bank of England.



The information contributed voluntarily to assist this investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses, public companies and others—is again gratefully acknowledged.

### *Cash Transactions during 1957*

*£ millions cash*

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gross New Investment</b>	<b>Repayment</b>	<b>Net New Investment</b>	<b>Other Transactions</b>
Commonwealth Countries	28	25	21	4	24
Foreign Countries ...	20	37	12	25	— 5
Not Classifiable by Area	— 7	—	2	— 2	— 5
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>

The table above analyses the net cash flow resulting from changes in U.K. holdings of overseas investments during 1957. This flow is divided into “net new investment” and “other transactions”. “Net new investment”, estimates of which by countries are contained in Table I, consists of identified transactions between residents of the United Kingdom and residents of the country in which the investment is made. It comprises mainly new issues and redemptions but includes also some market purchases and sales, notably those of U.S.A. domestic dollar securities. “Other transactions” is a residual item and therefore includes any errors or omissions.

“Net new investment”, at £27 million in cash, was £22 million higher than in 1956. Gross new cash investment was nearly double that for the previous year, the increase being more than accounted for by the cost of net purchases of U.S.A. securities. In addition two government stocks were issued by British East Africa and a debenture stock by a Rhodesian company. Cash repayments were also higher than in 1956, due to higher repayments by Commonwealth countries, the most notable being the repatriation of South African government securities and the liquidation of several Malayan rubber companies.

For the first time for many years “other transactions” resulted in an expenditure of cash by the United Kingdom. This was due almost entirely to substantial purchases of Canadian securities, the cost of which more than offset the proceeds of sales of Commonwealth and foreign government securities, of shares in South African companies, and of shares in oil companies (not classifiable by area).

### *Change in Nominal Values during 1957*

*£ millions nominal*

	<b>Total Change</b>	<b>Gross New Investment</b>		<b>Repayment</b>	<b>Net New Investment</b>	<b>Other Transactions</b>
		<b>Capitalisation</b>	<b>Other</b>			
Commonwealth Countries	18	14	31	23	22	— 4
Foreign Countries ...	— 19	—	2	15	— 13	— 6
Not Classifiable by Area	— 3	—	—	2	— 2	— 1
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>— 4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>— 11</b>

There were three main reasons for the difference between the nominal and cash values of “net new investment”. Firstly, for Commonwealth countries free issues by companies in capitalisation of reserves amounted to £14 million nominal; secondly, subscriptions to a debenture stock issued by a Rhodesian company were payable in four annual instalments, only one of which was due in 1957. Lastly, for foreign countries nominal investment in the U.S.A. declined slightly, by £2 million, owing to sales of government bonds exceeding purchases of shares in U.S. companies; but the cost of the latter far exceeded the proceeds from the sales of the former, so that there was a net cash investment in the U.S.A. of £36 million.



“Other transactions”, consisting mainly of market purchases and sales, also included, in 1957, a reduction of £4 million nominal on account of alterations in the rates at which securities denominated in other currencies (mainly Canadian dollars) were converted to sterling. In the Commonwealth, the nominal value of sales, mainly of government loans and of shares in South African companies, exactly balanced that of purchases of Canadian securities; but, in cash terms, the latter far exceeded the former. In foreign countries sales of Irish, German and Japanese government loans preponderated.

### Nominal Capital Values—Summary

£ millions

<i>millions</i>				1955	1956	1957
<b>End of Year</b>						
Government and Municipal Loans	...	...	...	770	732	707
U.K. Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	677	674	670
" " : Loan Capital	...	...	...	79	77	75
Overseas Companies: Share Capital	...	...	...	436	446	466
" " : Loan Capital	...	...	...	183	178	184
<b>TOTAL</b>	...	...	...	<u>2,144</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>2,102</u>
In Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...	1,222	1,216	1,234
In Foreign Countries	...	...	...	662	614	594
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	261	276	273

The nominal value of all the securities included in the survey fell slightly, by £4 million, during 1957. Net new investment of £7 million nominal was offset by net market sales of the same amount, but the nominal value of non-sterling securities diminished by £4 million as a result of changes in the rates of exchange used for their conversion to sterling.

### Interest and Dividends

£ millions

<i>millions</i>						<b>1955</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1957</b>
Government and Municipal Loan Interest	...	...				27.1	27.5	25.6
U.K. Companies: Share Dividends	...	...	...			112.2	119.8	119.0
" " : Loan Interest	...	...	...			3.2	2.9	2.8
Overseas Companies: Share Dividends	...	...				59.3	65.9	64.7
" " : Loan Interest	...	...	...			6.1	6.9	6.6
TOTAL						207.8	223.0	218.8
From Commonwealth Countries	...	...	...			110.3	117.6	116.2
From Foreign Countries	...	...	...	...		46.1	49.6	44.8
Not Classifiable by Area	...	...	...	...		51.5	55.7	57.8

After rising for four successive years, the total of interest and dividends fell slightly in 1957. Interest on government and municipal loans was lower as a result of sales of U.S. Treasury bonds. A special distribution out of Enemy Property had been made on German bonds in 1956 and, though a similar distribution was made in 1957 on Roumanian bonds, it was much smaller. The Suez Canal Company did not declare a dividend in 1957 and paid only the statutory interest. Tea companies in India and Ceylon, the Rhodesian copper mines and certain base metal mines in Australia and Malaya paid lower dividends. Some of the rubber companies in Malaya, on the other hand, paid more and a number of South African gold mines paid higher or first dividends. The rise in income from U.S.A. and Canada was a reflection of the increased investment in companies operating in those countries.

## Revisions

During the compilation of the 1957 estimates those for 1956 have been revised in the light of later information. As a result, the estimate of total nominal capital at the end of 1956 has been reduced by £4 million.



## I—ALL SECURITIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions

	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		NET NEW INVESTMENT IN 1957(1)	
	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	Nominal	Cash
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES						
West Africa ... ..	44	46	5.4	5.5	1.5	— .2
British East Africa ... ..	60	69	3.3	3.7	10.3	10.0
Rhodesia & Nyasaland ... ..	130	136	17.7	13.8	8.9	1.0
South Africa ... ..	155	147	19.6	20.4	— 3.2	— 3.7
India ... ..	65	65	10.8	9.8	.6	— 2.6
Pakistan ... ..	11	11	2.6	2.6	1.2	.5
Ceylon ... ..	28	28	5.7	4.0	.2	— .7
Malaya ... ..	72	69	14.7	15.5	— 1.7	— 5.3
Australia ... ..	333	329	17.0	17.2	.9	.1
New Zealand ... ..	93	93	4.3	4.4	.8	.1
Canada ... ..	187	202	12.5	14.9	1.9	4.6
British West Indies ... ..	29	28	2.9	3.1	— .3	.3
Other ... ..	10	10	1.1	1.1	.4	.2
	1,216	1,234	117.6	116.2	21.7	4.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES						
Irish Republic ... ..	41	39	1.9	1.9	— .5	— .4
France ... ..	5	5	.4	.4	*	— .1
Germany ... ..	17	16	3.0	.6	— .2	— .2
Austria ... ..	3	2	.3	.1	— .3	— .2
Denmark ... ..	3	3	.2	.2	— .2	— .2
Norway ... ..	4	4	.2	.2	— .3	— .3
Hungary ... ..	14	14	*	.2	—	—
Roumania ... ..	14	13	*	1.2	— .5	— .4
Greece ... ..	21	19	*	*	— .5	— .7
Rest of Europe ... ..	48	48	3.3	3.3	— 1.7	— 1.5
Burma ... ..	8	7	1.2	.8	*	*
China ... ..	34	34	*	*	*	—
Japan ... ..	26	23	3.1	2.7	— .6	— .8
Indonesia ... ..	17	15	.5	.5	— 1.5	— 1.4
Egypt ... ..	11	11	3.7	.3	— .3	— .3
Sudan ... ..	4	4	.2	.2	— .3	— .3
U.S.A. ... ..	173	171	22.8	23.4	— 1.6	35.5
Mexico ... ..	24	23	1.2	1.0	— 1.1	— 1.0
Argentina ... ..	34	34	.7	1.1	— .2	— .3
Brazil ... ..	28	27	1.0	.8	— 1.2	— 1.0
Chile ... ..	27	26	.9	.6	— .6	— .5
Peru ... ..	7	6	.4	.4	— .1	— .1
Uruguay ... ..	5	4	.2	.2	— .1	— .1
Rest of South America ... ..	20	20	1.9	1.9	— .4	*
Other ... ..	28	26	2.6	2.8	— .8	— .4
	614	594	49.6	44.8	— 13.0	25.4
NOT CLASSIFIABLE ... ..	276	273	55.7	57.8	— 1.6	— 2.2
TOTAL ... ..	2,106	2,102	223.0	218.8	7.0	27.4

(1) A minus sign indicates Net Repayment.



## II—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL LOANS: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions	NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST		NOMINAL CAPITAL		INTEREST		
	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES				FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
West Africa ... ..	6.7	6.5	.2	.2	Irish Republic...	35.4	33.2	1.5	1.5
British East Africa ...	32.6	41.9	1.2	1.6	Germany ... ..	15.3	13.8	2.7	.5
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	85.2	82.5	2.9	2.9	Austria ... ..	2.5	2.1	.2	.1
South Africa ... ..	28.5	24.2	1.1	1.0	Denmark ... ..	1.8	1.6	.1	.1
India ... ..	1.3	1.3	.1	.1	Norway ... ..	4.0	3.8	.2	.2
Ceylon ... ..	5.9	5.4	.2	.2	Hungary ... ..	9.0	8.9	*	.2
Malaya ... ..	4.6	4.4	.1	.1	Roumania ... ..	12.3	12.1	*	1.2
Australia ... ..	259.5	252.8	8.6	8.5	Greece ... ..	18.8	18.7	*	*
New Zealand ... ..	69.3	68.4	2.4	2.6	Rest of Europe ...	13.3	12.1	.3	.2
Canada ... ..	11.9	14.5	.4	.4	China ... ..	33.1	33.1	—	—
British West Indies ...	10.0	9.4	.3	.4	Japan ... ..	23.9	21.0	2.7	2.4
Other ... ..	3.3	3.5	.1	.1	U.S.A. ... ..	14.2	4.5	1.0	.3
	518.8	514.8	17.8	18.2	Argentina ... ..	.3	.3	*	*
					Brazil ... ..	8.2	7.2	.2	.2
					Chile ... ..	10.6	10.2	.3	.3
					Uruguay ... ..	2.8	2.7	.1	.1
					Rest of S. America ...	1.8	1.8	.1	.1
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ...	212.9	192.3	9.7	7.5	Other ... ..	5.7	5.3	.2	.2
TOTAL ... ..	731.8	707.1	27.5	25.6		212.9	192.3	9.7	7.5

## GENERAL NOTES TO THE TABLES

All figures are given correct to the nearest final digit; for this reason the sum of the separate items will sometimes differ from the total as shown.

\* indicates a figure less than £50,000.

— indicates nil.

.. indicates not separately specified.

The geographical areas and the types of company were defined in "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948". Changes made in previous supplementary papers have been the transfer of the Irish Republic (formerly Eire) and the Sudan from Commonwealth Countries to Foreign Countries, the substitution of Indonesia for Netherlands East Indies and of Rhodesia & Nyasaland for British Central Africa. In 1957 West Africa, which includes the State of Ghana (formerly the Colony of the Gold Coast and the Trusteeship Territory of Togoland) has been substituted for British West Africa.



## III—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

<i>£ millions</i>				NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
				End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES											
West Africa	...	...	...	37.3	38.7	5.2	5.3	.4	.4	*	*
British East Africa	...	...	...	10.2	10.4	1.1	1.1	.8	.7	*	*
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	17.9	17.1	3.8	3.2	2.2	2.4	.1	.1
South Africa	...	...	...	32.9	33.7	3.9	4.0	2.2	2.1	.1	.1
India	...	...	...	55.4	57.4	10.4	9.4	4.6	3.9	.2	.2
Pakistan	...	...	...	10.5	11.3	2.6	2.6	.1	*	*	*
Ceylon	...	...	...	21.5	21.8	5.4	3.8	.7	.6	*	*
Malaya	...	...	...	64.5	61.9	13.8	14.6	.8	.7	.1	.1
Australia	...	...	...	40.6	40.9	5.7	5.7	8.7	8.4	.3	.3
New Zealand	...	...	...	8.2	9.3	.9	1.0	3.2	3.4	.1	.2
Canada	...	...	...	8.9	9.5	1.3	1.7	.7	.7	*	*
British West Indies	...	...	...	14.1	12.9	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.7	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	6.1	6.2	.8	.9	.4	.4	*	*
				328.2	331.0	57.0	55.7	26.5	25.6	1.1	1.2
FOREIGN COUNTRIES											
Irish Republic	...	...	...	1.4	1.4	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	26.6	25.4	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5	.1	.1
Burma	...	...	...	7.4	7.0	1.2	.8	.2	.2	*	*
China	...	...	...	.9	.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	...	...	...	15.4	13.9	.4	.4	1.2	1.2	*	*
Egypt	...	...	...	5.1	5.1	.6	—	..	..	..	..
Mexico	...	...	...	2.8	2.8	.6	.6	.2	.2	—	—
Argentina	...	...	...	18.9	18.8	.6	1.0	11.3	11.3	*	*
Brazil	...	...	...	6.4	6.1	.3	.3	1.9	1.8	.1	*
Chile	...	...	...	6.9	6.9	.4	.1	2.1	2.0	.1	.1
Peru	...	...	...	1.8	1.4	.2	.2	..	..	..	..
Rest of South America	...	...	...	14.5	14.4	1.9	1.8	4.2	4.1	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	16.9	16.0	2.3	2.6	5.7	5.1	.3	.3
				125.0	120.1	11.1	10.4	29.4	28.5	.7	.6
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	220.5	219.2	51.7	53.0	20.9	20.6	1.0	1.0
TOTAL	...	...	...	673.8	670.3	119.8	119.0	76.8	74.7	2.9	2.8



## IV—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY COUNTRIES

£ millions					NOMINAL SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOMINAL LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
					End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES												
British East Africa	...	...	...	...	5.9	6.0	.4	.5	10.3	10.2	.6	.5
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	...	...	...	...	20.1	23.3	10.5	7.3	4.4	10.9	.3	.2
South Africa	...	...	...	...	80.8	76.9	14.0	14.8	11.1	10.3	.6	.5
India	...	...	...	...	2.8	2.2	.1	.1	..	..	..	..
Malaya	...	...	...	...	1.9	2.2	.6	.7	—	—	—	—
Australia	...	...	...	...	18.8	21.5	2.2	2.3	5.1	5.1	.2	.2
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	11.9	11.9	.8	.7	—	—	—	—
Canada	...	...	...	...	99.9	107.2	8.2	10.0	65.6	70.3	2.6	2.8
British West Indies	...	...	...	...	2.6	3.5	.2	.3	..	..	..	..
Other	...	...	...	...	.3	.5	.1	.1	1.3	.9	.1	*
					245.0	255.2	37.3	36.8	97.7	107.7	4.3	4.4
FOREIGN COUNTRIES												
Irish Republic	...	...	...	...	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	3.4	3.5	.1	.1
Rest of Europe	...	...	...	...	7.7	9.9	.8	1.0	14.6	12.8	.6	.4
Japan	...	...	...	...	.2	.2	*	*	2.1	1.8	.3	.2
Egypt	...	...	...	...	5.2	5.2	3.0	.3	*	*	*	—
U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	136.8	145.6	20.6	22.0	18.6	18.6	.7	.7
Mexico	...	...	...	...	7.2	6.2	.4	.2	13.7	13.1	.2	.2
Argentina	...	...	...	...	2.5	2.5	*	*	1.1	1.1	—	—
Brazil	...	...	...	...	8.9	9.3	.4	.3	3.0	2.8	*	*
Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	7.0	6.9	*	*
Rest of South America	...	...	...	...	2.4	2.4	*	.1	3.6	3.5	.1	.1
Other	...	...	...	...	6.0	5.7	.5	.4	1.9	1.2	.1	*
					177.9	188.2	26.0	24.5	69.1	65.3	2.2	1.8
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	...	...	...	...	22.8	22.3	2.6	3.4	11.5	11.2	.4	.4
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	445.7	465.7	65.9	64.7	178.3	184.2	6.9	6.6



## V—U.K.-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End	End	1956	1957	End	End	1956	1957
	1956	1957			1956	1957		
Dominion & Colonial Railways	..	..	..	..	3.4	3.3	.1	.1
Indian Railways	..	..	..	..	1.0	.5	*	*
Foreign Railways	14.9	14.9	.8	.2	8.4	8.3	.3	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	58.6	61.0	6.2	6.6	—	—	—	—
Breweries & Distilleries	6.9	6.8	.9	1.0	.7	.7	*	*
Commercial, Industrial, &c.	70.8	71.0	7.1	7.6	4.6	4.4	.2	.2
Electric Lighting & Power	8.0	7.8	.8	.7	2.8	2.6	.1	.1
Financial Trusts, Land, &c.	46.8	46.5	7.0	7.1	12.3	12.5	.5	.5
Gas	13.2	13.3	1.0	1.0	.7	.6	*	*
Mines, Gold	19.9	18.5	1.6	2.1	1.0	1.0	.1	.1
Mines, other than Gold	43.5	43.4	12.2	11.4	3.1	2.7	.1	.1
Oil	233.2	230.6	59.4	60.0	21.3	20.9	1.1	1.0
Rubber	71.7	66.9	10.9	11.8	2.0	1.8	.1	.1
Tea & Coffee	47.9	48.6	10.3	7.8	1.7	1.3	.1	.1
Telegraphs & Telephones	26.6	27.8	1.3	1.4	..	..	..	..
Tramways & Omnibus	8.6	8.6	.2	.2	12.5	12.4	.1	.1
Other (1)	3.1	4.7	.1	.2	1.4	1.4	.1	.1
TOTAL	673.8	670.3	119.8	119.0	76.8	74.7	2.9	2.8

## VI—OVERSEAS-REGISTERED COMPANIES: BY TYPES OF COMPANY

£ millions	NOM. SHARE CAPITAL		SHARE DIVIDENDS		NOM. LOAN CAPITAL		LOAN INTEREST	
	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957	End 1956	End 1957	1956	1957
EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.A.								
Dominion & Colonial Railways	38.7	39.5	1.5	1.6	57.9	56.0	2.4	2.3
Foreign Railways ... ..	6.1	6.1	*	*	21.2	20.5	.3	.3
Banks & Discount Companies	18.7	20.2	2.6	2.6	16.2	14.4	.5	.5
Canals & Docks ... ..	5.0	5.1	3.0	.3	.8	.8	—	—
Commercial, Industrial, &c. ...	67.4	68.7	6.9	8.0	6.0	7.1	.5	.3
Electric Lighting & Power ...	17.7	17.3	1.0	1.1	22.2	21.9	1.2	1.2
Financial Trusts, Land, &c. ...	12.8	13.5	1.8	2.3	5.2	5.2	.2	.2
Iron, Coal & Steel ... ..	4.7	5.8	.6	.7	1.2	.6	.1	*
Mines, Gold ... ..	50.0	47.4	7.4	8.6	4.3	4.1	.2	.2
Mines, other than Gold ...	30.8	35.0	16.1	12.3	7.9	15.0	.4	.4
Nitrate ... ..	..	..	..	..	7.0	6.9	*	*
Oil ... ..	28.3	29.8	2.4	3.2	6.9	7.5	.3	.3
Tramways & Omnibus ...	6.8	7.2	.4	.3	1.8	1.8	*	*
Other (2) ... ..	21.7	24.5	1.6	1.7	1.0	3.8	*	.1
	308.9	320.1	45.3	42.7	159.7	165.5	6.2	5.9
U.S.A.								
Railways ... ..	8.2	5.9	.5	.5	3.4	3.3	.1	.1
Financial ... ..	10.5	13.6	1.1	1.4	.8	1.0	*	*
Utilities ... ..	39.9	42.7	2.3	2.5	13.4	13.4	.5	.5
Industrial ... ..	78.3	83.4	16.8	17.6	1.1	.9	*	*
	136.8	145.6	20.6	22.0	18.6	18.6	.7	.7
TOTAL ... ..	445.7	465.7	65.9	64.7	178.3	184.2	6.9	6.6

(1) Iron, Coal and Steel; Nitrate; Water Works; shares of Dominion & Colonial Railways and Indian Railways; loans of Telegraphs & Telephones.

(2) Breweries & Distilleries; Gas; Shipping; Telegraphs & Telephones; shares of Nitrate, Rubber and Tea & Coffee; loans of Indian Railways.



# UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

1958

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Estimates relating to the United Kingdom's overseas investments have been published by the Bank over the past ten years and form a yearly series extending from 1938 to 1957. They first appeared in October, 1950, in a pamphlet entitled "United Kingdom Overseas Investments, 1938 to 1948", and were continued in papers issued with each of the Bank's subsequent Annual Reports. It has now become necessary to make certain changes in the scope and, in some respects, the form of the Bank's compilation. These changes are here described and estimates on an amended basis then presented.

The Bank's estimates, as published hitherto, fall into two classes of securities owned by residents of the United Kingdom. These are, first, shares and debentures of U.K.-registered companies operating entirely or predominantly abroad, which represent direct, or controlled, investments; and, secondly, overseas government and municipal loans and shares and debentures of overseas-registered companies, which represent in the main what are commonly described as portfolio investments. Since the publication of last year's estimates, the Board of Trade, with co-operation from the Bank, have instituted a statistical survey of direct investment transactions between the United Kingdom and abroad, which relates in the first instance to the year 1958 and will be continued thereafter. This new investigation, so far as it applies to direct investments abroad, covers the U.K. companies concerned and their transactions with their overseas branches and subsidiary and associated companies on a comprehensive basis, and so more fully than the Bank's estimates relating to direct invest-

ments. For this reason, the Bank have discontinued these estimates and now confine their compilation, beginning with the year 1958, to the United Kingdom's overseas portfolio investments.

Such investments comprise, by definition, holdings of U.K. residents in overseas government and municipal loans and in securities of overseas companies with the exception of direct investments by U.K. companies. The category of U.K. investments in overseas-registered companies, as published in the Bank's previous estimates, include certain direct investments, but these are believed to be small in amount and have been eliminated, so far as known, in the estimates here initiated.

The Board of Trade's survey of overseas direct investments has been designed primarily for use in compiling the estimates of the U.K. balance of payments, as officially published. With a similar objective, the Bank's new investigation of overseas portfolio investments directs attention to those items which are significant in connection with the balance of payments accounts. These are the net cash outflow from, or inflow to, the United Kingdom resulting from changes in U.K. holdings of overseas portfolio securities; and the amounts of interest and dividends received by the United Kingdom on these securities, net of overseas tax but gross of U.K. income tax.

Furthermore, the present investigation introduces two changes in compilation which bring the Bank's new estimates into line with current balance of payments practice. First, the geographical classification of overseas company securities is based on country of registration instead of on country of operation as in the



estimates published for the years before 1958. Secondly, the grouping of countries into areas has been amended from Commonwealth Countries and Foreign Countries to Overseas Sterling Area Countries and Non-Sterling Countries. The geographical classification of overseas government and municipal loans, in accord with balance of payments method, continues to be based on debtor country without regard to the currency in which loans are expressed.

The securities covered by the present estimates, as by the previous estimates, are those dealt in on the London Stock Exchange together with U.S. and Canadian dollar securities quoted abroad, on which information is available to the Bank through the operation of Exchange Control. In consequence, the Bank's investigation of portfolio investments, so far as it relates to overseas countries other than the U.S.A. and Canada, omits, as in the past, a large part of U.K. holdings of the securities of companies without registrars or paying agents in the United Kingdom. But it is now possible to give a measure of this

omission by reference to an approximate estimate made by the Board of Inland Revenue, the use of which here is gratefully acknowledged. This estimate comprises total U.K. receipts of interest and dividends from abroad, whether distributed by U.K. or overseas registrars, and relates to the financial year 1958/59. It suggests conjecturally that the shortfall in the Bank's estimate for 1958 of U.K. income from portfolio holdings in overseas companies other than U.S. and Canadian companies is of the order of £20 million in aggregate. The estimates of interest and dividends given below in Table II are correspondingly understated. No measure is possible of the extent to which particular countries are affected: and no estimate is available regarding capital transactions in U.K. holdings of overseas portfolio securities not included in the Bank's survey.

The information contributed voluntarily to assist the Bank's investigation by registrars of all kinds—banks, issuing houses, public companies and others—is gratefully acknowledged.

TABLE I: CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS DURING 1958

£ millions

	Total Net Outflow from U.K.	Gross New Investment	Gross Repayment	Net New Investment	Other Capital Transactions
Overseas Sterling Area Countries	24	56	14	42	-18
Non-Sterling Countries	10	22	8	14	-4
Total	34	78	22	56	-22

The above table analyses the net cash outflow from the United Kingdom which resulted from changes during 1958 in U.K. holdings of overseas portfolio securities within the Bank's compilation and totalled £34 million. This estimate is divided into "net new investment" and "other capital transactions". "Net new investment" consists of transactions which it is possible to identify as between residents of the United Kingdom and residents of the particular country in which the investment is made. It comprises mainly new issues and redemptions, but includes also some market purchases

and sales, notably those of U.S. domestic dollar securities. "Other capital transactions" consist wholly of purchases and sales through the market.

"Net new investment" in Overseas Sterling Area countries during 1958 was composed mostly of subscriptions to, less repayments of, government loans, New Zealand accounting in this respect for £16 million, Australia for £11 million, Rhodesia and Nyasaland for £7 million and the West Indies for £4 million. The main feature of "net new investment" in Non-Sterling countries was net purchases of U.S.



company securities amounting to £15 million. "Other capital transactions" with Overseas Sterling Area countries consisted of net sales of government loans to the extent of £13 million. Among "other capital transactions" with Non-

Sterling countries, net sales of German and Japanese government loans (£9 million) and, on the other hand, net purchases of Canadian company securities (£5 million) were large constituents.

TABLE II: INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS DURING 1958

£ millions

	Total	Overseas Government and Municipal Loans	Overseas Companies		
			Total	Share Dividends	Loan Interest
Overseas Sterling Area Countries	45.2	19.6	25.6	23.9	1.7
Non-Sterling Countries ... ..	46.9	4.4	42.5	37.9	4.6
Total	<u>92.1</u>	<u>24.0</u>	<u>68.1</u>	<u>61.8</u>	<u>6.3</u>

Within the estimated total of £24 million shown in the above table for interest received by the United Kingdom on overseas government and municipal loans during 1958, Australia accounted for £8.5 million, Rhodesia and Nyasaland for £3.2 million, New Zealand for £2.7 million, East Africa for £1.8 million, the Irish Republic for £1.5 million and Japan for £2 million. The estimates of share divi-

dends and loan interest received on overseas company securities include £23.6 million in respect of the U.S.A. and £15 million in respect of Canada. As mentioned earlier, the amounts contained in Table II in respect of overseas companies registered in countries other than the U.S.A. and Canada are limited to income received from securities dealt in on the London Stock Exchange.