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SIR:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Sixth Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston covering the operations of that bank for the period from January 1, 1920, to December 31, 1920.

Respectfully yours,

Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent.

Hon. W. P. G. HARDING,

Governor, Federal Reserve Board,

Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON

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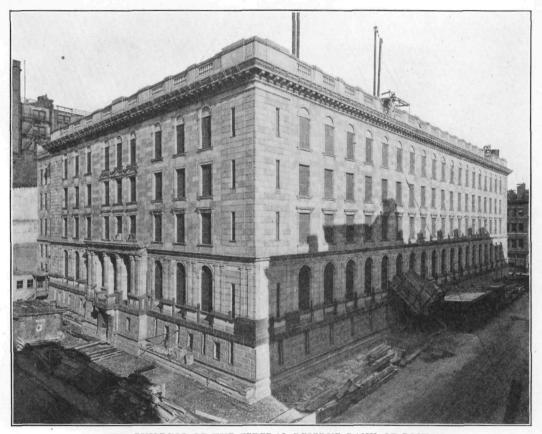
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NEW BUILDING OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON PEARL, FRANKLIN AND OLIVER STREETS

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON.

INTRODUCTION.

The great business activity which marked the last half of the year 1919 continued well into the year 1920 bringing with it a new high level of prices, followed in the late Spring by a slowing down in industry and a decline in commodity prices which continued to the end of the year, prices declining from 25 to 30 per cent. on an average, leaving accumulations of stocks of all kinds of merchandise in the hands of the merchant and the manufacturer. New England, as well as other parts of the country, had the same experience with these fluctuations in commodity prices as was common with the rest of the world, and the policies of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston have been dictated by the effort to minimize the financial results of these extreme fluctuations in the business of this district as far as it was possible so to do.

The officials of the bank realized the dangerous conditions which were developing early in the year and in January established a general increase in discount rates as a warning to its member banks against further expansion and urged contraction where excessive credit lines had been granted. The interference with traffic through heavy snows and railroad embargoes soon emphasized the possibility of overproduction in the district, and this advance in discount rates should have been taken as a warning by business men as well as by the banks that conditions were getting critical, but these signs were not apparent to some business men who saw only prolonged prosperity ahead. Since these increases in discount rates did not appear to be effective a second general increase in rates was made on June 4, when the rates on commercial paper were advanced to 7 per cent. At the beginning of the year 1920 the loan of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, owing to discounts made in this district, was about at its peak, standing at \$289 millions, of which amount it had been necessary to rediscount some \$60 millions with other Federal Reserve Banks, largely those in the South and West, while the bank's adjusted reserve then stood at 27 per cent.; but, through the co-operation of the heads of some of the large banks in the district, pressure was brought on borrowers in specu-

See Schedule No. 40.

2 See Chart G.

lative lines of merchandise to reduce their inventories and prepare for a decline in prices. These arguments were not listened to with any degree of willingness in the early part of the year but, as time went on, it became more and more apparent that prices were too high, and probably the business men of the First Federal Reserve District realized as early as those in any other part of the country that a change was coming. The result was that the loans of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank began to decline, until in August they were reduced to approximately \$120 millions. The situation was greatly helped by the liquidation of loans in the banks secured by Government obligations, many Liberty Loan Bonds being sold even at the prevailing low prices, and loans against them paid off by those who had borrowed to make subscription for the Bonds.

The pressure of declining prices became very severe on the business community in the Fall of the year when markets for nearly all kinds of commodities became demoralized to such an extent that it was almost impossible to sell goods and, therefore, impossible to further liquidate loans to an appreciable amount. This condition was aggravated by the extensive movement for the cancellation of orders, a movement which was more widespread than ever before in an effort to obtain relief from contracts which had been made at prices too high to allow goods to be sold for a profit. In fact it appeared to become quite an ordinary business request to have contracts which had been entered into in all seriousness and good faith by both parties either cancelled or modified. The result of this movement became almost disastrous because it led to manufacturers not only being loaded up with stocks of raw material which they had purchased to complete orders, but also with finished goods which they had supposedly sold but which had been thrown back on them, making in many cases a burden almost impossible to carry. By this process, when the requests for cancellations were successful, many firms avoided some losses which they would otherwise have incurred, but they probably suffered fully as much or more because their own goods were in turn thrown back on them. It was an unfortunate demonstration of the weakness of the moral obligation of contract, and it is to be expected as a result of this experience that firms will take care to make their contracts for sales more binding in legal form than they have been hitherto.

At the time the rate of discount on commercial paper was raised in June to 7 per cent., the rate of discount on notes secured by Government bonds was fixed at 6 per cent. and on notes secured by Certificates of Indebtedness at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. From that date no change was made in the discount rates during the remainder of the year.

The decline in the demand for goods, caused by the fall in commodity prices, resulted in the shutting down to a greater or less extent of most Digitized for FRASER

of the textile mills and also of the boot and shoe factories in New England; in fact, this movement was quite general in all the industries. In the Connecticut brass mills, for instance, the curtailment of production was quite severe, the result being that many operatives worked only part time in the last six months of 1920. The latter part of the year a movement was started for a reduction of wages and, while it did not attain great proportions before the end of the year, the tendency toward lower wages has been plain and probably will result in wage reductions for a great number of people early in 1921.

There were no long term bonds issued by the Government during 1920 but Certificates of Indebtedness were offered from time to time. in order to carry the floating debt of the Government, amounting to about \$3851 millions. As large amounts of these Certificates were made payable on the dates when taxes were due, the total amount of this floating debt was reduced considerably on these dates, but new issues soon increased the amounts again to about the previous level. The offerings of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to the New England banks were in the usual proportion to previous issues of Certificates, but the banks did not buy them freely, with the result that this bank was not able to place its full quota in a number of issues. This reflected the feeling in New England that it was necessary for people to conserve all of their resources in order to liquidate their bank loans, and a change did not come in this feeling until the last issue of Certificates was offered on December 15th, when the quota of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was about \$42 millions, while it received subscriptions for about \$49 millions. To be sure, these were offered at attractive rates—viz. 53/4 and 6 per cent., but similar rates had not attracted subscriptions earlier in the year, and, therefore, the liberal subscriptions received for this issue seemed plainly to indicate an easier condition and to foreshadow a probable easing of interest rates early in the year.

During the latter part of the year, country banks in this District were comparatively small borrowers at the Federal Reserve Bank and the number of borrowing banks was reduced from 267 on January 1, 1920, to slightly over 230 on December 31, 1920. Most of the borrowings of the country banks were made on Government obligations because of the lower rate of discount.

The subscriptions of the country banks to Certificates of Indebtedness during the year were quite small, neither did they buy any great amount of commercial paper. On the other hand, the market for bankers' acceptances has gradually widened as this form of investment has become better known. The result is that there has been a good market for acceptances during the year among the country banks in

i See Schedules Nos. 19 and 20.

this district so that at no time has the Reserve Bank had an undue amount of this class of paper in its portfolio. It is probably true that the local demands of the country banks absorbed most of their resources so that they did not have a large amount for outside investment at any time. On the other hand, the demands of their local customers did not make it necessary for them to borrow excessively at the Federal Reserve Bank.

As the year closes, the Federal Reserve Bank has an adjusted reserve of over 60 per cent., after excluding loans of some \$18 millions to other Federal Reserve Banks, and not only has the Reserve Bank been loaning freely to the other Federal Reserve Banks during the last half of the year, but it has at the same time provided its member banks with practically all the loans that they required.

There never has been any attempt on the part of the officers of this bank to dictate to its member banks the class of loans that they should discourage, as it was felt that member banks could make better use of their money, both for their customers and the general business community if left free to use their own judgment. Where, however, any particular member bank had expanded its loans beyond recognized limits of prudence or sound banking judgment, reasonable efforts have been made to help it reduce its loans to a more normal or safe condition. It is felt that every merchant in the District has received during the whole of the year 1920 the full amount of accommodation to which he was entitled, based on the statement of his condition which he made to his bank, and one proof of this fact is that the failures in this District have been comparatively few and unimportant.

REVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS.

The year opened with business and industry still under the spell of the post-war influences which, during the last months of 1919, had produced conditions of feverish activity such as had never been known in New England prior to the war. The purchasing power of thousands of wage-earners in the textile centers and factory towns of the district and of the public generally, created by wages and profits which had reached unprecedented levels, was being exercised with such extravagance and apparent disregard for the future as to cause grave apprehension on the part of every thoughtful observer; yet, as early as January, isolated instances began to be reported which seemed to indicate that the limit in this respect had about been reached. Many business concerns still seemed, however, to be acting on the assumption that credit expansion and rising prices were to continue indefinitely, but bank reserves had

already reached a point which indicated that credit had been extended to the limits of prudence.

By February evidence had accumulated which seemed to point to a fall in commodity prices in the near future, although no important price reduction had as yet reached the consumer. Mills and factories throughout the district were increasing their output. More timely and prompt deliveries of goods than had been experienced in many months were filling up the shelves of retailers, but the gradually diminishing number of buyers was beginning to cause the return of goods to manufacturers and jobbers, heavy snows blocking transportation and embargoes emphasizing the situation. Manufacturers also were beginning to hesitate in the matter of purchasing raw material, and deflation of bank credits was being felt throughout the District. It began to look as if the preaching of the doctrine of increasing production for the purpose of filling up the world's empty shelves caused by the wastage of war, was having its effect and that a surplus, at least of goods for domestic needs, was piling up with no present prospect under existing exchange and international credit conditions, of the disposal of the surplus to European countries.

While labor during this period remained generally stable, the situation in the textile industries in this respect was somewhat unsettled, large bodies of operatives going on strike for higher wages, but with as vet no apparent vision of the conditions which were to set in later in the year. By the middle of May, pressure on manufacturers, especially of shoes and cloth, for lower cost goods was being noticeably felt; large department stores, and shops specializing in wearing apparel, began liquidating inventories by means of appreciable price reductions just at a time when they would normally have been expecting a brisk trade in summer goods, while cancellations of orders were being noted to an increasing degree. By early summer it was apparent that curtailment in purchases by the consumer was beginning to cause the brakes to be applied to industrial activity. Nevertheless, the influences at work among the consumers had not yet reached back to manufacturers and wage increases of 15 per cent. were announced in the largest textile centers of New England which affected substantially all the 300,000 or more operatives in the cotton and woolen mills of the district. Early summer saw even greater stagnation in the leather and shoe industry, production in the former reaching an extremely low level with quantities of merchandise on hand extremely high. Numerous tanneries closed down altogether. Shoe manufacturers were suffering from unprecedented cancellations and returned goods, which in numerous cases they placed upon the local markets to the great discomfiture of retailers who were unable to liquidate inventories except at heavy losses. Digitized Even Spece critical was the condition in the wool industry, of which

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Boston is the country's center, caused by accumulations of vast quantities of this commodity both in the local market and abroad. Under the circumstances, it is not surprising that one factor which had been unquestionably a prime influence in the rapid rise of prices during the preceding year—namely,—speculation in commodities, had been to a very large degree, eliminated from the channels of trade.

In the textile industry, especially the woolen, and in the shoe and leather centers, mills and factories were closing down altogether or running on short time with thousands of operatives out of employment or living on reduced earnings even if at higher wage rates than formerly. Strikes and labor difficulties under these circumstances were diminishing, and employment offices were reporting a surplus of machinists, mechanics, general factory workers and clerical help looking for employment. By early autumn, these conditions began to affect noticeably the mills engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods which had thus far seemingly escaped to quite an extent the general depression which had affected the woolen goods and the boot and shoe industry, and by another month other leading industries in this section were feeling the effect of the economic influences of the time.

The year closes, therefore, with general industrial conditions in marked contrast with those prevailing in December, 1919. Nevertheless, industries on the whole in this district are far from being at a standstill. Mills and factories are endeavoring, on the basis of reduced wage scales, which in many instances have been brought back to the levels of 1919, and by operating on part time schedules, to keep machinery moving. They are producing goods for which they are confident there must shortly be a demand because of the belief that the stocks of the retail dealers are being depleted to the point where they will soon feel obliged to come into the market; although certain leading department stores reported stocks held during the year as surpassing all previous records, standing in November at the highest point of the twelve months. latter also claim that sales each month of 1920 exceeded in value those of the corresponding months of the previous year. Although the spring season was retarded by the protracted winter weather, and the public restrained its patronage somewhat when confidence in the then prevailing price level was shaken by unexpected mark-downs by a well known New York department store, the fall season witnessed the unusual phenomenon of special sales by merchants immediately prior to Christmas which, with the usual Christmas buying, swelled the total of autumn sales to an appreciably larger amount than in 1919.

Notwithstanding the strained condition under which industry was being carried on, the commercial failures in New England according to Dun's Agency, for 1920 numbered 883 with liabilities of \$20,334,092 as

against 812 in 1919 with liabilities of \$12,812,487. While this was an increase of 9.2 per cent. in the number of failures and 58.6 per cent. in the amount of liabilities, the percentage increases for both the number and amount of liabilities were the smallest reported for any section of the country, and compares with an increase of 37.7 per cent. in number and 160.5 per cent. in amount for the whole United States.

REVIEW OF BANKING CONDITIONS.

The member banks in the First Federal Reserve District have gone through the year in a most satisfactory manner, having adjusted their business to meet the changing industrial conditions.¹

There have been no failures among member banks during 1920 and, while a few banks have at times become somewhat over-extended in their loans, liquidation of these to proper limitations have been gradually brought about through the help and co-operation of the Federal Reserve Bank. The failure of several of the smaller Boston trust companies in the early Fall caused but temporary disturbance to other banking institutions. These trust companies had large savings deposits and handled a character of business peculiar to themselves and, therefore, their closing was little felt by other institutions.

The condition of banks outside of Boston has changed but little during the year, as the pressure due to price readjustment has fallen largely on the Boston banks. Country banks have bought but a small amount of commercial paper during the year although they have been buyers of Government Bonds and bankers' acceptances. Concerns, therefore, that have been accustomed in the past to rely on the outside market for loans have been obliged to increase their borrowings with their city banks. A comparison of the returns made by the banks in the District shows a marked decrease during the year in loans secured by Government obligations held both in the outside banks and Boston banks. On the other hand, both classes of banks show an increase in commercial loans. Demand deposits during the same period have declined, especially of Boston banks, while time deposits have increased, the increase being largely with outside banks. The country banks have been able to steadily reduce their loans at the Federal Reserve Bank, while the Boston banks, owing to their deposits declining faster than their loans were paid off and to seasonal demands of the District, although showing a satisfactory reduction since their high point early in the year, have increased on the other hand from the low point of August and September, and these banks have been fairly constant borrowers during the entire year at the Federal Reserve Bank.

¹ See Schedules Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

A comparison of the statement of the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on December 31, 1920, with that of the same dates in 1919, 1918 and 1917 shows several interesting changes.

It will be noted that bills discounted secured by U. S. War Obligations have decreased materially from the preceding two years, and, on the other hand, commercial bills have increased considerably. Gold reserves held by the bank against deposits and by the Federal Reserve Agent against Federal Reserve Notes have largely increased, while the gold held with Foreign Agents has been greatly reduced; whereas in previous years rediscounts were carried with other Federal Reserve Banks on the date of these statements, this year it will be seen that the Reserve Bank is loaning to other Federal Reserve Banks. The surplus account has been increased until it exceeds the subscribed capital, the paid-in capital shown being 50 per cent. of the amount subscribed by member banks. The reserve account of member banks has declined. the falling off of deposits of member banks requiring smaller reserves to be carried with the Reserve Bank. The increase during 1920 of Federal Reserve Notes in circulation, while not so large as in the previous periods, is considerable.

More detailed comments on the changes in the statement will be found elsewhere in this report.

FINANCIAL RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The heavy increase in loans to the member banks in this District and rediscounts for other Federal Reserve Banks, together with increased discount rates, has naturally brought unusually heavy earnings to this bank. On the other hand, expenses have also increased. It might be noted, however, that over one-half of the expenses at the present time is due to cost of increased service to member banks, such as currency shipments, check collections, etc., rather than to direct operating costs.³

The schedule of income and expense does not include disbursements made for account of the Government in connection with the Fiscal Agency operations and the War Savings Organization, amounting to \$447 thousands, for which the bank is reimbursed by the Treasury Department.

Semi-annual dividends were paid June 30th, 1920 and December 31st, 1920 at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the stock holdings of member banks and, after carrying \$7,351,799 to surplus account in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment to the Federal Re-

¹ See Schedule No. 1. ² See Chart F. ³ See Schedule No. 2.

serve Act approved March 3, 1919, \$2,473,499 was paid over to the United States Government as a franchise tax, which, under the provisions of that Act, "shall in the discretion of the Secretary be used to supplement gold reserve held against outstanding United States Notes, or shall be applied to the reduction of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."1

LOAN AND DISCOUNT OPERATIONS.2

The year 1920 opened with loans, discounts and investments at \$289 millions which was approximately the highest peak they had ever reached, while, in order to maintain a reserve above the legal limit, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston had rediscounted some \$60 millions of that amount with other Federal Reserve Banks, i. e., bankers' acceptances sold with this bank's endorsement. Of these \$289 millions, \$124 millions were loans against U. S. War obligations, \$63 millions loans and discounts against commercial paper, \$78 millions bankers' acceptances, \$22 millions U. S. Securities owned by the bank.

The increase of the discount rates in January brought about a steady reduction in loans against U. S. War Obligations which was later accentuated by the raising of rates on loans against Certificates of Indebtedness, and still further accentuated by the general increase in rates of June 4th. Loans against U. S. War Obligations were reduced to some \$52 millions by October and, while subsequently increasing, the year ended with \$68 millions of the bank's loan on this type of paper.3

On the other hand, loans against commercial paper steadily increased from January well into March, embargoes and heavy snows interfering with transportation and delaying the movement of goods. While commercial loans were somewhat reduced later in the year, they increased again until in June they had reached some \$70 millions. The raise in discount rates by the Bank in June had little effect in reducing its loan for several weeks, and then the loan declined at the same time as the usual mid-summer contraction, which was somewhat more marked than in 1919. The commercial loans remained fairly steady until early in November when, as in past years, with seasonable demands these loans began to increase, reaching a high point of \$101 millions the last of December and closing the year at \$87 millions.

The holdings of bankers' acceptances purchased in the open market declined rapidly from the first of the year, by March 19th being reduced to about \$20 millions, and did not increase to over \$35 millions at any time during the balance of the year, a high point being reached on May

¹ See Schedule No. 3.

21st. During June and July the bank's holdings of bankers' acceptances steadily declined, being somewhat increased during September and October by purchases in the New York market.

On January 1st, 1920, 68 per cent. of the total loans of this bank were to Boston Banks. This percentage increased to 80 per cent. in July, and reached a point of 85 per cent. in November. It should be noted, however, that the member banks in Boston have contributed from 52 to 57 per cent. of the total reserve deposits in this bank.¹

DISCOUNT RATES.2

The decided decrease shown in the Government's floating debt between July 1 and the end of the year 1919, the expectation that the offering of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness during 1920 would be of diminishing volume, and the over-loaned condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston were motives for increasing discount rates, the Directors of the Bank believing that the time had passed when the needs of the Government could be considered paramount to controlling the general credit expansion that had been under way since the summer of 1919 and was still on the upward swing. While discount rates had been raised somewhat in the preceding November and December, the increases had had practically no effect in checking the expansion which was fast approaching a dangerous point. Discount rates were raised four times during the year 1920. On January 3rd the rates on loans secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness were increased to $4\frac{3}{4}\frac{\%}{6}$, which was somewhat higher than the interest rate carried by many of the issues of the Certificates then outstanding. On January 23rd a general increase in discount rates was made, the increases ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the case of Commercial Paper (6%) to $\frac{3}{4}\%$ on loans secured by Liberty Loan Bonds (5½%). While the rates on loans secured by U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness were not raised at that time, they were increased February 27th to 5%. The rates established on January 23rd were effective in reducing loans secured by Government obligations, but were not effective in controlling loans for commercial purposes and these continued to expand, the bank rate of 6% being not only not equal to, but rather below the outside market rate. Loans were expanded in many cases far beyond the limits of safety which the amount of capital invested in industries warranted, especially with increasing cost of inventories. The matter of establishing a graduated discount rate based on member bank loans was discussed from time to time by the Directors of the Bank, but, as most of the pressure for loans was on the large Boston banks, a pressure emanating from manufacturers and dealers in raw material, it was feared that such a policy might bring about a too drastic curtailment and it was therefore abandoned. A second general increase in rates was therefore put into effect on June 4th, at which time rates on commercial paper were advanced to 7%, the special discount rates for bankers' acceptances withdrawn, and the rates for paper secured by Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness increased to 6% and 5½% respectively. At the same time the open market rates on bankers' acceptances were also raised. These increases of June 4th had the desired effect, and by August the loan of the Bank had been reduced to such a point that from then on until the end of the year this bank rediscounted heavily for other Federal Reserve Banks and was thus enabled to assist other sections of the country in financing the abnormal situations that had developed, as these sections had previously assisted New England earlier in the year.

BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES.1

The general development of bankers' acceptances in this district during the past year has been very satisfactory. The character of the acceptances originating in this district as well as those purchased by the Reserve Bank, has conformed more closely to the policy and regulations laid down by the Federal Reserve Board than ever before, and at the same time the general market has broadened. The somewhat artificial support which the Reserve Bank has felt necessary to give to the market during the past year has been largely withdrawn. Brokers report increasing sales of acceptances to country banks, savings banks, insurance companies, and trustees, as well as to individuals and corporations, evidencing the fact that the desirability of acceptances as a short time prime investment is being more and more recognized. Brokers have been more active in distributing bankers' acceptances than ever before and the Reserve Bank has therefore been called upon to a greater extent to assist these brokers in carrying portfolios upon 15-day repurchase agreements. Early in the year this bank adopted the policy of sending out questionnaires to the acceptors of bills which it had purchased in order to check up the character of the underlying transactions. This questionnaire is not sent out on every bill purchased but at rather rare intervals, or when earmarks are noted about a bill which have raised some question regarding its character. Acceptors have co-operated most satisfactorily in responding to the questionnaires and it is believed that from the standpoint of the bank, brokers and acceptors, the results obtained have been beneficial. On January 23, 1920 when discount rates were generally increased by the bank a prefer-

¹ See Schedules Nos. 4, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38.

ential discount rate of 5 per cent. was established on bankers' acceptances. As the open market rate was 5\(^3\)/4 per cent, this policy resulted in acceptances being offered freely for rediscount by member banks and the open market almost ceased to exist, some \$15 millions of acceptances being held by April 1 under rediscount. The policy of preferential rates was later abandoned and from then until the end of the year the outside market continued to broaden. In June and also in October and November bills were purchased direct from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, some \$31 millions in all being thus procured. The policy in buving bills has been changed from time to time, at certain periods unendorsed bills were purchased only when their maturity was not over 30 days and at a later date when such bills had only 20 days to run. In July and August a special rate was maintained of one-eighth less than the current rate on prime bills drawn outside of the country. The volume of acceptances has held up unusually well, especially when the price of commodities is considered. There was outstanding on November 15, 1920, some \$88 millions of bills accepted by the banks and bankers in the district as compared with \$105 millions on November 17, 1919.

TRADE ACCEPTANCES.

The development of the use of trade acceptances,—at least the domestic trade acceptances, unlike that of the bankers' acceptances, does not appear to have been entirely satisfactory. That they have been misused there is little question, and for the most part the banks in the district do not feel any more favorably disposed, if as much so, to encourage their use than in the past. There is evidence of their use on overdue accounts and for the purpose of extending longer and larger credits. On the other hand, the opinion is held to some extent that if the trade acceptances had been more frequently utilized it might have proved a safeguard against the evil of cancellations of orders and the return of goods which has been such a prevalent evil during the past year. shoe trade generally, including manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers have apparently taken more frequent advantage of this class of banking instrument than have business men in other lines, although certain wool houses and dealers in woolen goods have, at times, used them as have also cotton mills when buying cotton heavily. The volume of trade acceptances rediscounted with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was considerably less than in previous years, and none either domestic or foreign have been purchased under open market operations.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES.1

The investment holdings of the bank in government securities, bonds, and short time obligations, show no material change from the previous year. The bank, however, has had a large volume of transactions in these securities during the year. Treasury Certificates of indebtedness have been purchased and resold without profit between banks, brokers, and the Treasury Department, the Reserve Bank simply acting as intermediary and this practice has been beneficial in bringing about a better distribution. In addition to these transactions, purchases were made for the account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston of maturing Treasury Tax Certificates from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and from member banks several days before September 15 and December 15, thus relieving the strain on those banks on account of tax payments due on these dates. These purchases from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York amounted to \$25 millions of September 15 maturities and \$20 millions of December 15 maturities. As in past years pending receipts of funds from depositary banks, the Treasurer of the United States has borrowed from time to time large amounts of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston through the sale of one day certificates of indebtedness, the aggregate amounting to about \$471 millions, and at rates of 2 and 4 per cent., the largest amount held at any one time being \$36 millions.

RESERVE POSITION.2

During the year, the reserve position of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has shown a marked improvement both in percentage and actual gold holdings. While the actual reserve against combined note and deposit liability as published on Friday each week has varied from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent., the adjusted reserve, that is the reserve after eliminating the Inter-Federal Reserve Bank loans, shows fluctuations from 27 per cent. on January 1 to 60 per cent. on December 31 with a high point of 72 per cent. on October 22. As in previous years a marked decline in the reserve position appeared early in November due largely to maturing municipal obligations issued in anticipation of tax payments which had been purchased outside of the district. Except at the quarterly tax periods the transfer of funds by the Treasury Department has not as in previous years, materially affected the bank's reserve position. The actual gold holdings of this bank have increased steadily during the year ending with an increase as shown by the comparative statement of over \$50 millions and with lawful money also showing an increase. This increase in gold has all come from other

¹ See Schedule No. 4. ² See Schedule No. 6 and Charts A, B, C, D and E.

Federal Reserve Banks, showing that the liquidation in securities and commodities has drawn money from other districts. In November, the tide turned and gold payments to other districts exceeded the receipts, due largely to the payment of municipal notes as referred to above. The gold held with foreign agencies has been reduced from \$9,586 thousands to \$241 thousands. When the sales of gold held by the Bank of England ceased, it was decided to transfer the balance to this country and shipments were, therefore, made during the fall until it had all been brought over. In connection with the payments on the Anglo-French loan, the French government arranged with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to leave with the Bank of France a certain amount of earmarked gold deposited by the French Government which amount was apportioned among the other Federal Reserve Banks as had been done with gold held in England, the share of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston being \$241 thousands.

DEPOSITS.1

Member banks' reserve accounts have fluctuated within a range of about \$20 millions and have shown no marked tendency to increase as in previous years although the average has been higher than in 1919 or 1918. The deposits of new member state banks account for some of the increase and also the fact that the policy adopted of higher penalties for deficient reserves has influenced banks to keep their full required reserves although the general decline in deposits which the member banks have been experiencing during the year has required smaller reserve balances with the Reserve Bank. The daily clearings between the Federal Reserve banks through the gold settlement fund have eliminated the carrying over of collected balances of Federal Reserve Banks which in the past were settled each week. Although the deposits of the government have fluctuated widely during the year and at times have been overdrawn, necessitating numerous loans on one-day certificates of indebtedness, the deposits of foreign governments and foreign banks have declined from \$5,277,000 during the year to \$292,000. On January 1 the Argentine Government had some \$5 millions on deposit which early in the year was withdrawn through shipment of gold to Argentine and through payment for its account in this country. June 16 this bank was apportioned \$292,000 of a deposit made by the Bank of Japan with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and assumed an endorsement liability on acceptances sold to the Bank of Japan of \$1,168,000.

1 See Schedules Nos. 1, 6 and Chart E.

CURRENCY.1

The demands for currency from member banks have been unusually heavy during the year 1920 and the expense and responsibility devolving on the Reserve Bank in its sorting, handling and shipment, have been heavy. While this service has been increasing in importance each year, it has been greater this year on account of the taking over of the functions of the Boston Sub-Treasury on October 23 and because of the responsibility attendant upon supplying the currency needs of the district. The movement of currency has been made the subject of careful study and it is felt that the Federal Reserve Notes which constitute the currency in which demands for circulation are met, are acting in the form of an elastic currency such as was contemplated by the Federal Reserve Act. While it is evident that the Inter-Federal Reserve Bank credit condition affecting Federal Reserve Notes in other districts and the abnormal international credit situation which has drawn federal reserve notes out of the country in place of gold, are artificial factors which have an influence upon currency movements, there appears to be evidence, so far as the Federal Reserve Note circulation of this district is concerned, that a proper control of the credit situation results in adequate control of note issues, note circulation showing a tendency to expand or contract somewhat with credit fluctuations or fluctuations in gold reserves against combined deposit and note liability. While this year the note issue increased steadily as in other years, as long as the reserves of the System showed no material improvement since early fall when that reserve began to improve, not only has a marked contraction appeared, but the increase in gold holdings of the bank has provided a much larger gold cover against outstanding notes. The decline in note issues began in September when a very marked recession appeared, which, however, was checked by the sudden demand for currency following the closing of several Boston non-member trust companies. Federal Reserve Notes in circulation on January 1, 1920 were \$244 millions, the note issue reaching in September the high point of \$311 millions, which by the end of the year had receded to \$286 millions. Shipments of Federal Reserve Notes have been reported by member banks to Cuba and other Latin-American countries, especially during the early months of the year and there is evidence of pay-roll money having been sent by mill operatives to European countries, especially those of Central Europe.

CHECK OR TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.2

With the exception of checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, the volume of checks handled by this bank during the year 1920

¹ See Schedules Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and Chart F. ² See Schedule No. 15.

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The increase of par point banks throughout the United States has caused more checks to be collected through this bank. At the present time, checks on banks in 41 out of the 48 states can be handled through the Federal Reserve Banks at par; checks on 28,768 of the total 30,523 banks in the country are now remitted for at par to the Federal Reserve Banks, or over 93%, the remaining 7% of banks, non-par points, being situated in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The decrease during the year of the number of items and amounts drawn on the Treasurer of the United States is due to the cessation of government activities in the World War, with its consequent decrease in government expenditures.

While the number of member banks sending checks direct to the Federal Reserve Bank for collection has increased from 111 on December 1, 1916, to 126 on December 1, 1920, as there are 436 member banks in the district, it will be seen that a rather small percentage of the member banks are availing themselves of this service. A large majority of the banks still continue to send checks through their city correspondents, although most of those checks in turn are collected by those correspondents through the Federal Reserve Bank.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.1

The Collection Department, handling time items, notes, drafts, and coupons, has also had a heavy increase in the number of items handled, necessitating in this Department an increase of 14 clerks, or a total of 24 for the Department during the year. The policy of giving immediate credit for maturing coupons and bankers' acceptances has materially increased the volume of such items handled. This Department does not collect coupons on government obligations, which are handled in the Fiscal Agency Department. Member banks sending time items for collection to this Department have increased from 82 on December 31, 1919, to 131 on December 31, 1920.

RELATION TO BANKS AND THE PUBLIC.

Satisfactory progress has been made during the past year towards developing a closer relationship with the officials of both member banks and non-member State banks, and with the public at large, and a better understanding of the service that the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston can furnish in assisting in the safeguarding and development of industrial, commercial and agricultural and financial activities of the New England District.

1 See Schedule No. 18.

The officials of the Federal Reserve Bank have made calls from time to time upon member banks, explaining in detail matters pertaining to operating service which this bank can offer its members, and this has led, as explained elsewhere in this report, to increased use of the bank's facilities for currency needs; collection of checks and time items, and of other services which the bank can furnish.

During the year, in connection with the monthly review of conditions in this District, a department has been opened whose duties are confined exclusively to the analysis and investigation of industrial, commercial and agricultural statistics. This Department, although confining its work to industrial investigation, is working in the closest co-operation with the department investigating financial statistics. Through the work of this department and through conferences which the bank officials have had with representatives of the important industrial activities in the District, the bank has been able to keep in the closest touch with the needs and changes which the industrial situation existing during the past year has brought on the local credit situation. The Bank's officials have from time to time addressed banking and trade organizations on subjects pertaining to its operation.

Three State banks have been admitted to membership in the Reserve System, and also four National banks that had been newly organized, while three National banks surrendered their charters to become State banks. Fiduciary powers have been granted to a number of national banks during the year, as well as privileges to accept dollar exchange.

CREDIT DEPARTMENT AND BANK EXAMINATIONS.

The unusual changes which the industrial situation has undergone during the year 1920 placed a heavy responsibility on the Credit Department of the bank, necessitating an enlargement of its force. The credit standing of commercial notes offered for rediscount has been followed very closely, all notes offered for rediscount having been approved by a Committee composed of the Assistant Cashier in charge of the Discount Department, the Chief Examiner and the Manager of the Credit Department, and doubtful credits in turn referred by this Committee to the senior officers for final adjudication.¹

The credit situation in general has been so sensitive and critical at times as to warrant the closest scrutiny of borrowings, and in many cases the most careful handling and tact to bring about proper results.

The officers of the bank have had the fullest co-operation of the bankers in this district and when credit problems have arisen in other reserve districts, have advised with the officers of the Federal Reserve Banks in other Federal Reserve districts before passing judgment. The work of the Examining Department has been very heavy during the year

and here again the bank has kept in closest touch with the chief National Bank examiner of the district and with the Bank Commissioners in the different states in the district. State banks seeking admission to the System have been examined by the examiners of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston before application for admission has been filed and the policy has been adopted of making at least one examination during the year by the bank's own examiner, of state bank members.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION.1

The heavy increase in the volume of business which the bank has been called upon to handle during the past year has necessitated a further increase in its clerical force. On December 31, 1919, there were 629 employees in the bank. On December 31, 1920, these had been increased to 754, the increase being about equally divided between men and women clerks. While most departments show an increase in the operating force, those departments handling currency, checks and government securities show the largest increase.

On October 1, 1920, William W. Paddock was elected Deputy Governor, Mr. Paddock having been connected with the Federal Reserve Board in charge of its examining division.

On October 21, Krickel K. Carrick was elected Secretary of the Board of Directors in place of Arthur H. Weed who resigned, Mr. Weed continuing as the bank's counsel.

An election of directors was held from November 16 to November 30, 1920, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Thomas P. Beal, Class A director, and Philip R. Allen, Class B director, both representing banks in Group 1. Of the 46 banks entitled to vote in this group, 38 voted, all votes cast being in favor of the two retiring directors who were re-elected each for the term of three years, ending December 31, 1923.

At the meeting held January 8, 1920, the directors appointed Philip Stockton, President of the Old Colony Trust Company, to represent this district as a member of the Federal Advisory Council.

On December 31, 1920, the Federal Reserve Board reappointed Frederic H. Curtiss, Class C director for the term of 3 years, ending January 31, 1923, and re-designated him Chairman of the Board of Directors for the year 1921; Allen Hollis being re-designated Vice-Chairman for the same period.

BANKING QUARTERS.

Soon after the new year opened, the question of delaying the construction of the building to house the Reserve Bank's activities became a serious matter for discussion by the Directors of this Bank. The leases on the buildings on the lot facing on Franklin, Pearl and Oliver Streets which had been purchased, all expired on March 31st, and the architects' plans had been completed and accepted. While the high cost of construction was a most serious consideration, the great handicap under which the bank's operations had been conducted and above all its inadequate vault facilities were deemed of paramount importance. It was, therefore, decided, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, to build at once and accordingly on March 1st, work was begun on tearing down and removing the old buildings. Excavations were begun on March 29th and from then on construction operations have been pushed as rapidly as possible.

Apart from some delay in the delivery of steel beams and limestone, the construction has progressed thus far as fast as was expected, the weather conditions during the early winter months being unusually favorable. As will be seen by the frontispiece of this report, the exterior has been already completed and the building roofed in, so that the work can proceed on the interior during the cold weather and the building kept heated. The general plan of the building follows the description given in the bank's report for 1919, the only material change being in the vault construction, to which much study has been given in order to insure the utmost protection for the specie and securities held by the bank.

Unless some unforeseen occurrence arises, it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy some time during the latter part of 1921.

FEDERAL RESERVE SOCIETY.

The Society, organized and managed by the employees of the bank, has had a most satisfactory year, and has received hearty support both from the officers of the bank and the employees.

The Society has now 675 members. It has continued to publish the monthly magazine, the Federal Reserve Society News, which contains articles of general interest about the bank, and has organized and carried through a number of social entertainments during the year. Through the agency of the Society a splendid spirit of co-operation has developed among the clerks, and with it increased loyalty to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Financial aid and advice have been given by the Society to members when necessary. During 1920 the Society distributed a large quantity of surplus Army goods, selling them to members at cost, while over a ton of maple sugar and syrup was sold during the year. At Thanksgiving and Christmas several thousand pounds of turkey were purchased and distributed at wholesale prices to members of the Society.

Baskets of fruit and flowers have been sent to members confined at home by sickness.

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FISCAL AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

This Department, both in the volume and value of securities handled, has shown a heavy increase during the year, necessitating some twenty odd additional clerks.

While the volume of collateral held against Government deposits in banks, deposits made in connection with subscriptions to Certificates of Indebtedness, has been considerably less, banks continued to leave their securities for safe-keeping.

On the other hand, the exchanging of temporary for permanent Liberty Loan Bonds, and the handling of maturing coupons, has added greatly to the increase in the work.

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.1

The official operations of the government during 1920 have been confined to short-time loan certificates, or certificates issued in anticipation of income or excess profit taxes. These certificates issued, though less in volume than in 1919, both owing to the interest rates which they bore and largely to the general credit situation existing, did not find a ready market in this district during the first half of the year, and the quotas allotted to the bank were not filled.

From August on, however, due to the improved credit situation brought about by industrial liquidation as well as the increased rates which new offerings of certificates bore, over-subscriptions were received on all subsequent issues. During the year issues of these Certificates of Indebtedness have been offered at frequent intervals at rates varying from $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 6%, with maturities of from one and a half months to a year. The subscriptions, as in past years, were all made through the banks in the district, and to a large extent were paid by credits set up by those banks, these government deposits or credits being gradually withdrawn into the Federal Reserve Bank to meet government requirements.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS SECURITIES.2

The Savings Organization has become more akin to other Fiscal Agency operations in the bank during the year, and as the year ends, arrangements have been made to house this organization which has been reduced from 143 employees on December 31, 1919 to 19 on December 31, 1920, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Sub-Treasury, a large portion of which are now used by the Currency Department of the bank.

¹ See Schedules Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. ² See Schedule No. 23.

The decrease in this organization has necessitated the elimination of all state offices and state organizations, and has centered the activities of this department in its headquarters in Boston. While there has been a great saving in the expense of handling the Savings Division by the reduction in the size of this organization, on the other hand, the volume of savings securities sold in the district has shown a marked decrease.

On December 1, Mrs. F. L. Higginson, who had been government director of the Savings Division in New England since January, 1919, resigned, and Mr. Frank C. Ayres, who had been connected with this Division during the past year, was appointed in her place.

The efforts of the Savings Division during the past year have been directed (1) To develop and protect the secondary market for all war issues of government securities, (2) To sell government savings securities, (3) To make permanent the habits of regular saving and investment in United States government securities.

It has concentrated its efforts upon the organization of savings societies in industrial plants, educational work, and organization of school savings societies and women's organizations.

CONCLUSION.

The last twelve months have brought new problems to the Reserve Bank. While during the past few years, Government financing has played a most important part, during 1920, the industrial situation has been the controlling factor in the bank's operations, the Treasury borrowings becoming of less and less importance in the general credit situation; especially during the last half of the year Treasury Certificates were offered for subscription at such rates that made them attractive to the investor—thus keeping them out of commercial banks' portfolios. The proceeds of such subscriptions were left on deposit with subscribing banks for such short periods as to have but little influence in the credit situation. The apparent industrial prosperity which marked the early months of the year while probably artificial, brought new high price records for commodities in various lines of production, founded as it was to a large extent on a foreign trade, financed by bank credits which could not increase or continue indefinitely. These credits had reached such proportions, falling as they did on the banks in the large centers, that the limit of such credit expansion was reached and then domestic demands being insufficient to take care of production, prices generally began to fall. From early summer to the end of the year, this price deflation continued and, as the year ends, has been felt in all lines of industry in the district. The retailer and labor always last to

meet price reduction, have as yet shown but very slight changes in the reduction of prices and wages and, therefore, this readjustment in retail prices and of labor wages will probably continue well into the new year. Many commodities, however, are selling at below their cost of production. Numerous industries are left, however, with large inventories of raw material and manufactured goods and the liquidation in these inventories will necessarily be slow and therefore money rates, especially in the large centers, while easier, will probably continue fairly high throughout the year.

The banks outside of Boston are fairly comfortable so far as money conditions go as they have been during the greater part of the year, and are borrowing but little from the Reserve Bank. The Boston banks, on the other hand, have been and are carrying the burdens of the extreme liquidation and therefore, continue to be fairly heavy borrowers at the Reserve Bank. It is a source of much satisfaction that this liquidation has come about in such an orderly manner. While business failures in the district have been thus far few, as the year progresses there will probably be more, but through the co-operation of the Reserve Bank with its member banks, no undue pressure is being brought to force extreme liquidation and this factor of time should do much to bring about the continued orderly liquidation of inventories.

SCHEDULE 1.

Comparative balance sheet. [000 omitted.]

	Dec. 31, '20	Dec. 31, '19	Dec. 31, '18	Dec. 31, '17
RESOURCES.				
Earning assets: Bills discounted secured by United States war obligations Other bills discounted (commercial) Acceptances purchased in open market United States bonds United States short term obligations	\$78,225 95,143 20,678 544 21,519	\$124,529 63,510 18,649 539 21,805	\$120,515 13,060 15,084 538 7,416	\$43,898 21,988 9,037 610 2,194
Total	216,109	229,032	156,613	77,724
Reserve cash: Gold (coin and certificates) Gold settlement fund Gold with Foreign Agencies Other lawful money	11,800 40,116 241 11,816	7,959 34,351 9,586 4,037	3,317 37,293 408 2,288	18,691 16,977 3,678 3,574
Total	63,973	55,933	43,306	42,917
Reserve against Federal Reserve Notes: Gold with Federal Reserve Agent Gold redemption fund	134,747 18,796	73,511 26,342	59,733 7,812	40,897 2,000
Total	153,543	99,853	67,545	42,897
Total cash reserves	217,516	155,786	110,851	85,814
Other resources: Due from Liberty Loan Subscriptions Uncollected Items Due from Government depositaries Redemption fund Federal Reserve bank notes Real Estate for bank quarters All other resources	57,623 26,634 1,072 2,700 468	85,424 48,373 1,072 1,103 496	567 68,493 30,015 321 800 616	118 18,787 66,489
Total	522,122	521,286	368,276	249,098
Rediscounts for other Federal Reserve banks	18,075			
	Dec 31 '20	Dec 31 '19	Dec. 31, '18	Dec 31 '1'
Files of the latter and the	Dec. 31, 20	Dec. 51, 13	Dec. 51, 10	Dec. 51, 1
Capital fund: Capital paidin Surplus	\$7,718 15,711	\$7,107 8,359	\$6,692 1,536	\$5,85 7.
Deposits: Due to member banks, reserve account Due to Federal Reserve Banks, collected funds. Due to banks, uncollected funds Due to Treasurer of the United States, general	114,670 41,762	117,294 21,725 45,469	101,806 17,467 29,970	82,84 3,87 13,77
account	4,561	1,123	10,499	2,41
Other Deposits	26,634 835	48,373 5,843	30,015 411	66,490 23
Other Liabilities: Federal Reserve notes in circulation Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation Unearned discount and interest	288,780 20,353 1,057	244,093 20,912 807	160,726 6,382 468	73,199
Reserve for franchise tax and other taxes. Mortgage on real estate.	41	93 88	93 1,461 750	7.
Total	522,122	521,286	368,276	249,098
Liability for rediscounts with other Federal Reserve banks				

Income.	1920.	1919.	1918.	Expense.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Bills discounted for member banks. Acceptances purchased. Interest on United States securities. Profit on United States securities Profit on United States securities Sundry profits.	\$10,031,301 1,613,012 554,172 12,213 41,783 88,649	\$6,003,252 1,077,691 369,457 27,836 19,347	\$3,068,027 931,701 107,719 41,821 18,426 212,760	Paid in line of dividends on stock cancelled. Current expenses. Directors' fees. Rent Salaries. Cost of Federal Reserve notes. Assessment for expenses of Federal Reserve Board. Real estate expenses. Tax on Federal Reserve Bank notes. Difference account. Repairs and alterations. Sundries. Transit department. Charged off or reserved. To balance.	\$472,302 9,528 62,549 639,299 345,151 52,584 82,000 780 288 1,334 374,589 28,162 10,272,564	\$297,006 7,351 45,628 518,895 317,691 45,619 89,422 1,499 14,646 18,777 316,040 47,627 5,777,381	\$272 170,895 6,608 26,682 274,361 167,828 29,554 27,811 4,558 61,895 3,554 101,529 200,000 3,304,908
Total	12,341,130	7,497,583	4,380,454	Total	12,341,130	7,497,582	4,380,455

SCHEDULE 3.

Distribution of earnings.

Items.	1920.	1919.	1918.	Items.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Dividends paid member banks Balance			\$383,908 2,921,000			\$5,777,381	\$3,304,908
Total	10,272,564	5,777,381	3,304,908	Total	10,272,564	5,777,381	3,304,90
¹ June 30 and December 31 divides	nds at the rat	e of 6% per ann		les interest paid on stock surrendered	1	1010	
	7-11-10		um, also includ	les interest paid on stock surrendered	1920.	1919.	1918.
¹ June 30 and December 31 divides	nds at the rat	e of 6% per ann			1	1919. \$5,362,934	

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SCHEDULE 4.

Discount and Loan Transactions-1920.

[000 omitted.]

Month, 1920.		Disc	counted Pap	er.		Pı	irchased Pape	er.		Total Discounted and Purchased Paper.			
		Secured by Govt. War Obliga- tions.	Bankers' Accept- ances.	Trade Accept- ances.	Com- mercial paper.	Total.	Bankers' Accept- ances.	Dollar Exchange.	Total.	Acquired from other Federal Reserve Banks.	1920.	1919.	1918.
January . February . March		\$1,554 9,874 7,312 1,032 1,757 490 23	\$583 256 1,704 288 383 415 146 193 170 155 174 195	\$17,213 52,101 70,996 39,838 46,021 66,392 35,837 73,111 80,324 66,902 105,002 121,996	\$363,305 436,605 461,412 346,039 421,130 416,685 286,484 416,777 385,188 337,362 456,160 549,407	\$18,686 18,279 25,497 29,149 29,201 23,956 22,569 24,752 31,690 28,719 26,781 23,803	\$50 7 100 5 100 300 350 419 31	\$18,686 18,279 25,547 29,156 29,301 23,961 22,569 24,852 31,990 29,069 27,200 23,834	\$3,579 67,000 57,500 43,000 61,503 115,119 159,708 170,642 180,607 90,899 51,009	\$385,570 454,884 553,959 432,695 93,431 502,149 424,172 601,360 587,810 547,042 574,259 624,250	\$395,343 376,081 349,063 522,480 462,431 394,712 431,033 287,944 334,405 429,898 490,900 566,316	\$32,521 72,551 41,320 39,433 69,542 63,935 160,685 147,379 249,026 338,396 372,350 387,202	\$4,237 9,195 10,257 11,194 21,520 54,761 45,834 33,929 42,644 17,426 72,374 119,077
1920 1919 1918 1917	4,074,030 4,486,749 ² 1,550,311 25,095	22,129 4,986 530	4,662 10,820 10,287 6,115	775,733 172,844 199,157 319,710	4,876,554 4,675,399 1,760,285 350,920	303,082 360,565 189,967 88,119	1,362 525 2,102 3,409	304,444 365,207 194,157 91,528	1,000,566	6,181,581	5,040,606	1,974,340	442,448

¹ Includes \$4,117,000 in trade acceptances purchased in 1919 and \$2,089,000 in 1918; also \$4,423,000 acceptances repurchased from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

² Includes \$596,000 of paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds.

Schedule 5. Average holdings, earnings and average rate of earnings, of total earning assets.

[000 omitted.

		1920.		1919.				
Month.	Average Holdings.	Earnings.	Rate.	Average Holdings.	Earnings.	Rate.		
January February March April May June July September October November December	\$214,310 228,024 220,300 217,161 220,068 214,877 213,620 218,339 239,220 232,565 227,823 225,039	\$776 868 962 918 983 958 1,037 1,066 1,159 1,203 1,131 1,140	4.30% 4.81 5.11 5.16 5.28 5.44 5.73 5.76 5.91 6.11 6.01 5.98	\$152,604 166,870 169,905 182,078 184,326 182,894 187,302 178,950 189,070 194,381 219,312 222,845	\$515 506 566 587 618 596 630 596 611 653 744 838	3.97% 3.95 3.92 3.92 3.95 3.96 3.96 3.92 3.93 3.93 4.13 4.30		
Total		12,201			7,460			
Average for year	222,612	1,017	5.48	185,878	622	4.01		

SCHEDULE 6.

Reserve position on the first of each month, 1920.
[000 omitted.]

Month.	Net deposits.	Federal Reserve notes in actual circula- tion.	Total combined liability.	Required reserve.	Total reserve.	Excess Reserve.	Re- serve.	Adjusted Reserve rediscounts with other Federal Reserve banks eliminated
January February March April May June July August September October November December	\$116,846 113,704 104,009 110,819 110,911 114,094 103,107 109,803 109,535 111,188 112,683 108,743	\$243,367 235,972 257,470 268,696 266,869 275,666 283,891 286,556 300,386 309,586 295,796 290,130	\$360,213 349,676 361,479 379,515 367,780 389,760 386,998 396,359 409,921 420,774 408,479 398,873	\$138,242 134,184 139,391 146,264 142,065 150,198 149,643 153,053 158,490 162,749 157,757 154,112	\$157,502 145,298 189,391 167,806 202,807 195,525 184,200 229,424 208,098 221,998 208,364 219,013	\$19,260 11,114 50,000 21,542 60,742 45,327 34,557 76,371 49,608 59,249 50,607 64,901	44% 42 52 44 55 50 48 51 53 51 55	27% 41 49 47 62 55 57 69 69 66 68 61

SCHEDULE 7.

Transactions with other Federal Reserve Banks.
[000 omitted.]

Federal Reserve Banks.		Acquired Federal R	d from oth teserve Ba		Sold to other Fed- eralReserve Banks.	Amounts by Months.			
	Accept- ances.	Dis- counts Secured.	Discounts Un- secured.	Total.	Accept-	Month.	Bills acquired.	Accept ances sold.	
New York Philadelphia Cleveland Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco		56,500	12,900 44,999 8,000 10,540 4,500	\$140,674 56,500 370,000 18,998 6,000 133,971 77,500 121,914 75,000	5,036 5,087 5,090	January February March April May June July August September October November December	67,000 57,500 43,000 61,503 115,119 159,708 170,632 180,607 90,900		
Total	30,674	818,944	150,939	1,000,557	20,846		1,000,557	20,263	

Schedule 8. Summary of monthly transactions in the gold settlement fund with other Federal Reserve Banks during 1920.

[000 omitted.]

Month,	DIR	ECT TRANSFE	ERS.		SETTLEMENTS	3.	Gain for month.
1920.	Received.	Paid.	Net loss.	Received.	Paid.	Net gain.	month,
January	\$6,402	\$60,638	\$54,236	\$627,507	\$578,966	\$48,541	\$5,695
February	20,310	22,000	1,690	490,861	453,363	37,498	35,808
March	25,031	95,969	70,938	670,012	622,236	47,776 53,753	23,162 33,718
April	42,465 34.084	62,500 68,000	20,035 33,916	625,408 594,082	571,655 570,200	23,882	10.034
May	51,274	83,100	31,826	641,751	591,981	49,770	17,944
uly	76,073	124,120	48,047	643,505	581,415	62,090	14,043
ugust	107,501	188,219	80,718	593,551	534,907	58,644	22,074
september	110,470	205,323	94,853	645,042	518,249	126,793	31,940
October	136,808	209,537	72,729	649,881	598,787	51,094	21,635
November	130,948	87,882	43,066 1	512,045	529,816	17,771 2	25,295
December	57,580	83,438	25,858	501,318	478,923	22,395	3,463
Total	798,946	1,290,726	491,780	7.194,963	6,630,498	564,465	72,685

1 Gain.

² Loss.

SCHEDULE 9.

Currency transactions.

[000 omitted.]

	Currency received.		Currency paid out.		Currency handled in sorting division.				
Month.	-				Dol	Dollars.		Pieces.	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	\$54,612 31,523 47,497 52,936 52,579 64,916 64,221 61,088 64,130 68,030 62,671 74,776	\$47,000 28,280 33,842 40,293 47,230 41,987 47,230 38,688 39,525 53,832 36,890 51,056	\$38,496 50,323 50,773 44,812 55,069 63,583 60,149 73,509 74,090 55,688 55,530 66,602	\$17,173 26,440 26,579 27,674 17,761 31,536 37,408 38,885 37,980 41,164 39,076 60,664	\$67,963 36,534 62,129 60,709 61,683 73,650 84,354 72,489 79,487 82,039 80,220 84,707	\$71,217 31,946 37,078 39,897 53,720 50,693 55,239 44,533 48,320 58,323 45,909 53,561	\$12,112 6,991 10,382 10,967 11,621 12,700 13,430 12,297 12,375 13,435 12,310 13,392	\$10,233 6,134 7,156 7,147 8,956 8,736 9,708 8,149 8,768 9,774 8,390 9,595	
Total	698,979	505,853	688,624	402,340	845,964	590,436	142,012	102,746	

Schedule 10. Federal Reserve bank notes aggregate as of December 31, 1920.

	Ones.	Twos.	Fives.	Total.	
Total received from comptroller Total notes retired and destroyed Notes outstanding	\$34,563,500 20,418,802 14,144,698 269,500	\$16,865,000 10,669,598 6,195,402	\$2,171,500 1,888,600 282,900	\$53,600,000 32,977,000 20,623,000 269,500	
Net amount in circulation	13,875,198	6,195,402	282,900	20,353,500	

United States special 2% Certificates of Indebtedness pledged to secure circulation—\$21,436,000.

Schedule 11. Federal Reserve notes issued by Federal Reserve Agent.

. Month.	Outstanding on first of month.	Issued during month.	Retired during month.	Net increase.
January	\$254,717,970	\$8,160,000	\$16,913,435	\$8,753,435
February	245,964,535	27,820,000	8,791,910	19,028,090
March	264,992,625	21,600,000	10,040,255	11,559,745
April	276,552,370	11,100,000	12,593,645	1,493,645
May	275,058,725	18,200,000	10,784,350	7,415,650
June	282,474,375	24,600,000	13,861,610	10,738,390
July	293,212,765	15,300,000	12,845,170	2,454,830
August	295,667,595	23,300,000	11,241,650	12,058,350
September	307,725,945	28,300,000	12,096,600	16,203,400
October	323,929,345	6,000,000	17,592,800	11,592,800
November	312,336,545	17,400,000	22,460,100	5,060,100
December	307,276,445	23,900,000	29,622,400	5,722,400
Total		225,680,000	178,843,925	46,836,075

¹Decrease.

Schedule 12. Federal Reserve notes issued and retired by denominations.

Denominations.	Outstanding January 1, 1920.	Issued.	Retired.	Outstanding December 31, 1920.
Fives. Tens. Twenties. Fifties. Hundreds. Five hundreds. One thousands Five thousands Ten thousands.	\$38,707,950 101,447,210 81,500,160 12,743,550 12,984,600 689,500 5,245,000 400,000 1,000,000	\$41,500,000 76,760,000 78,120,000 9,000,000 8,400,000 700,000 9,700,000 500,000 1,000,000	\$37,891,295 72,662,640 46,071,440 6,001,050 5,007,000 421,500 9,234,000 515,000 1,040,000	\$4?,316,655 105,544,570 113,548,720 15,742,500 16,377,600 968,000 5,711,000 385,000 960,000
Totals	254,717,970	225,680,000	178,843,925	301,554,045

Schedule 13.—Movement of Federal Reserve notes between districts, 1919 and 1920. [000 omitted.]

	Received from		Sent to		Net excess returned	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
New York	\$72,012	\$45,236	\$59,550	\$59,738	\$12,4621	\$14,502
Philadelphia	6,208	4,247	7,049	6,873	841	2,626
Cleveland	2,777	2,325	3,996	4,427	1,219	2,102
Richmond	3,741	2,238	3,474	4,392	267 1	2,154
Atlanta	2,313	1,608	2,944	2,471	631	863
Chicago	5,581	3,681	6,609	6,369	1,028	2,688
St. Louis	1,478	1,073	1,066	1,220	4121	147
Minneapolis	505	420	807	1,378	302	958
Kansas City	803	522	1,125	1,621	322	1,099
Dallas	597	307	1,466	509	869	202
San Francisco	2,277	1,062	1,497	1,295	780 1	233
Total	98,292	62,719	89,583	90,293	8,7091	27,574

¹ Net excess received.

SCHEDULE 14.

Available supply of Federal Reserve notes on December 31, 1920.

Held by	Fives.	Tens.	Twenties	Fifties.	Hundreds.	Five Hundreds.	Thousands.	Five Thousands.	Ten Thousands.	Total.
Federal Reserve Agent Comptroller of the	\$16,500,000		\$41,680,000	\$8,400,000	\$9,200,000	\$1,700,000	\$7,100,000	\$3,600,000	\$7,000,000	\$122,180,000
Currency	7,620,000	17,760,000	13,840,000	15,600,000	1,200,000	6,000,000	23,600,000	10,000,000	12,000,000	107,620,000
Total printed	24,120,000	44,760,000	55,520,000	24,000,000	10,400,000	7,700,000	30,700,000	13,600,000	19,000,000	229,800,000
Being printed	9,080,000	12,240,000	16,560,000	2,800,000	8,800,000		400,000			49,880,000

SCHEDULE 15.

Amount of checks handled by the Transit Department.

[000 omitted.]

Month.	On banks in Boston Clearing House.		Other ba		On Treasurer of United States.		On banks i distric		Total.	
Woller.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
January	\$751,768	\$587,933	\$433,119	\$286,910	\$28,018	\$112,282	\$83,166	\$77.578	\$1,296,071	\$1,064,703
February	565,948	440,381	329,736	230,876	19,201	69,931	80,024	58,755	994,909	799,943
March	666,454	534,264	445,180	309,496	29,747	61,832	95,567	77,140	1,236,948	982,732
April	702,255	532,010	457,778	288,114	39,708	54,427 35,486	88,207 85,825	82,109	1,287,948	956,660
May June	690,999 732,338	570,704 645,121	460,120 506,979	309,498 352,634	$\frac{46,614}{27,703}$	32,887	92,541	75,292 81,090	1,283,558 1,359,561	990,980 1,111,732
July	712,995	668,824	483,756	350,064	20,149	47,180	81,073	75,507	1,297,973	1,141,575
August	630,619	569,979	435,699	333,415	22,548	164,889	75,724	71,930	1,164,590	1,140,213
September	650,886	638,796	463,545	391,035	16,679	35,985	82,685	82,198	1,213,795	1,148,014
October	674,509	668,482	460,960	408,427	43,658	20,635	73,314	81,557	1,252,441	1,179,101
November	625,662	649,347	442,702	390,445	17,778	24,819	61,162	77,355	1,147,304	1,141,966
December	650,774	789,564	442,873	458,240	34,195	63,692	64,406	85,688	1,192,248	1,397,184
Total	8,055,207	7,295,405	5,362,447	4,109,154	345,998	724,045	963,694	926,199	14,727,346	13,054,803

Schedule 16. Custody department — Volume of securities handled.

[000 omitted.]

****	Plea	lged	With	drawn	Balance at close of		
Held for	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	
War loan account	\$193,643 1,037,607 802,038 27,011	\$619,352 1,624,010 999,461	\$237,264 1,094,876 757,965 14,778	\$697,722 1,637,382 976,319	\$46,251 77,182 70,214 12,408	\$132,985 190,048 69,045	
Total	2,060,299	3,242,823	2,104,883	3,311,423	206,055	392,078	

Schedule 17. — Custody department — Character of securities held December, 1920.

Collateral for	War loan account.	Exchange account.	Discounted notes.	Safe-keeping for banks only.
United States certificates of indebtedness	\$8,948,000 3,664,000 1,572,000 5,183,000 28,057,000		\$20,517,000 63,407,000 9,219,000	\$7,429,000 693,000 18,795,000 245,000
Total	47,424,000	11,530,000	93,143,000	27,162,000

Schedule 18. Number of time items received for collection and amounts collected. $[000 \ {\rm omitted.}]$

		ITEMS RECE	EIVED FROM	V-1			
Month.	Federal Reserve Banks.	Member Banks.	Discount Dept.	Total Collection Items.	Coupons Received.	Grand Total.	Amount Collected
January	\$2,064	\$2,092	\$2,248	\$6,404	\$3,096	\$9,500	\$74,794
February	1,342	2,473	1,905	5,720	1,431	7,151	91,386
March	$\frac{2,037}{1,655}$	1,933 3,100	2,406 2,260	6,376 7,015	1,381 1,669	7,757 8,684	88,691 70,550
May	2,165	3,012	2,422	7,599	1,467	9,066	69,635
June	3,142	3,070	2,610	8,822	1,890	10,712	75,397
July	3,480	2,992	3,407	9,879	2,428	12,307	87,915
August	3,456	3,436	2,632	9,524	1,718	11,242	83,099
September	2,276	3,287	2,434	7,997	2,095	10,092	65,819
October	2,373	5,050	2,923	10,346	3,025	13,371	84,693
November	2,167	5,043	3,294	10,504	2,947	13,451	84,800
December	2,672	6,431	3,351	12,454	9,000	21,454	72,281
Total	28,829	41,919	31,892	102,640	32,147	134,787	949,060

Dated.	Due.	Rate per cent.	Allotment to sell.	Total issued.	Paid by credit.	Number of days before final withdrawal of deposits.	Paid by other issues certificates.
		920 LOAN C	ERTIFICATES				
April 1	1920. July 1 July 15 October 15 November 15	$4\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $5\frac{1}{4}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	\$11,253,500 7,468,000 17,508,500 8,660,000	\$11,253,500 6,615,500 15,496,500 8,718,000	\$10,734,000 6,502,000 13,527,500 8,333,000	22 47 47 32	
Total			44,890,000	42,083,500	39,096,500		
		1920 TAX CE	RTIFICATES.	- Y - Y		,	
January 2	1920. December 15	$4\frac{3}{4}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$	\$64,950,000 25,980,000	\$52,782,500 17,695,500	\$45,331,500 14,876,000	43 50	\$6,118,500 2,216,000
Total			90,930,000	70,478,000	60,207,500		8,334,500
THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE		1921 LOAN C	ERTIFICATES				
June 15	1921. January 3	5 3 4 5 5 6 5 3 4	\$13,900,000 12,100,000 12,990,000 17,320,000	\$12,470,000 8,852,000 14,042,000 18,851,000	\$11,288,000 8,576,500 13,536,000 17,758,000	30 47 43 31	\$523,000 99,500
Total			56,310,000	54,215,000	51,158,500		622,500
		1921 TAX CE	RTIFICATES.				4 6 1
1920. March 15. June 15. July 15. September 15. September 15. October 15. December 15.	1921. March 15. June 15. March 15. March 15. September 15. March 15. June 15. December 15.	424 6 554 6 574 6 574 6 6	\$17,300,000 20,700,000 5,200,000 7,640,000 27,000,000 8,660,000 9,900,000 33,400,000	\$10,202,000 18,475,000 3,786,500 5,424,000 21,329,500 10,059,000 10,455,000 35,035,000	\$9,496,000 16,010,000 3,238,500 4,725,000 19,411,000 9,711,500 9,528,500 33,293,000	22 30 47 41 41 32 34 34	\$89,000 1,074,500 25,000 260,500 182,000 441,000 984,000
Total	,		129,800,000	114,766,000	105,413,500		3,056,000
Grand Total			451,730,000	281,542,500	255,876,000		12,013,000

Schedule 20. Subscriptions to certificates of indebtedness classified by states.

State.	1920 Loan.	1921 Loan.	1920 Tax.	1921 Tax.	Total.
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	\$548,500 630,500 904,500 30,125,000 3,599,000 6,276,000	\$1,069,500 1,086,500 89,500 37,351,000 7,871,500 6,747,000	\$1,054,000 1,015,500 481,000 53,320,000 4,006,500 10,601,000	\$1,767,500 2,560,500 450,000 81,258,500 11,030,000 17,699,500	\$4,439,500 5,293,000 1,925,000 202,054,500 26,507,000 41,323,500
Total	42,083,500	54,215,000	70,478,000	114,766,000	281,542,500

SCHEDULE 21.

United States certificates of indebtedness redeemed from January 1, 1920, to December 31, 1920.

[000 omitted.]

Dated.	Due.	Cash redemption.	Applied for tax payments.	Exchanged for new issues.	Total.
	vious to 1920 Series:	\$103			\$10
August 1, 1919	January 2, 1920	25,316		\$1,256	26,57
August 15, 1919	January 15, 1920	34,434		870	35,304
September 2, 1919	February 2, 1920	34,190		4.736	38,920
December 1, 1919	February 16, 1920	8,239	7	716	8,95
April 1, 1920	July 1, 1920	9,588		676	10,26
April 15, 1920	July 15, 1920	5,852		513	6,36
April 15, 1920	October 15, 1920	13,073		378	13,45
May 17, 1920	November 15, 1920	6,525		164	6,689
Tax Ser	ies 1920:				
July 15, 1919	March 15, 1920	11,392	\$489	15	11,89
September 15, 1919	March 15, 1920	2,286	546	773	3,60
September 15, 1919	September 15, 1920	52,327	722	25	53,07
December 1, 1919	March 15, 1920	4,834	278	15	5,12
December 15, 1919	June 15, 1920	42,783	2,308	408	45,49
February 2, 1920	March 15, 1920	15,629	1,154	43	16,82
January 2, 1920	December 15, 1920	60,948	1,606	994	63,548
Advance payment	inmatured issues	160		431	591
Total		327,679	7,103	12,013	346,79

Schedule 22. — Items of interest from the schedules of this and other reports in connection with the fiscal operation of the United States in this District — 1920.

RECEIPTS.	
Proceeds of sales of United States certificates of indebtedness Federal taxes collected Salvage of war materials Transfers from other Federal Reserve banks.	\$280,000,000 470,000,000 45,000,000 32,000,000
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Expenditures disbursed by check. Transfers to other Federal Reserve districts. Certificates of indebtedness redeemed.	290,000,000 225,000,000 346,000,000

SCHEDULE 23.

Sales of Treasury savings stamps and certificates. $[000 \ omitted.]$

State.	Popula- tion.	Janu- ary.	Feb- ruary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sep- tember,	October.	No- vember,	De- cember.	Total.	Sales Per Capita.
Maine . New Hampshire . Vermont . Massachusetts . Rhode Island . Connecticut ¹ .	777,000 444,000 364,000 3,775,000 625,000 942,000	\$45 60 19 275 97 64	\$20 38 10 155 64 36	\$19 49 14 183 67 50	\$7 31 9 152 56 35	\$6 21 7 110 49 34	\$6 24 5 115 54 30	\$11 20 6 82 33 25	\$11 16 6 69 31 19	\$12 18 3 83 36 12	\$7 20 6 94 35 14	\$13 13 6 76 27 13	\$17 27 12 95 27 18	\$174 337 103 1,489 576 350	\$0.22 .76 .28 .38 .92 .37
Total	6,927,000	560	323	382	290	227	234	177	152	164	176	148	196	3,029	.44

¹ Fairfield County taken over by Second Federal Reserve District.

SCHEDULE 24.

Liberty loan conversions.

Bonds.	Issued.				Exchanged by other Federal	Outstanding. ¹			
	anoute.	3½'s	4's	41's	2d 4¼'s	3 ‡ 's	4 <u>*</u> 's	Reserve Banks.	o davidading.
1st Loan interest certificates Allotment Other Federal Reserve banks	\$265,017,900 2,614,700	\$168,163,700	\$63,828,100					\$35,582,000	\$58,800
Total. First 34's. First 4's. Second 4's. Victory 42's. Victory 32's.	267,632,600 168,163,700 73,218,250 408,530,000 317,644,500 54,265,650			\$880,550 65,704,400 363,868,850	\$304,550	\$10,238,100		35,582,000	58,800 157,588,450 ¹ 7,513,850 ¹ 44,661,150 ¹ 307,406,400 ¹ 49,736,100 ¹

¹ Difference between amount issued by this bank and amount presented for conversion.

Schedule 25. Coupons of United States obligations redeemed, 1920.

Description.	Number.	Amount.
First Liberty loan 3½%. First Liberty loan conv. 4%. First Liberty loan conv. 4½%. First Liberty loan 2nd conv. 4½%. Second Liberty loan 4%. Second Liberty loan 4½%. Third Liberty loan 4½%. Fourth Liberty loan 4½%. Victory Liberty loan 3½%. Victory Liberty loan 4½%. Certificates of indebtedness. War finance.	\$538,702 217,525 341,100 2,081 402,193 924,915 1,658,721 2,647,037 37,547 1,306,904 43,581 10,611 9,708	\$3,150,092.65 397,010.26 1,472,802.69 6,180.21 1,044.328.00 8,515,088.710.06 8,515,088.711.369,910.58 8,836,456.49 4,967,482.69 265,275.00 61,563.47
Other United States coupons. Totals	8,140,625	57,407,616.61

SCHEDULE 26.

Change in membership of national banks.

City.	Name of Bank.	Date of change.	Reason.
Warren, Massachusetts Richford, Vermont Boston, Massachusetts Arlington, Massachusetts	ORGANIZED, First National Bank Richford National Bank Haymarket National Bank Arlington National Bank	March 6, 1920 March 22, 1920 August 9, 1920 December 7, 1920 .	New Bank Do. Do. Do.
	LIQUIDATED,		
Clinton, Massachusetts	First National Bank	March 1, 1920	Converted into Trust Company.
Northampton, Massa- chusetts	Hampshire County National Bank	April 20, 1920 August 1, 1920	Do. Do.

SCHEDULE 27.

List of member trust companies.

City.	Name of Bank.	Date admitted.
Bangor, Maine Portland, Maine Sanford, Maine Arlington, Massachusetts Boston, Massachusetts Do.	Merrill Trust Company (branches at Dexter and Jonesport). Fidelity Trust Company. Sanford Trust Company. Menotomy Trust Company American Trust Company. Beacon Trust Company. Commonwealth Trust Company. Exchange Trust Company International Trust Company Liberty Trust Company Market Trust Company Massachusetts Trust Company Metropolitan Trust Company	March 14, 1918 March 18, 1918 September 9, 1920 November 8, 1918 August 31, 1911 January 15, 1918 February 12, 1911 September 14, 1920 June 9, 1917 May 1, 1918 January 13, 1919 December 10, 1920 December 4, 1917
Do. Do. Do. Do. Cambridge, Massachusetts	New England Trust Company Old Colony Trust Company State Street Trust Company United States Trust Company Charles River Trust Company Harvard Trust Company	December 10, 1918 August 24, 1918 January 26, 1918 April 9, 1918 December 11, 1917 March 6, 1918
Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Gloucester, Massachusetts. Greenfield, Massachusetts. Holyoke, Massachusetts Lawrence, Massachusetts Lynn, Massachusetts. Lynn Massachusetts.	Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Company Franklin County Trust Company. Hadley Falls Trust Company Merchants Trust Company. Security Trust Company.	July 26, 1917 June 4, 1919 April 21, 1919 January 19, 1919 February 27, 1919 September 25, 1919
Newton, Massachusetts Norwood, Massachusetts Salem, Massachusetts Waltham, Massachusetts Winchester, Massachusetts.	New Bedford Safe Deposit & Trust Company Newton Trust Company Norwood Trust Company Naumkeag Trust Company Waltham Trust Company Winchester Trust Company	June 5, 191 November 5, 191 August 11, 191 September 25, 191 April 3, 191 May 29, 191
Worcester, Massachusetts Providence, Rhode Island	Worcester Bank & Trust Company	December 26, 191 November 9, 191
Do. Do.	Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company Union Trust Company (branches at East Greenwich, Olneyville)	March 13, 191 September 13, 191
New Britain, Connecticut New Haven, Connecticut South Manchester, Connecticut Waterbury, Connecticut.	New Britain Trust Company Union & New Haven Trust Company Manchester Trust Company Colonial Trust Company	August 21, 191 December 8, 191 December 30, 191 April 6, 191

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Schedule 28. Member and non-member eligible State banks compared.

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		Member	State bank	s.	Non-member eligible State banks.				
State.	Num- ber.	Capital.	Surplus.	Re- sources.	Num- ber.	Capital.	Surplus.	Re- sources.	
Maine New Hampshire Vermont	3	\$900	\$825	\$25,685	41 8 27	\$3,355 555 1,601	\$2,308 683 1,501	\$81,093 14,368 46,467	
Massachusetts Rhode Island	29 3	24,750 7,000	26,396 8,500	600,240 172,007	68 8	18,285 1,750	14,655 2,061	270,668 37,760	
Connecticut	4	1,550	1,225	16,763	24	4,855	3,650	79,872	
Total	39	34,200	36,946	814,695	176	30,401	24,858	530,228	

Schedule 29. Classification according to nature of business of unsecured loans of \$100,000¹ and over as of December 23, 1920.

Business.	Amount.	Per Cent
Tanners and Leather Dealers.	\$7,270,000	9.8%
Manufacturers of Tires and Rubb Goods	6,650,000	9.0
Manufacturers of Autos, Trucks and Accessories	5,881,000	7.9
Packers and wholesale meat dealers	5,570,000	7.6
Manufacturers, wholesale and retail shoe dealers	5,005,000	6.8
Manufacturers cotton goods, yarns, etc	4,715,000	6.4
Manufacturers of machinery and tools	4,680,000	6.3
Wool, worsted, yarns, etc	4,265,000	5.7
Manufacturers of druggists' supplies and chemicals	3,970,000	5.4
Manufacturers of electrical supplies	3,825,000	5.2
Manufacturers of fertilizers	2,875,000	3.9
Manufacturers of explosives and firearms	2,750,000	3.7
Department, dry goods stores and mail-order houses	2,475,000	3.4
Stationery and office supplies	1,915,000	2.5
Silk, furs and clothing	1,810,000	2.5
Grocers and canners	1,715,000	2.4
Lumber, contractors' and builders' supplies	1,690,000	2.3
Hardware	1,635,000	2.2
Iron, steel and metals	1,300,000	1.7
Iron, steel and metals. Manufacturers of confectionery and cocoa	1.049.000	1.5
Tobacco	1,000,000	1.3
Farm products	820,000	1.2
Manufacturers of pulp and paper	500,000	.7
Manufacturers of musical instruments	400,000	.6
Total	73,765,000	100.0

 $^{^1226}$ makers borrowing \$100,000 and over make up \$73,765,000 or 79% of the total unsecured loans amounting to \$93,329,000 at close of business December 23, 1920.

[000 omitted.]

Reserve Accounts.	counts.		Loans to Mem	ber Banks.		Tota	ı,	Ratio of Rediscounts to Reserve Accounts.		
State.			Secur	ed.	Unsecu	red.			to lease ve	rocounts.
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	\$5,423 2,934 2,164 85,217 9,669 9,263	\$4,872 2,918 1,885 90,321 8,011 9,285	\$1,696 1,942 761 57,230 407 6,249	\$3,132 3,446 1,600 84,624 7,730 6,944	\$624 608 533 83,409 923 912	\$1,828 416 615 76,267 435 1,002	\$2,320 2,550 1,294 140,639 1,330 7,161	\$4,960 3,862 2,215 160,891 8,165 7,946	42.7 86.9 59.7 165.0 13.7 77.3	101.1 132.1 117.1 178.1 101.1 85.
Total	114,670	117,292	68,285	107,476	87,009	80,563	155,294	188,039	135.4	160.

SCHEDULE 31.

Reserves of national banks in New England as reported by the Comptroller of the Currency.

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1920.	Required reserve.	Reserve carried.	Excess reserve.	1919.	Required reserve.	Reserve carried.	Excess reserve.	1918.	Required reserve.	Reserve carried.	Excess reserve.
January 1 February 28 June 30 September 8 November 15	\$69,254 70,912 72,271 73,184 73,445 74,554	\$73,131 74,644 77,829 76,528 75,378 77,851	\$3,877 3,732 5,558 3,344 1,933 3,297	January 1 March 4 May 12 June 30 September 12. November 17.	\$64,129 60,965 65,967 63,810 69,095 69,765	\$67,162 64,269 66,219 66,421 70,696 75,454	\$3,033 3,304 252 2,611 1,601 5,689	January 1 March 4 May 10 June 29 August 31 November 1	\$55,557 55,866 56,021 56,392 59,041 63,472	\$59,948 57,001 61,274 54,900 59,032 63,115	\$4,391 1,135 5,253 1,4921 91 3571

¹ Deficit.

Schedule 32. Comparison of loans and deposits of Boston and country banks. [000 omitted.]

	Loans to Me	mber Banks.1		Deposits of r Banks.	% of Bosto	on to total
1920.	In Boston.	All Others.	In Boston.	All Others.	Loans.	Deposit
January 2 9 16 23 30 February 6 13 20 27.	\$126,250 104,122 104,004 99,196 114,735 122,507 142,989 136,787 139,131	\$58,406 55,638 52,505 49,624 46,283 46,376 45,542 41,211 41,293	\$68,976 71,487 72,215 62,970 64,065 61,060 64,590 63,131 68,858	\$52,188 54,782 52,789 51,184 49,656 48,593 54,377 52,222 52,390	68.3% 65.1 66.4 66.6 71.2 72.5 75.8 76.8	56.9% 52.8 57.7 55.1 56.3 55.6 54.2 54.7 56.7
March 5	131,241	37.098	65,106	51,778	77.9	55.7
12,	125,574	37,240	63,335	51,442	77.1	55.1
19 26	122,240 135,049	36,008 40,403	62,202 62,791	52,057 51,426	77.2 76.9	54.4 54.9
April 2	137,487	37,792	63,572	51,640	78.4	55.1
9	111,186 108,420	35,394 31,920	63,793 65,537	51,894 53,346	75.8 77.2	55.1 55.1
23	109,661	30,865	70,032	49,190	78.0	58.7
30	102,925	31,925	62,097	51,828	76.3	54.5
May 7	100,455 114.617	29,621 34,833	59,838 65,357	50,178 55,825	77.2 76.6	54.3 53.9
21	115,892	32,418	84,471	51,732	78.1	56.8
June 28	113,322 $115,785$	36,142 34,128	66,424 68,669	53,386 51,517	75.8 77.2	55.4 57.1
11	105,875	37,105	65,362	52,103	74.0	55.6
18,	106,245	33,089	61,234	54,368	76.0	52.9
July 25	100,306 111,672	$33,781 \\ 27,165$	65,808 66,001	52,139 51,498	74.8 80.4	55.7 56.1
9	99,518	25,744	67,253	50,932	79.4	56.9
16	90,494	27,869	66,580	54,561	76.4	54.9
23 30	83,496 77,356	20,379 23,856	68,631 67,244	53,401 51,693	80.3 76.4	$56.2 \\ 56.5$
August 6	76,276	25,332	64,140	53,586	75.0	54.4
13	78,512	26,370	66,615	54,493	74.8	55.0
20 27	93,946 93,116	26,455 $25,519$	64,446 64,862	52,508 53,914	78.0 78.4	$55.1 \\ 54.6$
September 3	84,622	28,721	64,082	52,798	74.6	54.8
10	88,169	26,729	63,811	56,076	76.7	53.2
17 24	82,346 96,197	25,373 26,479	65,339 65,090	55,261	76.4 78.4	54.1 54.6
October 1	104.033	27,535	66,872	53,924 52,328	79.0	56.1
8	103,704	26,172	64,619	51,767	79.8	54.5
15	85,541	36,546	71,433	59,442	70.0	54.5
22 29	78,706 84,467	22,444 25,452	66,600 66,772	55,282 55,697	77.8 76.8	54.6 54.5
November 5	92,959	26,372	65,260	55,043	77.9	54.2
12	97,782	22,961	65,159	55,455	80.9	54.0
19 26	$\frac{106,131}{113,412}$	19,178 31,099	63,918 61,666	51,525 51,936	84.6 78.4	$55.3 \\ 54.2$
December 3	116,907	29,641	61,940	52,052	79.7	54.3
10	115,736	31,696	64,087	55,241	78.5	55.5
17	112,621	30,594	64,013	53,107	78.6	$54.6 \\ 54.2$
24 31	132,086 122,009	31,019 53,962	61,430 60,719	51,704 53,951	81.2 69.3	52.9

¹Does not include liability on acceptances.

1920.	United States securities owned.	Loans secured by United States obligations.	Loans secured by other stocks and bonds.	All other loans and investments.	Total loans and invest- ments.	Borrowed from Fed- eral Reserve bank.	Ratio of borrowings to total loans and invest- ments.	Net demand deposits.	Time deposits.	Govern- ment deposits.	Total deposits.	Reserve with Federal Reserve bank.
January February March April May June July August September October November	33,399 35,369 35,699	\$21,898 17,343 14,438 13,812 10,554 9,758 9,295 8,702 8,285 8,427 7,828 7,774	\$44,532 46,295 47,199 47,391 47,663 45,682 45,215 45,152 43,858 45,503 47,611 44,496	\$208,660 211,218 209,874 211,450 220,282 220,469 218,048 221,177 225,279 219,303 224,337 222,355	\$316,996 313,021 306,901 306,052 313,868 307,108 308,924 314,927 310,898 317,584 312,240	\$15,201 12,882 9,731 8,203 7,651 7,618 4,900 4,955 7,215 6,052 4,948 7,816	4.7% 4.1 3.1 2.6 2.4 2.4 1.5 1.6 2.2 1.9 1.5 2.5	\$193,468 186,946 183,507 185,327 190,799 187,597 190,310 188,297 187,038 193,836 190,741 181,201	\$87,726 90,723 92,275 93,604 94,869 94,518 95,408 97,853 98,043 98,755 103,008 101,694	\$9,548 2,114 385 1,188 2,267 1,428 2,133 1,106 3,208 4,104 1,495 276	\$290,742 279,783 276,167 280,119 287,935 283,543 287,256 288,289 296,695 295,244 283,171	\$16,158 14,941 15,918 15,219 16,141 16,313 15,898 16,705 16,479 16,200 17,006 16,458
					N	Iember Ban	ks in Boston.	1				
January February March April May June July August September October November December	27,287 20,311 36,829 35,789 21,949 19,428	\$76,123 70,683 64,281 59,598 49,729 48,057 46,226 42,891 39,280 39,790 39,002 39,184	\$163,798 155,661 149,787 147,227 149,293 145,098 146,834 138,511 138,993 147,850 149,029 147,769	\$516,982 521,151 539,479 542,758 544,664 566,406 573,597 570,450 567,953 587,702 575,963 563,580	\$795,670 777,800 780,834 769,894 780,515 795,350 788,606 771,280 764,789 792,419 779,491 765,865	\$126,250 122,507 131,241 137,487 100,455 115,785 111,672 76,276 84,622 103,283 92,059 116,507	15.1% 15.7 16.8 17.8 12.8 14.5 14.1 9.8 11.0 13.0 11.8 15.2	\$631,310 602,631 608,803 593,349 624,426 635,551 631,255 636,181 622,180 626,128 623,032 586,499	\$41,432 42,872 44,425 39,353 44,178 43,095 43,811 42,568 46,263 49,912 51,611 49,157	\$31,101 9,985 1,716 5,582 9,202 1,974 5,801 3,141 3,071 11,034 2,778 1,065	\$703,843 655,488 654,944 638,284 677,806 680,620 680,867 681,890 671,514 687,074 677,421 636,721	\$68,976 61,061 65,106 63,572 59,838 68,666 66,001 64,140 64,082 65,997 64,290 60,774

 $^{^{1}\}mathrm{Does}$ not include figures for state banks admitted to membership during 1920.

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Schedule 34. Acceptance liability of national banks in District No. 1. [000 omitted.]

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1920.		1919.		1918		1917.	
February 28 May 4 June 30 September 8 November 15 December 29	59,809 48,738		17 62,276	March 4 May 10 June 29 August 31 November 1 December 31	48,651 45,298 52,486	March 5 May 1 June 20 September 11 November 20 December 31	\$29,406 32,374 45,590 34,714 41,290 49,131

SCHEDULE 35.

Acceptance liability of all banks in District No. 1.

Accepted by:—	Nov. 15, 1920.	Nov. 17, 1919.
National banks Other member banks Non-member banks (Massachusetts) Acceptance Corporations and Private Bankers	\$53,479,000 22,686,000 2,172,000 10,193,000	\$62,276,000 16,681,000 4,627,000 21,338,000
Total	88,530,000	104,922,000

Schedule 36.—Member banks authorized to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100% of their capital and surplus.

Bank.	Location.	Granted.	Capital and surplus.
Beacon Trust Company	Boston, Massachusettsdododododododo	May 8, 1918 February 28, 1919 April 14, 1915 April 24, 1918 February 21, 1919 March 30, 1916 June 7, 1915 December 11, 1917 May 25, 1916 July 26, 1916 July 26, 1916 January 25, 1918	\$2,000,000 2,500,000 33,000,000 4,000,000 5,000,000 20,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000
Dedham National Bank	Dedham, Massachusetts	April 11, 1918	300,000
Massasoit-Pocasset National Bank Safety Fund National Bank	Fall River, do	November 13, 1917 October 5, 1917	1,000,000 600,000
Hartford-Aetna National Bank Phoenix National Bank	Hartford, Connecticutdo. do	October 27, 1917 July 1, 1918	4,000,000 1,500,000
First National Bank	New Bedford, Massachusetts do. do New Haven, Connecticut Norwich, do	December 18, 1919 September 12, 1919 August 3, 1920 August 5, 1919	1,000,000 700,000 1,700,000 1,550,000
Canal National Bank. Portland National Bank. Blackstone-Canal National Bank. Merchants National Bank. National Bank of Commerce. Providence National Bank.	Portland, Mainedo. do Providence, Rhode Islanddo. dodododododod	July 3, 1919 June 24, 1919 July 12, 1917 November 7, 1918 December 24, 1919 December 16, 1918	1,000,000 600,000 1,000,000 2,000,000 1,700,000 1,000,000
Springfield National Bank	Springfield, Massachusetts	January 25, 1918	1,000,000
Merchants National Bank	Worcester, do	May 4, 1916	2,000,000

SCHEDULE 37.

Other accepting member banks.

Bank.	Location.	Capital and surplus.
Abington National Bank	Abington, Massachusetts	\$100,00
First National Bank	Adams, Massachusetts	120.00
First National Granite Bank	Augusta, Maine	250,00
First National Bank	Bath, Maine	480,00
Beverly National Bank	Beverly, Massachusetts	450,00
American Trust Company	Boston, Massachusetts	3,500,00
Citizens National Bank.	do	1,125,00
Massachusetts Trust Company	do	1,500,00
Mattapan National Bank	do	220,00
Metropolitan Trust Company	do	900,00
National Rockland Bank	do	800,00
National Security Bank	do	750,00
State Street Trust Company		4,500,00
Brockton National Bank	Brockton, Massachusetts	600,00
First National Bank		100.00
Howard National Bank	Burlington, Vermont	700,00
Manufacturers National Bank		230,00
First National Bank		400,00
National State Capitol Bank	do	450,00
National Bank of Fairhaven	Fairhaven, Massachusetts	150,00
Fall River National Bank	Fall River, Massachusetts	600,00
First National Bank		550,00
Metacomet National Bank		1,000,00
Cape Ann National Bank		250,00
Gloucester National Bank	do	200.00
First National Bank		450.00
Second National Bank		245.00
Merchants National Bank	New Bedford, Massachusetts	2,500,00
North Adams National Bank	North Adams, Massachusetts	450,00
Chames National Bank	Norwich, Connecticut	1,550,00
Orange National Bank	Orange, Massachusetts	200,00
Chapman National Bank		250.00
Portland National Bank	do	600,00
ndustrial Trust Company	Providence, Rhode Island	7,000,00
Mechanics National Bank	do	600,00
National Exchange Bank	do	1,250,00
Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company	do	7,000,00
Union Trust Company	do	1,500,00
Rockland National Bank	Rockland, Maine	250,00
Peoples National Bank	Southbridge, Massachusetts	125,00
Chapin National Bank	Springfield, Massachusetts	750,00
Chicopee National Bank	do	1,000,00
Third National Bank	do	1,000,00
Citizens National Bank	Waterbury, Connecticut	500,00
Mechanics National Bank	Worcester, Massachusetts	600,00

Schedule 38. Non-member accepting banks and other acceptors in this district.

Bank.	Capital and Surplus.	Bankers.
Federal Trust Company, Boston Brookline Trust Company, Brookline, Massachusetts Casco Mercantile Trust Company, Portland, Maine Union Trust Company, Springfield, Massachusetts	\$1,350,000 400,000 700,000 1,500,000	Brown Brothers & Company, Boston, Massachusetts. Fidelity Capital Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts. First National Corporation, First National Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts. Lee, Higginson & Company, Boston, Massachusetts. J. B. Moors & Company, Boston, Massachusetts. Shawmut Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts.

Schedule 39. Banks granted fiduciary powers under the Federal Reserve Act.

Date granted.	Location.	Bank.				
January 2, 1920	Naugatuck, Connecticut. Boston, Massachusetts. Hartford, Connecticut. Waterville, Maine. Hartford, Connecticut. Norwich, Connecticut. Yarmouthport, Massachusetts. Roxbury, Massachusetts. Bennington, Vermont. Boston, Massachusetts. Springfield, Massachusetts. New Haven, Connecticut. Rutland, Vermont.	Naugatuck National Bank Citizens National Bank Hartford-Aetna National Bank Ticonic National Bank Colonial National Bank Thames National Bank First National Bank Peoples National Bank First National Bank First National Bank Thational Bank National Shawmut Bank Third National Bank New Haven Bank, N. B. A. Baxter National Bank				

¹ Supplementary Application.

SCHEDULE 40.

Discount rates.

Date.	Commercial paper. Member banks collateral notes.		Agricultural and Live stock paper.		Commodity Paper.	Secure Governm obligat	ent war	Secured by United States certificates of indebtedness.	Bankers' Acceptances
-	15 days or less.	16 to 90 days.	91 days to six months.	90 days or less.	90 days or less.	15 days,	16 to 90 days.	90 days or less.	90 days or less.
1917. March 21. August 1. October 23. December 5. December 12. 1918.	3½ 3½ 3½ 3½ 4 4	4 4 4 4 4 5	5 5 5 5 5	3½ 1 4 4 4 4	4 4 4	3 1 1 5 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 1 3 3 1 3 3 1 3 3 1 3 3 3 1 3	3½ 3½ 5 4		
January 7	4 4 3	5 433	5 5	4½ 6 4½ 6		3½ 4	4 4 ¹ / ₄ ²		
November 4 December 12	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	5 5	$\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{4\frac{3}{4}}$		$\begin{array}{c}4\frac{1}{2}\\4\frac{3}{4}\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4\frac{1}{2} \\ 4\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$\substack{4\frac{1}{4}-4\frac{1}{2}\\4\frac{1}{4}-4\frac{1}{2}}$	
January 3	4 3 6 6 7	4 ½ 6 6 7	5 6 6 7	43 6 6 7		4 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 6	4 3 4 5 5 5 5 5 6	4 3 4 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	

June 27, 1917.—Trade Acceptances under 91 days 4 per cent.
Cotober 1, 1918, to February 15, 1919, 4 per cent on customers' notes carrying coupon rate of interest and secured by fourth Liberty loan bonds.
April 12, 1919, when secured by bonds of the War Finance Corporation 15 days or less 5 per cent — 16 to 90 days 51 per cent.
Rate discontinued.
Customers of non-member banks 4 per cent.
Trade Acceptances, 15 days or less, 4 per cent.

SCHEDULE 41.

Money rates in Boston, 1920.1

Kind.	January.	Febru- ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	November.	December.
Brokers' demand loans' Time paper secured Commercial paper discounted:	6-10 6	8-10 6-8½	6-10 6-7	6-8 6½-7	$\begin{array}{c} 6-8 \\ 6\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 6-8 \\ 6\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	8-9 7½-8	8 7½-8	8 7½-8	8 7½-8	8 7½-8	8 7½-8
90 days or under Over 90 days	$ 5\frac{3}{4} - 6 \\ 6 - 7 $	6-7 6-7	6-7 6-7	$\begin{array}{c} 6-7 \\ 6\frac{1}{2}-7 \end{array}$	6-7 6-7	6-8 6-8	6-8 6½-8	$6-8$ $6\frac{1}{2}-8$	6-8 6½-8	6-8 6½-8	6-8 6½-8	6-8 6½-8
90 days or under Over 90 days	$\begin{array}{c} 5\frac{3}{4}-6 \\ 6-7 \end{array}$	$6-6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6-6\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{6\frac{1}{2}-7}{6\frac{1}{2}-7}$	63/4-7 7	$\begin{array}{c} 7-7\frac{1}{2} \\ 7-7\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$7\frac{1}{2}-8$ $7\frac{1}{2}-8$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8$	$7\frac{3}{4} - 8$ $7\frac{3}{4} - 8$
Bankers' acceptances; Endorsed Unendorsed, Bank borrowings Year money.	$\begin{array}{c} 5 - 5\frac{1}{2} \\ 5 - 5\frac{1}{2} \\ 5\frac{1}{2} - 6 \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5\frac{3}{8} - 5\frac{1}{2} \\ 5\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{3}{4} \\ 5 - 6 \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{7}{8} \\ 5\frac{3}{4} - 6 \\ 5 - 6 \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5\frac{7}{8} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6 \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 6-6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{1}{8}-6\frac{3}{4} \\ 6-6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6-6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6-6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6-6\frac{3}{4} \\ 6-6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6-8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6\frac{1}{8} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{5}{8} \\ 6 - 6\frac{1}{2} \\ 7\frac{1}{2} - 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{3}{8} - 6\frac{5}{8} \\ 6 - 7 \\ 7\frac{1}{2} - 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{3}{8} - 6\frac{5}{8} \\ 6 - 7 \\ 7\frac{1}{2} - 8 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{3}{8} - 6\frac{5}{8} \\ 6 - 7 \\ 7\frac{1}{2} - 8 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 6\frac{1}{8} - 6\frac{3}{8} \\ 6\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{5}{8} \\ 6 - 7 \\ 7\frac{1}{2} - 8 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 6-6\frac{1}{4} \\ 6\frac{1}{8}-6\frac{1}{2} \\ 6-7 \\ 7\frac{1}{2}-8 \end{array}$
Fown notes	${4.39 \atop 4.85}$	4.66	5.49 6.05	5.46 5.94	5.65 6.30	5.90 6.95	5.95 7.00	5.79 6.85	5.93 6.39	5.92 6.25	4.98 5.73	5.34 5.74
obligations	$4\frac{3}{4}-6$	$5\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$	51-61	51-7	51-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7

¹ Period ending the 15th of each month.

SCHEDULE 42.

Debits to depositors' accounts by the Clearing House banks in the larger cities of this district. [000 omitted.]

1920.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total 1920.	Total 1919.
Bangor	\$13,889 40,337 103,372 17,710 22,143 36,057 82,720 30,780 176,768 69,038 31,447 74,354	\$11,219 39,338 92,586 18,321 20,520 33,139 69,179 27,849 149,450 64,366 30,253 67,940	48,066 121,970 17,757 26,256 23,004 44,200 95,904 37,459 195,000 86,599 28,855	\$16,251 38,423 104,258 16,517 23,870 21,396 39,736 78,051 34,065 164,877 68,506 29,805 77,555	* \$14,575 43,226 103,949 17,796 25,463 38,767 81,160 33,941 169,483 69,670 30,488 80,614	\$18,447 48,863 114,918 21,293 30,607 26,206 1 44,966 100,466 43,233 202,845 84,618 36,045 94,879	\$14,908 35,309 102,557 17,691 24,162 22,805 1 33,210 85,349 33,798 158,226 70,919 29,756 79,089	\$14,499 34,813 91,513 16,915 23,391 34,202 74,793 34,521 131,731 64,299 27,657 73,121	\$19,053 35,544 122,061 19,536 26,641 37,364 93,419 45,482 172,329 78,132 38,654 86,708	\$17,663 32,097 104,359 17,507 23,927 20,502 30,603 82,250 43,001 177,472 67,730 86,500 82,100	\$15,722 36,838 95,672 18,225 25,029 21,388 32,190 80,314 38,277 152,025 76,230 29,327 77,498	\$19,865 34,493 121,596 17,815 26,064 29,529 92,070 44,929 185,044 75,681 39,000 87,721	\$190,975 467,347 1,278,811 217,083 298,073 225,404 1 433,963 1,015,675 447,335 2,035,250 875,788 387,787 973,230	\$149,379 431,320 1,102,133 169,752 269,840 368,308 859,295 352,415 1,731,811 760,503 362,691 839,549
Total	698,615	624,160	808,601	691,914	709,132	841,180	684,974	621,455	774,923	715,209	677,347	773,807	8,621,317	7,396,996
Boston	1,357,745	1,182,700	1,551,555	1,289,818	1,246,106	1,531,188	1,207,067	1,066,693	1,388,103	1,223,852	1,226,393	1,419,800	15,691,020	14,942,024
Grand Total.	2,056,360	1,806,860	2,360,156	1,981,732	1,955,238	2,372,368	1,892,041	1,688,148	2,163,026	1,939,061	1,903,740	2,193,607	24,312,337	22,339,020

¹ Not included in total. ² Estimated.

Schedule 43. Permits for new construction in the leading cities of New England.

	19	920.	19	019.	Per cent	
City.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	change in year.	
Brockton Fall River Fitchburg Hartford Lawrence Lowell Lynn Manchester, N. H New Bedford New Haven Portland Springfield Worcester	434 366 213 679 302 420 401 313 184 643 258 922 1,113	\$1,044,879 2,112,905 1,472,432 9,074,216 1,881,190 4,054,075 636,463 2,159,538 4,239,326 3,512,902 412,010 5,061,413 3,681,787	358 264 234 812 338 501 399 385 574 849 314 1,022 1,432	\$826,857 1,103,870 812,311 7,935,923 1,366,313 2,565,090 1,124,351 1,326,176 5,026,952 6,459,252 1,587,033 3,773,298 5,624,911	+26.37 +91.41 +81.22 +14.34 +37.68 +58.00 -43.38 +62.88 -15.67 -45.61 -74.04 +34.14	
Total outside of Boston	6,248 1,045	39,343,136 17,473,132	7,482 1,237	39,532,332 13,936,206	48 +25.37	
Total	7,293	56,816,268	8,719	53,468,538	+ 6.26	

Schedule 44. Imports and exports through the port of Boston, 1920. [000 omitted.]

Month, 1920.	Exports.	Imports.	Excess of Imports.
January	\$19.187	\$46,749	\$27,562
February	9,573	48,419	38,846
March	17.867	60,199	42,332
April	16.147	54,401	38,254
May	23,416	21,489	1,927
June	21,026	39,749	18,723
July	14,727	29,256	14,529
August	12,671	35,131	22,460
September	15,210	16,368	1,158
October	15.179	14,441	738
November	13,214	14.058	844
December	14,585	12,492	2,093
Total	192,802	392,752	199,950

¹Excess of exports.

SCHEDULE 45.

Commercial failures in New England.

State.	1920.		1919.			1918.	1917.		
	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	
Maine New Hampshire. Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	74 36 19 443 81 230	\$1,373,049 252,096 420,044 10,970,133 339,346 6,979,424	85 20 15 427 71 194	\$717,703 165,279 594,239 7,402,927 999,877 2,932,462	135 38 36 739 124 272	\$1,516,696 243,919 363,240 13,010,340 683,456 4,067,709	151 49 48 395 105 319	\$1,424,353 380,768 422,831 10,777,064 503,488 8,642,146	
Total	883	20,334,092	812	12,812,487	1,344	19,885,360	1,067	22,150,650	

Schedule 46.— Number of employees in the various departments December 31, 1920, and December 31, 1919.

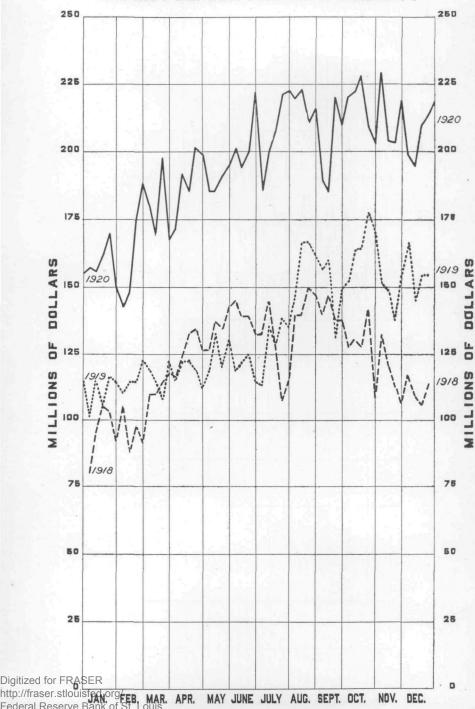
Department.		1920.			1919.	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Bank: Officers' Federal Reserve agent's Chief clerk's Auditing Adjustment Expense. Money. Bookkeeping Discount Note teller's Collection Wire transfer Collateral Chauffeur's General Watchmen's Purchasing agent's Custodian of records Registered mail Investment Legal Return teller's	13 10 1 15 5 1 28 17 10 2 2 11 1 2 6 6 2 2 25 21 2 2 3 3 3 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2	12 2 3 3 1 102 102 16 16 11 12 4 4 13 	13 22 3 18 6 3 130 23 6 19 2 38 21 6 3 3 23 6 19 2 3 3 8 21 5	12 5 1 11 14 1 18 20 11 16 1 8 2 11 11 2 2 11 11 2 2 11 11 2 2 11 11 2 2 11 11	9 2 2 1 4 86 12 18 1 3 3 14 - 11 - 3 - 3	12 14 3 13 5 5 104 322 29 9 4 222 22 21 11 5 5 6
Total	180	206	386	133	173	306
TRANSIT DEPARTMENT: New England New England night force City City night force Government checks. Mailing Total.	76 31 19 7 1 9	61 5 66	137 31 19 7 6 9	65 25 20 11 1 —	59 6 6	124 25 20 11 7 —
Bond (Fiscal Agency): Bond	63	92	155	55 7	73 1	128 8
Total	66	93	159	62	74	136
Grand Total	389	365	754 1	317	312	629

¹Does not include 22 employees of War Savings Organization.

² Does not include 126 employees of War Savings Organization.

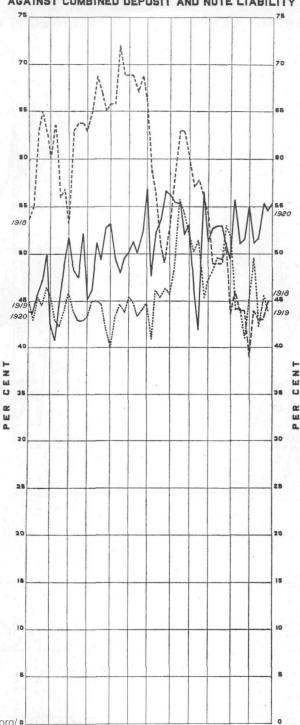
CHART A.

CASH RESERVE HELD BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AGAINST DEPOSIT AND NOTE LIABILITY



Federal Reserve Bar

PERCENTAGE OF CASH RESERVE ACTUALLY HELD AGAINST COMBINED DEPOSIT AND NOTE LIABILITY



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ADJUSTED PERCENTAGE OF RESERVE AGAINST DEPOSIT AND NOTE LIABILITY

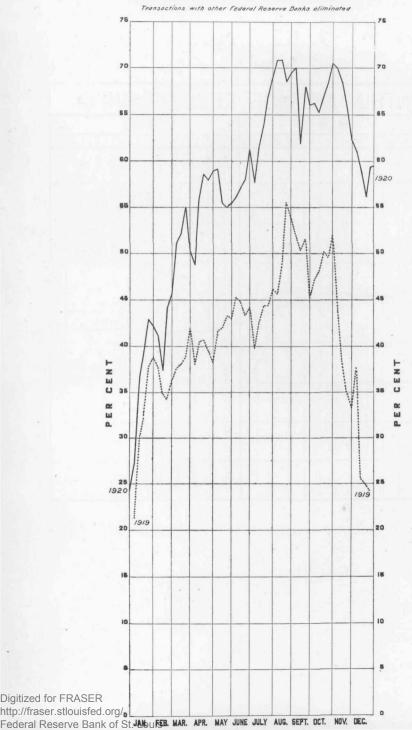


CHART D.

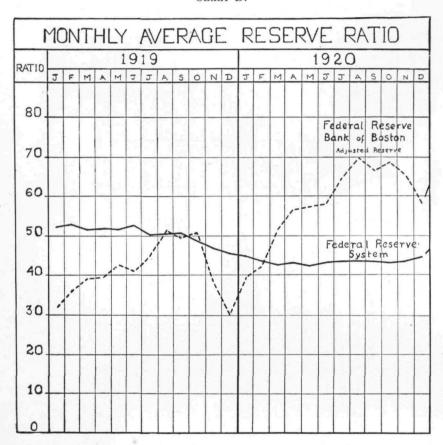
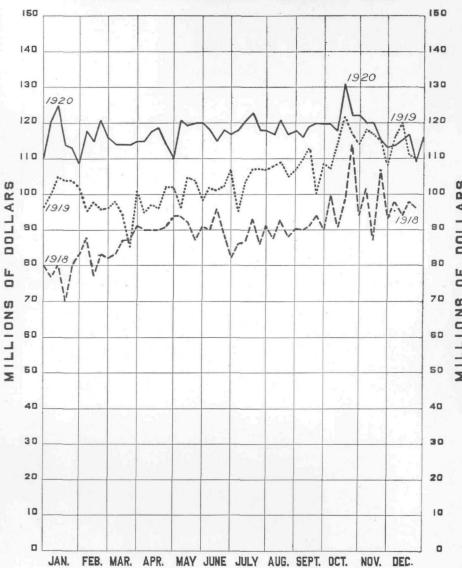


CHART E.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS OF MEMBER BANKS CARRIED IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK



FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES IN ACTUAL CIRCULATION

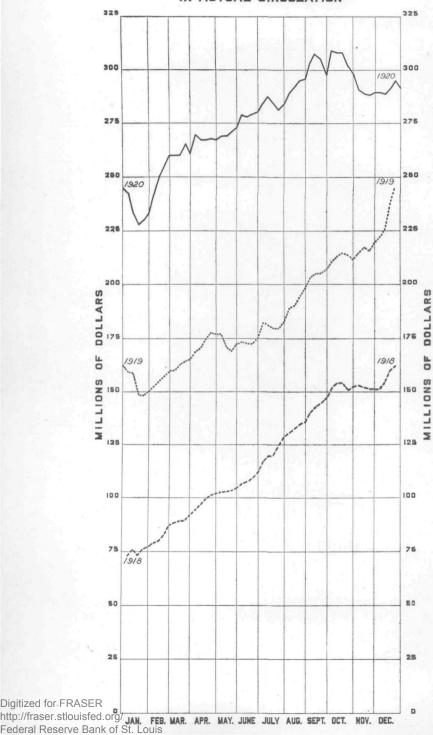


CHART G.

BILLS DISCOUNTED AND BOUGHT

ELIMINATING TRANSACTIONS WITH OTHER FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

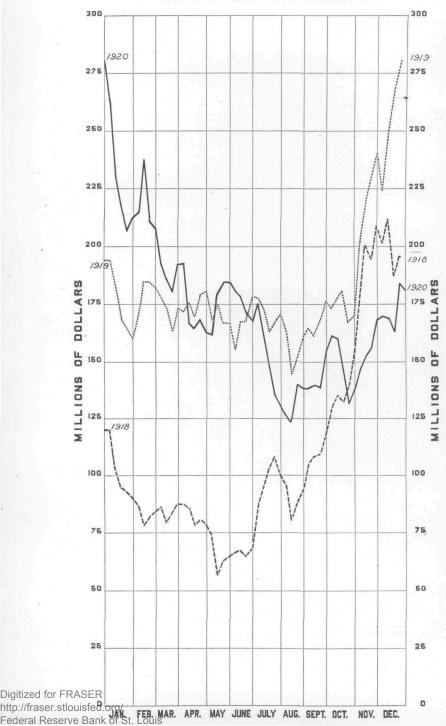
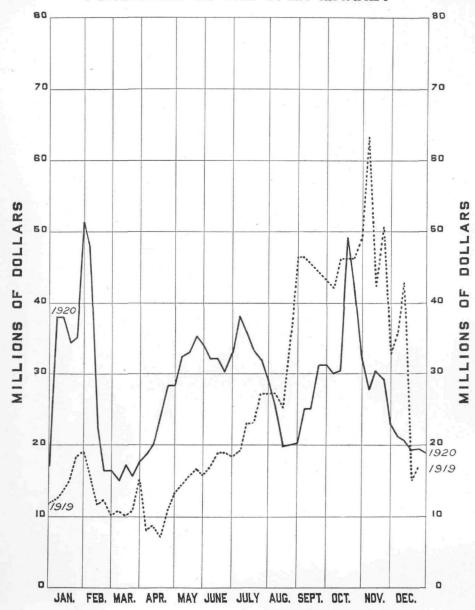
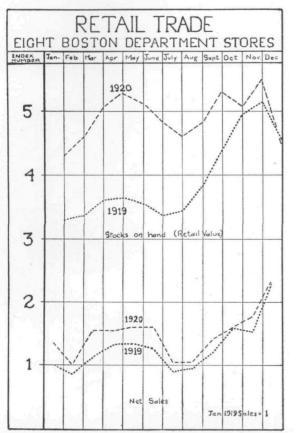
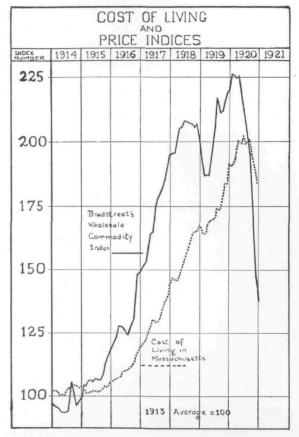


CHART H.

HOLDINGS OF ACCEPTANCES PURCHASED IN THE OPEN MARKET







THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS WERE PREPARED BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD FOR INSERTION IN THIS REPORT

[000 omitted.]

			Di	scounted bi	lls.		
			Dis-		ted for memb		
Date, 1920.	Total earning assets.	Total held.	counted for other Federal	A.	В.	C.	
		neid.	Reserve banks.	Total.	Secured by govern- ment war obligations.	Per cent B÷A.	
January 2. January 9. January 16. January 23. January 30. February 30. February 13. February 20. February 27. March 5. March 12. March 19. March 26. April 2. April 3. April 30. May 7. May 21. May 21. May 21. May 14. May 25. July 2 June 11. June 18. June 11. June 18. June 25. July 9 July 16. August 6 August 6 August 13 August 27. September 10. September 10. September 17. September 10. September 15. October 1. October 20. October 1. October 20. November 15. November 16. November 17. November 18. November 19. November 19. November 10. December 17. December 10. December 10. December 17. December 10. December 17.	\$237,434 220,358 217,622 206,674 234,964 240,141 235,681 216,538 218,642 226,167 232,239 211,311 235,795 235,146 213,817 223,110 210,415 207,798 220,828 233,927 227,103 226,690 222,934 225,126 212,436 213,817 221,436 210,415 207,798 220,528 233,927 227,103 226,690 222,934 225,126 212,436 238,542 203,059 205,701 210,773 213,637 230,185 227,731 257,769 266,945 206,853 236,470 236,388 234,523 237,923 240,195 245,182 220,055 235,653 231,414 220,098 238,856 231,802 210,911 223,275	\$184,656 159,760 156,509 148,820 161,018 168,883 188,531 177,998 180,424 188,339 192,815 173,242 195,865 176,260 160,786 177,085 166,056 178,740 169,814 169,830 168,366 170,318 159,868 146,216 178,215 166,168 152,643 144,728 149,581 163,681 168,366 170,318 159,868 146,216 178,215 166,168 152,643 144,728 149,581 163,681 163,681 163,681 170,318 191,117 183,331 184,212 182,325 155,288 174,079 191,117 170,719 183,157 170,719 183,157 170,719 183,157 170,719 183,157 170,719 183,157 172,266 165,228 158,514	\$20,000 30,000 14,995 23,399 11,463 18,000 20,260 20,260 22,126 35,980 29,290 21,503 20,366 17,402 27,117 20,533 12,128 34,461 35,994 34,280 36,495 44,923 49,51 40,429 67,916 66,911 97,014 72,812 45,308 60,655 52,641 52,450 43,694 72,926 81,199 51,389 55,414 35,604 27,217 24,749 17,796 15,298 19,926	\$184,656 159,760 156,509 148,820 161,018 168,831 177,998 180,424 168,339 162,815 158,247 172,466 140,526 140,526 140,526 140,340 140,526 134,959 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 130,076 149,450 140,526 134,088 143,754 143,201 118,363 104,658 104,147 106,325 120,390 118,635 113,343 114,898 113,571 129,875 111,594 101,153 109,918 101,153 109,918 101,153 109,918 101,153 101,1	\$123,914 105,100 108,935 105,562 112,933 116,053 1100,581 100,581 100,581 104,470 97,509 98,917 88,339 90,746 85,811 77,695 83,017 75,866 82,885 83,017 75,866 82,885 83,944 76,778 88,498 83,994 76,778 86,196 67,058 58,872 58,100 61,766 62,139 61,937 70,086 62,139 61,937 70,086 61,165 66,905 61,1743 66,905 61,743 59,037 60,970 61,743 59,037 60,970 67,976 67,976 65,994 66,997 67,976 67,9776 66,907 67,976 68,618	67. 65. 69. 70. 69. 56. 57. 57. 57. 53. 59. 54. 61. 63. 58. 55. 56. 54. 59. 59. 59. 59. 54. 61. 63. 58. 58. 58. 59. 59. 59. 59. 59. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60. 60	

Deposit Liabilities, and Reserve Percentages of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston during year 1920.

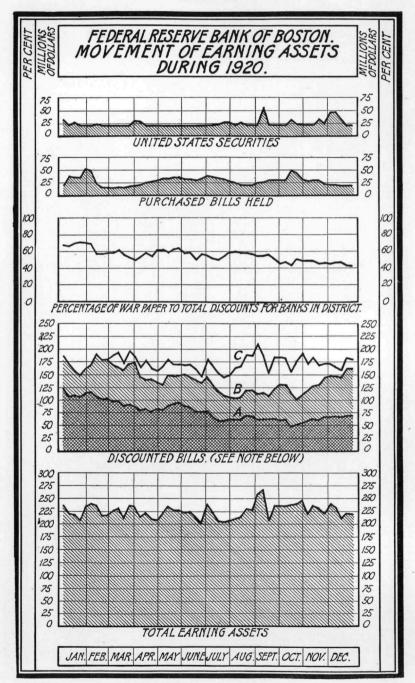
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P	urchased bills	3.						
							Reserve	Percentag
Accept- ances purchased in open market.	Accept— ances sold to other Federal Reserve banks. ¹	Total accept- ances held.	U. S. Securities.	Total cash reserves.	Net Deposits.	Federal Reserve notes in circula- tion.	Actual.	Adjusted
\$77,483	\$58,849 30,953 27,364	\$18,634	\$34,144	\$157,502	\$116,845	\$243,368	43.7	27.4
69,237	30,953	38,284	22,314	156,291	108,150	233,500	45.7 47.3	36.3
61,864 59,243	27,364 23,819	$34,500 \\ 35,424$	26,613 22,430	164,169	118,800 112,397	228,164 230,999	47.3 49.9	39.4 43.0
52,532	1,021	51,511	22,430	171,466 149,326	115,332	230,999	49.9	43.
47,122	+1,755	48,877	22,381	142,366	105,903	242,256	40.9	41.
39,997	17,013	22,984	24,166	147,689	99,274	249,453	42.4	37.
33,430 $28,002$	17,013 11,923	16,417 $16,079$	22,123 22,139	175,843 188,717	103,833 113,970	254,247 $259,702$	49.1 50.5	44. 47.
28,002 $25,648$	10,185	15,463	22,365	181,686	115,059	260,702 $260,275$	48.4	51.
24,501	7,439	17,062	22,362	170,953	110,912	260,873	46.0	52.
20,470	4,542	15,928	22,141	198,238	114,112	265,045	52.3	55.
20,774 $19,854$	2,985 1,325	17,789 $18,529$	22,141 31,200	168,044 $173,745$	111,944 107,434	261,697 270,466	45.0 46.0	50. 48.
21,672	820	20,852	29,205	192,008	107,808	267,284	51.2	55.
24,934	373	24,561	22,289	186,796	113,173	266,020	49.2	58.
27,400 28,583		27,400 28,583	22,229 22,130	201,436 199,847	113,658 110,219	267,634 266,568	52.8 53.1	58. 58.
32,652		32,652	22,130	185,766	105,529	269,740	49.5	59.
33,099		33,099	22.088	185,633	118,623	269,531	47.8	55.
35,143		35,143 34,746 32,253	22,146 22,114	191,814	115,369	271,516 273,944	49.6	55.
$34,746 \\ 32,253$		34,740	22,114 22,315	195,591 201,772 194,334	116,153 113,699	278,944	50.1 51.5	55. 55.
32,478		32,478	22,330	194,334	108,912	278,353 277,997	50.2	57.
30,241	*******	30,241	22,327	199,568	100,284	279,083	52.6	58.
28,181	$+5,002 \\ +4,918$	33,183	22,497 22,277	222,362 186,876	111,189 108,349	280,617 284,496	56.8 47.6	61. 57.
33,132 30,992	+4,918 +4,918	38,050 35,910	22,260	200,263	104,738	287,332	51.1	61.
28,820	+4,918	33,738	24,243	207,898	102,080	284,369	53.8	63.
27,270	+4,351	31,621	26,710	222,535	110,536	282,284	56.7	67.
25,456 $22,491$	+3,445	28,901 25,009	27,219 22,103	223,849 221,145	111,636 108,497	284,842 $289,872$	56.5 55.5	68. 71.
18,352	$+2,518 \\ +1,444$	19,796	27,087	223,008	110,315	292,189	55.4	70.
19,734		19,734	22,145	211,771	112,263	294,550	52.1	68.
20,116		20,116	22,069	216,828	112,544	296,131	53.1	69. 69.
25,383 25,502		25,383 $25,502$	22,029 53,732	190,656 185,804	108,541 109,581	303,206 307,079	46.3 44.6	62.
31,066			22,160	221,616	85,410	305,693	56.7	68.
30,780		31,066 30,780 30,038 30,045 49,494 42,901 31,985 27,294 30,247	22.359	210,203	111 001	298,249	51.4	66.
30,038		30,038	22,138 22,153	221,998 223,048	111,188	309,586 308,936	52.8 53.1	65. 65.
30,045 34,494	+15,000	49,494	33,141	228,072	119,622	308,155	53.3	67.
29,931	+12,970	42,901	23,215	211.017	110,814	308,155 $301,833$	51.1	72.
28,788	+3,197	31,985	22,080	203,175	111,001 111,188 110,739 119,622 110,814 113,336 116,331	296,168 293,735	49.6	70.
27,294 23,247	+7,000	30 247	22,042 22,249	229,518 204,048	116,331 110,363	293,735 289,041	$56.0 \\ 51.1$	68. 66.
22,852	+7,017	29,869	33,614	204,113	106,513	288,696	51.6	62.
22,618	+437	23,055	24,878	219,490	108,853	290,116	55.0	61.
21,391		21,391	45,169	198,880	106,805	290,251	50.1	56.
20,899 19,282		20,899 19,282	45,675 33,115	204,520 $210,562$	105,794 85,629	289,134 293,067	51.8 55.6	56. 59.
19,282		19,282	22,118	210,362 $214,355$	99,015	295,007	54.4	59. 59.
19,532		19,532	22,249	219,158	104,893	291,196	55.3	59.

¹ Plus sign indicates net amounts bought from other Federal Reserve banks.

² Adjusted percentages are calculated after increasing or reducing reserves held by the amount of accommodation extended to or received from other Federal Reserve banks.

Ехнівіт В



NOTE: A—Paper secured by Government war obligations discounted for banks in District.

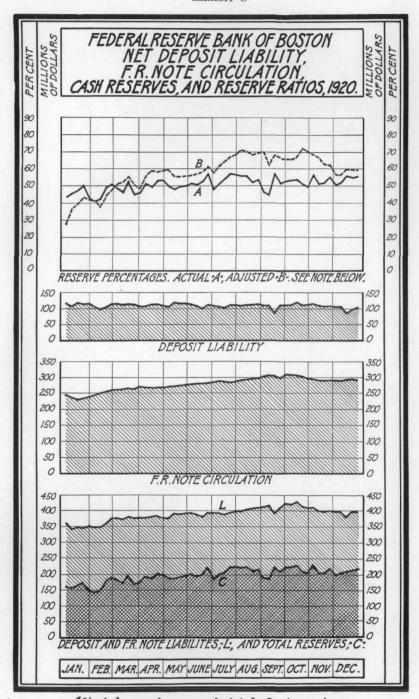
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B—Total paper discounted for banks in District.

C—Total discounted paper held. Space between lines B and C represents paper http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/discounted for other Federal Reserve Banks.

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Adjusted percentages are calculated after increasing or projection of project project