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### -. THE MOVEMENT OF NOTES AND COINS

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

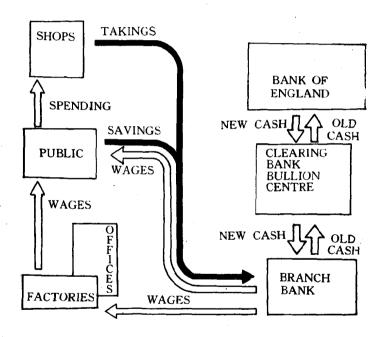
Of the many services that the banks provide to the community, there is one service<sup>1</sup> that is often taken for granted. That is the task of maintaining a smooth flow of bank notes and coin<sup>2</sup> throughout the country. Surplus currency<sup>3</sup> is taken from an area having more than it requires to be redistributed<sup>4</sup> in those areas that do not have sufficient. The purpose of this booklet is to explain why and how this is done.

#### 2. WHY CASH NEEDS TO **BE** MOVED

Notes are printed<sup>5</sup> at the Bank of England and coins are minted<sup>6</sup> at the Royal Mint, but most of the cash that the public uses comes from the many branches of the banks. When money is spent, it finds its way back to the branches of the banks. Thus the nation's currency is repeatedly passing through the banking system<sup>7</sup>.

Cash does not move evenly<sup>8</sup> throughout the country when it is in the hands of the public. Sometimes cash drawn

from the banks in a small district or area may be spent over much larger areas – for example, wages paid to factory workers will be supplied from a few banks in an industrial district<sup>9</sup> and then spent in shopping areas<sup>10</sup>. Also cash spent over a wide area may often be paid into a few city banks – a typical example of this would be money paid for bus fares<sup>11</sup>.



There is too, a heavy movement of cash at particular seasons<sup>12</sup>. Christmas shopping will transfer money from many suburban areas into a town or city; holiday spending will move large amounts of money from inland residential areas to country and coastal resorts<sup>13</sup>.

Another factor that affects the distribution of money<sup>14</sup> is the introduction of new notes and coin and the withdrawal of notes and coins that have become badly soiled, torn or obsolete<sup>15</sup>.

#### 3. TOO LITTLE, TOO MUCH OR JUST RIGHT?

If all parts of the community are to be adequately<sup>16</sup> supplied with notes and coin, then every local bank branch must be supplied. The simplest way to achieve this would be for every branch of every bank to be loaded with cash, and then, when the supply is getting low, to provide further supplies. Such stock—piling<sup>17</sup> in branch strongrooms all over the country would mean an immense waste<sup>18</sup> — vast sums of money lying idle<sup>19</sup> when it should be doing useful work. To ensure that too much money is not lying idle, every branch estimates<sup>20</sup> its needs in advance, usually each week.

Since bank branches are receiving cash and paying out

cash all the time, they will fall into one of three groups.

- (1) Branches that, week by week, pay out more notes and coin than they receive. They will need to "import" 21, either notes or coin. A branch in a mainly industrial area is likely to be an "importer" because employers' cash withdrawals for weekly wage payments will usually exceed 22 payment—in from other sources.
- (2) Branches that, week by week, receive more notes and coin than they pay out. Such branches will acquire a surplus which they will return, at intervals<sup>23</sup>, to their central source of supply. They will, in effect, "export" currency, either notes or coin. A branch in a large shopping area is likely to be an "exporter" because currency payments—in by the local tradesmer<sup>25</sup> will tend<sup>26</sup> to exceed withdrawals.
- (3) Branches whose payments—in over a given period more or less balance their payments—out.

#### 4. BRANCH REQUIREMENTS

Over a period, branch managers are able to estimate quite accurately what their cash situation<sup>27</sup> is likely to be and to act accordingly. Managers having surplus cash will know how much they can safely return to their central source; those managers requiring cash will know how much they need *from* their central source.

This is not to say that forecasting<sup>28</sup> cash requirements is a simple matter<sup>29</sup>. Trends can alter<sup>30</sup> rapidly, and a branch can change from being an "importer" to an "exporter" according to the season of the year, e.g. seaside branches.

In order to ensure that the surplus cash that is lying idle in branch strongrooms all over the country is kept to a minimum<sup>32</sup>, the banks must forecast their cash requirements as accurately as possible. Wrong estimates can prove wasteful in terms of time, labour and transport since coin in particular is bulky and costly to move around<sup>33</sup>. To limit this movement—cost as far as possible, local arrangements are often made between banks in the same area — for it can happen that of two banks in the same road, one can be an "importer" and the other an "exporter". Much depends upon the type of business each branch has. In general, however, it is the responsibility of each bank's bullion department to supply branches with cash and to take away their surplus.

#### 5. HOW CASH IS MOVED

The bullion department of any bank may work in one of two ways: either it is centralised at its head office, or it conducts its operations through local cash depots strategically situated in various parts of the country<sup>34</sup> – the method will depend on the bank's spread of business<sup>35</sup> and on its internal

administration. In either case, the movement of cash involved will be very large. Both road and rail transport are employed and increasing use is being made of security carrier companies<sup>36</sup>.

The Scottish banks issue their own bank notes and these circulate in Scotland alongside Bank of England notes. Distribution and collection are directed from the head offices of the Scottish banks. There are also special local organisations in Scotland for the exchange of notes – places where one bank can dispose of its holding of another bank's notes. In the main<sup>37</sup>, however, Scottish bank notes move along channels within the national banking system as they do in England and Wales.

#### 6. INSURANCE OF CASH IN TRANSIT<sup>38</sup>

All cash that is in transit is insured by the banks. This is done through the insurance companies<sup>39</sup> or by the setting up of the banks' own internal funds<sup>40</sup>, action as their own insurers and paying regular" premiums" <sup>41</sup> to these funds. Bank notes sent through the post<sup>42</sup> are insured by registration<sup>43</sup>, although compensation<sup>44</sup> is limited to a maximum of £500.