## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q
Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarter ended March 31, 1998 Commission File No. 2-80070

## CASS COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

Incorporated under the laws of MISSOURI
I.R.S. Employer Identification No. 43-1265338

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X
No

The number of shares outstanding of registrant's only class of stock as of March 31, 1998: Common stock, par value $\$ .50$ per share - 3, 861, 248 shares outstanding.

This document constitutes part of a prospectus covering securities that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

## Assets

Cash and due from banks
Federal funds sold and other short-term investments
Cash and cash equivalents
Investment in debt and equity securities:
Held-to-maturity, estimated market value of \$83,436 and \$90,389 at March 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997, respectively
Available-for-sale, at estimated market value
Total investment in debt and equity securities
Loans, net of unearned income
Less: Allowance for loan losses
Loans, net
Premises and equipment, net
Accrued interest receivable
Other assets

Total assets

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Liabilities:
Deposits:
Noninterest-bearing
Interest-bearing
Total deposits
Accounts and drafts payable
Short-term borrowings
Other liabilities
Total liabilities
Stockholders' Equity:
Preferred stock, par value $\$ .50$ per share; 2,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued
Common stock, par value $\$ .50$ per share;
20,000,000 shares authorized and
4,000,000 shares issued
Surplus
Retained earnings
Common shares in treasury, at cost $(138,752$ shares at March 31, 1998 and 141,452 shares at December 31, 1997)
Accumulated other comprehensive income - unrealized
holding gain (loss) on debt and equity securities available-for-sale, net of tax
Unamortized stock bonus awards
Total stockholders' equity
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
(In Thousands of Dollars Exept Per Share Data)

March 31 1998
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December 31 1997
\$ 30, 070
88, 825
18
118, 895
\$ 10, 849
88,275
99,124

83, 064
35,158
90,139
36,112
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118, 222
203, 265
4,503
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198,762
9,58
3, 064
8,992
\$457, 522
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196,478
4,484
191,994
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9,957
3,137
7,864
\$438, 327
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| \$ 74,690 | \$ 61,958 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 116,912 | 103,899 |
| 191,602 | 165, 857 |
| 207,082 | 213,755 |
| -- | 406 |
| 5,094 | 5,656 |
| 403,778 | 385,674 |


| 2,000 | 2,000 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4,743 | 4,740 |

47,856 46,879
$(1,259)$

| 422 | 364 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $(18)$ | $(46)$ |
| ----------- |  |
| 53,744 | 52,653 |
| ----------- |  |
| $\$ 457,522$ | $\$ 438,327$ |
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|  | Th |  |
|  | 1998 | 1997 |
| Interest Income: |  |  |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$4,209 | \$4,220 |
| Interest on debt securities: |  |  |
| Taxable | 1,798 | 2,385 |
| Exempt from federal income taxes | 19 | 19 |
| Interest on federal funds sold and |  |  |
| other short-term investments | 1,305 | 427 |
| Total interest income | 7,331 | 7,051 |
| Interest Expense: |  |  |
| Interest on deposits | 1,053 | 1,003 |
| Interest on short-term borrowings | 3 | 25 |
| Total interest expense | 1,056 | 1,028 |
| Net interest income | 6,275 | 6,023 |
| Provision for loan losses | -- | 245 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 6,275 | 5,778 |
| Noninterest Income: |  |  |
| Information services revenues: |  |  |
| Freight payment and processing revenue | 4,760 | 4,240 |
| Freight rating services income | 655 | 592 |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 162 | 141 |
| Other | 275 | 171 |
| Total noninterest income | 5,852 | 5,144 |
| Noninterest Expense: |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 6,594 | 5,814 |
| Occupancy expense | 435 | 533 |
| Equipment expense | 644 | 661 |
| Other | 1,863 | 1,739 |
| Total noninterest expense | 9,536 | 8,747 |
| Income before income tax expense | 2,591 | 2,175 |
| Income tax expense | 918 | 752 |
| Net income | \$1,673 | \$1,423 |
| Earnings per share: |  |  |
| Basic | \$ . 43 | \$ . 37 |
| Diluted | \$ . 43 | \$ . 36 |

## Cash Flows From Operating Activities:

## Net income

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:

Depreciation and amortization
Amortization of stock bonus awards
Provision for loan losses
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable
Other operating activities, net
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:
Proceeds from maturities of debt securities:
Held-to-maturity
Available-for-sale
Purchases of debt and equity securities
available-for-sale
Net increase in loans
Purchases of premises and equipment
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:
Net increase in noninterest-bearing demand, interest-bearing demand and savings deposits
Net increase (decrease) in time deposits
Net decrease in accounts and drafts payable Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings
Cash proceeds from exercise of stock options
Cash dividends paid
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period
Supplemental information:
Cash paid for interest
Income taxes paid

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CASS COMMERCIAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)
March 31, 1998
Note 1 - Basis of Presentation
Cass Commercial Corporation (the Company) provides a full range of banking services to individual, corporate and institutional customers, with a primary focus on privately held companies and church-related ministries, through its wholly owned subsidiary bank, Cass Bank \& Trust Company (the Bank). The Bank is subject to competition from other financial and nonfinancial institutions throughout the metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri area. Additionally, the Company and the Bank are subject to the regulations of certain federal and state agencies and undergo periodic examinations by those regulatory agencies.

The Company also provides payment processing and information services through its wholly owned subsidiary, Cass Information Systems, Inc. (CIS). These services include processing and payment of freight and utility charges, preparation of management reports, auditing of freight charges, rating of freight shipments and other payment related activities. CIS is subject to competition from other commercial concerns providing similar services to companies throughout the United States and Canada. The consolidated balance sheet caption, "Accounts and Drafts Payable", consists of obligations related to payment services which are performed for customers.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation, have been included. Operating results for the period ended March 31, 1998 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 1998. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997.

## Note 2 - Impact Of New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 129, Disclosure of Information about Capital Structure (SFAS 129) which establishes standards for disclosing information about an entity's capital structure. SFAS 129 is effective for financial statements for periods ending after December 15, 1997. Since SFAS 129 is a disclosure requirement, it will have no impact on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In June 1997, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information (SFAS 131) which establishes standards for the way that public enterprises report information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires that those enterprises report selected information about operating segments in interim reports issued to shareholders. SFAS 131 is effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 1997. Since SFAS 131 is a disclosure requirement, it will have no impact on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In February 1998, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 132, Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits (SFAS 132) which standardizes the disclosure requirements for presenting information about pensions and other postretirement benefits. SFAS 132 is effective for the years beginning after December 15, 1997. Since SFAS 132 is a disclosure requirement, it will have no impact on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

Note 3 - Comprehensive Income
In June 1997, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income (SFAS 130) which establishes standards for reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components (revenues, expenses, gains and losses) in a full set of general-purpose financial statements. Under SFAS 130, comprehensive income is divided into net income and other comprehensive income. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997, unrealized holding gain (loss) on debt and equity securities available-for-sale is the Company's only other comprehensive income component. Comprehensive income for the three-month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997 is summarized as follows:

Other comprehensive income - unrealized holding
gain (loss) on debt and equity securities available-for-sale, net of tax

Average common and common stock equivalents outstanding for the three month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997 were 3,860,954 and 3,858,548, respectively. The only dilutive instruments are stock options with a dilutive effect of 73,218 and 60,318 for the three month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively, which resulted in weighted average shares and dilutive potential common shares of $3,934,172$ and $3,918,866$ in 1998 and 1997, respectively.

## Note 5 - Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 1997 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 1998 presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on previously reported net income.

## Note 4 - Earnings Per Share

(In Thousands)
Three Months Ended March 31

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net Income

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Cass Commercial Corporation (the Company) operates in two primary business segments through its two wholly owned subsidiaries, Cass Bank and Trust Company (Cass Bank), a commercial bank, and Cass Information Systems, Inc. (CIS), a payment processing and information services company, whose operations include the processing and payment of freight and utility charges, preparation of management reports, auditing of freight charges, rating of freight shipments and other payment related activities. The Company had net income of $\$ 1,673,000$ for the three-month period ended March 31,1998 (the "First Three Months of 1998") compared to net income of $\$ 1,423,000$ for the three-month period ended March 31, 1997 (the "First Three Months of 1997").

The following paragraphs more fully discuss the changes in financial condition and results of operations for the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. Such information is provided on a consolidated basis for the Company, Cass Bank and CIS, with expanded disclosures for specific effects CIS's operations have on particular account captions.

Net Interest Income

An increase of $\$ 25,629,000$ in average earning assets, net of interest-bearing liabilities, was the primary contributor of the increase in net tax-equivalent interest income of $\$ 248,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. The mix of earning assets changed in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997 with an increase of $\$ 63,544,000$ in the average balance of federal funds sold and other short-term investments and a decrease of $\$ 35,757,000$ in debt and equity securities.

The Company's tax-equivalent net interest margin on earning assets decreased in the First Three Months of 1998 to $6.05 \%$ from $6.23 \%$ in the First Three Months of 1997. This decrease is primarily due to the maturity of higher-yielding debt securities and an increased investment in federal funds sold and other short-term investments. See Table 1 on page 7 for further explanation of the changes in net interest income for the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997.

TABLE 1：CONSOLIDATED AVERAGE BALANCE SHEETS AND NET INTEREST INCOME ANALYSIS
For the Three Months Ended March 31， 1998 and 1997
（tax－equivalent basis，in thousands）

| Avera 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |



| Interest Income／Expense －－－－－－－－－－－－－ |  | Net | Increase（Decrease） |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Due to Change in |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1998 | 1997 |  | Volume | Rate |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## ASSETS

| Interest－earning assets： |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans | \＄204， 268 | \＄203， 814 |
| Investment in debt and equity securities | 120，960 | 156，717 |
| Federal funds sold and other short－term investments | 97，391 | 33，847 |
| Total interest－earning assets | 422，619 | 394，378 |
| Nonearning assets： |  |  |
| Cash and due from banks | 17，954 | 16，517 |
| Premises and equipment | 9，838 | 8，893 |
| Other assets | 12，746 | 10，202 |
| Allowance for loan losses | $(4,498)$ | $(4,447)$ |
| Total assets | 458，659 | 425，543 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS＇

## EQUITY

Interest－bearing liabilities：
Savings deposits
Time deposits of \＄100，000
or more
Other time deposits

Total interest－bearing deposits
Short－term borrowings

Total interest－bearing liabilities

Noninterest－bearing liabilities：
Demand deposits
Accounts and drafts payable
Other liabilities

Total liabilities
Stockholders＇equity

Total liabilities and stockholders＇equity
\＄458，659 \＄425，543 $==============$
$8.40 \% \quad 8.44 \%$
\＄4， 229
6.12
6.25
5.43
$7.06 \quad 7.28$
1，826
$\$ 4,24$
\＄（14
$\$ \quad 9$
2，414
（588）
（541）
$\$(23)$

28
（42）
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| 34，494 | 30，861 | 3.57 | 3.43 | 304 | 261 | 43 | 32 | 11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 60，080 | 59，219 | 4.27 | 4.31 | 633 | 629 | 4 | 9 | （5） |
| 3，821 | 3，385 | 5.73 | 5.27 | 54 | 44 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| 4，965 | 5，569 | 5.06 | 5.02 | 62 | 69 | （7） | （8） | 1 |
| 103，360 | 99，034 | 4.13 | 4.11 | 1，053 | 1，003 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| 266 | 1，980 | 4.57 | 5.12 | 3 | 25 | （22） | （20） | （2） |
| 103，626 | 101，014 | 4.13 | 4.13 | 1，056 | 1，028 | 28 | 19 | 9 |


| $\$ 6,304$ | $\$ 6,056$ | $\$ 248$ | \＄ 299 | $\$(51)$ |
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Net yield on interest－ earning assets

NOTES:
(1) For purposes of these computations, nonaccrual loans are included in the average loan amounts outstanding.
(2) Interest income on loans includes net fees of $\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 1,000$ for the First Three Months of 1998 and 1997, respectively.
(3) Income is presented on a tax-equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of $34 \%$. The tax-equivalent adjustment was approximately $\$ 29,000$ and $\$ 33,000$ for the First Three Months of 1998 and 1997, respectively.

A significant determinant of the Company's operating results is the level of loan losses and the provision for loan losses. There was no charge to earnings to provide for loan losses for the First Three Months of 1998; however the Company charged $\$ 245,000$ to the provision for loan losses in the First Three Months of 1997. The quality of the loan portfolio has continued to remain strong. The level of nonperforming loans, at . $39 \%$ of average loans, remains well below industry standards. Nonperforming loans are covered over 5 times by the allowance for loan losses at March 31, 1998. The Company experienced a net recovery of $\$ 19,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998. Management made the decision to make a provision for loan losses in the First Three Months of 1997 based on loan growth experienced.

Factors which influence management's determination of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, among other things, include: evaluation of each nonperforming and/or classified loan to determine the estimated loss exposure under existing circumstances known to management; evaluation of all potential problem loans identified in light of possible loss exposure based upon existing circumstances known to management; analysis of the loan portfolio with regard to potential future loss exposure on loans to specific customers and/or industries; current economic conditions; and, an overall review of the loan portfolio in light of past loan loss experience.

At March 31, 1998, impaired loans totalled \$1,401,000 which includes $\$ 746,000$ of nonaccrual loans. The allowance for loan losses on impaired loans was $\$ 722,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balance of impaired loans during the First Three Months of 1998 was $\$ 1,412,000$.

The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 1998 was $\$ 4,503,000$ and at December 31, 1997 was $\$ 4,484,000$. The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 1998 represents $2.22 \%$ of total loans outstanding compared to $2.28 \%$ at December 31, 1997.

The following table presents information as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 1998 and 1997 pertaining to the Company's provision for loan losses and analysis of the allowance for loan losses.

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 |  | 1997 |  |
|  | (dollars expressed in thousands) |  |  |  |
| Allowance at beginning of period | \$ | 4,484 | \$ | 4,396 |
| Provision for loan losses charged to expense |  | -- |  | 245 |
| Loans charged off |  | -- |  | -- |
| Recoveries on loans previously charged off |  | 19 |  | 90 |
| Net loan recoveries |  | 19 |  | 90 |
| Allowance at end of period |  | 4,503 | \$ | 4,731 |
| Loans outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| Average |  | 4,268 |  | 03,814 |
| March 31 |  | 3,265 |  | 08,153 |
| Ratio of allowance for loan losses to |  |  |  |  |
| loans outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| Average |  | 2.20\% |  | 2.32\% |
| March 31 |  | 2.22\% |  | 2.27\% |
| Nonperforming loans: |  |  |  |  |
| Nonaccrual loans | \$ | 746 | \$ | 294 |
| Loans past due 90 days or more |  | 45 |  | -- |
| Total | \$ | 791 | \$ | 294 |
| Nonperforming loans as a percent of |  |  |  |  |

Noninterest income is principally derived from service fees generated by CIS's Payment Systems and Software Systems Groups. Total noninterest income for the the First Three Months of 1998 increased \$708,000 (13.8\%) from the First Three Months of 1997.

CIS's Payment Systems Group experienced an increase in processing revenues of $\$ 520,000$ (12.3\%) in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. This increase resulted primarily from increased processing volume in the First Three Months of 1998 . The volume of accepted new business proposals should result in increasing revenues in CIS's Payment Systems Group as new accounts are placed in service throughout the remainder of 1998.

CIS's Freight Rating Services Group experienced an increase in revenues of $\$ 63,000$ ( $10.6 \%$ ) in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. This increase resulted primarily from price increases charged to rating customers in the First Three Months of 1998.

## Noninterest Expense

Total noninterest expense for the First Three Months of 1998 increased \$789,000 (9.0\%) from the First Three Months of 1997.

Salaries and benefits expense increased \$780,000 (13.4\%) in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. The increase relates primarily to separation costs associated with streamlining and integration of operations in the freight rating services group which were expensed in the First Three Months of 1998, combined with annual pay increases.

Occupancy expense decreased \$98,000 (18.4\%) in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. The decrease was due primarily to the Company and the Bank moving their headquarters in April 1997 to a new facility which was added on to the property owned by CIS in Bridgeton, Missouri. This consolidation of facilities resulted in occupancy expense savings. Additionally, CIS's Chicago location also relocated in 1997 which resulted in reduced rental expense in the First Three Months of 1998.

Other noninterest expense increased \$124,000 (7.1\%) in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to the First Three Months of 1997. This increase is attributable to several items including an increase of $\$ 60,000$ in advertising, $\$ 61,000$ in postage expense, $\$ 50,000$ in printing and supply expense and is partially offset by a decrease of $\$ 46,000$ in professional expenses.

Cash and due from banks increased from \$10,849,000 at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 30,070,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balance of cash and due from banks increased $\$ 1,437,000$ ( $8.7 \%$ ) from $\$ 16,517,000$ in the First Three Months of 1997 to \$17,954,000 in the First Three Months of 1998.

Federal funds sold and other short-term investments increased from $\$ 88,275,000$ at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 88,825,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balance of these accounts was $\$ 97,391,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998 compared to $\$ 33,847,000$ in the First Three Months of 1997. The increase in the average balance of these accounts resulted from maturities of debt securities and increased average balances in accounts and drafts payable. See Table 1 on page 7 for a presentation of average balances.

Total loans increased \$6,787,000 (3.5\%) from \$196,478,000 at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 203,265,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balances of loans in the First Three Months of 1998 remained relatively unchanged from the First Three Months of 1997. Loan demand and new business volume increased throughout 1997 and has continued into the First Three Months of 1998. Outstanding loans remained at relatively similar levels in 1997 as a result of several loan customers selling their businesses or requesting credit extensions higher than the Company could provide.

Investment in debt and equity securities decreased \$8,029,000 (6.4\%) from \$126,251,000 at December 31, 1997 to \$118,222,000 at March 31, 1998. The average balance of investment securities decreased \$35,757,000 (22.8\%) from $\$ 156,717,000$ in the First Three Months of 1997 to $\$ 120,960,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998 as a result of the Company's ongoing asset/liability management program.

Total earning assets decreased \$692,000 (0.2\%) from \$411,004,000 at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 410,312,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balance of earning assets increased \$28,241,000 (7.2\%) from \$394,378,000 in the First Three Months of 1997 to $\$ 422,619,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998 . This increase was funded primarily by an increase of $\$ 22,759,000$ in the average balance of accounts and drafts payable.

Interest-bearing deposits increased from \$103,899,000 at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 116,912,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balances of these deposits increased $\$ 4,326,000$ (4.4\%) from $\$ 99,034,000$ in the First Three Months of 1997 to $\$ 103,360,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998. The most significant increase in these deposits occurred in interest-bearing commercial money market accounts.

Noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$12,732,000 (20.5\%) from $\$ 61,958,000$ at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 74,690,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balance of these accounts increased \$3,638,000 (5.9\%) from $\$ 62,173,000$ in the First Three Months of 1997 to $\$ 65,811,000$ in the First Three Months of 1998 which reflects the results of increased business development efforts at Cass Bank.

Accounts and drafts payable generated by CIS in its freight payment operations decreased \$6,673,000 (3.1\%) from \$213,755,000 at December 31, 1997 to $\$ 207,082,000$ at March 31, 1998. The average balances of these funds increased $\$ 22,759,000$ (11.0\%) from $\$ 207,300,000$ for the First Three Months of 1997 to \$230,059,000 in the First Three Months of 1998. This increase has resulted from successful sales efforts leading to the addition of new processing volume.

As of March 31, 1998, approximately $51 \%$ of the Company's loan portfolio was composed of commercial loans, of which $72 \%$ represented loans maturing within one year. As of the same date, real estate loans, primarily commercial, represented approximately $48 \%$ of the total and of these, $40 \%$ represented balances maturing within one year. Approximately $1 \%$ of the loan portfolio is represented by installment loans.

The liquidity of the Company is primarily represented by cash and due from banks of $\$ 30,070,000$ and federal funds sold and other short-term investments of $\$ 88,825,000$ at March 31, 1998. Included in this caption are $\$ 65,000,000$ invested in money market funds consisting of short-term U.S. Government and agency issues.

Debt and equity securities represented approximately $26 \%$ of total assets at March 31, 1998. Of the U.S. Government securities in the Company's investment portfolio, which represented $74 \%$ of the total, $24 \%$ have maturities of less than one year. U.S. Government Agencies and Corporations represented $25 \%$ of the total. Obligations of states and political subdivisions constituted $1 \%$ of the investment portfolio at March 31, 1998. There were no sales of debt securities in the First Three Months of 1998. Of the total portfolio, over $87 \%$ of the securities have maturities of five years or less These securities provide the Company longer term liquidity than its primary sources, cash and due from banks and other short-term instruments. Additionally, short-term liquidity could be satisfied, if necessary, by the sale of certain debt securities maintained as available-for-sale; however, the Company does not foresee any such short-term liquidity needs.

The funds provided by Cass Bank consist of a sizable volume of core deposits. Historically, the Company has been a net provider of federal funds. During the First Three Months of 1998, the Company was a net provider of federal funds, averaging nearly $\$ 22,918,000$ in net funds sold. The Company was able to meet its liquidity requirements in the First Three Months of 1998 through the growth of deposit accounts and the liquid nature of federal funds sold and other short-term investments.

The Company＇s earning assets significantly exceed its interest－bearing liabilities．This is primarily due to the noninterest－bearing liabilities generated by CIS in the form of accounts and drafts payable．Within this framework，the Company＇s asset／liability management program strives to maintain an appropriate balance between rate－sensitive assets and liabilities．The primary goal of the Company is to maintain a level of earning assets net of interest－bearing liabilities which will produce a relatively high net interest margin compared to other financial institutions． The Company＇s Investment Committee monitors the sensitivity of its subsidiaries＇assets and liabilities with respect to changes in interest rates and repricing opportunities，and directs the overall acquisition and allocation of funds．

The following table presents the Company＇s rate sensitive position at March 31， 1998 for the various time frames indicated．

|  | Over |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Three | Over |  |  |  |
|  | Through | Through | Over One | Through | Over |

Interest－earning assets：

## Loans

Investment in debt and equity securities
Federal funds sold and other short－term investments

Total interest－earning assets

Interest－bearing liabilities：
Interest－bearing
transaction accounts
Time deposits－\＄100，000 or more
Other time deposits
Short－term borrowings

Total interest－bearing liabilities

Interest sensitivity gap
Periodic
Cumulative

Ratio of interest－sensitive
assets to interest－sensitive
liabilities：
Periodic
Cumulative
\＄85， 187
\＄6，927
\＄10， 330
8， 062
88， 825
\＄174， 012
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\＄14，995
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118，222
\＄ 14,331
\＄ 85,125
\＄ 1,365

88，825
\＄410， 312
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| \＄107， 883 | \＄ | \＄ | \＄ | \＄ | \＄ | \＄107， 883 |
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|  | 2，030 | 851 | 1，100 | 117 |  | 4，098 |
| －－ | 1，345 | 1，339 | 1，049 | 1，198 | －－ | 4，931 |
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| \＄107， 883 | \＄3，375 | \＄2，190 | \＄2，149 | \＄1，315 | \＄ | \＄116， 912 |
| \＄66，129 | \＄11，620 | \＄16， 202 | \＄24，167 | \＄158， 567 | \＄16，715 | \＄293，400 |
| 66，129 | 77，749 | 93，951 | 118，118 | 276，685 | 293，400 |  |
| 1．61x | 4．44x | 8．40x | 12．25x | 121．58x | －－ | 3．51x |
| 1．61x | 1．70x | 1．83x | 2．02x | $3.37 x$ | 3．51x | 3．51x |

Stockholders' equity was $\$ 53,744,000$ or $11.75 \%$ of total assets at March 31, 1998, an increase of \$1,091,000 over the amount at December 31, 1997 This increase resulted from net income of $\$ 1,673,000$; dividends paid of \$696,000 (\$.18 per share); unrealized holding gains of \$58,000; the amortization of the stock bonus plan of $\$ 28,000$; and cash received from the exercise of stock options of $\$ 28,000$. Primary capital, including the allowance for loan losses, reached \$58,247,000 at March 31, 1998 or $12.73 \%$ of total assets compared to $\$ 57,137,000$ or $13.04 \%$ of total assets at December 31, 1997.

Subsidiary dividends are the principal source of funds for payment of dividends by the Company to its stockholders. The only restrictions on dividends are those dictated by regulatory capital requirements and prudent and sound banking principles.

The Company and its banking subsidiary continue to significantly exceed all regulatory capital requirements, as evidenced by the following capital ratios at March 31, 1998:

|  | Company Consolidated | Cass Bank |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total capital (to risk-weighted assets) | 21.54\% | 14.86\% |
| Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets) | 20.28 | 13.60 |
| Tier I capital (to average assets) | 11.61 | 11.54 |

The Year 2000 Issue

Management has initiated a company-wide program to prepare the Company and its subsidiaries' systems for Year 2000 compliance. The Year 2000 issue relates to systems that were designed to use two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. The Company and its subsidiaries have budgeted, and will incur charges for testing and correcting its computer systems to be Year 2000 compliant. These charges relate to internal staff costs as well as outside service fees and other expenses. Programming changes and testing of systems and software packages are scheduled to be substantially completed by December 31, 1998. In addition, the Company's credit risk assessment is being modified to include the consideration of incremental risk that may be posed by customers' inability, if any, to address Year 2000 issues. If modifications to existing systems and conversions to new systems proceed as scheduled, management presently believes that the Year 2000 issue will not pose a substantial internal operating risk to the Company. Assessments of the readiness of internal systems is ongoing. There can be no guarantee, however, that the systems of customers, vendors and other third parties on which the Company relies, will be remediated on a timely basis. There is also no assurance that a failure to remediate by one of these parties, would not have a material adverse effect on the corporation.

## Inflation

Inflation can impact the financial position and results of the operations of financial institutions because financial institutions hold monetary assets and monetary liabilities. Monetary assets and liabilities are those which can be converted into a fixed number of dollars, and include cash, investments, loans and deposits. The Company's consolidated balance sheets, as is typical of financial institutions, reflect a net positive monetary position (monetary assets exceeding monetary liabilities). During periods of inflation, the holding of a net positive monetary position will result in an overall decline in the purchasing power of a financial institution.
Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

None
Item 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES

None
Item 3. DEFAULTS IN SENIOR SECURITIES
None
Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION
None
Item 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
(a) None

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CASS COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

DATE: May 7, 1997
By /s/ Lawrence A. Collett

Lawrence A. Collett Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: May 7, 1997 By /s/ Eric H. Brunngraber
Eric H. Brunngraber
Vice President-Secretary
(Chief Financial and Accounting Officer)

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To be documented in the Dec-31-1998 statements.

