

PARTIAL EXPLANATION

Trade credit increased about 16 times. Trade credit increases were reinforced due to inventory accumulation. A redeeming feature identified by the author is the diminishing importance of bank finance in the corporate financial structure. Earlier periods were characterised by a high proportion of bank finance (seldom less than 60%) to external sources. The later periods revealed "that only about 20% of external funds are being contributed by bank sources." The author concludes on institutional finance by saying that "in general institutional finance has not caught up as an important source of finance for the private corporate sector." Moreover, the financial institutions' role has been restricted to a rather narrow segment of our national enterprise in particular and the economy in general.

The book lacks the sophistication in statistical techniques or financial management techniques necessary to make it an useful contribution. The analysis of ex-post facts and actions, is able to offer, as the author confesses, only a partial explanation.

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