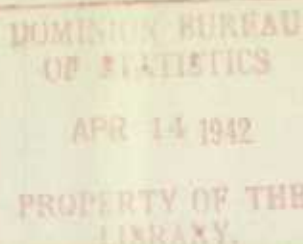


## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Summary of Quotations

1. Use three Physicians,  
Still-first Dr. Quiet,  
Next Dr. Merry-man  
And Dr. Dyet. -- From Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum
2. Chosen leaf of Bard and chief,  
Old Erin's native shamrock. -- Moore
3. Rumour is a pipe, blown by surmises, jealousies, conjectures. -- Henry IV
4. The measure of life is not length but honesty. -- Lyly
5. Enthusiasm is grave, inward, self-controlled; mere excitement outward,  
fantastic, hysterical, and passing in a moment from tears to laughter. -- Sterling

Business Activity Maintained in February

Business activity in Canada was nearly maintained during February at the high level of the first month of the year. Marked expansion was shown in the export trade and in the operations of the forestry industry. The new business obtained by the construction industry was at a lower level than in January and a number of other items, even after seasonal adjustment were somewhat below the preceding month.

The dairy industry showed minor reaction, the output of cheese having been 3.7 million pounds against 4.4 million, the adjusted index receding from 300 to 291. The output of creamery butter was 9.4 million pounds against 10.7 million, the index dropping about 2 points to 112.5. A marked expansion was shown in the outward shipments of canned salmon.

The four factors indicating the trend of forestry production averaged considerably higher in February than in the first month of the year, the index advancing from 127 to 134. Newsprint production, however, was 278,101 tons against 311,904, the index declining slightly to 127.5. The export of planks and boards, indicating conditions in the sawmilling industry, rose from 103 million feet to 129 million. Increases were also shown in the exports of shingles and woodpulp.

The new business obtained by the construction industry amounted to \$11.1 million against \$12.9 million in the first month of the year, the index dropping from 118 to 99. Railway traffic showed recession, the number of cars loaded having been 248,549 against 271,946. The index, after seasonal adjustment, dropped from 149.6 to 140.4. Domestic exports rose to a high level for the month, the total having been \$166.5 million as compared with \$150.5 million in January and \$99.6 million in the same month last year.

The index of cold storage holdings at the beginning of the month was 148.1 against 147.2 in the preceding month. The standing on the same date of last year was 124.4, a considerable increase in holdings having been indicated. The index of livestock marketings was 100.9 in February against 112.3 in the first month of the year. In February last year the index was 97.8, a slight increase having been shown over that month.

Economic Conditions in February Compared with the Preceding Month and Same Month in 1941

		February 1942	February 1941	Jan. 1942
Physical Volume of Business.....	1935-39=100	*	127.5	141.3
Newsprint production.....	tons	278,101	245,607	311,904
Woodpulp Exports.....	2..... owt.	2,437,967	1,687,482	2,367,785
Planks and Boards Exported.....	M ft.	128,978	151,941	103,443
Shingles Exported.....	squares	319,356	276,916	199,137
Construction Contracts.....	\$	11,052,200	24,704,600	12,880,900
Exports - domestic .....	\$	166,519,000	99,596,000	150,520,000
Butter Output.....	lb.	9,410,723	9,971,620	10,701,597
Factory Cheese Production.....	lb.	3,706,971	959,568	4,409,991
Canned Salmon Exports.....	owt.	137,820	34,388	51,243
Raw Cotton Consumption .....	lb.	16,702,248	16,603,876	16,833,456
Carloadings .....	no.	248,549	217,533	271,946

\* According to preliminary calculations, the index in February was practically maintained at the level of the first month of the year.

### Visible Supply of Wheat

Canadian wheat in store on March 13 totalled 471,618,195 bushels compared with 475,074,479 on March 6 and 486,395,125 on the corresponding date last year. The stocks in elevators in Canada on March 13 amounted to 452,411,750 bushels, with 19,206,445 in store in elevators in the United States.

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### Overseas Export Clearances of Wheat

During the week ending March 13 the export clearances overseas of Canadian wheat amounted to 3,195,781 bushels compared with 4,231,980 in the corresponding week last year. During the thirty-two weeks of the crop year clearances aggregated 90,293,391 bushels compared with 73,672,646 in the corresponding period of the previous crop year.

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### Primary Movement of Wheat

Wheat receipts in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending March 13 amounted to 2,254,276 bushels compared with 1,648,661 in the previous week and 4,925,196 in the corresponding week last year. Totals follow by provinces, with figures for 1941 in brackets: Manitoba, 528,425(623,016) bushels; Saskatchewan, 1,026,575(2,272,454); Alberta, 699,276(2,029,726).

Marketings in the three Prairie Provinces during the thirty-two weeks ending March 13 aggregated 170,102,501 bushels compared with 330,299,357 in the corresponding period of the previous crop year. Receipts follow by provinces: Manitoba, 33,062,271(43,212,273) bushels; Saskatchewan, 85,489,881(173,657,076); Alberta, 51,550,349(113,430,008).

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### World Shipments of Wheat

World shipments of wheat during the week ending March 14 totalled 5,750,000 bushels compared with 6,092,000 in the previous week and 7,760,000 in the corresponding week last year. During the thirty-two weeks of the crop year world shipments aggregated 170,461,000 bushels compared with 157,804,000 in the corresponding period of the previous crop year.

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### Stocks of Canadian Grains

Stocks of Canadian grains on March 13 were as follows with figures for the corresponding date in 1941 in brackets: wheat, 471,618,195(486,395,125) bushels; oats, 7,581,406(6,755,531); barley, 11,800,857(5,665,324); rye, 3,999,251(5,948,988); flaxseed, 1,957,863(865,576).

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### Stocks of United States Grain in Canada

Stocks of United States grain in Canada on March 13 included the following with figures for 1941 in brackets: corn, 2,448,568(68,950) bushels; wheat, 214,959(228,289); soya beans, 34,148(6,240); rye, 23,548(23,578); oats, 5,176(nil).

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### Production of Automobiles in February

Production of motor vehicles in February totalled 20,181 units compared with 21,751 in January and 23,710 in February, 1941. This month's output included 3,989 passenger cars and 16,192 trucks. Of the passenger cars, 2,395 were 4-door sedans, 1,071 were 2-door sedans and 523 were coupes.

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### Traffic on Railways in December

Revenue freight loaded at Canadian stations and received from foreign connections during December amounted to 10,078,779 tons as compared with 10,870,811 in November and 8,484,889 in December, 1940. The total for the calendar year 1941 was 117,199,499 tons as compared with 97,531,134 in 1940.



## Character of Canada's Domestic Exports in February

Here are some further details regarding Canada's domestic exports in February. The impressive increase of \$67,000,000 recorded over the corresponding month last year was featured by particularly heavy shipments abroad of automobiles and parts, wheat flour, wool fishery products, wood pulp, newsprint paper, chemicals, cheese, eggs and leather. The total value of domestic exports in February, excluding gold, was \$166,519,000 as compared with \$99,596,000 in February, 1941.

Leading exports in February were as follows, with figures for February 1941 in brackets: automobiles and parts, \$20,866,000(\$7,281,000); newsprint paper, \$14,248,000 (\$10,324,000); chemicals, \$7,894,000(\$2,935,000); meats, \$6,675,000(\$10,050,000); wood pulp, \$7,600,000(\$5,436,000); wheat, \$4,809,000(\$7,857,000); wheat flour, \$4,252,000 (\$2,000,000); fishery products, \$5,456,000(\$2,930,000).

Other leading exports: furs, \$2,484,000(\$1,357,000); leather, \$829,000(\$253,000); cheese, \$1,703,000(\$172,000); eggs, \$539,000(\$225,000); cotton, \$1,507,000(\$1,179,000); wool, \$542,000(\$90,000); planks and boards, \$4,725,000(\$4,393,000); red cedar shingles, \$1,221,000(\$771,000); pulpwood, \$1,219,000(\$776,000); pigs, ingots, etc., \$2,041,000 (\$1,503,000).

## Civil Aviation in November

The number of revenue passengers transported by civil aircraft in November declined to 11,202 from the previous month's total of 17,027, or by 34 per cent. Revenue freight declined from 2,452,085 pounds in October to 460,364 pounds and mail from 307,103 to 243,602 pounds. Revenue passenger miles flown declined from 5,252,064 in October to 3,690,239 or by 30 per cent. Aircraft hours flown in all services dropped from 9,124 in October to 5,549 or by 39 per cent.

## Sales of Radio Receiving Sets

For the entire year 1941, the producers' sales of radio receiving sets in Canada totalled 399,556 compared with 438,976 sets in 1940 and 370,568 in 1939. Ontario sales in 1941 amounted to 182,505 or 45.6 per cent of the total; Quebec, 75,895 sets or 19 per cent; the Maritimes, 37,015 or 9.3 per cent; British Columbia, 35,017 or 8.7 per cent; Manitoba, 32,421 or 8.1 per cent, and Alberta and Saskatchewan, 36,703 sets or 9.3 p.c.

## Fur Farms in Ontario

The number of fur farms in operation in the province of Ontario in 1940 was 1,408 a reduction of 109 from the preceding year. Revenues in 1940 totalled \$1,248,237, to which the sale of silver fox pelts contributed \$653,015 or 58 per cent of the total; mink pelts accounted for \$468,108 or 41½ per cent. In 1939 revenues totalled \$1,041,821.

## Leading Mineral Products in December

The Canadian production of certain leading mineral products in December was as follows, with corresponding figures for 1940 in brackets: cement, 369,444(294,038) barrels; clay products, \$481,134(\$471,228); coal, 1,794,973(1,671,095) tons; gold, 421,316(450,862): fine ounces; gypsum, 175,031(90,316) tons; lime, 73,251(64,517) tons; natural gas, 4,829,494,000(5,061,622,000) cubic feet; petroleum, 883,083(727,630) barrels; commercial salt, 23,778(16,846) tons; silver, 1,721,911(1,728,946) fine ounces.

## Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Stocks of canned fruits and vegetables held by canners, wholesale dealers and chain store warehouses at the beginning of 1942 were somewhat higher than on the corresponding date in 1941. Canned fruits on hand totalled 4,450,736 dozen cans compared with 3,869,263 on the corresponding date in 1941, while the canned vegetables amounted to 10,100,299 dozen cans compared with 9,117,939.

## Furniture Industry in 1940

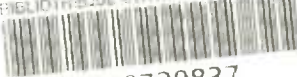
A substantial gain was recorded in the gross value of products made by establishments included in the furniture industry in 1940, when the total was \$32,294,385, or 26 per cent more than in 1939. The furniture manufactured by these firms consisted chiefly of household furniture which in 1940 was valued at \$22,492,987 and was made up of upholstered living-room furniture valued at \$7,855,516, bedroom furniture valued at \$7,003,809, dining room furniture valued at \$2,695,755, kitchen furniture valued at \$2,365,421. Office and store furniture and fixtures totalled \$2,947,326; furniture frames \$980,855; and radio cabinets \$978,620.

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## Reports Issued During the Week

1. The Awning, Tent and Sail Industry, 1940 (15 cents).
  2. The Furniture Industry, 1940 (15 cents).
  3. Railway Revenue Freight Loadings, February (10 cents).
  4. Car Loadings on Canadian Railways (10 cents).
  5. Final Report on the Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables  
on Hand, January 1, 1941 (10 cents).
  6. Prices and Price Indexes, February (10 cents).
  7. Canadian Grain Statistics (10 cents).
  8. Canada's Leading Mineral Products, December (10 cents).
  9. The Distilled Liquor Industry, 1940 (25 cents).
  10. Production and Sale of Radio Receiving Sets, 1941 (25 cents).
  11. Civil Aviation, November (10 cents).
  12. Civil Aviation, October (Revised Report).
  13. Summary of Canada's Exports, February (10 cents).
  14. Advance Report on the Fur Farms of Ontario, 1940 (10 cents).
  15. The Wine Industry in Canada, 1940 (25 cents).
  16. Monthly Traffic Report of Railways, December (10 cents).
  17. Automobiles Production, February (10 cents).
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