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## Summary of Quotations

- 1. Solitude is the nurse of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is the true parent of genius. --- Isace Disraeli
- 2. Men do more from custom than from reasono -- Latin Proverb
- 3. Our minds possess by nature an insatiable desire to know the truth .-- Cicero
- 4. Water its living strength first shows, When obstacles its course oppose. -- Goethe

#### Canada's Domestic Exports in May

The great growth in Canada's war effort is strikingly exemplified by the May export of domestic products. The value of the May exports wax \$234,180,000, which is within measurable distance of one-quarter of a billion dollars. It is by far the largest monthly export in the history of Canadian commerce and when it is remembered that many Canadian products such as wheat are considerably lower in value than they were during the first Great War, the record of this May is very impressive. The export in the previous month was \$168,390,000 and in May last year, \$161,639,000. The total for the five months ended May was \$895,051,000 compared with \$567,008,000 in the like period last year.

Exports to countries of the British Empire recorded a sharp upswing in May, reaching a total of \$140,104,000 as compared with \$91,611,000 in May a year ago. Exports to other countries aggregated \$94,076,000 compared with \$70,028,000 last year. May exports to the United lington were valued at \$98,958,000 compared with \$72,733,000, to the United States \$67,940,000 compared with \$54,541,000, British India \$21,509,000 compared with \$3,391,000 Expt \$17,696,000 compared with \$11,130,000.

Exports to other leading countries were as follows, with figures for May 1941 in brackets: British South Africa, \$2,161,000(\$2,208,000); Newfoundland, \$4,765,000(\$1,896,-000); Australia, \$6,364,000(\$3,600,000); New Zealand, \$2,351,000(\$988,000); China, \$1,654,000(\$540,000); Russia, \$1,784,000(nil); Jamaica, \$937,000(\$1,178,000).

Certain leading commodities exported during the month were as follows, with figures for May 1941 in brackets: wheat, \$22,528,000(\$24,605,000); automobiles and parts, \$20,032,000(\$16,652,000); meats, \$17,254,000(\$10,051,000); newsprint paper, \$11,868,000 (\$12,572,000); wood pulp, \$9,131,000(\$6,984,000); chemicals, \$8,215,000(\$4,887,000); planks and boards, \$6,200,000(\$4,852,000}.

Other leading exports: wheat flour, \$3,859,000(\$5,150,000); fishery products, \$3,051,000(\$2,162,000); cattle, \$2,158,000(\$1,002,000); pigs, ingots, etc., \$2,234,000 (\$2,373,000); alcoholic beverages, \$1,898,000(\$1,341,000); cotton, \$1,240,000(\$1,634,000); pulpwood, \$1,163,000(\$881,000); farm implements, \$1,104,000(\$1,866,000); stone, \$1,332,000 (\$1,143,000); fertilizers, \$1,285,000(\$1,778,000).

#### Primary Movement of Wheat

Wheat receipts in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending June 12 amounted to 3,251,150 bushels compared with 2,138,242 in the previous week and 8,825,790 in the corresponding week last year. By provinces the receipts were as follows, figures within brackets being those for 1941: Manitoba, 776,950(767,459); Saskatchewan, 1,703,421 (5,413,525); Alberta, 770,779(2,644,806).

Marketings in the three provinces for the forty-five weeks ending June 12 aggregated 193,805,831 bushels compared with 413,131,603 in the corresponding period of the previous orop year. Totals follow by provinces, with figures for the corresponding period last year in brackets: Manitoba, 37,099,417(52,102,508) bushels; Saskatchewan, 97,702,537 (218,672,427); Alberta, 59,003,877(142,356,668).

# Visible Supply of Wheat

The visible supply of Canadian wheat on June 12 totalled 410,895,748 bushels compared with 413,457,278 on June 5 and 469,057,310 on the corresponding date last year. The amount in transit on the lakes was 3,501,218 bushels compared with 3,733,037 a year ago, while the total in transit by rail was 25,708,856 bushels compared with 23,455,588 on the same date last year.

### Canal Traffic in May

Traffic through Canadian and United States locks of the Sault Ste. Marie Canals reached the highest point in any month on record in May, amounting to 15,882,657 tons. In May last year the total was 15,163,388 tons. Iron ore shipments aggregated 12,673,374 tons being an increase of 9.1 per cent, while bituminous coal increased to 1,385,266 tons from 899,000. Wheat decreased from 52,744,576 bushels in May last year to 31,934,256 bushels, and other grains decreased from 10,755,152 to 4,680,578 bushels.

Total traffic using the Welland Ship Canal in May decreased to 1,515,534 tons from last year's May figure of 1,715,720. Traffic on the St. Lawrence Canals dropped to 784,006 tons from last year's tonnage of 900,264. On the Welland, bituminous coal, iron ore, sand and gravel, salt and pulpwood recorded increases, but practically all other commodities showed decreases. Wheat, anthracite coal, pulpwood, flour, sugar, barley, gasoline and petroleum were lower on the St. Lawrence Canals, but bituminous coal, paper and iron ore shipments were heavier.

#### Housing in the City of Quebec

Four-fifths of Quebec City homes in June 1941 were apartments or flats, and 14 p.c. were single houses, Most of the apartment buildings were small, for only 4 p.c. of all dwellings were in buildings containing more than 10 dwelling units. Brick provided the exterior surface for 83 p.c. of homes, wood for 11 p.c., and stone for 4 p.c.: 18 p.c. were in need of external repair. Sixty-four per cent comprised 4 to 6 rooms, and 23 p.c. were larger. Business premises were included in 8 p.c.

Heating was done by stove in 64 p.c. of cases, by steam or hot water furnace in 31 p.c., and hot air furnace in 3 p.c. Coal was the principal heating fuel for 52 p.c., wood for 39 p.c., and fuel oil for 7 p.c. Principal cooking fuel was gas or electricity for 45 p.c., wood for 44 p.c., and oil for 7 p.c. Almost all homes had electric lighting, running water, and exclusive or shared use of flush toilets; but 32 p.c. had no bathing facilities, and 28 p.c. had no means of refrigeration. Ninety homes in every 100 had a radio, 54 had a telephone, 24 a vacuum cleaner, 19 an auto, and 10 all four of these accessories.

### Housing in St. Catharines, Ontario

In June 1941, 78 p.c. of St. Catharines homes were single houses, 6 p.c. were semidetached houses, and the remaining 16 p.c. were flats or apartments. Stucco provided the exterior surface for 41 p.c., wood for 31 p.c., and brick for 24 p.c.; 17 p.c. required external repair. Sixty-four per cent of homes comprised 4 to 6 rooms, and 28 p.c. were larger. Business premises were included in 6 p.c.

Heating was done by hot air furnace in 55 p.c. of cases, by steam or hot water furnace in 22 p.c., and by stove in 22 p.c. For 83 p.c. coal was the principal heating fuel; gas heated 6 p.c. and fuel oil and coke each 4 p.c. In 19 of every 20 households cooking was done by gas or electricity. Almost all homes had running water, electric lighting, and exclusive or shared use of flush toilets; 94 p.c. had exclusive or shared use of bathing facilities, and 89 p.c. had some means of refrigeration. Ninety-four homes in every 100 had a radio, 56 a telephone, 54 a vacuum cleaner, 50 an auto, and 27 all four of these conveniences.

### Housing in the City of Hull

Hull homes in June 1941 were 46 p.c. single houses, 22 p.c. semi-detached houses, and 29 p.c. flats or apartments. Wood provided the exterior surface for 64 p.c., brick for 22 p.c., stucco for 5 p.c., and various other materials for 9 p.c. Nearly a third were in need of external repair. Three -fifths consisted of 4 to 6 rooms, and 23 p.c., were larger. One dwelling in ten contained business premises.

Stoves heated 82 p.c. of dwellings, steam or hot water furnaces 9 p.c., and hot air furnaces 7 p.c. Wood was the principal heating fuel for 68 p.c., and coal for 27 p.c. Cooking was done by gas or electricity in 34 p.c., and by wood in most of the remainder. Almost all homes had running water and electric lighting, but 54 p.o. had no bathing facilities, 11 p.c. were without flush toilets, and 16 p.c. were without refrigeration facilities. Eighty-four homes in every 100 had a radio, 30 a telephone, 18 an auto, 11 a vacuum cleaner, and 5 all of these conveniences.

An average monthly rent of \$17 included heating for 10 p.c. of tenants, garage for 11 p.c., and furniture for 2 p.c. Water tax of about \$19 was paid by 6 p.c. of tenants. Most facilities were reported for similar proportions of tenant and owner-occupied homes; but tenants were at a notable disadvantage in number reporting furnace heating, auto, telephone, radio and vacuum cleaner. Tenant homes averaged 4.9 rooms, 1.1 less than owner homes.

## Sales of Radio Receiving Sets

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Sales of radio receiving sets in Canada during the first quarter of 1942 numbered 87,953 sets compared with 118,647 in the previous quarter and 61,038 in the corresponding period of 1941. Sales in Ontario advanced to 43,522 from last year's figure of 38,437. In Manitoba the increase was to 6,780 from 5,736; in Quebec to 15,904 from 13,956; in Alberta to 4,847 from 3,277; and in British Columbia to 6,802 from 5,256. In the Maritime Provinces there was a drop in sales to 7,171 sets from 7,511, and in Saskatchewan to 2,927 from 2,948.

#### Reports Issued During the Week

- 1. Housing in the City of Hull, 1941 (10 cents).
- 2. The Grain Situation in Argentina (10 cents).
- 3. The Control and Sale of Liquor (25 cents).
- 4. Production and Sale of Radio Receiving Sets, January, February and March, 1942 (25 cents).
- 5. Railway Revenue Freight Loadings, May (10 cents).
- 6. Monthly Review of Business Statistics, May (10 cents).
- 7. Car Loadings on Canadian Railways (10 cents).
- 8. The Electrical Apparatus & Supplies Industry, 1940 (50 cents).
- 9. Summary of Canal Traffic, May (10 cents).
- 10. Housing in the City of Quebec, 1941 (10 cents). 11. Domestic Exports by Principal Countries, May (10 cents).
- 12. Civil Aviation, 1940 (25 cents).
- 13. Housing in St. Catharines, Ontario, 1941 (10 cents).
- 14. Summary of Canada's Domestic Exports, May (10 cents).

