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### Summary of Quotations

1. All the wit in the world is not in one head. -- Old English Proverb
2. General notions are generally wrong. -- Lady Mary Wortley Montagu
3. Nothing in progression can rest on its original plan. -- Edmund Burke
4. Business? It is a simple matter; it is other people's money. -- Dumas the Younger

### Visible Supply of Wheat

The visible supply of Canadian wheat on September 24 totalled 406,912,145 bushels compared with 406,319,198 on September 17 and 474,228,341 on the corresponding date last year. Stocks in elevators and in transit in Canada amounted to 387,147,701 bushels, while 19,764,444 bushels of Canadian wheat were in store in the United States on September 24 this year.

### Primary Marketings of Wheat

Wheat receipts in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending September 24 amounted to 4,069,270 bushels compared with 10,685,129 in the previous week and 7,590,185 in the corresponding week last year. Totals follow by provinces, with 1941 figures in brackets: Manitoba, 768,881(1,291,556) bushels; Saskatchewan, 2,546,141(4,901,461); Alberta, 754,248(1,397,168).

Marketings for the eight weeks ended September 24 aggregated 23,234,124 bushels compared with 47,009,614 in the corresponding period of the previous crop year. Receipts were as follows by provinces: Manitoba, 5,458,570(8,785,718) bushels; Saskatchewan, 13,090,733(28,116,343); Alberta, 4,684,821(10,107,553).

### Stocks of United States Grain in Canada

Stocks of United States grain in Canada on September 24 included the following, comparisons with 1941 being in brackets: wheat, 85,772(830,455) bushels; oats, nil(34,555); rye, 23,548(23,578); corn, 5,022,783(3,426,197); soya beans, 8,933(nil).

### Production of Flour in August

Wheat flour production by Canadian mills in August amounted to 1,820,199 barrels compared with 1,852,139 in the corresponding month last year, the percentage of output to capacity being 79.4 compared with 82.3. Grains ground during the month follow, with figures for 1941 in brackets: wheat, 8,124,943(8,230,440) bushels; oats, 859,596(1,523,466); corn, 140,554(197,314); barley, 283,162(246,156); buckwheat, 1,132(600); and mixed grain, 1,648,872(1,756,662).

### Fruit Production Outlook

The general outlook for fruit production in Canada improved during the month. An increase in the estimate of the apple crops in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario and minor downward revision in British Columbia brings the total crop to 4,050,700 barrels, an increase of 13 per cent over the 1941 harvest of 3,578,400 barrels. The pear crop estimated at 573,100 bushels also improved slightly during the month.

Although a slight increase in the estimate of the plum and prune crops in Ontario increased the Canadian total to 326,300 bushels the crop is still much below the 1941 harvest of 447,100 bushels. Peach prospects remain relatively unchanged since a month ago at 997,500 bushels. Despite heavy losses from brown rot, the Ontario estimate is slightly above that of August. No change has been made in the estimate of the 1942 grape crop of 70,334,000 pounds.

### Production of Vegetable Oils in 1941

The production of vegetable oils by Canadian concerns in 1941 was valued at \$8,120,189 as compared with the 1940 valuation of \$5,727,494. In 1939 the value was approximately half the 1941 figure. This is further evidence of how Canadian industry has rallied to fill the gap left by the dislocation of normal trade relations and how it is successfully meeting the increased demands of war and at the same time maintaining civilian needs.

The following were included in the 1941 production, comparisons with 1940 being in brackets: raw linseed oil, 3,545,437(3,368,017) gallons; boiled linseed oil, 973,454(885,657); special linseed oil, 2,068,488(1,367,572) gallons; linseed oilcake, 2(910) tons; linseed oilcake meal, 52,089(46,163) tons; linseed meal, 183(180) tons; soybean products 766,000(2,257,100) pounds; soap, 1,438,458(1,106,946) pounds.

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### Production of Iron and Steel in August

Production of pig iron in Canada in August amounted to 162,578 tons compared with 172,153 in the previous month and 118,490 in August, 1941. The total for the month included 135,997 tons of basic iron, 15,652 tons of foundry iron and 10,929 tons of malleable iron. Production during the eight months ended August aggregated 1,308,731 tons as compared with 862,793 in the corresponding period of 1941.

Steel ingots and castings produced during the month totalled 248,868 tons compared with 256,560 in the previous month and 227,075 in August, 1941. Output included 234,378 tons of ingots and 14,490 tons of castings. Production during the eight months ended August aggregated 2,064,666 tons as compared with 1,734,316 in the like period of 1941.

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### Production of Leading Minerals

The production of Canada's leading mineral products during the seven months ended July was as follows, figures for the corresponding period of 1941 being in brackets: cement, 4,717,109(4,295,019) barrels; clay products, \$3,398,855(\$3,424,210); coal, 10,939,326(9,676,067) tons; feldspar, 12,586(11,446) tons; gold, 2,915,492(3,092,896) fine ounces; gypsum, 438,552(755,369) tons; lime, 508,667(478,058) tons; natural gas, 25,672,261,000(23,293,133,000) cubic feet; petroleum, 6,109,072(5,749,614) barrels; commercial salt, 179,468(157,484) tons; silver, 11,362,579(12,013,044) fine ounces.

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### Iron Oxides in 1941

Producers' sales of iron oxides and ochres during 1941 totalled 10,045 short tons valued at \$142,069 compared with 9,979 worth \$111,874 in 1940. Of the 1941 output, 9,770 short tons valued at \$139,185 came from properties in Quebec and the balance represented crude material shipped from deposits located in British Columbia.

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### Gold Production in July

The Canadian production of gold in July amounted to 424,689 fine ounces compared with 424,351 in the previous month and 456,650 in the corresponding month last year. The total for the seven months ended July was 2,915,492 ounces compared with 3,092,896 in the like period of 1941.

Production by areas was as follows in July, with totals for the same month last year in brackets: Ontario, 236,622(270,464) ounces; Quebec, 90,865(91,440); British Columbia, 41,389(52,177); Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 30,215(22,908); Yukon, 14,042(11,104); Northwest Territories, 10,659(6,869); Nova Scotia, 889(1,662).

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### Department Store Sales in August

The dollar volume of sales in Canadian department stores in August was three per cent greater than in August last year, and advanced 11 per cent from the previous month. Unadjusted indexes of sales on the base 1935-1939=100 stood at 124.5 for August, 112.6 for July and 120.4 for August last year. Sales for the first eight months of this year were 13 per cent above those for the corresponding period of last year.

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#### August Output of Central Electric Stations

Central electric stations produced 2,989,675,000 kilowatt hours during August as compared with 2,965,655,000 in July and 2,640,084,000 in the corresponding month last year. The total for the eight months of this year was 24,567,714,000 kilowatt hours as compared with 21,033,614,000 in the like period of 1941.

August exports to the United States amounted to 195,052,000 kilowatt hours compared with 195,827,000 in July and 187,600,000 in the corresponding month last year. During the eight months ended August, exports totalled 1,643,632,000 kilowatt hours as compared with 1,564,892,000 in the corresponding period last year.

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#### Bank Debits to Individual Accounts in August

The amount of cheques cashed in the clearing house centres during the month of August was \$3,479,745,000 as compared with \$3,149,791,000 in the corresponding month last year, an increase of 10.5 per cent. The total for the eight months ended August was \$28,776,000,000 as compared with \$25,202,000,000 in the like period of 1941, a gain of 14.2 per cent.

Gains were recorded in each of the five economic areas except the Prairie Provinces in August, figures being as follows with those for 1941 in brackets: Maritime Provinces, \$81,303,689(\$78,038,443); Quebec, \$1,015,130,914(\$928,162,478); Ontario, \$1,668,734,310(\$1,383,087,127); Prairie Provinces, \$488,949,527(\$547,107,736); British Columbia, \$225,626,447(\$213,394,822).

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#### Chemicals Used in Municipal Waterworks

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released a special survey of the consumption of chemicals in municipal waterworks in Canada during 1940 and 1941. A total of 217 waterworks reported the use of chemicals in these years, and of these 92 used chlorine only and 39 used alum and chlorine only. In 1941 these waterworks used 4,764 tons of alum, 751 tons of chlorine, 2,568 tons of lime, 500 tons of salt, 524 tons of soda ash, 105 tons of sulphur dioxide, 33 tons of chloride of lime, 33 tons of activated carbon, 66 tons of ammonium sulphate and four tons of anhydrous ammonia.

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#### Sales and Purchases of Securities Canada and Other Countries in July

Net sales of securities to other countries in July were \$6.8 million compared with \$6.3 million in June. Although lower than the heavy volume recorded in March and April this continues to be an unusually high level. Sales of Canadian bonds were again the major part of the total, sales of United States securities remaining light. Sales in July totalled \$13.3 million compared with \$10.8 in June and \$7.9 in July last year, while purchases amounted to \$6.5 million compared with \$4.5 in June and \$6.4 in July, 1941.

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#### Civil Aviation in May

Civil aircraft carried 20,810 revenue passengers during May as compared with 15,311 in the corresponding month last year, and the average journey was 296 miles as against 301. Freight carried dropped to 743,936 pounds from 915,353, but mail increased to 374,176 pounds from 274,748. Revenues of Canadian licensed operators increased from \$704,705 to \$903,197 and operating expenses increased from \$624,474 to \$819,317.

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#### Building Permits in August

The total value of building permits issued by municipalities reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was \$8,159,508 in August compared with \$8,341,741 in the previous month and \$12,852,381 in the corresponding month last year. New construction accounted for 73.4 per cent of the total value in August, while the percentage of new residential construction was 47.1.

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### Indexes of Retail Sales in August

Customers spent seven per cent more money in retail trading establishments in August than in July, 10 per cent more than in August last year and 57 per cent more than in August, 1939, according to indexes of sales computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base 1935-1939=100. The general unadjusted index for August this year was 146.8, 137.5 for July and 134.1 for August, 1941. Sales during the eight months ended August averaged 15.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1941.

### Country General Store Sales in August

Country general store sales averaged 10 per cent higher in August this year than last, according to reports received from these general merchandise stores located in the smaller towns and rural areas. The unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939=100 was 144.8 in August compared with 131.6 a year ago. During the eight months ended August, sales averaged 13.3 per cent heavier than in the like period of 1941.

### Languages Spoken in P.E.I.

Roughly one person out of every nine of the population of the province of Prince Edward Island was able to speak both English and French in 1941, according to a report on the subject issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There were 95,047 inhabitants living on the island in 1931, of whom 83,814 spoke English only, 955 French only and 10,262 spoke both English and French. There were 16 persons who could speak neither English or French. In 1931, 77,120 persons could speak English only, 1,335 French only, 9,511 both English and French, while 72 spoke neither language.

### Citizenship of Population of Prince Edward Island in 1941

The inhabitants of the province of Prince Edward Island numbered 95,047 in June 1941, of whom 94,627 were British subjects and 418 were aliens, according to a preliminary report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1931 the population was 88,038, being composed of 87,433 British subjects and 605 aliens. The aliens by country of allegiance are shown as follows, with figures for 1931 in brackets: United States, 347 (418); Scandinavia, 24 (105); China, 18 (24); Germany, 4 (11); Czechoslovakia, 1 (3); Poland, 1 (nil); other, 23 (39).

### Reports Issued Today

1. Immigration and Citizenship - Prince Edward Island, 1941 (10 cents).
2. Bank Debits to Individual Accounts, August (10 cents).
3. Consumption of Chemicals in Municipal Waterworks, 1940 and 1941 (25 cents).
4. Language and Mother Tongue, P.E.I. - 1941 Census (10 cents).
5. Sales and Purchases of Securities, July (10 cents).
6. Gold Production, July (10 cents).
7. The Vegetable Oil Industry, 1941 (15 cents).
8. The Cement Manufacturing Industry, 1941 (25 cents).
9. Production and Sale of Asphalt Roofing, August (10 cents).
10. Iron Oxides (Ochre) - 1941 (15 cents).
11. Production of Iron and Steel, August (10 cents).
12. Department Store Sales, August (10 cents).
13. Fruit and Vegetable Crop Report (10 cents).
14. Canadian Grain Statistics (10 cents).
15. Canadian Milling Statistics, August (10 cents).
16. Canada's Leading Mineral Products, July (10 cents).
17. Monthly Indexes of Country General Store Sales, August (10 cents).
18. Monthly Indexes of Retail Sales, August (10 cents).
19. Building Permits, August (10 cents).
20. School Attendance and Years of Schooling, P.E.I., 1941 Census (10 cents).
21. Use of Electric Power in Manufacturing and Mining, 1940 (25 cents).
22. Number and Value of Live Stock, Alberta, 1941 Census (10 cents).
23. Civil Aviation, May (10 cents).
24. Civil Aviation, April (10 cents).
25. Output of Central Electric Stations, August (10 cents).





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