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### Visible Supply of Wheat

Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on December 23 totalled 359,813,349 bushels, including 323,414,640 bushels in Canadian positions and 36,398,709 in United States positions. On the corresponding date last year the visible supply totalled 464,371,896 bushels.

### Marketings of Wheat and Coarse Grains

Farmers in western Canada marketed 4,993,073 bushels of wheat during the week ending December 23 as compared with 6,744,684 in the previous week. During the elapsed portion of the crop year which commenced August 1, deliveries from the farms totalled 113,474,897 bushels as compared with 139,381,247 in the similar period of the previous crop year.

The following quantities of coarse grains were also delivered from western farms during the week ending December 23, totals for the previous week being in brackets: oats, 5,303,618 (6,471,521) bushels; barley, 3,454,972 (4,547,397); rye, 251,314 (233,928); flaxseed, 114,725 (166,079).

### United States Grain in Canada

Stocks of United States grain in Canada on December 23 were comparatively low, amounting to 304,455 bushels as against 3,768,913 on the corresponding date last year. Corn accounted for a large part of the decrease, stocks of which amounted to 33,104 bushels compared with 3,559,271. Wheat increased to 235,252 bushels from 186,099, soybeans to 36,099 bushels from nil. No United States rye was in store in Canada whereas last year stocks totalled 23,548 bushels.

### Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Stocks of canned fruits held by canners, wholesale dealers and chain store warehouses on October 1 amounted to 1,062,324 dozen cans compared with 2,337,777 dozen on the corresponding date last year. Canned vegetables on hand amounted to 9,267,579 dozen cans compared with 14,060,768 dozen last year. Declines were recorded in the stocks of most of the individual varieties of both canned fruits and vegetables.

### Production of Concentrated Milk in November

The production of concentrated whole milk and by-products was recorded at a lower level in November, the total being 12,766,831 pounds compared with 14,431,736 in the corresponding month last year, a decline of 17 per cent. The output of all items during the eleven months of this year totalled 249,210,805 pounds compared with 251,203,756 in the similar period of 1942.

### Output of Leading Mineral Products

The production of certain of Canada's leading mineral products during the ten months ended October was as follows, figures for the corresponding period of last year being in brackets: cement, 6,578,473 (8,175,245) barrels; clay products, 35,303,285 (35,980,670); coal, 14,731,904 (15,478,943) tons; feldspar, 21,025 (10,031); gold, 3,121,584 (4,112,568) fine ounces; gypsum, 350,406 (507,635) tons; lime, 786,606 (732,309) tons; natural gas, 34,993,634,000 (35,676,369,000) cubic feet; commercial salt, 282,226 (264,485) tons; silver, 14,530,407 (17,233,127) fine ounces.

### Production of Iron and Steel in November

The Canadian production of iron and steel was lower in November. Pig iron output amounted to 142,249 net tons compared with 170,570 in the corresponding month last year, while the production of steel ingots and castings totalled 259,444 net tons compared with 270,312 a year ago. Output of ferro-alloys in November amounted to 16,169 net tons compared with 16,733 last year.

Iron and steel production was also decreased during the eleven months ended November. Pig iron output during the cumulative period this year totalled 1,621,009 net tons compared with 1,810,633 in the similar period of last year. Steel ingots and castings production was reduced to 2,769,156 net tons from 2,851,527, while ferro-alloys output was increased to 201,649 net tons from 194,069 a year ago.

### Output of Central Electric Stations in November

Canadian central electric stations produced 3,460,737,000 kilowatt hours during November compared with 3,453,563,000 in October and 3,133,797,000 in November last year. On a daily basis the November production averaged 115,358,000 kilowatt hours, a new high record for the industry. During the eleven months ended November, output totalled 36,318,140,000 kilowatt hours compared with 33,946,747,000 in the similar period of last year.

Exports of electric power to the United States in November declined to 197,652,000 kilowatt hours from last year's corresponding total of 206,191,000 kilowatt hours. The decrease was in secondary power. Consumption of secondary power in Canada in November increased to 158,724,000 kilowatt hours from 147,441,000 a year ago, and consumption of primary power, including line losses, increased to 3,104,361,000 kilowatt hours from 2,835,165,000, an increase of 9.5 per cent.

### Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada and Other Countries in October

Net sales of securities by Canada to other countries during October increased to \$21,100,000 from \$2,600,000 in September. The expansion in sales of Canadian bonds to the United States in October was the chief factor in the increase. Net sales to the United States amounted to \$21,800,000 of which Canadian bonds accounted for \$20,000,000. Net sales to all countries during the ten months ended October aggregated \$157,900,000 compared with \$92,500,000 in the same period of last year.

Sales of securities to other countries in October totalled \$27,900,000 compared with \$10,200,000 in the previous month and \$20,200,000 in the corresponding month last year. Purchases from other countries during the month amounted to \$6,800,000 compared with \$7,600,000 in September and \$4,000,000 in September, 1942. Sales during the ten months ended October amounted to \$233,700,000 and purchases \$80,800,000; in the like period of last year sales totalled \$144,000,000 and purchases \$51,500,000.

### Civil Aviation in September

Passenger travel by air recorded an increase of 58 per cent in September over the corresponding month last year but showed a seasonal drop from the previous month. The number carried during the month was 30,578 compared with 31,503 in August and 19,398 in September last year. Passengers carried on international routes increased from 5,540 in September a year ago to 12,635 or by 128 per cent, accounting for almost two-thirds of the total increase.

Revenue freight carried by civil aircraft during September increased to 1,468,754 pounds from 1,266,705 a year ago, and mail to 626,863 pounds from 502,920. Operating revenues of Canadian licensed air carriers increased from \$1,091,738 in September last year to \$1,562,655, and operating expenses increased from \$998,036 to \$1,433,659.



### Building Permits in November

The total value of building permits issued by municipalities reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in November was \$6,348,196 as compared with \$6,830,239 in October and \$7,956,629 in the corresponding month last year. During the eleven months of this year, building permits were issued to the value of \$73,606,300 as compared with \$97,610,848 in the corresponding period of last year.

### Electric Railways in 1942

Passenger traffic on electric railway systems in Canada continues to increase, the number carried during 1942 amounting to 992,208,535 as compared with 795,170,569 in 1941, an increase of 25.4 per cent. The gross revenues of the 1942 operating systems increased from \$55,283,724 in 1941 to \$69,034,130, and operating expenses increased from \$36,975,768 to \$43,473,516.

There was a reduction in the miles of track of 14.42 miles or from 1,519.67 to 1,505.25. Freight carried, largely in switching movement, increased from 3,265,449 tons to 3,711,468 tons, and electric car, motor bus and trackless trolley bus miles increased from 137,400,881 to 155,370,836 miles or by 13.1 per cent, for an increase in passengers carried of 25.4 per cent.

During the year there was a net increase of 80 one-man cars, eight trackless trolley buses and 165 motor buses. The number of two-man cars remained unchanged and minor changes were made in other classes of equipment. The number of car and bus conductors and motormen increased from 7,696 to 8,509 or 10.5 per cent, and total employees increased 3.6 per cent, for an increase in the pay roll of \$4,757,444 or 20.5 per cent.

During the year two passengers were killed and 3,157 were injured, 59 pedestrians killed and 769 injured, 22 motorists killed and 409 injured, and four persons riding in other vehicles killed and 129 injured.

### Production of Asphalt Roofing in November

Production of asphalt roofing in November included 321,573 squares of shingles, siding and roofing and 4,223 tons of felts and sheathing as compared with 262,292 squares of the former and 4,192 tons of the latter in November last year. During the eleven months ended November, production consisted of 2,655,125 squares of shingles, siding and roofing and 24,775 tons of felts and sheathing compared with 2,453,943 squares and 37,487 tons, respectively, in the similar period of last year.

### Paper Box and Bag Industry in 1942

The Canadian paper box and bag industry includes 154 plants engaged wholly or principally in the manufacture of paper boxes and bags. It covers the greater part of the production of these commodities in Canada. There are, however, a number of firms classified in other industrial groups which make paper boxes and bags as a side line, so that the production figures used in the following paragraph do not necessarily represent the total Canadian output of the items listed.

Production in 1942 was valued at \$53,419,139 as compared with \$47,465,923 in 1941. The products manufactured, in the order of their importance with regard to value, were: corrugated boxes, \$19,115,445; folding boxes, \$10,331,833; set-up boxes, \$6,741,506; bags, n.e.s., \$4,586,145; self-opening bags, \$2,421,192; fibreboard boxes, \$613,934; corrugated paper and wrappers, \$612,593; round liquid containers, \$609,166; special bags, \$447,697; tags and labels, \$369,661; millinery bags, \$211,851; printing, \$113,594; mailing tubes, \$112,775; round fibre cans, \$105,858; miscellaneous boxes and cartons, \$102,168; egg case fillers, \$80,167; ice cream pails, \$63,892; oyster pails, \$10,549; and all other products, \$6,769,032.

### Indexes of Country General Store Sales

Country general store sales averaged 12 per cent higher in November than in the corresponding month last year, the index number on the base 1935-1939=100 standing at 155.3 compared with 139.2. All regions of the country reported gains. Sales during the eleven months of this year averaged 11.4 per cent heavier than in the corresponding period of last year.

### Financing of Motor Vehicles Sales in November

New and used motor vehicles financed in Canada during November totalled 2,739 units with a financed value of \$1,176,269, being 22 per cent lower in number but five per cent higher in dollar volume than the 3,427 vehicles financed for \$1,116,749 in November last year. There were 155 new vehicles financed in November this year for \$203,437.

Cumulative results for the first eleven months of this year showed 933 new motor vehicles financed as compared with 7,348 in the corresponding period of 1942. Used vehicles financed in the January to November period numbered 36,186 units as compared with 56,429 units in the similar period of last year.

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### Car Loadings on Canadian Railways

Car loadings for the week ended December 25 amounted to 52,079 cars as against 66,894 in the previous week. As this decrease was less than usual the adjusted index number on the base 1935-1939=100 rose from 153.8 to 161.7. In the corresponding week last year loadings totalled 43,573 cars.

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### Stocks of Canadian Corn

Elevator stocks of Canadian corn on December 23 amounted to 283,453 bushels, including 204,463 bushels of eastern corn and 78,995 bushels of western corn. Stocks in eastern elevators amounted to 206,474 bushels and in western elevators, 76,984 bushels.

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### Reports Issued During the Week

1. Car Loadings on Canadian Railways (10 cents).
  2. Canadian Grain Statistics (10 cents).
  3. Financing of Motor Vehicle Sales, November (10 cents).
  4. Indexes of Country General Store Sales, November (10 cents).
  5. Central Electric Stations, November (10 cents).
  6. Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada and Other Countries, October (10 cents).
  7. Canada's Leading Mineral Products, October (10 cents).
  8. Final Report on Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables on Hand, October 1 (10 cents).
  9. Production of Asphalt Roofing, November (10 cents).
  10. Sales of Asphalt Roofing, November (10 cents).
  11. The Corset Industry, 1942 (15 cents).
  12. The Paper Box and Bag Industry, 1942 (25 cents).
  13. Racial Origin by Conjugal Condition, Etc., Manitoba, 1941 (10 cents).
  14. Electric Railways of Canada, 1942 (10 cents).
  15. Building Permits, November (10 cents).
  16. Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences, 1942 (50 cents).
  17. Racial Origin by Conjugal Condition, Etc., Saskatchewan, 1941 (10 cents).
  18. Civil Aviation, September (10 cents).
  19. Production of Iron and Steel, November (10 cents).
  20. Production of Concentrated Milk, November (10 cents).
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