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## Production of Coal and Coke in Navember

The output of coal in Alberta and Britioh Dolimbia yes affected by the strike in November and the Canadian production was reduced to $1,445,309$ tons from $1,646,387$ in the corresponding month of 1942, a doclino of 201,978 tons. Oitput during the eleven monthe of tha year totalled $16,177,213$ tons, a reduction of 5.5 per cont from the production in the similar period of 1942.

Coke production in November amounted to 339,000 tons compared with 349,000 in Octobar and 269,000 in Novembre, 1942. Ite increase over November 1942 was 70,000 tohe. During the eleven monthe ending llovember, production totalled 3,206,000 0nn compared with 3,000000 tons in the same pariod of 1942, an incrisnse of 206,000.

Imports of conl during Novmber totalled 2,835,196 tons ngainst 2,516,951 in the same month of 1942, and the exporte of Cenadian coal nmountod to 79,609 tons comparsd with 97,698. The nverage number of amployen in the conl mines during Octobar was 25,835 compred with 23,406 in Octobnr, 1942.

## Production of Gold in Novamber

innsen's gold production in November continued th: dociino noted in rocent months, the totel bing 267,797 fin: ounces comperd with 365,755 in tha corrasponding month of 1942. Auriforous quartz mines and alluvial sourcis accounted for 218,872 fino ouncos nnd base mitnl propirtios the belance of 48,925 fine ouncos. Production during the רlovon morth onding Novarbar totell $3,389,381$ fine ounces compred with $4,478,323$ in the siziler poriod of 1942.

Tho November production of gold frou all sourcos wns as follows by provincos, totnle for the corrosponding manth of 1942 being in brncksts: Novn Scotin, 440 (815) fino ouncas; Quaboc, $68,549(88,834)$; Ontario, 158,818 (210,879); Mnnitob and Sngkntchowan, $18,943(21,091)$; British Columbin, 13,981 ( 29,435 ); Yukon, 5,816 ( $\epsilon, 790$ ): Northwost Territories, 1,250 (7,909).

## Chequas Cnshad Agninst Individual Accounte

Cheque coshod againet individual accounts aggregntad $\$ 53,797,000,000$ during 2943, a now high point in Canndian history. In 1942 the totnl whs $\$ 45,526,000,000$, a gein of 18.2 por cont having baen indicated. The marked incroese over tho proceding yanr wes due to acceloration in economic activities contigent upon the war offort. Productive oporations racorded a marted oxpansion, while comodity pricos were ot n slightly higher levol. Paym ments on the two Victory Lonns were considarably graator than einilar poynants of tho procening yonr.

Whilc nivances were recorded in each of the fivo economic areas during the year, the grentest porcentage incrense was shown in the Prarie Proinces, The total in 1943 was noarly $\$ 9,200,000,000$, a gain of about 37 per cent. The incranse in the Maritime Provinces wn 15.6 per cent, the totel in the year hoving beer $\$ 1,244,000,000$. As the stending in 1942 w.s $\$ 1,076,000,000$, an increase of nbout $\$ 168,000,000$ was reccried.

Cheques cnshed in Quebec were $\$ 15,374,000,000$, the incrense nmounting to $\$ 2,623$, 000,000 or 20.6 per cont. An advance of 11.5 per cant whe shiwn in Ontario over the high lovel in 1942. The edvance wes from $\$ 22,136,000,000$ in 1942 to $\$ 24,682,000,000$. The xpansion in businass activity in British Oclumbia was reflectodin an increase of 16 per cent in the amount of cheques ceshed, the total in 1943 having been $\$ 3,297,000,000$.

## Statistics of Unemplevment Insurance

The number of applications for unamployment insuranco banefit filad in the local offlces of the Unemployment Insurence Commission during November we 2,896 , being almest double tho number registared in the previous month when 1,475 were filed. In November 1942, 1.748 claim wra recoivad. Some of the increase from October to November may be attributed to normel snesenal andencins, but som? is due no doubt to change in
emphasis on tho production of war noads resulting in layoffs of worknes who cannot 1 mmodintily be rembsorbed.

Tho numbor of clnims sent forward to ineurence offices for ndfudicetion was 2,389 in November as against 1,318 in Octobar and 1,365 in November, 1942. During Novambor, 1.610 claiments wore considered entitled to benefit while 460 were demmed not entitled, of whom 262 were disqualified because they had voluntarily left their omployment wi thout just cause and 124 were found to have insufficient contributions.

Applications for employment by insured persons totalled 194, 431 in the four weaks ended December 2, of which $48,1 \% 1$ were unplaced at the end of the period. This compares with 146,003 applicntions in the four week ended October 28 and 45,551 unplaced applicants on that date. These applications were drawn from an estimated insured population of 2,680,300 persons currently holding insurance books.

Bonofit payments wero recoived by 1,297 porsons in November, involving a total of $\$ 33,584$, for 19,955 days of unemployment. In November. 1942, 1,036 persons were paid a total of $\$ 27,221$ for 14,581 days. The average duration of the unemployment compensatid. wns 14.9 days as against 14.1 in November, 1942 , and the average poid per beneficiary whs $\$ 25.89$ comprred with $\$ 26.27$. The average per compenseted day of unemployment wes $\$ 2.74$ in November compared with $\$ 1.87$ in November, 1942.

## Visiblo Supply of Whert

Stocks of Cnndian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on Trnurry 13 totallad $351,608,718$ bushels, including $320,031,376$ in Cendian positions and 31,577,342 in United States positions. On the corresponding date last yoar stocks alounted to $468,535,802$ bushels.

## Markotings of Whoat and Coarse Grains

Farmers in westarn Cenade marketed $4,528,957$ bushols of wheot during the weok ending Jnnuary 13 as compared with $5,262,802$ in the previous week. During the elapsod portion of the crop year which commenced August 1, 1942, deliveries from the farms aggregated $127,392,610$ bushels as compared with $152,387,915$ in the similar period of the previous crop year.

Tho following quantities of coarse grains were also dolivered from western farma during the week ending January 13, totals for the provious week being in brackets: oats, $1,993,885(2,037,331)$ bushel в; barl ey, $1,402,593(1,510,991)$; rye, $230,014(241,901)$; flaxeoed, 79,737 (81,896).

## Vogetable Products Group of Industries

The production of commodities based on vegetable products as a raw material constitudes an important branch of Cenadian manufacturing production, the value of such products in 1941 aggregating $\$ 97,978,448$ as compared with $\$ 738,432,443$ in 1940 . In gross balue of output this group normelly ranks first. In 1940 and 1941, however, due to demands for motnls and wood needed for war production, it dropped to third ploce, being exceeded by iron and stael, and wood and papor products.

In 1941, 5,948 establishments were included in this category with a capital investmont of $\$ 634,728,760$ in fixed and current asset. They furnished amployment to 113,753 parsons who received $\$, 31,066,093$ in selaries and wages. Compared with the provious yonr there were increases of 9.8 per cent in the number of employees, 17.1 por cent in the salaries and wages paid, and 21.6 per cent in the gross value of products.

## Retail Sales in November

Rotall sales in Canade were six per cent higher in November than in the corresponding month of 1942 and were practically on a par with the volume of business transacted in the provious month. The general unaduasted index number on the base 1935-1939=100 stends at 174.5 compred with 173.6 in October and 164.8 in November, 1942. Sales for tho oleven months ended November averagod four per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1942.

Almost all ines transactod $n$ grenter volume of business in November 1943 than in
the snme month of 1942; the increase for jowellery stores whe outstinding, avaraging 42 per cent for the Dominion. Major increases for other trades were 18 per cent for restaurante, 15 per cent for drug stores and 14 per cent for candy atores. Women's clothing store salos gainod 11 per cent, men's spocialty shops sevon and shoo stores four per cent.

## Retail Merchandise Trode of New Brunswick

The retail merchandise trade of New Brunswick wns valuod at $\$ 101,843,100$ in 19418.8 compared with $\$ 84,379,000$ in 1930, an incrosse of 20.7 per cent, according to the census of merchandising and servico ostrblishments. There were 4,988 retail stores operated during 1941 compared with 4,434 in 1930. These stores required the services of 11,062 omployees in 1941 who were pnid $n$ total of $\$ 8,334,700$ in ealaries and wages. In addition thare were 4,629 proprietors who devoted the major portion of thatr time to the management of their retell businesses.

Comparisons of soles by kind of businese groups were as followe, totals for 1930 boing in brackets: food group, $\$ 22,318,800$ ( $\$ 14,982,500$ ); country general, \& $10,742,800(\$ 12,236,200)$; general merchandise, $\$ 20,137,200(\$ 18,679,900)$; automotive, $\$ 16,002,100(\$ 11,697,800)$; apparel, $\$ 8,002,900(\$ 6,373,300)$; building materinls, S2, $660,800(\$ 3,359,000)$; furniture, $\$ 2,560,400(\$ 2,592,300)$; restnurant $8, \$ 2,525,600$ $(1,204,300)$; other retnil stores, $616,733,500(\$ 13,159,400)$.

## Droing and Finishing of Textile Goods

The grose valuo of work performed by establishmente in Connde occupiod primarlly in the dyeing and finishing of textile goods was $\$ 8,096,566$ in 1942 ns compar od with $57,237,318$ in 1941, an increase of rimost 12 per cent. The dyoing and finishing of textiles wes valuad at $\$ 4,107,758$, accounting for approximately 50 per cont of the totel. The tyoing and finishing of yarns nmounted to $\$ 2,407,472$ or 30 por cont, while the printing and printing of fabric and all other werk totolled $31,581,136$. The foregoing ioes not include textilo manufocturers whe operate dveing and finishing plants or dopartments in connection with their own manufacturing oporations.

## Canndian Sportins Goods Industry

In the reall of sporting nctivities Canado occupies an enviable position. Abundent forests and streams provide the hunter and angler with inexhaustible sources of recrention and pleasure. In other branches of sport also there are oxtensive facillties for indulgence in henlthful exercise, both indcor and cutdocr, for young and old throughout the yoar.

In 1942 marmfncturors in Conndr produced the requisite equipment, supplies and recosscries to the value of $\$ 2,650,000$ as compared with $32,353,000$ in 1940. Sking nccesscrios were value at $\$ 420,803$, gClf equipment $\$ 377,754$, billiard, bowling and football supplies $\$ 360,148$, tennis and bedminton equipment $\$ 302,997$, Ifsing tackie $\$ 234,368$, breeball equipment $\$ 202,915$ and hockey gear $\$ 202,915$.

## Iirtha, Deaths and Marriages in November

Births registered in cities, towns and villages having a population of 10,000 and over numbered 10,396 in November, deathe 4,727 and mnrringes 4,278 an compared with 10,m . 65 births, 4,579 denths and 5,104 marriages in November last year, showing increases of 0.3 por cont in births, three per cent in deaths and a decrease of 16 per cent in marriogos.

## Rovenue Passengere Carried by Civil Aircraft

The number of revenue passengers carried by civil aircraft in October increased to 26,819 from 19,530 in the corresponding month in 1942. Freight decreased from $1,262,078$ pounds in 1942 to $1,120,669$, and mail increased from 470,028 to 598,156 pounds. Oporating revonues of Canadian 11 censed operntors increased from $\$ 1,232,544$ in 1942 to $\$ 1,306,320$, and opernting expenses increesed from $\$ 1,048,902$ to $\$ 1,495,964$.

Irocluction by tho railway rolling stook industry in Canada during 1942 was valuod at $\$ 156,070,617$, an inoreaso of 31 par oont over the 1941 total of $3113,030,141$. Prom cuots mado curing the yoar inoludod 1,414 freight cars at $\$ 7,893,230$; 100 motivo and our parts at $\$ 7,440,794 ; 7110 c$ omotivos at $\$ 0,604,459$; cor whools int $\$ 6,791,113 ; 36,709$ tons of castings and foreines at $\widehat{\beta}, 303,292$; brakos and parts at $\hat{\beta} 369,297$; 07 passencor ours at $\$ 3,107,994$ and rapair work on railway oars and looamotivos valuod at $\$ 36,623,709$. In aridition this incustry made manitions, iootrio railway cars, cost iron pipe, railway trick equipmont, track motor oars and machinory.

## Cotton and Juto Bogo Industry

The ootton and juto baE industry in 1542 poratod at a sliehtly hi ehor lovel than in tho previous yuar, tho gross value of procluction ageregating $\$ 2,749.373$ as a amparod with $817,029,01$ in 19\%1. Froduction of ootton and juto bags, valuod at $\$ 10,777.373$, comprisod about 90 per cont of the output of tho industry. The repairing of bags was viluoe at $\$ 934,661$ and custom work totallod $\hat{\$} \leq 35,717$.

## Ahosives Industry in 1242

Tho faotory solline value of glue, muoilage, paste or spocial oements manufactured by the 21 firms includod in this industry in $15 \& 2$ we. $8 \hat{\hat{V}}, 630,667$ as omparod with $\hat{\mathrm{V}} 3,675$, 631 in 1941, an inorocso of almost 26 por cont. The quantity of bone and hide cluo mado amountoc to 2,364 tons valuce at $\$ 2,157,762$ against 3,122 tuns at $\$ 1,105,247$ in 1941 . Outhut of othor eluos acvinoed to $\hat{\beta} 1,766,106$ from $\hat{11,293,389}$ and the valuo of mucilago unc nasto inorocsod to $\$ 320,273$ from $\$ 230, J 1 C$. Muoilaco and paste woro 2180 mado by oonoorns in othor incustrios, partioularly by ink manufacturore, and tho total produotion from all souroes was valued at 3458,200 in 1942 oomparod with $314,613$.

## Roilway Rovanuo Freicht Loc.dings

Cars of rovonuo froi tht loadod during Docombor amounted to 233,000 as oamparod with 273,000 in Novombor and 312,000 in tho oorrospondine month last yoar.

## Car Loadines on Canation Rnilways

Car loadings for tho wook ondod January 8 amountoe to 61,469 ours as compared with 56,717 in the oorrespondine wook last yoar and 48,593 in the previous wook which containod the Now Year's Day heliday.

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