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## Faots of Interest from Bureau Reoords

Fishing may well be regarded as the first industry to bo systemationily proseoutod by Europoans in what is to-day the Dominion of Canada. Loaving asido inoonolusive ovidonoc in favour of authontio reoord, one must asoribe to cabot tho honour of having disooverod in 1497, tho cod banks of Nowfoundinnd, when he first sighted tho mainland of North Amorioa. Tho industry has grown with the pasiong yoars. In 1870 the value of the fishorion procuotion was $66,577,000$ inoreasing to $\$ 21,558,0001 \pi 1900$ and to f46,119,000 in 1940. The Sooond World War witnessed a tremendous expansion in tho demand for tho produots of tho flshorios of Canada, and in 1943 the value reaohod the highest point in the history of the Dominion at $\$ 85,858,000$. Besides supplying the domestio markot with fish produots, the industry contributo matorially to tho oxport trado of Canada.

Tho first printing psess in what is now Canada was brought by Bartholomow Green, Jre, from Boston in 1751, and tho first Canacian nowspaper, tho Halifax "Gazette" was establishod by John Busholl in the following yons. It was issuod wookly and was a single shoot, printod on both sides. Tho sooond nowspopor ostablishod in Canada was the Quoboo "Gazotto" foundod in 1764. It was printod in altornate oolumns of English and Fronoh. Thore wore in Canada in 1942, a total of 2,375 ostablishmunte ongaged in the printing trades, and tho gross valuo of thoir produots totalled $6146,129,000$. Includad in the total wure poriodioels printod by tho publishors to the valuo of $858,126,-$ 000 , dally newspapers a00ounting for $\$ 4 c^{2}, 777,000$, wookly and other newspapors $810,479,000$, and magarinos, stoo, $35,470,000$.

Canada's forests oover an aroa of i,220,400 squaro milos, or more than ono-thind of tho total land area of the countryo Tho acoossiblo produotive portion of the forests covers 430,000 squaro milos, and it is from this area that the whole output of sawlogs, pulpwood, fuolwood, and othor primary products is obtainod. About 340,000 square miles of forests, olassod as produotive but not at present aooessible, form a roservo for tho future whon transportation systoms may bo more highly developed. By far the larger part of the world domand for wood is for softwood, or conlferous, spooles. Canada posesses tho prinoipal reserves of softwoods within the British Empire, and those inolude larga supplios of tho most dosirable variotios - spruce, Douglcs fir, wostorm hemlook, wostorn rod oodar, and whito, rod and othor pines. In addition, tho eastorn provinoes furnish hardwoode, such as birohas, maples and olms, whioh aro partioularly usoful for spoolal purnosos.

In Canada ther aro over 130 distinot spocies of trous. Only 33 of these are oonifors or softwoods, but thoy omprise throoquarters of the standing timber and supply noarly 80 por oont of tho wood usod for all purposes. Of the deolduous-loavod or hardwood apociob, only about a dozon aru of oommoroini importanow as oompared with twioe that number of conifers.

Finanoing of Motor Vohiolo Sales in Fobruany
Tho finnoing of salos of new and used motor vohioles during Fobruary totallod 1,742 units with a finanoed valuo of $\$ 808,794$, down 24 per oent in number and 15 per oent in amount of finanoing from the 2,306 vohioles finanoed in Fobruary last yoar for \$953,930. Inoluded in the Februery 1945 totals were 183 new vohioles financed to the oxtent of $\{223,058$. There were 373 now vehicles finanoed in the first two monthe of tho ourront yoar as compared with 267 in tho corresponding period a year ago. Used vohioles finanoed during the same two months totaliod 2,860 in 1945 and 4,132 in 1944 .

World Cost of Living Movements
During the Second Half of 1944

In the second half of 1944 oost of living index numbers for most ountries :eoorded small increases whioh were usually less than those in the first half. Series for Caneda, Mexiou and Lawfoundland showed minor declines between é ne and December.

The Daminion Bureau of Statistios December index of living oosta was 0.4 per oent lower than June 1944, and 0.7 per oent below December 1943. The United States Bureau of Labor index rose 103 per oent between June and Deoomber, and 201 per oent for the year. The largest group inoreases were shown by olothing and house-furnishings.

The cost of living index for St. John's, Newfoundland had risen 52 per oent from Ootober 1939 to December 1944, the December index was 2.3 per cont below the June level and only 0.3 per cont above Deoomber 1943. An extension of price oontrols to oover practioally all foodstuffs became effestive October 31, 1944.

The Ministry of Labor index of living oosts in the Unitod Kingdom has reoorded a wartime increase of 30.3 per cent to August 2944. The groups resporsible for the inorease were foods and fuel and light. The net inorease for the second half of 1944 was 0.5 por oent and for the year one per cent. The November level of living oosts in Switeerland was unohangod from June 1944 and stood 1.5 per oent above Deoember 1943.

Cost of living index numbers for Latin-American oountries continued upward in the seoond half of 1944 , with the exception of the Moxioan series which recorded its first deoline sinoe Docember 1942. Lower food prices oaused a deorease of 1.8 per oent in the second half in contrast to a not inorease of 13.9 per oent for the year. A JuneNovember advanoo of 3,2 per oent for Lima. Poru, was moderato oompered with the 13 per oent inorease in the first eleven months of 1944, In Rio de Janelro, living oosts showed a slightly acoelerating rise, and in Santiago, Chile, the cost of living index mounted with increasing momentum in the third quartor of 1944.

The quarterly index of living costs for Australia remained throughout 1944 below the level of the second quarter of 1943 when new stabilization measures were adoptod. The December 1944 index was 0.1 per cent above June 1944 and 0.3 per cent above Decomber 1943. The New Zealand wartime index of retail prices, on the base Decomber 1942= 100, was 100.4 in Deoember 1944, this was 0.3 per oent above the level of June 1944 and December 1943.

World Wholesale Prioe Movemonts
During the Second Half of 1944
Wholesale price series in the second half of 1944 reoorded comparatively small ohangos. Although the movement continued to be generally upward, ocoasional small. deoreases wer'e noted. Mexico and Argentina, where oonsiderable advanoes were recordod in the flest half of the year, showod moderate inoreases of less than two per oent. Index numbers for Australia and Switzerland showed fraotional deolines.

Prioe series for Canada and the Unitod States had registered their stoepest wartime rise by the ond of 1941 , and sinco then their ates of advanoe have moderated to a marked dogroes Tho Canadian wholosaio inder showed no net change in the socond half of 1944 , and in fact, ended the year on a par with tho Dooember 1943 index. The United States Bureau of Labor index resorded fractional losses during the seoond half, but ended the year 0.4 per cont above June 1944 and 1.5 por cont above Deoomber 1943. In both serios, fluotuations wore usually causod by ohanges in farm product prioes.

The Board of Trade wholesalo index fcr the United Kingdon reaohed a new wartime high in August 1944, influenced by seasonal food price increases and highor prices for ooal, iron and steel. ELubsequent food prioe deolines lowered the index so that the Decomber level was only 0.7 per cent above Juno 1944. A 1944 net incroase of 5.3 per oent, as oompared with i.3 por cont in 1943, was due prinoipally to quthorieed inoreases in coal and cotton prices.

The Swiss wholesale series, which has risen only moderately sinoe the end of 1942, rocorded small losses in the second half of 1944, resulting in a decrease of 0.6 per oent betwoon June and November, and a gain of 0.9 por cont for the yoar. The Australian wholesale index for December 1944 was 0.5 per cent below June 1944 and 0.8 per oent above December i943. Price series for Now Zealand and South Africa, after recording no not ohanges in the first half of 1944, advanced moderately between June and November, New Zealand 0.6 per oent and South Afrioa, 1.3 per oento

For Argentina，a slowor rate of incroase provailed in the second half of 1944，lo4 per cont between June and December，as against 508 per oent for the year．The Moxican sorios recorded small intermittent deolines in the sooond half of 1944，the first sinoe August 1942．Howevor，in spite of theso，the June－Deoomber 1944 poriod witnossod an incroase of 104 per oent，which oompared with a gain of 18.5 por oont for tho yearo The wholosale index for Caloutta，India，oontinued below the levels reaohed in the latior part of 1943．The Novemior 1944 index was 0.3 per oent below June 1944 and 0.7 por oent below Do oombor $19 \& 3$

## Choques Cashod against Individual Aocounts in Fobruary

Tho amount of ohequos cashed against individual a，00ounts in Fobruary was $\$ 4,434,000,-$ 000 ，an incrense of 5.4 per cont over the corresponding month of last yoar when tho standing was $\$ 4,208,000,000$ ．Inoreases were shown in oach of the five eoonomio aroas except the Prairio Provinces．The oheques cashed during the first two months of the present year totalled $\$ 9,504,000,000$ ，ali advance of nine per oent over the same poriod of 1944．Each of the five economic areas except the Prairie Provinoes reoorded an in－ orease in this connoction．

The greatest peroentage increase in Fobruary was shown in the Maritime Provinoes where the total rose from $\$ 87,500,000$ to $\$ 93,300,000$ ．Increases wero shown in each of the three clouring centres，the total for Hylifax rising from $\$ 44,000,000$ to nearly $\$ 52,000,000$ ，The inorease in Montreal was about 10 por oent，the total in Fobruary having been $\$ 1,194,000,000$ ．An edvance was shown in Sherbrooke while the total for the oity of Quebeo was at a lower level．T＇no not nesult for the provinoe was an increaso of 8,7 per cont，the total rising from $\$ 1,206,000,000$ to $\$ 1,311,000,000$ 。

Eight of tho fourteen contres in Ontario reoordod an inoroase in February over the same month of last year．The inorease in Toronto was fram $\$ 987,000,000$ to $\$ 1,249,000,-$ 000，an advance of more than 26 per cent．The total in Ottawa reoeded fram $\$ 548,000,000$ to $\$ 445,000,000$ ．The totel for Ontario was $\$ 2,049,000,000$ ，an inorease of 8,9 per oent．

Five of the ten oentros in the Prairis Provinoes rooorded increases，but a doolino in the aggregate for the area was 8,5 per cont．Debits in Winnipeg dropped from \＄439， 000,000 to $\$ 361,000,000$ ，while the total for the three provinoes reooded from $\$ 748,000,-$ 000 to $\$ 684,000,000$ ．Increases were shown in Viotoria and New Westminster，the total for British Columbia rising from $\$ 285,000,000$ to nearly $\$ 290,000,000$ ，an advanse of 1.6 per oont．The reoossion in Vencouver was from $\$ 238,000,000$ to about $\$ 235,000,000$ s

## Stooks and Marketings of Whoat and Coarse Grains

Stooks of Canadian whoat in store or in transit in North Amerioa at midnight on March 15 totalled $354,984,801$ bushels as compared with $334,713,643$ on the oorresponding date of last yeare Stooks on the latest date inoluded 327，264，092 bushols in Canadian positions and 27，720，709 in United States positions．

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairio Provinoes during the woek ended Maroh 15 amounted to $3,474,730$ bushels as oompared with $3,224,740$ in the preaeding wooko During the elapsed portion of the present srop your，deliveries from farms in western Canada totallod $266,466,027$ bushels as compared with $185,221,044$ in the similar period of 1943－44。

The following quantities of coarse grains were also delivered from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending March 15，totals for the preoeding woek being in bracketss oots； $3,012,923(2,693,156)$ bushols；barley， $517,190(557,315) ;$ ：nyo， 77,346 $(75,932)$ ；flaxseod， $11,773(10,537)$ ．

## Fisheries aduction of Canada in 1943

The vaiue of the fisheries production of Canada in 1943 amounted to $\$ 85,858,358$ ， the highest in the history of the industry。 Higher prioes，rather than increased oatches，were the principal factor in the advance．The inorease over the figure for the preceding year was $\$ 10,741,425$ ，or 14 per cent．The total represents the value of the fish as marketed，whether fresh，canned，cured or otherwise prepared，and in． oludes the value of such by－produots as oil and meal．The sea fisheries contributed $\$ 73,211,575$ or 85 per cent and the inland fisheries $\$ 12,646,783$ ，or 15 per oent．

The salmon fishery，with a marketed value of $\$ 15,635,290$ ，retainod the leading
position but the oatoh of this fish recorded a deorease of 25 per cent as oompared with 1942, and the marketed value a decrease of 32 per cent. Other leading species weres cod, valued at $\$ 13,070,933$, with an inorease of 11 per cent in quantity and of 32 per cont in marketed values herring, $\$ 12,000,217$, with a decrease of 11 per oent in the eatoh but an inoresse of 10 per oent in value; and lobsters, $\$ 8,208,533$, an inorease of seven por oent in landings and of 61 per oent in value.

Aooording to marketed value, British Columbia led the other provinoes with 37.8 per cont of tho Dominion total, followod by Nova Sootia with 25.2 per oont, Now Brunswiok With 13 per oent, Quebeo 6.9 per oent, Ontar 106.2 per oent, Manitoba 5.3 per oont, Prinoe Edward Island 3.3 per oent, Saskatohewan 1.4 per cent, and Alberta 0.9 per oent.

The total quantity of all kinds of fish, including sholl fish, taken by Canadian fishermen in 1943 was $12,352,898$ owt., valued at $\$ 49,031,781$ at the point of landing. This was an inorease of two per oent in quantity ought and an inorease of 18 per oent in landed value over the 1942 figures.

## Pur Farme of the Pralrio Provinoes, Britioh Columbia and Yukon in 1943

Revenue to fur ranohers in the Prairio Provinoes, British Columbia and Yukon from the sales of polts and live animals inoreased substantially in 1943 as oompared with 1942. In 1843 the revenues amounted to $\$ 3,846,738$, to which the sole of pelts oontributed $\$ 3,611,868$ or 94 per oent and the sale of iive animals the remaining $\$ 234,870$. Compared with the preoeding year, pelt sales showed an increase of $\$ 832,204$ or 30 per cent and the live animal seles an inorease of $\$ 130,879$ or 126 per oento

The number of fur forme in the area deolined from 2,090 to 1,874 and the number of operating farms in 1943, by provinoes, wass Manitoba, 505; Saskitohewan, 474; Alberta, 643; British Columbia, 247; and Yukon, five. The number of fur-bearing animals on farme at the end of the year totalled 97,069 with a value of $\$ 3,647,065$ compared with 88,098 valued at $\$ 2,507,535$ at the olose of 1942.

The number of animals born on the farms in 1943 was 186,062, a deorease of 72,869 from the prooeding year. The number of silver foxes born wes lower than in 1942 by 9,993 or 26 per ount but the number of now type foxes inoreasod by $\mathrm{c}, 126$ or 56 por oent. The numbers of mink born were sharply lower in 1943 then in the preoeding year.

## Car Loadinge on Canadian Rallways

Car loadings on Camadian railways for the week ended March 10 inoroased to 69,105 oars from 67,468 in the preoeding weok, but were slightly below tho total of 69,188 for the corresponding weok last year. Loadings in the eastern division incroased from 44,966 oars in 1944 to 47,210 , but in the western division the total foll from 24.222 to 21,895 oars. Loadings of western grain deolined from 6,431 to 3,615 oars.

## Production of Loather Footwear in January

Produotion of leather footwear in January amounted to $2,878,444$ pairs as oompared with $2,627,342$ in the preceding month and $2,683,731$ in tho corresponding month of last year. The advanoe over Deoember was 9.5 per cent and over January of last year, 7.3 por oent.

## Medioinal and Pharmsooutioal Preparations

Produotion by manufaoturing plants in Canada whioh were ongaged ohiefly in making patent and proprietary medioines, pharmecoutioals and similar commodities was valued at $\$ 50,772,686$ at faotory prioes in 1943 as oompared with $\$ 41,983,247$ in the preoeding yoar and $335,471,898$ in 1941 .

Prioo Index Numbers of Cormoritios and
Sorvicos Usod by Farmurs in Jenuary
The composito Dominion prioo index of oomoditios and servioes usod by famors, inoluding farm family living oosts recordod a drop of 2.3 points to 131.5 botwoen Auguat 1944 and January 1945. Compared with January 1944, howevor, an inorease of 1.0 had oocurred. A doolino in the commoditios and sorvioos inder was mairiy responsiblu for the rooossion, the oomposito index for this serios falling 3.9 points to 137.40 In the same interval, farm family living ouets roso 0,2 to 122.8 . A sub-group broakdown showod a sharp soasonal doclino in the Dominion index of farm wages fram a lovel of 275.2 in August to 234.6 in January. In the oormoditios seotion, a provisicnal indox for farm implomonts at 113,0 in January was down 3,8 points from the August level. This roilooted the romoval of the war exohange tax as woil as oertain tariffs on imported farm implemonts. Among other commodity groups to rooord changes, gasoline, oil and groaso movod down 0.7 to 119,9 , while the seed and building materials series each rose 0.8 to 13604 and 174.9 respectivaly.

Due almost entirely to the previously montioned rogional differential in the wago rate docline, changes registered by oastern and wostorn Canada composito index sorios woro markod. Botween August and january tho canmority sorios of oight faotors romainod unohanged at 127.3 for oestorn Canada, whelo tho wostern serios oased 1.2 to 122.2 . In tho same period oommoditios and services for oastern Canada movod down 1.4 to 140,6 while in tho west a coclino of 7.7 points to 132.5 oocurrod.

Regional changes in farm family living costs woro identioal, the oomposite index for oastorn Canada at 122.5 and wostorn Canda at 123.3 , oaoh reoording an advanoo of O. 2 over fugust levolso In both instanoos higher oosts for hoalth maintenanoo wore primarily responsible for the change. Foods wero slightly lower in both regionso

## Estimates of Tourist Expenitures in 1944

Preliminary ostimates of international travel expundituros in 1944 indioato that Canadians spont $\$ 60,000,000$ on oicht million visits to other oountrios, whilo persons fram other oountries spont $\$ 112,000,000$ on 13 milision ontrios into this osuntry. Whon oompared with correspunding cata for 1943, tho numbor of Canadian trips shows an inorease of 57 per oent, and the number of forelen ontirios an inorease of 26 per oont, while Camadian oxpenditures abroad have rison by 60 por oont and foroign oxpenditurus in Canada havo risen by 25 per oent.

Although tho movamont of Canadians abroad has not yot regainod pre-war lovels: t now roprosunts 40 per ount of the ombinod movomont of all persons into and out of Canada, approaching olosely tho pronortion of 41 per oent whioh it represented in 1939。 Undor tho influonou of wartimo rcstriotions Canadian travol to other oountries reached a low of 22 por cont of the oumbinod movement in tho yoar 1941. The movomont of foreign travellers into Canada reachod its wartime low in i943, showod an incroaso in 194. but has not yet oquallod the 1941 mark of 14 million untrios.

Canadians travolline in the Unitod Status in 1944 spent a total of $\$ 57,000,000$ as compared with $\$ 34,000: 000$ in the prooeding yoar and $\$ 67,000,000$ in 1939. Noariy all of tho inorease in 1944 over 1943 was due to travel by means othor than the automobilo. The advanoe appoars to have boen about equally divided betwoen train and boat, and other moans of travol oxoluding automobiles. In the latter group spootaoular gains of 172 por oent and 100 per oent wore made in amounts spont rospectively by bus and plane passengers. Soaroity of gasoline and tires for privatoly~ownd automobiles has been lareoly responsiblo for pushing expenditures by this resicual gioup of traveliers to a figuro almost twioe that of its former high point.

While a larger number of Canadians visitod overseas oountrios in 1944 than in the yoars inmediately precocing, exponditures dropped from $3,500,000$ in 1943 to $\hat{\$}, 800,000$, cue t. tho shortor avorago passage oocasioned by ineroased travel to destinations in the Wost Indies and other points relatively olose to Carada. In 1939, expenditures of Canadian traveliers in oversoas ountries amounted to $\$ 14,000,000$ 。

Travol in Cenada from the United Statos roso in 1944 , but by a much smaller amount in proportion to the size of the traffio than was the oaso of Canadian travel to tho United States. Total expenditures at $\$ 109,000,000 \mathrm{showed}$ an inorense of 25 por oont over the prooeding year. In torms of trafií typos, the largest rolative expenditure inorease was 47 per cont in the case of autamobiles, but the absolute incroase of है12, 000,000 in ampunts sent by train and boat passengers was more than the rise in oxpenditures by all other types of traffic oombined.

Overseas expenditures in Canada were practioally the same in 1944 as Canadian expenditures overseas, the amounts being just under $3,000,000$ in eqch oase. Entries from Newfound land amounted to more than half of the volume of travel but acoounted for only a quarter of the amount spent in Canada. Volume of travel and expenditures both showed a slight inoreaso over the proouding year.

## Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings

With the ourrent survey of employment and payrolls for November 1, 1944, the DominLon Bureau of Statistios instituted the oollection of monthly data on man-hours and hourly earninge. The provision of such information fills an obvious and long-felt want in the field of labour statistios in Canade; the material will also provide information of great value to those interested in the measurement of the volume of production and in produotivo oapaoity. Thu publishod statistios of this mature are at present imited to manufaoturing, mining and building, and highway oonstruction in Canda 0.8 a whole. It is planned, later on, to issue statistics upon a provinoial basis, and for the leading oitios as woll as for additional industries as this beomes possiblo.

Acoording to tabulations made by the Bureau, there was relatively little differenoe, in most oases, in the average hours worked in the weoks ending nearost November 1 and Deoember 1, while the working timo in the woek nearest January 1 was affeoted to a greater or lesser oxtent by the obsorvation of the holidays. For the manufaoturing industry as a wholo, the average number of hours worked during the week nearest Dooember 1 was 46.3 as compared with 39.6 at January 1 , in mining 45.8 as compared with 39.1 , building oonstruction 41.5 as compared with 35.1 , and highway oonstruotion 33.5 as oam pared with 35.2 at Jenuary 1.

Littlo ohange was revealed in the average hourly earnings from month to month. The varlations shown were due, in the main, to fluotuations in the amount of overtime, and to a lessor oxtont, to some variation in the firms reporting for the throe months. Considerable variations in the retes as between industries wero shown. The average of 77 to 78 oonts per hour in the durable manufaotured goods industries no doubt oontains payment for a relativoly greater amount of overtime than is shown in plants produaing non-durable manufacturod goods, in whion the rates during the period of obsorvation varied from 60 to 61 oonts.

The highost civeraces of hourly earnings were reported in coalmining, and in petroleum, automotive, airoraft and shipbuilding plants and struotural iron and stool manufaoturing, most of whioh employ large numbers of highly-skilled workers, and oonsiderable proportions of male workers. The exoeption in the oase of the latter factor, is the airoraft division, in whioh the latest survey of sex distribution showed a ratio exoeeding that genarally indioated in the heavy manufacturing industries 8,8 a whole, 291 per thousand of the employees in aircraft plants at Ootober 1, 1944, being women and girls. In the heavy manufacturing industries as a whole, the proportion of females was then 188 per thousand, while women oonstituted 402 per thousand workers in the produotion of nondurable manufaotured goods.

In manufeoturing as a whole, the 807,405 wage-earners for whom were available statistios of man-hours and hourly earnings constituted 73.6 per oent of the total number of persons in reoorded employment in manufaoturing industries at January 1 , 1945. The proportion in the durabie manufaotured goods was 77.6 and that in the nondurablo goods industries, 69.1 per cent. The ratio varied from 43 音 per oent in the dairying industry and 50,8 per oent in bread and bakery produots, in whioh relatively small numbers of workers aro hourly-rated employees, to 87 per cont in 811 k and artifioial silk goods, 86 per cent in explosives and ammunition manufaoturing, 93,5 per cont in ootton yarn and cloth and 94.8 per cont in steel shipbuilding and ropairing. In most oases, the ooverage of total wage-garners was fairly adequate.

In manufacturing as a whole, tho difference between the averago weekly earninge of hourly-rated employeos and the average salaries and wages of all persons in reoorded employment at Deoomber 1 was 65 oents. There were considerable varintione in the differenoe in the two averages for meny of the indus ries. In the durable manufactured goods division, the differenoe amounted to 29 oents, while in the 11 ght manufaoturing industries, the salaries and wages averaged $\$ 1.75$ higher than the oomputed weekly wages of hourlywratod employees.

Statistics of man-hours and hourly earnings will be published monthly hereafter.

The dollar value of sales through retall merohandise stores in 1943 was estimated at $\psi 5,753,874,000$ 2 compared with $\$ 3,632,952,000$ in the prooeding yoar, an advanoe of $\$ 120,922,000$, or 3.3 per oent. The inoresse in 1942 over 1941 had been 5.6 per cent. These comparatively mall rates of inorease in the value of retail purchases were due In largo mensure to the marked reduotions which have taken place sinoe 1941 in the retall automotive trade. On removing the flgures of the automotive trade from the grand totals for all retail trading establistments, the gain in dollar sales between 1941 and 1943 was inoreased from nine to 21 per oent.

Restriotions on the produotion of furniture and more especially on the produotion of radios and household applianoes are refleoted in the sales of stores spooializing in theso oomodities. Furniture store sales averaced six por oont lower in 1943 than in 1941. The deoline for stores speoializing in the sale of radios or household appliances was oonsiderably greater, amounting to 25 per oent. Inoreased salas in 1943 as compared with 1941 were rogistered by other major groups into whioh the retail trade is subdivided.

The following are the vaiues of retail sales by kind-of-businose groups in 1943 With corresponding totale for 1942 in brackets , food, $\$ 845,965,000$ ( $\$ 901,354,000$ ); oountry general stores, $\$ 274,400,000(\$ 245,456,000)$; ceneral merohandise, $\$ 600,088,000$ ( $\mathbf{\$} 592,763,000)$; automotive, $\$ 311,331,000(\$ 364,331,000)$; apparel, $\$ 372,509,000(\$ 354,429,-$ $000)$, building materiale, $\{206,105,000(\$ 194,670,000)$ f furniture, household, radio, $\$ 101,327,000(\$ 114,686,000)$; restaurants, $\$ 189,056,000(\hat{1} 57,088,000)$; 0001 and wood yards, $133,177,000(\$ 120,619,000)$; drug stores, $129,420,000(\$ 115,450,000)$ ) jewellery stores, $\$ 49,581,000(\$ 43,174,000)$.

## Loadinge of Revenue Froight

Revanue freight loaded at Canadian stations and reoived from foreign oonneotione during Deoember 1944 amounted to 11,493,059 tons as compared with 12,721,577 in the oorresponding month of the preceding yoar. The agerogate for the full year 1944 was 154,845,277 tons o. compared with 152,949,096 in 1943, an advanoe of $1,896,181$ tone e

## Ronorts Issued During the Weok

1. The Medioinal and Marmaoeutioal Preparations Industry, 1943 (25 oents).
2. Produotion of Leather Pootwear, January ( 10 oents).
3. Car Loadinge on Canadian Railways ( 10 conte).
4. World Prioe Movements, Sgoond Helf of 1944 (25 oents).
5. Advano Report on Fisheries of Cenada, 1943 ( 10 oonts).
6. Advanoe Roport on the Fur Farms of the Prairio Provinoes, British Columbla and Yukon, 1943 ( 10 oents).
7. Rellway Revenue Frolitht Loadings, February ( 10 oenta).
8. Bank Debits to Individual sooounts, February ( 10 oents).
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