

## Merohandise Export Trade of Canada in June

Canada's merchandise export trade in June - the first full month after V-E Nay m Was featured by a sharp reduction in the export of commoditios olassifiod as dofinito war materials, and a growth in the oxport of non-war items. espocialiy agrioultural products. The total value of merchandise produced in Caneda sent abroad in June was $3322,846,000$ as oompered with $\$ 343,158,000$ in June 1944, whon military activity in Europo was espocially intense. The export of items intended mainly for war purposes declined from $\$ 167,155,000$ In June 1944, to $\$ 117,996,000$, whereas the value of otiner articles inoreased fram $\$ 176,-$ 003,000 to $\$ 204,850,000$. During the first half of 1945 merohandiso exports were valued at $1,718,398,000$ es ocmpared with $\$ 1,746,268,000$ in the similar period of 1944。

The marked advance in the export of agrioultural products in June was of speoial aignifioanoe, refleoting as it does the heavy demand for Canadian foodstuffs in Europe. The total value of Canadian farm produots exported advanced from $\$ 67,192,000$ in June last year to $\$ 99,833,000$. Wheat ehipments were almost doubleds advancing from $\$ 32,685,000$ to $\$ 61,347,000$, while the export of wheat flour reoordod a substantial increase from $\$ 8,757,-$ 000 to $\$ 11,593,000$. The combined total of fruits and vegetobies advenced from $\$ 1,344,000$ to $\$ 1,474,000$. Merts तoci inoc from $\$ 23,564,000$ to $\$ 3,009,000$, while fishery products advanoed from $\$ 5,474,000$ to $\$ 7,270,000$.

In the iron and steel group the total decined from $\$ 86,271,000$ in dune last year to $268,614,000$, despite a sharp rise in the export of motor vehicies and parts from $\$ 38,088,-$ 000 to $\$ 49,414,000$. The deorease in this group wes due in large measure to the reduction in the export of guns. The total of wood and paper rose from $\$ 38,829,000$ to $\$ 41,193,000$ c Shipments of news print papor rose from $\$ 14,391,000$ to $\$ 14,765,000$, planks and boards from $\$ 7,078,000$ to $\$ 8,397,000$, pulpwood from $\$ 1,517,000$ to $\$ 2,275,000$, while wood pulp recorded a oomparatively small doolino from $\$ 9,045,000$ to $\$ 8,875,000$.

The United States was the prineipal destination of Canada's exportse the June valuation standing at $\$ 112,278,000$ as ompared with $\$ 111,226,000$ in Juno 1944 , and in the first six monthe of this yoar, $\$ 618,192,000$ as oompared with $\$ 637,764,000$. Shipments to the United Kingdom ... the second largest destination -. were valued at $\$ 94,634,000$ as com-
 761,000. The decline in the exports to the United Kingdan roflsoted a two-ficld development - - the lessened need for armament, and the commoncement or expansion in the shipment of goods direct to oountries which hitherto had been boyone the reaoh of our merchantmen.

Camadian merchandise is playing a vital part in the rehabilitation of European countries. The exports to Greece in June amounted to $\$ 4,160,000$, Netherlands $\$ 2,706,000$, Belgium $\$ 4,638,000$, Norway $\$ 1,170,000$, France $311,505,000$, and Yugoslevia $\$ 225,000$. Canada's material contribution to the war against Japan is rofleoted in the export totals for recent months. Exports to British India in June amounted to $\$ 41,73 C_{c} 000$ as compared with $\$ 13,359,000$ a year a.go, and in the six months ended June, $\$ 165,940,000$ as compared with \$70,906,000.

June exports to other leading countries were as foilows totals for the corresponding month of last year being in brackets: British South Afrioa, $\$ 3,185,664(\$ 2,416,655)$; Newfound land, $\$ 4,465,362(\$ 5,756,218)$; Egypt, $6,710,707(\$ 20,588,413)$; French Afrioa, $\$ 3,977,280(\$ 3,076,290)$; Italy, $\$ 3,638,002(\$ 19,079,915)$; Russia, $\$ 5,976,784(\$ 9,827,963)$; Eire, $\$ 1,591,704(\$ 546,486)$; Jamaioa, $\$ 1,432,522(\$ 1,410,341)$; Trinidad and Tobago, $\$ 1,297,494(\$ 1,835,196)$; Brazil, \$1,258,964 (\$528,912); Australia, $\$ 3,4 i 2,465(\$ 3,859,807)$.

## Crop Conditions in Canada

The Prairie Provinoes received soattered rains during tho past week while tomperatures in Manitobe and Saskatohewan were well above average and oxtremoly high in some districts. Alberta recoived cooler woather. Crop conditions sontinus excoliont in Mianitoba, although such late orops as corn and rapesead would be benefited by oontinued wamer weather. About 50 per cent of the cereals are headed and an exoellent hay orop is bojng gatherod under fa ourable oonditions. Damage fram insect pests and hall has been light but some flooding has been experienoed in the Dauphin and Peulon distriotso

Crop condibions in Easkatonuwan aro sharply divided by a line running between Regina and Saskatoon．North and oast of this line crops are late but heavy and，with the warm weather of the past wook，made rapid progress．South and west of this line conditions are poor excopt in isolitud spors and yields will be weli below average．Pastures are boginning to brown in the soutn－west and the hay arop is very light although haying woather has been good．Seattured hail damage ranging from light to modorately severo was recoived at many points throughout the centrai and southern parts of the provinoe during the past wooko

Crop conditions in Aiborta are for the most part discouraging，with the south－west and the south contro，togetiner with tho Peace River，being the important exoeptions， although tho crops wost of tho Caigary lino and Edmonton aro also doing well．Grain orops south of Calgary and west of a lino running north and south through Nobleford are mod．East of this lino crops are short and thing and many fields in the south－east will not be worth harvosting Coarse grains and wheat will yield poorly in a wide area ranging from oids to Atiabasca and east to the Suskatchewan lino，although oooler weather in the northern part of this block maintainod prespeots．Warmer weather elsewhere rapidly dopleted moisturo reservas，and many of the hoads on ceroals will contain few kornels． The Poaco River hes rosotvo isuffioient rain to maintain prospeots for an average orop． Some hail damage ocsursod in the Luthbridge aroa and in the irrigated distriots around Brooks during tho past wook．

A hoavy urop of hey is bcing harvostod in all sections of quebec．Work has been dolayod by froquent rains nind oniy 30 per oent of the crop is ncw under oover．Spring grains aro making cooc progress and prospests nie for fair to good yieleso Tho potato orop looks very good．$x-6$ tures ary $9 x c e l l e n t$ ．Appie soab has boen very serious and the orop will be oxceptionaliy ilght。

Crop prospoots in Ontario are generaliy good with a hoavy orop of hay being har－ vestedn Fali wheat is gencrally heavy and fair to good yields of sprinf grains eare in prospoot．Tho oorn orup was seeded much inter than normal and warmer weather is noeded for rapid growtho Boins tobacoo and sugar beets are also lato but if there is an open iall，fair to good orops myy be harvosted．Pasiures are very good for this timo of year． Tree fruits have beon herd hit by the oold．wot spring and yields will be very light in most districts．

All orops in British Columbia are growing rapidly．Fall sown grains are boginning to colour and oats aro huading out．Haying is practicaily oompleted and outting of the seoond orop of alfaifa will soon begino Harvescing of early stone fruits is in full swing．

Weather during tho post two weeks throughout the Maritimes has beon generally dry and warm．Haying is sul？in piogress and yiolds aro good．Potato blight is reportod throughout the alsixist：

Stooks Marketirgs of What and Coarse Grains
Stooks of Canadian whont in store or in transit in North Amerioa at midnight on July 19 totallod $229,878,903$ bushols a roduction of $54,799,696$ bushols from last yeart corresponding cotai of $284,678,599$ bushelso．This yoar＇s $\nabla$ isible supply inoluded 213 ， 574,855 bushols in canarian positions and $\mathbf{i 6}, 304,048$ bushels in United States positions。

Deliveries of whoat from farms in the Prairie Provinoes during the week ended July 19 amounted to $5,243,268$ oushols as compared with 4,$615 ; 826$ in the proceding week． During the olapsed period of the ourrent orop year which oommenoed August 1 ，1944， deliveries totalied 334,$493 ; 881$ bushels as compared with $299,217,217$ in the similar period of the preseding osop year．

The foliowing quantities of coarse grains aiso wera dolivered from farms in the Prairio Provinoos during tho wook ended July 19 ；totals for the proceding weok being in parenthososs oats： $2,069,833(2,219,811)$ bushels；bailley， 619,307 （ 555,396 ）：rye， 19,119 （ 18,135 ）：fisaxsoอd， $40,035(43,627)$ 。

## Aoreage Soodud to Fioid Crops

Tho acruaga soodud to whent in the threo Prairio Provinoes in 1945 is loss than one por oent groater than that seedod in i944．Thoso acroago ostimates are derived from the Annual June sivirvy of acreages seedod to the principal grain crops．The wheat acreage
this year is $22,566,000$ acres as compared with $22,444,000$ aores in 1944. A deorease in .Thoat in Manitoba has boen offset by increases in the other two provinoes.

The ares seeded to oats is $10,749,000$ a ores an increaso of 2.9 per oent over that of 1944. While the barloy aoreago has increasod by 1.24 por cent to $6,859,000$ acros. The $1,034,000$ acros seoded to flexsoed this year is 20,3 per cent less than the 1,298,000 aores which were seedod a year ago. The summerfallow aoreage of $19,397,000$ acres is almost equal to that of a year ago. The acreagos seoded to fall and spring rye have deoreased by 29 and 27 per cent, respoctively, in the Prairio Provinoes this year as oompared with 19440 The most important aoreage shift has occurred in Manitoba where wheat soedings havo decreased by 15 per cent and flaxseed has increased by 56 per cent.

Sugar boot aoreago has expanded by 11 por cont this yoar with the largest incroases oocurring in Ontario and siburta. The aoreage of dry baans is alsn up beasuse of an inoreaso of about 15 por cent in Ontario over last yearc Whilo seeding of buokwheat has boen enoouraged by the lato soason, the acruago dovoted to corn is down sharply, while a reduced acreage is also indisated for hay and clover. alfalfa and turnipse

## Juvenile Dolinquency in Canada

Juvenilo delinquenoy in Canada in the twelve months endod Soptember 1944 showed a further decline, according to figures released oy tire fominion Buroau of Statistices In 1944 the number of juveniles brought before the oourts throughout the Dominion was 11.554, as compared with 12,225 in 1943 and 13,802 in 1942. Despito the improvement shown, the 1944 figuro was still substantially higher than in 1939 , when 9,497 juveniles appeared before the couris.

Fewer juvoniles wero ounvioted of breaches of the Iaw during 1944 than in the two previous yoars. The aotinl number of oonvictions in 1944 was 9,917 , representing a docrease of 3 e? per oent from 1943 and 15,6 per cent from 19420 However, the 1944 total Was still 30.3 per cont more than in 1939, the yoar precoding the ware iis total for 1942 was tho highest over reoorded since statistics of juvenile offendars were first umpiled in 191.2.

A marked decrease in the number of juvenilo conviotions in the Province of Quebeo accounted for most of the dealine in the Dominion total as botween 1943 and 1944, Slight deolines were also noted in Nova Sootia and Manitoba, but increases ocourred in Prinoe Edward Island, Now Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatohewan, Alborta and British Columbia. The total for Queboo declinod from 3,196 in 1943 to 2,259 , or by 29.3 per ount, while that for Ontario rose fram 4,178 to 4,428 , or by $s i x$ per cent.

Conviotions for major offonces totalled 6,529 in 1944, recording a negligible inarease of one-half of ono per cent over the 1943 figure of 6,494 , a deorease of 5.7 per cont from the poak year 1942, but an inorease of 30.1 per cont from 1933. Convictions for major offenoes increased ovor 1943 in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswiok Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, with decreases shown in Nova Scotia, Quebeo, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Tho 1607 por cent decrease in Quebeo neutralized increases in other provinoes. Mnjor ounviotions in Quebeo deciinod from 1,455 in 1943 to 1,212 , while the Ontario totai advanced from 2,804 to 2,901。

Convictions for minor offences during 1944 numberod 3,388 , or 10.9 per oent lower than the 1943 total of 38802 , but 30.6 per cent higher than the 1939 prewar total. The decrease from 1943 was acoounted for mainly by the 3908 per cent reduotion in Queboe Prince Edward Island, Nov? Scotia and Manitoba also recorded decreases Irom 1943, with Now Brunswick, Ontario, Snskatohewan, Alberta and British Columbia showing inoreases. Convictions in Queboc in 1944 totallod 1,047 as compared with 1,741 in 1943 and in Ontario 1,527 as comparec with $1,374_{0}$

## Public Hospitals of Canada

One out of avory rine of the general population of Canada received caro in tine publio :,ospitals in 1943, acording to a roport issued by the Dominfon Buronia of Statisticso A total cf $I_{i} 199_{i} 100$ persons were under care in these institutions during the yoar, an incroase of oight. per cont over the procoding yoar, and 23,1 por cent more than in 19400 The daily avorage number of pationts under are in 1943 was 39,5480 The total days ' care of ali separations in 1943 was $13,660,134$ days of whioh $12,045,930$ were of adults and ohildren and $1,614,204$ wero of the nuwborn, whioh gave an average stay in hospitai oi 12 days for adults and ohildren and 200 d days for newborno The total patient days of all porsons under care was $14,434,751$.

Discharges from pubiio hospitals during 1943 totalled 1,124,402, which represented 94 per oent of the total number under oare. Deaths in hospitals numbered 39,539, of whioh total 11,709 took piase within 48 hours of admission. The death rate of adults and ohfldren por 1,000 under care was 3.4 and of nowborn under oaro $2 f$ of a total of 289,816 births in Canada in 1943, 172,550 or 59.5 per oent took plaoe in publio hospitals. Of the Dominion births, 97.6 per cent were live births and 2.4 per cont still births; live births in hospitals constituted 97.4 per oent of total births and still births, 2.6 .

The 596 hospitals which reported to the Bureau had a total bed oapaoity of 50,544 beds and cribs and 7,035 bassinets. Based on the total population of Canada over four years of age, the number of beds per thousand of the general population was five. The number of beds por thousand of the general population by provinoes in 1943 was: Prinoe Edward Island, $3: 0$; Nova Soutia, 4.6; New Brunswiok, 3.6; पuebe0, 4.7; Ontario, 4.3; Manitoba, 502; Saskatohewan, 407; Alberta, 6.8; and British Columbia, 6.8. It will be observed that Manitoba, Alborta and British Columbia were the only provinces to exoeed the Daminion average of five beds per thousand of the population.

There were on the staffs of publlo hospitals 337 full time doctors and 276 on a part-time basis, or a total of 613 roceiving salary. The number of interns reported was 796; and tho number of to chnioians was 660. The number of graduate nurses was 8,679, an ineroase of 537 over 1942 , while the student nurses totalled 9,452 , an inorease of 297. Probationers numberod $1_{0} 754$ as ocmpared with 1,814 . The number of graduate dietitians was 292; and student dietitians 93, a deorease of 19 from the number roported in 1942.

With referonco to organized servicos in publio hospitals, X-ray, general medioine, general surgerys and obstetrios head the list in almost every provinoe. Organized services in publis hestitals chow an increase of 187 over the number reported in 1942. Somo of the mosi notablo inoreases were: X-ray, 21; obstetrios, 18; general medicine, 16; paediatrics, 14; general surgery, 13; bacteriology, gymaooology, olinical laboratory and physiotherapys 12 others which show inoreases were tuberoulosis, sevons pathology, seven; venorology, soven; and contagious disenses, seven. Inoluding crganized and unorganized servicos; 490 or 32.5 per cent of all publio hospitals had X-ray faoilities, 287 or 50 per oent had clinioal laboratories, and 241 or 40.5 per cent had physiotherapy sorvioese

## Production of Gold in Miay

Production of gold in Canada in May amounted to 217,556 fine ounces as oompared with 223,737 in the receding moath and 256,837 in the oorresponding month of last year. The value of the May 1945 output was $\$ 0,375,906$. During the first five months of the ourrent yoar, production was reccried at $1,115,541$ fino ounces as oompared with $1,282,881$ in the similar period of 1944.

The Yukon was the only produoing area to reoord an advanoe in May, as revealed by the folluwing totals figures for May 1944 being in parentheses: Ontario, 130,574 $(150,381)$ fino ounoes; Quebeo, $59,480(68,292)$; British Columbia, 14, 422 (18, 357), Manitoba and Saskatchewan, $12,892(16,394)$; Yukon, 79 (4); Nova Sootie, 64 (326); Northwest Territorios, nil $(3,056)$.

Production of Coppor and Nickol in May
The Canadian produotion of oopper was reduced in May, the total boing 41,165,776 pounds as oomparod with $42,954,116$ in April and 47,843,032 in May, 1944. For the first five months of the ourront year the output was reoorded at $214,335,735$ pounds as compared with $235,796,564$ in the oomparable period of 1944 .

May niokei production, although lower then in the oorresponding month of last year Was higher than in the proceding month. This year's May total was $23,484,009$ pounds as ocmpared with $21,661,372$ in Apris and $24,023,396$ a year ago. Output for the first five months of this year totalled $113,155,160$ pounds as oompared with $118,400,313$ in the 11ke period of 1944.

## Salos of Clay Products in May

Sales by producers of olay products mado from domestio olays were valued at \$681, 658 in Hay as oompared with $\$ 572.714$ in April and $\$ 600,586$ in May, 1944. Sales in the
latest month inoluded building briok to the valuo of $\$ 302,807$, structural tile $\$ 92,878$, drain tilo 338,901 , sewer pipe $\$ 113,541$, fireclay blooks and shapes $\$ 16,000$ pottery $\$ 76,201$, and other olay products $\$ 41,330$.

Sales of Manufaotured and Natural Gas
Sales of manufaotured gas by distributing oompanies in May totalied $2,031,281 \mathrm{M}$ oubio feet as compared with $1,869,374 \mathrm{M}$ cubio feet in the oorresponding nonth of last year. Sales of natural gas during May amounted to $2_{\varepsilon} 641_{6} 656 \mathrm{M}$ oubio feet as oompared with 2,162,976 M in Mayo 1944 .

## Building Permits Issued in June

The value of building pemits issued by munioipalitios roporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios was $\$ 17,189,891$ in June as comparod with $\$ 17,778,173$ in the proceding month and $\$ 44,695,085$ in the oorresponding month of last year. New construction of all types acoounted for 7807 per oent of the total value, while the percentage of new residential construotion was 61.1. During the first six months of the ourrent yoar the value of pormits issued was $\$ 78,111,275$ as ocmpared with $\$ 63,534,843$ in the oomparable period of 1944。

Reta 11 Salos of Men's ant Boys' Clothing and Furnishings in 1941

Retail sales of men's and boys' olothing and furnishings through all types of retail outlets are estinated at $\$ 177,640,100$, or 5026 per oent of the total sales of all oommodities sold through retail outiots in 1941. Ontario a ooounted for 39.19 per oent of the total ficuro whilo ocrresponding ratios for other provinoes stand at 24,93 per oont for Quebec, $8: i 8$ per oent for British Columbia, 7049 por oont for Manitoba, 5079 per oent for Alberta, 5.55 per oont for Saskatchewan, 5.14 per cent for Nova Soctia, 3.12 per oent for Now Brunswiok, and 0,61 per cent for Prinoe Edward Island.

Sales of men's and boys ' furnishings oonstituted 42 per oent of the total sales of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings throughall types of retail outlots. Men's and boys' seady-mado clothing acoountod for 27 per cent of the total while oustom tailored and made-to-measure olothing formed 16 per oent of the total sales of olothing for men and boys. Sulos of other types of men's olothing amounted to 10 per cont. Independently ownod retail outlots soid 62,5 per oent of all men's and boys' olothing and furnishings. Department stores acoounted for 26.4 per oent, while ohain stores handed 1101 per oent of these products.

Rotail Sales of Women's and Children's Clothing and Accossorios in 1941

Retail sales of women's and ohildren's apparel and accessories through all types of retail outlets are estimated at $\$ 250,857,000$, or 7.42 per cent of the total sales of all oommoditios sold through retail outlets in 1941. Ontario a ocounted for 41.52 per cent of the total figure while corresponding ratios for other provinoes stand at 24.65 per oent for Quebeo, 8027 per oent for British Golumbia, 7066 por cent for Manitoba, 5.07 per cent for Alverta, 4080 per cent for Saskatchewan, 4034 per cent for Nova Sootia, 3.29 per oent for Now Brunswick, 0.40 per oent for Prince Edward Island.

Womon's and ohlldren's olothing is sold in ountry goneral stores, department stores, general merchandise stores and varioty stores, in addition to other types of retail outlets spocializing in the sale of olotining. isproximately 35 per oent of the total sales of women's and children's apparel was transacted by department stores. Chain stores aoountod for 15 per cont of suoh sales. Whilo 50 per cent of women's olothing sales wore made by indepondent oitlists.

Fur Farms of Canada in 1943
Revenues from the sale of ilve fur-boaring animals and polts from the fur farms of Canada in 1943 totalled $\$ 9,846,000$, an inorease over the proceding yeier of $\$ 2,690,000$, or 38 per oent. Tho salo of pelts accounted for $\$ 8,958,662$ as compared with $\$ 6,739,103$, and the sale of livo animals $\$ 887,343$ as oampared with $\$ 416,896$. Revenues fram the sale
of live animals and pelts of all types of foxes amounted to $85,778,947$, and mink, both live and pelts, \$4,052,913. Avorage prioes for both Iive animals and pelts were generally higher in 1943。

The number of operating fur farms deolined from 7,835 in 1942 to 6,973 in 1943. The reduction was oommon to all provinces. In many cases the deolines occurred in the smaller farms or in cases where fur-bearing animals were boing kopt as a side line of general farming. The difficultios which havo beon oxporionced in soouring meat for feeding and neoossary extra labour mado it hard for tho smallor enterprises to be operatod eocnamioally.

The value of property ooncerned with fur faming. including land, builings and live animals inoreased from $\$ 13,912,835$ in 1942 to $\$ 17,403,249$, despite the decline in numbers of farms. The increase in capital was largoly in the valuo of animals which has risen in sympathy with hisher values for polts. Quebac takes first placo with regard to the oapital value of fur farms, having a value in 1943 of $\$ 3,744,323$ o Ontario followed with $\$ 3,629,698$, and Alberta third with $\$ 2,\{27,106$.

Foxes are tho most popular type of animal raised, with 72 per oont of the farms remorting this type. Mink were reported on 32 per cent of tho farms. Many farms reported ooth fox and mink. Racuoon was the next most popular type but was reported on only 61 farms. or less than one per cont of the total.

The number of fur-boaring animals on farns at the ond of 1943 was 219,257, of whith 98,425 were fox; made up of the following types; 74,514 silver; 602 oross; 535 red ; 1,985 blue; 3 white; 5:447 platinum and 15,339 white marked; and thore wero 118,659 standard and 607 mutetion mink. Numbers of all other kinds totalled 1.566.

## Cheques Cashed Against Individual Aocounts

Cheques cashod in olouring centres, amounting to $\$ 6,085,574,000$ in June, reoordod an incroaso of 160 per cent over tho samo month of last year. Each of the five econcmic aroas recorded marked inoreases, the advance in Ontario having been speotaoular. Bank debits in the first half of 1945 rose to a now high point in history, the standing having hon $\$ 32,667,134,000$ as ompared with $\$ 29,927,013,000$ in the corresponding period of last , oar, an advance of 902 por cont. Inoreases wore shown in each of the five economic areas oxcept the Prairio Provinousa

The June total fur the Province of Ontar 10 was ${ }^{W} 2,817,109,000$ as compared with Q2,246,513,000 one yoar agoo Eqoh of the three centres in the Maritine Provinoes recorded advancos in this comparison, the provincial total rising nearly 16 per oent to $\$ 121,680,000$. Considerable inorease was shown in Montreal where the total amounted to $\$ 1,556,315,000$. The provincial egeregate of $\$ 1,705,341,000$, was 6.7 per cent greater. The total for the Piairie Provincos was $\$ 1,089,323,000$ compared with $3957,558,000$ last yoar, acoounting for an inoreaso of 1308 por cent. Two of the three centres in British Columbia recorded advances over the same month of last year, the provinoial total having boen $\$ 352,121,000$ as compared with $\$ 312,753,000$ o

## Car Loadings on Canadian Railways

Car loadings on Canadian railways for the week ended Ju"y 14 incroased to 73,566 oers from 63,263 oars for the proceding week and 70,691 cars for the oorresponding wook of lest year. Loadings in the oastern division increased from 45,032 aars in 1944 to 47,626, and in the westorn division from 25,659 to 25,940 carso

Total grain loadings inoronsed from In,201 cars in 1944 to 12,310 oars, sand, stone, gravel, plaster, etc. from 3,438 to 4,349 cars, pulpwood from 2,603 to 3,209 cars, and lumber, lath and shiniles from 3,618 to 3,938 cars. Ifve stock, coal, automobiles, 1 trucks and parts all showed substantial decreases.

Salt Industry of Cunada in 1944
Production of common sait in Canada during 1944 totalled 695, 217 short tons valuod at $\$ 4,074,021$ as comparec with 687,686 worth $\$ 4,3792378$ in 1943 . The quantity produced in 1944 was the greatest ever realizod by tho Canadian salt industry and its valuo was only surpassed by that of 1913 . The mineral in 1944 was produced in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and ilborta, and of the totai output Ontrifio acoounted for 8609 per cent. of the total salt producod in 1941 . 53 pur cent was oonsumed directly by tho producers in tho manufacturo of caustis soda and other chemicalso

Produotion of Leather Footwear in May
The production of leather footwear in Canada in May totalled $3,335,490$ pairs as oompared with $3,275,381$ in the preceding month and $3,200,891$ in the oorresponding month of last yoar. Production in aroh of the first five months of this yoar was greator than in the oorresponding months of 1944 , and the total output for the five months ended May advanoed to $15,957,794$ pairs from $15,118,064$.

Produotion of Asphalt Roofing in June
Produotion of asphalt roofing in Canada in June inoluded the following, totals for the oorresponding month of last year being in narentheses: asphalt shinglee, 122,553 $(96,836)$ squares; asphalt siding. 1,102 (378) squares; smooth surfaeed roofing, 86,957 $(54,307)$ squares; mineral surfaoed roofing, $108,712(89,160)$ squares; tar and asphalt folts, $2,114(1,599)$ tons; and tar and asphalt sheating, $1_{8} 302$ (873) tons.

## Rress Fill from Buroau Rocords

Tho wood of the poplar treo is soft, tough, olear, ilght in weight and oolour, tasteloss and odourlesso Bocouse of these qualities it has been widely used for the manufacture of berry boxes; baskets and crates. It is also used extensively in the manufacture of excelsior. Basket sides, rims and handius are made ohiefly from biroh. focording to tho records of the Dominion Buroau of Statistios, fruits and vegetable baskets and crutes were produced to the value of $\$ 1,849,000$ in 1942.

## Reports Issued During the Week

1. Telegraphic Cíop Roport, Canada (10 conts).
2. Salt Industry of Canada, 1944 ( 25 cents).
3. Men's and Boys: Slothine and Furnishings Stores, 1941 ( 25 oents).
4. Wamen's Clothing Stores, 1941 (25 cents).
5. Monthiy Review of Business Statistics, June ( 10 oents).
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