WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weather in the Maritimes continued generally backward until late in May but during the past ten days conditions have improved materially and farming operations are well under way, aocording to the second of a series of Dominion-wide telegraphic orop reports to be issued by the. Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Hay and pastures are reported late but prospects are generally promising. Soma aras in New Brunswiok report grains and clover only fair with warmer weather still needed. The heavy bioom of charrios, plums and pears in tho Annapolis Valley indicatus a good set. Apple bloom is reported good to excellent throughout the Maritimes with slight frost damage to strawberries in a fow looal areas.

Continued cool, wet weather has further delayed spring work in Quebeo. Cattle have only reoently been put out to pasture and light snow fell in some areas at the end of May. Applo blight and scab are roported in somo distriots. "armor woather and showers aro needed generally.

In western and central ontario the weathor has romainod favourable and prospeote are general for average or better-than-average crops. The fruit outlook is good and soy beans and sugar beets are making exoellont progross. The season is late in northern and eastern portions of the province.

Timely rains over large areas of the Prairie Erovinces have haltod at least for the time being the deterioration whioh was becoming evident in many seotions early last weok. Rains wore light in Manitoba, however, and temperatures have beon cenerally above normal. While coreal crops are still standing up fairly well, general rains are needed immediately to bring relief to hay and pasture orops. The moisture situation has been considerably improved in Saskatchewan over the past week, although same areas, partioularly in the south-west, are in immediate need of more rainfalle The situation in Alberta has inproved markodly during the last week. Praotically all parts of the province with the exooption of the extreme south-oast have received exoellent rains and good germination and early growth are now generally assured. Infestations of outworm and wiroworm are roported in some areas of all three provinces and heavier weed growth may now be anticipated as a result of the recent rains.

Crop prospoots in British Columbia are good. Strawberry pioking in the ooastel araas may be general by June 8. Heavy arops of apples, pears, peaches and aprioote are anticipatod, although oherry and plum crops may be lighter than last yoar. Bottor-thanaverage yields are predicted for winter whoat and alfalfa. Unfavourable conditions are reported only in the Prinoe George area, whero rain is needed to promote growth of lateseoded orops and to maintain good stands of early-sown and perennial orops.

## Production of Wheat Flour in April

Wheat flour produotion in Canadian mills in April was reoorded at 2,216,930 barrels as oompared with 2,126,235 barrels in the corresponding month of last year, aocording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Output for the first nine months of the ourrent orop year totalled 19,743,721 barrels compared with $18,620,740$ in the same period of 1944-45. Should the rate of production shown for the nine months be maintained for the balanoe of the orop yoar the output of wheat flour by Canadian mills will roach 26 million barrels for the l2-month period.

Whoat prooessed into flour in April amounted to $9,839,471$ bushels compared with $9,382,247$ in the same month of last yoar, and the total for the orop yoar to the ond of ipril was $87,857,283$ bushels against $82,616,760$ a yoar ago. The following quantities of coarse erains were also milled in April, totals for April 1945 being in brackets: oats, $2,412,043(2,070,496)$ bushels; corn, 195,308 (187,154); bnrley, 689,010 (642,315); buckwhat, 400 (708) : mixed grains, 2,317,411 (2,257,896).

Exports of wheat flour in April amounted to $1,478,071$ barrels as compared with $1,367,550$ in April last year, the aggregate for the first nine months of the present crop yoar being $9,885,438$ barrels as compared with $9,761,267$ in the similar period of 1944-45.

Visible supplios of Canadian wheat in all North Amerioan positions on May 30 were less than 23 per cont of the volume held a yoar ago, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. May 30 stocks were $63,253,120$ bushels as oompared with $282,578,510$. Supplies included 63,529,086 bushels in Canadian positions and 324,034 bushels in United States positions, as ompared with $263,984,116$ and 18,594,394 bushels, respeotively, a year ago.

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinoes were hoavler during the weok onding May 30, the total being 2,677,513 bushols as oumpared with $1,971,906$ in the procoding wook. From the ceconcoment of the present oropyoar to May 30, farm dellveries aggregated $215,493,071$ bushels as oompared with $303,267,255$ in the similar period of 1944-45.

Tho following quantities of ooarse grains were also delivered from farms in western Canada during the weok ended May 30, totals for the preceding weok boing in braokets: oats, 1,862,709 (1,299,137) bushels; barley, $614, \$ 15$ ( 404,908 ); rye, 7,060 (6,604); flexseed, 12, $385(3,381)$.

Stooks of Butter, Cheose and

## Eggs in Nine Principal Cities

Stooks of oreamery butter in nine of the prinoipal oities of Canada as at the opening of business on June 1 were rooorded at $7,443,105$ pounds compared with $1,691,242$ on May 1, and $10,534,657$ on June 1, 1945, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. June 1 stooks of oheeso totalled 14,929,749 pounds oampared with $10,938,298$ on May 1, and $21,257,956$ on June 1 last year.

Holdincs of cold storage eges on June 1 this yoar totalled 5,567,970 dozen as comparod with $3,777,864$ on May 1, and $8,246,005$ a yoor ago. Stooks of fresh aggs amounted to $1,422,765$ dozon as oompared with $1,440,178$ on May 1, while the holdings of frozen egE meats totalled $5,528,604$ pounds as compared with $3,738,763$ on May 1, and $11,602,374$ on the corresponding date of last year.

Externa 1 Trado of Canada in April
The external trade of Canada, excluding gold, was valued at $\$ 341,028,000$ in April as compared with $\$ 319,922,000$ in the prooeding month and $\$ 451,938,000$ in the oorres ponding month of last yoar, acourding to figures roleused by the Dominion Bureau of itatistios. The deorease of 24.5 per cent from the April 1945 total was slightly lower than that indicatod in Maroh when it was 27 por oent.

As in prooeding months of the year, the decrease in the April trade, as ompared with April last year, was due to pratioal cessation of export shipments of war materlals and supplies. Imports, on the other hand, have been hoavier so far this yoar, and the April total advanood by 16.8 per oont. For the first four months of the ourrent year the aggregate value of external trade was $\$ 1,264,333,000$ as compared with $\$ 1,607,713,-$ 000 in the same period of last year.

Domestio oormodity exports in Maroh were valued at $\$ 178,488,000$ as compared with $\$ 178,377,000$ in Maroh and $\$ 312,323,000$ in f.pril 1945. The total for the first four months of the current year was $\$ 699,098,000$ as compared with $\$ 1,080,360,000$ for the corresponding period of last year.

Merohandise imports, furthering the advanoing tendenoy noted in reoent months, were valued at $\$ 160,765,000$ in April as compared with $\$ 139,949,000$ in Maroh and $\$ 133,827,000$ in lipril last yoar. The total for the first four months of this yoar aggregated $\$ 558,020,-$ 000 as compared with $508,371,000$ in the similar Deriod of last year.

Apri? exports of foreign cammoditios amounted to $\$ 1,774,000$ oompared with $81,595,-$ 000 in Maroh and $\$ 5,788,000$ in April, 1945. The four-month total was $\$ 7,215,000$ as oompared with $18,982,000$ in the same period of 1945 .

## Cost-of-Living Index for May 1

A further advance to 122.0 for May 1 fram 120.8 for April 1 in its cost-of-living index was reported 'y the Dominion Buroau of Statistios. The increase singe August 1939 was 21 per cont when the index stood at 100.8. Five of the six ocmponent budget groups contributed to the rise over April 1 this your.

The food index rose from 135.1 on hpril 1 to 137.7 , as prices for butter, fresh pork, lard, fruits, and vegetables moved higher. Authorization of increases in olothing and nomefurnishings prioes was refleoted in an advanoe from 123.2 to 123.7 in the olothing index, and from 120.7 to 122.1 in the homefurnishings and servioes series.

Returns from tho May I rental survey advanced the rent index from 112.3 to 112.6, while the miscellanous items group mounted from 111.0 to 111.5 , due to rate advances for nowspapers and poriodicals. Fuel and light remained unohaned at 107.2.

Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada and Other Countrios

The net inflow of capital to Canada arising from net salos of socuritios to other countries was $\$ 20.2$ million in Maroh, sales amounting to $\$ 39$ milion and purchases $\$ 18.8$ million, acoording to figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. The former figures oompares with $\$ 34.9$ million in Fobruary and $\$ 17.7$ million in January. Net sales of Dominion bond issues were $\$ 13.6 \mathrm{million}$ and of Canadian and United States stooks $\$ 2$ million and $\$ 2.8$ million, respotively.

Not sales of socurities during the first three months of the ourrent year were higher than in any other quarter exoept the period from May to July 1945. The total was $\$ 72.8$ million campared with $\$ 31.0$ million for the same period of 1945 . The inorease resulted ohiefly from highor net sales of Canadian bonds, which wore 363.3 million in 1946 as oompared with $\$ 17.7$ million. Net sales of Canadian stooks were $\$ 1.9$ million lower in the first quarter, and net sales of United States bonds were 32.5 million below the lovel of last year.

## Business Operations in April

Produotive aotivity, as measured by the index number of the physioal volume of business, was at a slightly higher lovel in hpril than in the preoeding month, but due to the oescation of production for war purposes, there was a marked decrease from April last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. The index number for April this year, on the base $1935-1939=100$, stood at 192.8 as compared with 191.4 for Maroh and 232.2 for April, 1945.

The operations of the mining and manufacturing industries showed minor reoession In the fourth month of the year, while the new business obtained by the oonstruction industry was at a hich lovel for the month. The index of the output of elootrio power showed considerable increase over the preoeding month after seasonal adjustment. Advanoes were shown in imports and the distribution of commodities through retail outlots in the latost month for which statistios are available.

The reoession in the output of nickel was less than normal for the season, the inder advanoing from 84.8 to 95.5 . Copper production dropped from 34.4 million pounds in Maroh to $32.3 \mathrm{million}$. the hich level of the preceding month. Gold reooipts at the Mint were 246,832 ounces against 232,876 in March. The exports of silver from Canadian mines showed a marked dooline. After the usual adjustments, the flour milling industry reoorded reoession in operations in the latest available month. Owing to the gain in the release of oigarettes from 967 million to $1,049 \mathrm{million}$, the tobacco index rose about two points to 215.

The inorease in the slaughtoring of oattlo and calves was far less than normal for the season. The index for the operations of the meat-paoking industry dropned from 148.4 to 141.8. A spectacular development was the marked gain in the production of dairy produots, the index rising about 50 points to 180.5 . The operations in the textile industry were slightiy more than maintained at the relatively high lovel of the preooding month.

While the output of newsprint rose to a high point, the gain over the preceding month was less than normal for the season Increases were shom in the export of wood pulp and shingles, compared with tecessions in the outward shipment of planks and boards and in the amount of timber scaled in Mritish Columbia. The conposite result was a recession in the forestry index from 146.9 to 144.0

The declining trend in operations of the iron and steel industry contimued in April. The recession in the output of steel ingots and castings was less than nornel for the season. Imports of crude petroleun, suggestive of operations in the refining industry. rose sharply in April to 181.6 million gallons against 116.6 million in the preceding month.

The new business obtained by the construction industry reached an oxtremely high leval in April, being greater than in the saine month of any year during the period of observation from 1919 to the present. The intense demand for housing and other construction has been clearly demonstrated by the high levels of new business booked during the first five months of the year. Building permits were $\$ 37.6$ million in April, the index rising frow 459 to $50 \%$.

## Mmployment Records Advance at April 1

Contrary to the usual seasonal trend, employment in Canada showed considerable exm pansion at the beginning of April, when widespread improvenent was indicated both in the mamfacturing and non-manufacturing industries, states the Dominion Bureau of statistics in its monthly report on the employment situation and payrolls statistics. The general advance raised the Bureau's inder of employment, on the base 192 equals 100 . from 167.0 at March 1 to 168.5 , at which point it was 4.7 per cent below April I last year.

Data were tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 15.789 employers, whose staffs numbered $1,720,726$ at the date under review; as compared with 1.705.529 at March 1, there was an advance of 15,197 persons, or 0.9 per cent. More than 80 per cent of this increase took place anong men, whose numbers rose by over 12,200, as compared with a gain of less than 3,000 among women workers in recorded employment.

Within the manufacturing group, there were widespread gains in employment as compared with a month ago, the only declines of any size boing in tobacco and electrical apparatus plants. The most pronounced expansion was in the iron and steel group. which reported nearly 5,500 more employees than at March 1. The increase was partly due to resumption of work on a more normal scale following the disruption occasioned by indus trial disputes in Canada and the United States. Among the non-manufacturing divisions, the movement was favourable in mining, commanications, transportation, construction, sorvices and trade. The greatest inprovement was in trade in which it was above-average for the time of year. On the other hand, logeing reported a considerable seasonal contraction, over 11,000 persons being laid off from work in the bush.

The weakly payrolls reported at April 1 by the firms furnishing statistics in the oight leading industries asgregated $\$ 55,931,903$, as compared with $\$ 55,321,019$ distributed on or about March 1. The increase amounted to 1.1 per cent. The avarage weekly earnings of the typical individual in recorded employment advanced from $\$ 32.44$ in the last return to $\$ 32.50$. Or April 1 last year the average was $\$ 32.00$, when it had been lowered by loss of working time during the Easter holidays.

Drop in Claims for Unemployment
Insurance Benofit Shown in April
Applications for unemployment insurance benefit in Canada numbered 35,781 in April. a decline of 14,925 from the 50,706 registered in March 1946. During April last year 8,430 clains were received. The decrease in claims took place in all provinces with New Brunswick registering the smallest deciine (17) and Ontario the greatest (6,244).

A similar decrease occurred in the number signing the live unemployment register during the last week of April compared with the last week of March. At the nd of April there were 123,950 live unemployment insurance claims ( $94,979 \mathrm{males}$ and 28,971 fomalos) as against 154,820 ( 122,506 nales and 32,314 females) at March 31, and 19,197 (12.886 males and 6,311 females) at the ond of April 1945. Only in two provinces - Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick - was there a slight increase in five claims at April 30 compared with March 31. The greatest decreases came in Quebec and Ontario, live claims in the former dropping from 60,640 to 50,151 , and the latter from 47,905 to 35,127 .

In all, 158,168 porsons received benefit payments totalling $\$ 7,011,579$ for 3,446,271 compensated unemployed days during April compared with 156,180 persons pald $\$ 7,205,264$ for $3,461,900$ deys in March and 22,995 persons paid $\$ 591,265$ for 304,102 days in April 1945.

The avorage duration of the unemploymot compensated was 21.8 days in April, 22.2 deys in March and 13.2 days in April of last year. The average amount of benefit paid per beneficiary was $\$ 44.33$ in April, $\$ 46.13$ in March and $\$ 25.71$ in April 1945. The average amount paid per compensated day of unemploynent was $\$ 2.03$ in April, $\$ 2.08$ in March and \$1.94 in April last year。

## Indores of Wholesale Sales in April

Measured by dollar volume, April wholesale trading was 21 per cent heavier this year than last and gai ned approxinately two per cent over the March volume of sales, according to returns received by the Dominion Jureau of Statistics from 415 of the larger wholesale establishments reprosenting nine lines of business.

The 21 per cent increase compared with a gain of 16 per cent recorded for March and is in line with the high level of trading during the first two months of the year. Ageregate sales for the year to date advanced 18 per cent over the volume of trading transacted in the first four month of 1945.

An analysis of sales on a regional basis revealed smaller gains in the eastern areas of Canada than in Ontario and the western provinces. Sales were up eight per cent in the Maritimo Provinces, 14 per cent in quebec, 21 per cent in Ontario, 30 per cent in the Prairic Provinces, and 20 per cent in British Columbia.

## Index Nunbers of Wholesale Conmodity Prices

Mainly reflecting authorized increases in ceiling prices for pork and pork products, iron and steel products, lumber and cotton and woollen items, the general index number of wholesale comnodity prices, on the base 1926 equals 100 , as complled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, rose to 108.2 in April from 105.6 in the preceding month and 103.3 in the corresponding month of last year. Six of the eight sub-group indexes included in the general index recorded advances in April over the preceding month, while two remained unchanged.

Building Permits Jump in April
Led by a sharp advance for new housing, the value of building permits issued in 185 muncipalities reporting to the Dominion Jureau of Statistics showed another sub stantial increase in April, amounting to $\$ 52.683,371$ as compared with a revised total of $\$ 39,567,003$ for March and $\$ 17,849,585 \mathrm{fcr}$ April last year. The April total sets a new record for this month of the year, the provious high figure since 1920 being $\$ 29,656,709$ for April, 1929.

For the first four months of this year the aggregate value of permits granted in these municipalities was $\$ 124,065,788$. This compares with $\$ 43,133,311$ for the corresponding ranths of 1945 and the previous record total for the period of $\$ 72,606,937$ in 1929.

New housing units represented in the April permits numbered 6,946 as compared with 4,061 in March, 1,956 in February and 2,638 in April, 1945. The value of new residential buildings, additions and repairs thereto rose to $\$ 28,511,334$ as against $\$ 17,862,627$ in March and $\$ 10,434,443$ in April last year. Of the total new units for April this year, 6,493 were for new buildings, including 5,025 single dwellings, and 453 for conversions.

Permits were granted during the first four months of this year for the construction of 15,606 new dwelling units as compared with 6,285 in the similar period of 1945. This year's total included 14,240 for construction of new $t$ ildings, comprising 11,254 single dwellings, 778 doubles and duplexes, 265 triplexes, 1,567 flats and apartments, and 379 with business promises, and l, 363 for conversions.

Industrial and comercial permits in April were valued at $\$ 20,294,614$, showing a substantial advance over the March total of $\$ 16,525,064$. Commercial construction was recorded at $\$ 14,910,630$ and industrial at $\$ 5,383,936$ of the latter, $\$ 3,237,640$ represented new construction. Permits for institutional buildings were valued at $\$ 3,464,723$.

Estimates of Tourist Expenditures in 1945
Travellers and visitors from the United States spent over $\$ 164$ milion in Canada
last year, while the expenditures of Canadian travellers in the United States were about $\$ 83 \mathrm{million}$, according to preliminary estimates 1 ssued by the Dominion Mureau of Statiem tics. There whe a sharp rise in Anerican spending in Connda which expanded some 41 per cent from the level of nearly $\$ 117$ milion in 1944, and from a wartime low point of $\$ 79$ million in 1942. The 1945 total was considerably more than in the years immediately before the war, expenditures in 1937 and 1938 boing estimated at $\$ 149$ and $\$ 134$ million. reapectively.

The rise in Canadian expenditures in the United States was al so substantial, the total of $\$ 83$ inllifon corroaring with $\$ 57 \mathrm{milin}$ in in 1944, an increase of 45 per cent. These expenditures only ampanted to about $\$ 18$ million in 1941 when restrictions on pleasure travel were in offect. The 1945 figure even exceeded the prewar level, Canadian expenditures in the Unitod States in 1938 boing estimated at $\$ 66$ milion.

Total travel expenditures between Canade and all countries were only slightly higher In 1945 than the lovels of expenditures between Canada and the United States because of the subnormal volume of civilian overseas travel.

Canadal s not rocespts on Travel account with the United States in 1945 of $\$ 81$ milion compared with $\$ 60$ militon in 1944, $\$ 68$ milion in 1938 and $\$ 64$ million in 1937. Net recelpts in 1941 of $\$ 89$ milion were greator, however, because of the small anount of Canadian expenditures resulting from the restrictions on pleasure travel involving expenditures of United States dollars at that time.

Expenditures by travollers from overseas, including Newfoundland, were estimated at $\$ 3$ million in 1945 compared with nearly $\$ 2.9$ million in 1944, whereas the total in 1939 was about $\$ 12$ million. Canailane travolline overseas oxpended some $\$ 2.8$ million In 1944, but a decline in governmental and other business travel reduced expenditures In 1945 to about $\$ 2$ million. In 1939 total Canadian oxpenditures on overseas account amounted to about $\$ 14 \mathrm{mfllion}$. Tourists entering Canada from Newfoundland in 1945 numbored over 12,400 , while some 6,159 visitors came from overseas, 2,046 entering through Canadian ports and 4,113 through American seaports.

Production and Export of Sliver.
Lend and Zinc in March
Primary production of unrefined lead in all forms totalled 31,287,569 pounds as compared with $30,477,148$ in February and 35,169,939 in March 1945, and the total for the ilrst three months of this year was $95,833,863$ pounds as compared with $85,371,694$ in the like period of 1944, according to figures released by the Dominion Jureau of Statistics. Exports of lead in ore in March amounted to 232,200 pounds, and lead in pigs, $30,809,900$ pounds.

Production of primary zinc was recorded at $42,957,226$ pounds in March as comparod with 39,784,315 in February and 47,69\%,136 a year ago. The aggregate for the first thrae menths of this year was $124,475,558$ pounds as compared with $141,723,901$ in the same per1od of 1945. Exports of zinc speiter in March amounted to 24,929,900 pounds, and zinc in ore, $14,976,400$ pounds.

Caradian output of silver in March amounted to $1,179,862$ fino ounces as compared with $1,045,448$ in February, and $1,199,546$ a year ago, Despite the decinne indicated in the March output from that of a year ago, production in Jnnuary and Fobruary was highore and the total for the three months of the year advanced from 3.171,361 fine ounces to 3.429,816. March exports of refined silver amounted to 10,721 fine ounces, and that in ores and concentrates, 100,565 fine ounces.

Gold Production in March
Gold production moved higher in March, the total being 248,403 fine ounces as com pared with 229,099 in Fobruary, and 233,687 in the corresponding month of last year, according to figures reloased by the Dominion Sureau of Statistics. The value of this yoar's March output was $\$ 9,563,516$. Production was greater in each of the first three months of this year, and the total for the quarter advancod from 674,248 fine ounces a yoar to 715,952.

## Shipments of Portland Cement in March

Shipments of Portland coment from Canadian plants in March totalled 603.511 barrels compered with 273,294 barrels in the preceding month, according to figures released by the Dominion Dureau of Statistics. Actual production of cement in March amounted to 704,425 barrels. Stocks at plants and warehouses at the first of the month were recorded
at $2,162,843$ barrels and at the end of the month, $2,263,457$ barrels. Exports during the month amounted to 10,398 barrels, and 1 mports, 2,722 barrels.

## Production of Salt in March

Primary production of salt or natural sodium chloride during March totalled 61,532 short tons, of which 26,819 short tons represented table, common fine and other commer cial grades, and 34,713 short tons for the manufacture of chemicals. The corresponding grand total output in February was 56,022 short tons.

## Shipments of Primary Asbestos

Shipments of primary asbestos from Canadian mines during March totalled 36,306 short tons, according to fiçures released by the Dominion Jureau of Statistics. Actual mine production mounted to 38,685 short tons, and stocks on hand at the ond of the month were 50,764 short tons.

## Production of Crude Potroleum and Natural Gasoline

Canadar production of crude potroloum and natural gasoline in March was higher than in the preceding month but was reduced from that of March 1945, According to figures reloased by the Dominion Jureau of Statistics. The total was 663,537 Jarrels as compared with E10,292 in February, and 779,534 in March, 1945. Albertals output in March was recorded at 644, 205 barrels. Total Dominion output for the first three months of the current year was $\mathbb{1}, 954,156$ barrels as compared with $2,440,183$ in the aimilar period of 1945 .

March Production of Natural Gas
Narch production of natural gas amounted to $4,627,323,000$ eubso feet as compared with 5,231,455,000 in Fobruary, and 4,579,865,000 in March last year, the Dominion Fureas of Statistics reports. For the first three months of this year, production aggregated $15,498,866,000$ cubic feet as compared with $15,442,240,000$ in the first quarter of 1945.

## Commercial Failures at Low Level

Reflecting the favourable business conditions, bankruptcies in Oanada totallod only 54 in the first quarter of the present year as compared with 83 in the similar period of 1945, according to figures released by the Dominion Jureau of Statistics. The number was less than in the first quarter of any other year since 1922 when the statistics were first collected by the Jureau. Liabilities of firms and individuals making assignments were $\$ 1,467,000$ compared with $\$ 1,393,000$ in the corresponding period of 1945 .

Failures of trading establishments, which are normally more mumerous than those in other main groups, receded to 16 in the period under review from 23 last year. The number was unchanged at 16 in menufactures and there were declines from 19 last year to 12 in services of diferent classes and from 21 to nine in other activities.

No failures were reported for the Maritime Provinces, Mantoba and Saskatchowan during the first quarter. Last year the Maritimes and Saskatchewan had three each and Manitoba none. The number in quebec was 48 as against 63 , and in Ontario four as against 11 in the 1945 period. One fallure was reported for Alberta as compared with one, and one for British Columbia as compared with threo.

## Car Loadings on Canadian Railways

Car loadings on Canadian railways for the week ended May 25 declined to 60,948 cars from 66,42 cars for the preceding wek and 70,427 cars for the corresponding week of last year. The holiday on May 24, which was not observed last year, was undoubtedly the chi of factor in the decrease. Loadings in the eastern division decreased from 44,905 cars in 1945 to 41,360 cars, and in the western division from 25,522 to 19,588 cars.

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