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Present indications are that Canadian farmers will seed approximately 800,000 fower acres to wheat this year than last and probebly a half-million acres less to oats, but will increase barley seadings by over a million acres and flax seedings by nearly 700,000 acres, according to the annual spring survey of aoreage intentions for field cross by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The figures obtained from farms, the Bireau points out, are indicative of thoir plans at the end of April, and the acreazas actually seeded may vary considerably, depending upon sabsequeat conditions affrgcting seeding.

Acresg intended for wheat is estimated at 25.1 million acres as compared with 25.8 million last yeur, reprecenting a decruase of approximately three per oent. Indicated aren to be seeded in the Prairio Provinces is 24,311,000 aores against $25,178,000$ acres in 1946 , a decrease of 867,000 acres. Ontario's wheat acroage promisos to increasu some 63,000 aores to 867,000 , while littlo change is anticipatod in the other provinces. Th anticipated decrease in wheat acreage in the Prairio Provinces is as follows: Saskatchewan, 594,000 acres or four per cont; Manitoba, 198,000 or seven per cent; Alborta, 75,000 or one per cent.

Roalization of a western wheat acroage of the size indicated, the Bureau points out, would still compare quito favourably with the 1935-39 averago of 24.6 million acres, and the 1940-46 average of 22.3 million. Tho lergest wheat ecreage in tho Irairis Iroyincos was recorted in 1940 when $27,750,000$ acros woro seeded.

For the Dominion as a whol, farmors intend to seud 12.6 million acres to Dts as compared with 13.2 million acres last your, a docroaso of about four per cent. Practically all of tho doclino is accountod for in tho Prairio provinoes. Queboc anticinates on incroass of some 44,000 acres or about three per cent and littio vialage is indioated alsowhare.

Tha irtomied varloy 20 sog for Canada is estimated at 7.8 million acros as seinst ê. 7 million in 1946, a rise of 16 por cont. In this case the increase is almost entirely in the Prairio Provinces, with increases of 21 per cont in Sesketchowan, 20 pur cent in Alborta and nine per cent in Manitoba. Quebec and British Columbia also anticipate increases of eight per cent and four per cent respectively and tha winces little or no change.

For flax the intended acreage figure of 1.7 million aores is approximately 67 per cent above the 1940 lovel of just over a million acres. The Prairio Provinces account for most of this inorease, although Ontario expects th inorease flax soodings to 27,000 acres, in incranse of 50 pus cuäi from last yoar.

## GENERAL CROP COMDTRTDAS

Spring is lato in all of Canada with the exoeption of British Columbia. Conditions in the Maritimes and Qucboc aro particularly baokward with little or no ficld work compluted. In Ontario only a fraction of spring seeding has been camploted in a fow districts.

Spring work in the Prairios has also been retarded by unfavourably weather and at April 30 reports incicated that the percentage of wheat seeding comploted to that date variud from only two per cent in Saskatohewan to eight per cunt in Alberta. Tho corrosponding figures for last year were 34 por cent and 32 per cent rspectively with Manitoba having seecied 61 per cent of hor wheat acreage bv the end of April, 1946. Moisture conditions, however, are roported to be genorally favourablo and it is anticipated that, should satisfactory weather prevall, seeding will be general well before the middle of the month. In contrast to the rust of the comtry, Sciftan Columbia reperts the season to be in advanoe of that of 1946.

## $\frac{\text { STOCKS }}{\text { WHA AT MARKETINGS OF }}$

Stocks of Canadian whot in store or in trensit in North Amurica at midnight on May 8 totallod 94,214,013 bushols, compared with $93,996,576$ bushols on May 1 . and $76,296,006$ bushels on the corrosponding date last yoar, according to figuros rolaasod by tho Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Visible supplics on the latost date included 94,179,013 bushels in Canadian positions and 35,000 in Unitod States positions.

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provincos wore incroasod during the wook ending May 8, the total boing 4,691.773 bushols, compared with 4,551,544
is tha procedine wook. Marketings during the elapsed portion of the prosont crop yeer -- August 1 to May 8 -- aggragatod $276,640,316$ busho is comparod with 208,631, 083 in the similar period of 1945-46.

Following quantitios of coarso grains wo de diverud from farme in the Pralrio Provinocs during the woek cnding May 8, totals for the precoding weck boing in brackots: oats, $2,054,689(1,504,679)$ bushels; barloy, $1,212,488(923,358)$; ryo, 22,118 (26,171); flaxseod, 1,663 (2,723).

BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION IN APRIL
Produotion of croamery butter in Canada increasod fivo por cent in april over thu samo month last year, mounting to $20,737,000$ pounds as comparod with 19,705,000 pounds, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Aggrogato make for tho first four months this yenr was 2.8 per cont groator than in 1946. standine at $51,294,000$ as against $49,889,000$ pounds.

Sharply inoreased output in Ontario was mainly responsible for the April 1 and four months' advance, production in that province rising nearly 21 por cent in April ovor last yoar and 16 per cent in the four months. qucboc also showed a gain of sovon pur cont in April and nino por cont for the four months.

Chuddar choose production in April declined 30 per cont as comparod with April, 1946, amounting to 5,189,000 as against 7,421,000 pounds. Aggrcgeto for the four months was $10,605,000$ pounds this year compared with $13,240,000$ pounds in 1946, drop of nuarly 20 por cont. There worc sharp decreasos both in Ontario and Quoboc.

## STOCKS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS

Canadian stocks of croamory buttur on May 1 amountod to $11,207,117$ pounds comparod with $6,790,804$ pounds on the corresponding dato last year and $15,318,234$ pounds on April 1 this yoar, accordine to figures reloased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. This year's May 1 stocks consisted of 3,750,490 pounds in cold storagos, $6,511,627$ pounds in dairy factorios, and 945,000 pounds in railway transit.

Chooso stooks on May 1 totallod 19,290,590 pounds comparud with 21,306,308 pounds at tho samo dato last year and 18, 843,650 pounds on April 1 this yoar.

Stocks of evaporated whole milk held by or for manufacturers on May 1 increased to $19,910,730$ pounds compared with $13,033,488$ on May 1, 194v, and $13,910,476$ pounds at the start of April this year. Holdings of skim milk powdar wore also higher, amounting to $3,573,758$ pounds on May 1 compared with 1,259,264 pounds last year. and 2,384,750 pounds on April 1.

May 1 stocks of oold storagu eggs totalled 8,342,785 dozen as against 3,117,066 dozen on April 1 and 7,954,210 dozen a yoar ago; frosh eggs amountod to 4,955,831 dozon oomparud with $3,161,565$ dozon on April 1 and 3,147,264 dozen at May 1 last year. Stocks of frozon Ggg ments ageregated 5,671,744 pounds on May 1 as against $3,955,847$ pounds a month earlicr and $4,851,648$ pounds a year ago.

Stocks of poultry meat on May 1 totalled $13,151,916$ pounds compared with 16, 770,007 pounds on April 1 and 4,432,769 pounds on May 1, 1946.

## STOCKS OF MEAT ON MAY 1

Stooks of mont held by packers, abattoirs, wholoselu butchurs and cold storage warchousos on Moy 1 totallod 77,280,000 pounds, boing about 1,000,000 pounds lowor than on the sama date last year, but $13,636,000$ pouds more than on April 1 , according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

May 1 holdings of pork ware $55,916,504$ pounds against $43,888,354$ on April 1 . and $58,397,245$ on May l last year, while boef stocks totalled 16,194,191 pounds comparod with 15,772:482 on April 1, and 14,378,449 a your ago. There were 3,059,380 pounds of veal in storage as comnared with $1,135,301$ pounds on April 1 , and $3,388,873$ on May 1,1946 , and $2,110,115$ pounds of mutton and lamb as against 2,847,988 on April 1, and 2,049,974 pounds a year ago.

Holdings of lard on May 1 wore $1,453,313$ pounds compared with $1,289,679$ pounds on ipril 1 , and $1,435,339$ last yesr.

## MAY 1 STOCKS OF FROZEN: FISH

Stocks of frozen fish in cold storage on May 1 were rocorded at 22,769,199 pounds, showing a decrease of $2,973,000$ pounds from hpril 1, but an advanoe of $5,791,000$ pounds over the corresponding date last yoar, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This year's May l stocks included $20,964,554$ pounds frozon frosh and $1,804,645$ frozen smoked.

Cod stocks on May 1 amounted to $4,512,828$ pounds against 5,032,170 on Apr11 1. and $3,306,947$ on May 1 last year, salmon $3,088,683$ pounds compared with $4,259,653$ on April 1 and 1,497,273 on May 1 last year, and sea herring and kippers 6,452,342 pounds compured with 7,315,908 on hpril 1, and 3,178,052 a year ago.

## STOCKS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Stocks of fruit, frozen and in preservatives, on May 1 totalled 21,187,407 pounds, compared with $24,304,329$ pounds on April 1, and $15,172,416$ pounds on the corresponding date last year, acoordine to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. May 1 stocks of vegetables, frozen and in brine were 3,980,832 pounds, against 4,927,164 on Apr11 1, and 2,082,249 on May 1 last year. Canadian apples in cold and cormon storage, including the holdings of commercial growers amountod to 211,327 bushols, as ageinst 500,299 on April 1, and 61,206 a year ago.

May 1 stooks of Canadian frosh vagetables wero generally higher than on the corresponding dato of last yoar. Stocks of potatoes rose from 65,897 tons to 143,390, onions from 867 tons to 1,989 , boets from 111 to 190 , carrots from 1,206 tons to 1,891 , cabbages from 65 tons to 384 , parsnips from 120 tons to 210 , and celery from 42 crates to 4,286 ; there were also 9,109 orates of imported celery in storage as compared with 18,654, a year ago.

INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM FRICES
OF iGRICULTURIL PRODUCTS
Pricos recoived by Canadian farmers for agrioultural praducts at Maroh 15 averazod highor than at the corresponding date in 1946, according to tho Dominion Bureau of Statistios. The index number of prices recoived for all products at 188.0, on the base $1935-1939=100$, was 7.5 points above the index number of 180.5 a yoar ago.

By provinces, oonsiderable variation ayists in comparison with March last year. The indox numbers for Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Now Brunswiok and British Columbia are lower, due principally to marked doclines in pricos rocoived for potatoes, fruits, vegotables and poultry and eges.

Tho index numbers for Quebec, Ontario and the throo Prairie Provinces have registerod incroases from March last yoar. Higher prices for live stock and dairy products are chiofly responsible for the increases in the index for each of these provinces. Grain prices, generally, remain at levels similar to those prevailing last yoar. The quality of the 1946 western field crops was $10 w e r$ than in 1945, and this factor has been chiefly rosponsible for some decreases in the price of greins in tho Prairic Provinces. However, these decreases are largely offset by somewhat highor grain prices in Ontario and Queboc.

- SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES SET FIRST QU. RTER RECORD

With 44,859 now passenger and commeroisi models sold for $\$ 76,744,320$ from January to Maroh, sales of new motor vohioles in Canada this yoar were higher then in the first quarter of any othor yoar, the Dom nion Buroau of Statistics reports in a reviow of the three months' figures. Previous high was 34,338 wohioles sold for $\$ 29,030,621$ in the first three months of 1937. First quarter sales last yoer wore 13,317 vehioles with a rotall valuo of $820,813,833$.

Passonger oars formed about two-thirds of the total sold in this yoar's first quarter, the number being 30,134 and the value $\$ 50,266,858$. Th remaining 14,725 vehicles, consisting 'of trucks and buses, had a retall value of $\$ 26,477,462$.

Unit sales in January at 12,973, the Bureau points out, were almost as high as the highost month of 1946. In February and Maroh there were further inoreases to 14,813 and 17,073 rospectively, making those two manths by far the highost in the post-war pariod.

## PRODUCTION OF WASHING MAC INES AND

 ELECTRIC REFRIGER:TORS IN MLRCHMoro domostio washing machinos and olotric refrigerators were produood in Canada in March than in any month for which statistics are avaliablo, according to figures roloased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The month's production of washing machines totalled 15,801 units, as age inst 15,172 in the procoding month and 9,695 in tho oorrosponding month last yoar. Output for tho first quartor of this yoar amountud to 43,234 units as against 28,152 in the similar poriod of 1946 .

In March, 8,590 eloctric rofrigorators were produced, as against 8,272 in February, and 4, 189 in March, 1946. First quartor output, at 24,748 units, exooedod production ir tho similar poriod of 1946 by no loss the 150 por cont.

Thore wore 3,761 domestic elootrio washing machines importod during the month, bringing the throo-month total to 9,828 ; the month's imports of olectric refrigerators totalled 3,030 units, and in the throe months, 6,388 units.

## PRODUCTION OF WIRE NAILS

## INC EASED IN MARCH

Roaching the highest monthly total since May 1946 when 6,730 tons were turned out, produotion of wire nails in March totalled 6,524 tons, as against 6,015 tons in February and 5,614 tons in Maroh, 1946, according to figures roleased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Tonnago made during the first throo months of this yoar was 18,857 as against 17,539 in the similar poriod of 1946 .

Maroh production of iron and stool cut nails amounted to 85 tons as compared with 98 in Maroh last yuar; steel wire staples, 216 tons as against 162 tons; and tacks of stool, brass and copper, 208 tons as compared with 222 tons.

PRODUCTIOA OF CONCRETE BUILDING MiTERIMLS IN MARC:

Production of conoreta building materials was increasuci in Maroh, according to figuros roceived by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios from manufacturers which normally account for approximately 85 por cent of the all-Canada total. Production of concrete brick advanced from 942,616 in March last year to 1,057,275, and conorete hlocks from 1,095,248 to 1,279,997.

## BIRTHE, DE.ATHS IND MHRIAGES

Rogistrations of births in Canadian towns and citios with a population of 10,000 and over wore a gain sharply highor in March, numbering 16,047 as ompared with 11.539 in March last yoar, an incrasso of 39 per cont, according to figures issuad by tho Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Deaths in March increased four per cont, numboring 5,560 as against 5,333, while marriages dropped 22 por cont to 3,180 as compared with 4,065 last ycar.

## DEALERS' STOCKS OF NON-FERROUS SCRAP

Doalors' stocks of aluminum sorap foll from $5,373,025$ pounds on Fobruary 1 to $4,613,894$ at the ond of the month, coppor scrap from $4,389,024$ pounds to 3,985 . 251, tin-load from 5,917,135 pounds to $4,798,217$, but brass and bronze sorap rose slightly from $5,539,859$ pounds to $5,571,514$, acoording to fizurus roloasod by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Stocks of othor scrap metals wore as follows magnosium, 122,129 (122,137) pounds; nicke1, 259,604 (256,313); zinc, 1,053,326 ( $1,308,528$ ); (Yosses, $1,746,203(1,363,956)$.

## SALES OF RIDIO RECEIVING SETS <br> UF SHhRPLY DURING FEBRT IRY

Inoreasine sharply during the month, sales of radio recciving sets in February amountod to 79,718 units valuod at $\$ 4,490,972$ at list prioes as omparod with 35,843 units valued at $\$ 1,452,070$ in the oorresponding month last year, according to figures reloased by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Inventcry figuros show that 30,844 sots romined in the hands of producers at the ond of February as comparod with 8,016 a year ago.

Salos woro hither in all provincos in Fobruary, totals boing as follows, with figures for February 1946 in brackets: Ontario, 39,761 (15,236) units; Queboc, 15,943 ( 7,867 ) ; British Columbia, 4, 896 ( 3,418 ); Manitoba, 5,819 (3,228) ; Maritimes, 5,695 (2,273); ilberta, 3,916 (1,950); and Saskatchowan, 3,688 (1,851).

SALES OF P.INTS, VARNISHES
AND LiCQUERS IN MarCH
Sales of paints, vernishos and lacquers by manufecturers which normally account for 96 pur ount of the total Camadian production amountod to $\$ 6,588,378$ in March as comperoc? with $\$ 4,680,798$ in the corrosponding month last yoar, according to figures roleased by tho Dominion Buroau of Statistics. For the first querter of this yoar, salos ageregated $\$ 16,720,288$ as against $\$ 12,496,019$ in the similar period of 1946 .

## PRODUCTION OF CENTRIL ELECTRIC STHTIOHS IN MARCH

Output of contral eloctric stations curing March inoreased to 3,956,765,000 kilowatt hours as compared with $3,537,104,000 \mathrm{kilowatt}$ hours in the corrosponding 196 month, accordin to figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Total production for this year's first quarter was $11,462,223,000$ as against $10,148,888,000$ kilowatt hours in the first thrse months last yoor.

March exports to the Unitod States amountod to $183,125,000$ kilwett hours comparod with 219,274,000 in March, 1946, secondrary power again doclining to $59,403,000$ os acainst $105,934,000$ kilowatt hours. Tho quarter's cxports tetalled $503,07 x, 000$ comparod with $596,457,000$ kilowatt hours in the liks puriod of 1946 .

## TOBACCO INDUSTRY OF CANLDA

Not valuo of output -- solling valuos less cxoise juties and toxes -- of the Canadian tobacoo manufacturing industry in 1945 amountod to $\$ 82,111,234$, an incroase of $\$ 10,668,845$ or 15 par cent over the total for the proceding yoar, according to fizures roloesod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Gross output -selling values including axcise dutios and taxes .- was valued at $\$ 264,070,467$ as against $\$ 223,152,885$.

Cigarettes formed the main item or production with an output in 19.5 of $17,684,707$ thousand valued at $\$ 207,612,532$ compered with $15,481,605$ thousand valued at $\$ 171,001,575$ in 1944. Smoking tobacco was mext in importance with an sutput of $26,24,568$ pounds valued at $\$ 39,122,699$ compared with $2,263,076$ pounds valued at $\$ 36,098,232$. This was followed by cigars with a production of 207,861 thousand velued at $\$ 11,715,058$, chewing tobacco $2,803,753$ pounds valuod at $\$ 3,640,867$, and snuff 978,389 pounds valued at $\$ 1,961,149$.

## BUILDING PERMITS IN 1946

95 PER CENT ABOVE 1945
Total value of building permits issued by 204 munioipalitios making monthly returns to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was $\$ 383,596,698$ in 1946, an increase of $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 6} 409,538$ or nearly 95 per cent over the $19: 5$ total. New construction accountod for $306,142,420$ of the 1946 total, and additions, altarations and rapairs for $\widehat{\$ 77,454,278 \text {. Every province except Princo Edward Island had higher figuros, }}$ the increasos raneing from 48 to 282 per cent.

Pormits for residential or housing construction in 1946 wore valued at $\quad 200$, 691,307, showing an increase of $\$ 82,802,476$ over the 1945 value. Commercial build 'ine was valuod at $\$ 100,265,381$, an advance of $\$ 77,170,982$; industrial at $\$ 54,761,623$, an inorease of $\$ 22,869,914$; and institutional at $\$ 23,663,325$, a more modorate rise of $\mathbf{\psi} 2,121,369$. The remalnder of $\$ 4,214,562$ covering sundry jobs was $\$ 1,444,797$ higher than in 19:5.

By provinces, onterio munioipalities reported the highest value of buildine permits with a total of $\$ 150,520,167$ compared with $\$ 30,053,564$ in 1945 , an incroase of 88 per cent. Quebeo was second with $\$ 111,315,323$ as against $\$ 50,250,668$, making the larger inorease of 122 per oent; while British Columbia was third with permits va 7 ued at $\$ 42,366,377$, an advanoe of 74 por cent ver the 19.5 total of $64,671,705$. Total for the three Prairie Proincos was $\$ 64,063,238$ comparod with $\$ 35,021,779$; Alberte accounting for $29,733,950$, up 71.5 per cent; Saskatchowan for $313,014,947$, an incroase of 142 por oent; and Manitoba for $\$ 16,309,341$, a gain of 43 por ount. For tho Maritime Provinces, the total was $\$ 14,331,590$ as against $6,389,444$; Nova Scotia aocountine for $\$ 7,442,787$, up 31 per cent over 1945; Now Brunswick for $\$ 6,-$ 437.553, a record inoreaso for all provinoes of 232 per cont; and Prince Edward Is land for 4451,250 , down 25 rer cent from 19ヶ5.

Valuo of building permits for residential construction by provinces in 1946 was as follows (figures for 1945 in brackets): Prinoe Edward Island, 94,350 ( 383,380 ); Nova Scotia, $\$ 4,192,860(\$ 2,521,512)$; Now Brunswick, $33,372,353(\$ 740,382)$ ) Queboc, $\$ 49,323,131(\$ 27,378,929)$; Ontarío, $77,170,996$ ( $\$ 41,73 \times, 005$ ); Manítobe, \$10,320,776 ( $\$ 3,252,303$ ); Saskatchowan, $\$ 11,619,902(\$ 4,511,134) ;$ Alborta, $18,612,-$ 375 ( $\$ 14,433,115$ ) : British Columbia, $\widehat{3} 5,479,064(318,230,521)$.

## LUMBER INDUST AY OF QUEBEC

Gross valuo of produotion of the lumber industry in Queboc amountod to $\Psi 56,109,217$ in 1945 as comparod with $\$ 50,099,695$ in the provious year, according to figuros reloased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There were 1,373 active mills as compared with 1,940 in 1944, a deorease of 3.5 per cent.

Production of sawn lumber of all spooles ageragated $1,029,313 \mathrm{M}$ feet board moasure in 1945 as against 1,010,361 in 1944. Ageregate values were $\$ 45,790,905$ and $\$ 41,603,134$, respectively. Of the lumber sawn curing 1945, spruoe accounted for $576,556 \mathrm{M}$ feet, yellow biroh $98,203 \mathrm{M}$, white pine 77,431 , balsam fir 57,876 , jack pine 63,51, hemlook 41,251, and white birah 27,249.

Pulpwood, out-up and barked during the year totalled 213,573 cords agoinst 167,135. There were 278,558 squares of shingles produced as aetinst 307,842 , and 479,443 sawn ties as against 659,231.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN 1946 HIGHER ON TRANSTT SYSTEMS

Urban transit systems, incluaing eloctric cars and motor buses, in Canada carried more passengers in 1946 than in 1945. Ageregate for the country in the first full post-war year was $1,516,536,436$ as aceinst $1,469,217,343$ passengers the previous year, an incroese of approximately 47,400,000 according to a summary of monthly transit reports issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Eleotrio cors and trolley buses carried over 72 per cent of the total, and the systems in s.11 provinoes, exoept Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, showed increases.

Interurban systems reported a passenger traffio increaso of 6.8 per cent last yoar, the total increasing fraa 90,934, 700 in 1945 to $97,065,056$. Queboo and Alberta systems showed decreases, but in all other provinoes increases were recorded.

Value of the fishories production of Canada reached its hichest peak in 1945 , amounting to $4113,691,000$, an inoreaso of $24,263,000$, or 27 por cont over the total for the preceding year, acoording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The sea fisheries contributed $\$ 9 \%, 995,000$ or 87 per cent and the inland fishories $14,695,000$ or 13 per cent of the total. The total quantity of all kincs of \&ish, inclurling shellfish, taken by Canadian fishermon in 1945 was 13,371, 209 owt., an incrase of 13.4 por cont as comrerod with 1944 .

Salmon rotainod the leading place, owine lis realy to an incroase of ovar 57 per cont in the quantity landed. The markoted value wos $\langle 25,994,000$, an increase of 59 por cont as compared with 1944. Other leading spocies, with poroentage inoroases in value over 1944 in perontheses, weres ood, $\$ 19,662,000$ (33); heriing, \$13,387,000 (26); lobsters, 13,260,000 (46.6).

Acoording to marketed value, British Columbia led the other provinces with 39.2 per cont of the total, followed by Nova Scotia with 27 per cent, New Brunswick 11.7 per cent, Quebec 6.8 per cent, Ontario 6.4 per cent, Manitoba 3.7 per cont, Prinoe Edward Island, 2.7 per cent, ilberta 1.3 per cent, Saskatchowan 1.1 per cent. and Yukon and Northwest Territories 0.1 per cent.

## CAR LOLDINGS ON CANiDIAN R RALWHYS

Canadian railway car loacings for the week ended May 3 amounted to 75,165 cars as oompared with 76,033 cars for the previous weok and 66,627 cars for the corresponding wook last yaar, according to figures released by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Loadines showed incroases over last year in both eastern and wusturn divisions.

Grain loadines in the wook incroased to 8,723 cars from 7,750 cars for the preceding woek and $6,237 \mathrm{cars}$ in 194 . Vagetablos rose from 466 cars last year to 1,247 cars. Coal loa ings continued lizht in the eastern division, doclinine to 1,294 cars from 2,531 curs last year, while pulpwod incroased from 2,302 to 2,111 cars and 1.c.l. murchandise from 17,379 to 19,340 oars.

FACTS OF INTERES: FROM BUREAU RECORDS
Sales of fertilizers (except for manufacturing purposes) in Canada during the year ended June 30,1946 , amounted to 645,325 tons, while oxports of fertilizers from Canada were only moderately less at $616,506 \mathrm{t}$ ns. The sales in Canada consisted of 542,636 tons of mixed fertilizers and 102,639 tons of various fertilizer materials. In contrast, fertilizer materials, principally sulphate of ammonia and ammonium nitrate, accounted for 566,002 tons of the export total and mixed fertilizers for 50,504 tons.

Ontario has the la rest proportion of telephones to population amone the provinces of Canada as well as the lureest number. In 1945 the number in Ontario was 2B0,143, an avarage of 20.6 per 100 persons, Queboc was second with 425,259 , but only fifth in proportion to population with 11. per 100 persons. British Columbia had 179,371 phonos and was close behind Ontario in avorage per 100 porsons with 18.9. Tho latter figures for the remaining provinces ware: Manitoba, 13.6; Saskatchewan, 12.3; Nova Scotia, 11.2; Alborta, 11.1; New Brunswick, 9.7; Prinoo Edward Island, 3.3.

Froduction of brick, tile and other clay products in Canada was valued at $\$ 12,225,575$ in 1946 as comparod with $\$ 3,913,092$ in the previous yoar. Onterio accounted for $\$ 4,313,233$, Quebec for $33,550,613$, and Alborta third with $31,789,373$.

Canada's gold production in 1946 totalled 2, 207,000 fine ounces, four per cont above the 1945 quantity. Due to the eturn of the Canadian dollar to parity with the United States dollar in mid-yoar the value at $\$ 103,130,380$ was six per cunt lower.

## REPORTS ISSUED DURIIG THE VEEK

1. Index Numbers of Farm Pricos of igricultural Products, March 15 ( 10 cents).
2. Lumbor Industry in Quobco, 1945 ( 10 onts).
3. Ineot Makurs' Roport on Non-Forrcus Screp Metal and Secondary Non-Ferrous Ingot, March (10 conts).
4. Doalers ' Roport on Non-Forrous Scrap Mota1, Fobruary (10 cents.)
5. Products Made from Canadían Clays, January (10 oents).
6. Conoreto Building Blonks and Coment Plpo, March (10 conts).
7. Cold Storage Holdines of Moat and Lard, May 1 (10 conts).
8. Intontions to Plant Field Craps (10 conts).

- Car Loadines on Canadian Railways - Wookly (10 conts).

10. Dairy Factory Production, April (10 conts).
11. Refistration of Births. Deaths and Marriages, March (10 conts).
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