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Condition of spring wheat, barloy, sprine rye, flaxsood, hay and olover, alfalfa and pastures at the ond of June was bettor than on the oorresponding date last yeer, according to figures roloased by the Daminion Bureau of Statistios based on percentagos of the long-time avarage ylolds per acre. For all other crops reported upon, tho conditon was somewhat lower this year.

Spring wheat condition showod a bettermont over last yoar, attributed to a vory markod inoruaso in Nanitobu and a moderate increaso in Saskatchowan. In all other provinoos the oondition figure for spring wheat is lower than last yoar with the leat diffuronco obsorved in Alborta whero a decline of four points is notud.

Significant advances arc indicatod for most coarso grains in Manitoba and Saskatchowan but olsowe the situation is revorsod, with a vory poor outlook prevailing throughout the oastern provinoes, particularly in ontario. In genoral, orop conditions are quito favourable in the four western provinoes, but the exceedingly late, wet spring has matorially reduced prospocts in eastern Canada.

For all Canada, the condition of field crops at June 30, 1947, expressed in percuntage of the long-time average yields per acre, wes roported as follows, with figuros for Juno 30, 1946, within brackets Fall wheat 91 (101); spring what 125 (122): all wheat 125 (122); pats 88 (89); barley 91 (84); fall rye 85 (86); spring rye 99 ( 87 ); all rye 87 (86); peas 84 ( 93 ); beans 76 ( 92 ); buckwheat 87 ( $94_{4}$ ); mixed greins 74 (96); flaxseed 93 (83); corn for husking 78 ( 88 ); potatoes 93 (95); turnips, otc. $82\left(94_{4}\right)$; hay and clover 94 ( 88 ); alfalfa 91 (85); foddor oorn 20 (92); sugar beots $89(95)_{3}$ pasture 99 (93).

In the Prairie Provinces, the oondition of the principal cereal crops at June 30, 1957 was roported as follows, with flgures for June 30,1946 within brackets: Manitoba - Theat 126 (103); oats 92 (70); barley 92 (70); rye 91 (75); flaxseed 91 (75). Saskatchewen - Wheat 127 (123); outs 91 (87); barloy 92 ( 84 ); ryo. 86 (82); flaxsued 95 (85). Alberta - Wheat 123 (127): oats 93 (98); barloy 95 (96); rye 84 (92); flaxseod 93 (94).

The spring wheat condition figures for the Prairio Provinces as based on an analysis of weather faotors indicate good orop prospeots as at June zo. Saskatohewan leads the three provinces with a condition figure of 127, while Alberta is lowest with a figure of 123. Manitoba's condition figure at 126 is up 23 points from last year's level. Above-average preseasonal preoipitation and generally satisfactory spring rainfall have been largely responsible for maintaining the above-average condition indicated for each of the Prairie Protinces. It should be emphasized, however, that there are considerable areas in all three provinoes, and particularly in Saskatchewan, where precipitation has been defloient and where rains are urgently roquired to bring the crops to maturity.

The over-all prospects for feed grain crops are not too encouraging. While the outlook for ocarse grains in the Prairie Provinoes is quite good, the prospects in eastorn Canada are poor and timely transportation of large quantitios of feed grains from west to east will bo necessary this year if live-stook population in Ontario, Quebece and the Maritimes are to be maintained at or near present lovels. Unseasonable woather at the normal seeding time has resulted in many orops over the greater part of the oountry being in a retarded stage of development for this time of yoar. In addition, unfavourable weather foroed curtailment of the acreage normally seeded to spring grains in the eastorn provinces. The deficiency may have been at least partlally made up through the subsequent seeding of later crops swoh as buokwheat -although the substitution of such crops would be limited by the amount of seed available.

The condition of fodder corn for the country as a whole stood at 80 , as ompared with a figure of 92 last year. Tho foraga crop outlook is brighter, with hay, olover and alfalfa prospoots improved ovor last yoar in most provincos. Tho over-all pasture condition is also botter than last year, although the condition figuro is down somewhat in Prince Edward Island, Alberta and British Columbia.

The condition of fall wheat in Ontario, at 91 , is ten points bolow that of last year, whilo tho condition of flaxscod for all-Canade at 93 reflocts an increase of ten points over the condition at June 30, 1946. Since there has been a very marked incroaso in the aoreage dovotod to flaxseed this year, prospocts aro excellent for a substantial increase in flaxseed production over the 1946 outturn. The outlook for sugar bouts is loss satisfactory than last year, with the all-Canada figure down six points. Of the four sugar boet producing provinces, Manitoba alono antioipates a bettor yiold than last yoar. The all-Canada figures show decreases from last year of nino, sixtoun and twelve points rospectively for peas, beans and potatoes.

Exceodingly wet we ther sertously delayed spring worl: in eastern Canada and Iloods wora experienced in many areas. Reports indicato that the acreage seeded to coarso grains, particularly in ontario, is well below intontions. In addition, the carly hoavy rains havo loft the soil vory herd and the land in many districts is now difficult to work. Seeding was also dolayed in the west this year but it is not anticipatod that acroages have been ereatly curtailod, although some shifts fram early to latc crops may have ocourrid. Although conditions in tho west at June 30 were goncrally suoh as to pronoto good rowth, tho lateness of the orop increases the chance of damage from oarly froste.

Pre-seasonal procipitation was very favouraile for the 1947 what crop in the Prairio Provinces, avoraing woll above normal in all three provincos, particularly in Alberta, where rainfall from August 1 to October 31 last year was over 50 per cent abovo normal. Currert seasonal rainfall in Manitoba durine the manths of May and June has beon over 50 per cont above normal, while in Saskatohewan and Alberta rainfall sinco April 1 has averaged slightly below normal.

Temporaturos during the oarlior part of the growing season, avaraged more than two dogroos below nomal in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan, boing loss than normal in all crop districts of these two provinces. In Alberta during April and May, temperaturos avoraged loss than ono dogree abovo normal. During June, temperatures in all three provinces averaged anproximately two dogrees below normal with the southern distriots across the rairies exporiencing relatively lower temperatures than the northern areas. Only three crop districts over the entire Prairie Provinces recorded tomperaturos abovo normal during June.

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TRTT AND COARSE GRA INS
Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on July 3 totalled 67,668,826 bushols compared with $70,412,834$ bushels on June 26 , and $45,824,374$ bushels on the corresponding date last yoar, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Stutisilcs. Visiblo on the latest date comprised $67,653,826$ busiels in Canadian positions and 15,000 in United States positions.

Delivories of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinoes during the week ending July 3 totallud 5,362,037 bushels compared with 7,101,744 in the proceding weak. During tho elapsod poition of the prosent orop yoar - August 1 to July 3-319,647,679 bushols of whout ware mernutod as compared with $228,616,142$ in the similar period of the procoding crop yoar.

Following quantities of carse grains also were delivored from farms in the Prairie Provincos during tho weok onding July 3, totals for the preoeding wook being in brack ots: oats, $1,232,553(1,923,122)$ bushels; barloy, 628,706 (1,119,299); rye, 6,792 (13.010); flaxsued, 1,862 (1,731).

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Refinury stooks of raw sugar on June 14 were somewhat higher than a year earlier, boing rooordod at $111,576,962$ pounds comparod with $92,791,534$, acoording to figures rolcasod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Stocks of rofinod sugar - - cane and beot - also were inc reasod, totaling $160,620,281$ pounds as compared with 144,061,332 a yoar ago.

Production of creamery butter increasod almost two per cunt in June, the month's total standing at $43,128,000$ pounds, compared with $42,323,000$ in the same month last year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the first six months of this year, $125,691,000$ pounds wore producod compared with $124,076,000$ in the similar period of 1946.

Choddar cheese production was sharply lower in Juno when $22,121,000$ pounds were produced as compared with $27,945,000$ in the same month last year, a dacline of approximately 20 per cont. The oumulative total for the six months ended June also were reduced, amounting to $45,251,000$ pounds compared with $58,190,000$ in the 1ike period of 1946.

Output of concentrated milk products moved up 6.2 por oont in June, when 46,264,000 pounds were produced compared with $43,555,000$ in June last year. Total for the first six months of this year was $161,444,000$ pounds compared with $153,771,000$ in the similar poriod of 1946, an increase of five per cent.

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AND E GS ON JULY FIRST
Creamery butter stocks wera further inoreased on July 1, tho total being 42,349, 600 pounds, comparod with $39,841,122$ on the corrosponding date lact yoar, according to figuros releasod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Stocks of choese, on the other hand, wero samewhat lower, amounting to $42,093,046$ pounds as against 51,616, 256.

Stooks of evaporated whole milk hold by or for manufacturars also were lower on July 1 when the holdings were $16,555,051$ pounds compared with $25,447,217$. Skim milk powder stooks moved up, Elsing from $3,747,568$ pounds to $7,384,772$.

Holdings of oggs wore increased substantially, July 1 stocks of eges in the shell totalling $26,107,072$ dozen comparod with $16,208,153$ dozen, and frozen egg meats, $13,700,316$ pounds ompared with $9,702,544$. Stocks of poultry meat also were higher, this yoar's july 1 total standing at $11,869,642$ pounds against $4,583,859$ a yoar ago.

## COST-OT-LIVING INDEX AT JUNE 2

With all six of the component groups showing incroases, the Dominion Buroau of En uistics cost-of-living index advanced 1.8 points botwoen May 1 and June 2, or from 133.1 on the former date to 134.9 on the latter. At Juno 2 the indax was 7.9 points above tho level at the first of the year and 11.3 points higher than at the beginning of Juno last yoar. Increase in the index since August 1939 was 33.8 por cent.

Among the component groups, the food index rose during M.y from 154.9 to 157.7, which ompared with 142.1 a year oerlier. Among individual food itoms, butter, eggs, potatoes and cabbage showed increases during May, while orangos and lemons were slightly lower.

The rentals index, which at May 1 had shown its first increase since October last yoar, moved up from 115.4 to 117.8 , bringing the gain for the two months to 4.4 points. The lotest figure compares with 112.6 a year ago.

The inder for fuel and light, following an increase of 7.1 points at May 1, advancod moderately from 116.2 to 116.7 , for a total gain of 9.5 points in twelve $m$ onths. Clothing increased from 140.0 to 142.4 which compares with a standing of 124.3 at the first of June 1946; homefurnishings and services from 138.6 to 139.8 , up 17.4 points over last yoar; and the miscellaneous index from 116.8 to 117.1 , for a year's gain of five points. Among the non-food items, men's suits, bedroom suites, studio couches and coal showed inoreases during May.

## FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Salos of elootric storage batteries and parts by prinoipal producors were valued at $\$ 1,004,018$ during May, compared with $\$ 984,445$ in April and 678,965 in the corres ponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. During the five months ended May, sales aggregated $\$ 4,994,250$ as compared with $\$ 3,692,694$ in the samo poriod of 1946.

Rotall trade in Canada during May inoreased 11 per oont in dollar volume over April and 14 per oent over May last year, as measured by tho Dominior Bureau of Statistics ocanposite index for fourtoen kinds of business. The gain over the corresponding 1946 months was the largest recorded for any month this year, comparing with inoreases of 13 por oont in January, 10 per cont in February, and six por oont in March and April.

Dollar sales to the ond of May were 10 per oent higher than for the corresponding fivemonth perlod of last year. Unadjusted indexes, on the base 1935-1939 equals 100 , stood at 248.0 for May as comnared with 224.3 for April and 217.1 for May, 1940.

Radio and electrical stores, with a gain of 23 per cent, continued to lead the difforont kinds of business covered by the Bureau's monthly survey in sales increase over tho oorvesponding month last yoar. Nimoothers, including those in the goneral morohandise group, food storos, the clothing and shoe stores, and furniture stores, had inoroases ranging botwoon 13 and 19 per oont. Increases for hardwa:e and drug storos were somewhat smaller at 10 and six per cent respectively. Rostaurant business continuod at approximately last year's lovel, doolining by one per oont. Sales of jewellery stores, which have shown aharp declines in reoent months, fell only six per cont.

In the general merohendise group, department stores oontinuod their expension at a more rapid rate than the others with a gain of 19 per cont. Sales of variety stores wore 14 per cent higher and country general stores 13 per oent, both inoreases being substantially above those recorded for these two trades in earlior months of the year. Food stores reported a gain of 17 por oent in salos. whioh was also much largor than in earlier months. The epparel traces, which had scarcely maintained 1946 dollar volume during March and April, marked up substantial inoroases in May of 16 por oont for family clothing stores. 18 for ${ }^{2}$ 's clothing stores, and 15 per oent for women's clothing stores. Gain for shoe stores was 13 por cent.

May inorsases in retail trade were reported from all soctions of Canade, the largest being 17 per oent for Ontario and 15 per oort for quoboc, and the smallest eight por oont for the Maritime Provinces. For the Prairio Provinoes the general index showed an increase of 12 per cont, and for British Columbia, 13 per cent.

## WHOLESSLE SALES IN MAY

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in May was four per cont higher than in the proceding month and oight per ount higher than in the corresponding month last year, according to statoments received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from larger wholosalers in nine lines of trade. The general madjustod index, on the base, aver.ge for 1935-1939-100, reachod an all-time high in May at 280.8 , comparing with 268.8 for April, and 259.8 for May, 1946. Salos for the yoar to date wore 10 per cont above thos for the oorresponding period of 1946.

Wholosalors in the dry goods, clothing and hardware trados continued to rocord the largest inoreases in sales over 1946. Dollar volume of salos in tho dry goods trado was 36 por oont above that in May. 1946. Clothing salos registorod a gain of 21 por cont in dollar volume, while hardware salesvere up 17 per cont. An increase of five per cont over May a yoar ago was reported by wholesalors of tobacco and confoctionory, drugs, and grocerios.

Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers remained practioally unchanged from last yoar, but the experienoe in the different parts of the country diverged widely from the average. Sales of frufts and vegetables were still running below the 1946 level in May, when dollar volume was three per cent less than in the same month last yoar.

Aocording to region, the greatest increase in sales in May over last year was recordod in queboo where sales wero 19 per oent higher. Wholosalers in British Columbla roportod an inorease of nine per oent over the already high levol of last year and in Ontario, sales were up oight por cont. A gain of three per oont in sales in the Maritime Provinces brought the index for that region to a now high for any month in recont years. Sales in the Prairie Provinces showed the smallest increase, being only two per ount above last year.

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

Largely as a result of seasonal curtailment in loging operations, employment as reported to the Dominion Buroau of Statistics by loading ostablishments ir the oight major industrial divisions showed a decline at the beginning of Nay, when the trend was also downward in railway construction and maintenance. On the other hand, moderate improvement was indicatad in manufacturing as a whole, anc there was increased activity inmining, commuications, transportation, construotion and maintenance, hotels and rostaurants, wholesale trace and other industries.

The Bureau tabulatad data from 17,612 firms which omployed a working force of $1,848,688$ persons. This number was loss by 10,818 than the total reported by the same employers at the becinning of April; the loss of 0.6 per cont was contra-seasonal in charootor according to premar experience, although thore woro general reduotions at May 1 in mperal of the war years. Base on the 1926 average as 100, the indox foll from 180.7 at Apri1 1 to 179.1 at May 1, when it was the highost in the reoord for that dete. The previous maximum index for May 1 was 178.2 in 1944 and 1945, while the figure at May 1, 1946, was 169.3.

Aocompanying the indicated reoession in employment at May 1 from April 1 was a slight loss of 0.1 per oont in the $s$ us disbursod in wookly salaries and wages by the oomoperating establishments. Payrolls agerogated $\$ 66,379,999$ as compared with $\$ 66,444$ 606 in the preceding period of observation. The latost cotal roproconted an average of $\$ 35.91$ per person in recorded employment as comparod with $\$ 35.73$ at April 1 , and צ32.05 on May 1, 1946.

DROP IV NUMBER OF CLGIMS FOR UNEMPLOMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT

Fewer oladms for unemploymont insuranoe benefit wero filad in May at local offiees across Canada, the totel being 27.603 compered with 35,859 in April and 34.777 in May lost yoar, aooording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Between April and May there was a deorease in olaims filed in all provinoes, but the most substantial doorease -- accounting for 3,285 out of $a$ total of 8,256 - ocourred in the Province of Quebec.

Similarly, the number of live olaims showed a marked dec easo at May 31 as compered with April 30, As at the end of May, there wore 59.410 Ifve ordinary elaims as against 82,276 at April 30 and 98,810 at May 31, 1946. All provinoes shared in this deoline betwoen April and May. In addition, 3,264 other olaimants had live olaims, oompared with 3,794 at April 30. These were largely short-time olalmants.

During May, 83.982 benoficiarios ware paid a total of $\$ 3,072,952$ for $1,584.428$ componsated upemployed days, compared with 100,285 persons paid $\$ 3,780,749$ for 1,943, 793 days in April and 127,866 persons paid sums totalline $\$ 5,221,870$ for $2,719,294$ compensated days in May 1946.

The average duration of tho unemployment compansated durine May was 18.9 deys as against 19.4 days in April and 21.3 days in May 1946. The averago amount of benefit paid por benoficlary was $\$ 36.59$ in May, $\$ 37.70$ in April and $\$ 40.84$ in May of last year. The average amount of benofit paid per compensated day of unemployment was $\$ 1.94$ in May, $\$ 1.95$ in April and $\$ 1.92$ in May 1946.

## PRODUCTION OF IRON AND STEEL

Production of steol ingots and steal castings in llay was slx por oent lower than in the corresponding month lest year, aocording to figures released by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. The month's output was 244,076 not tons empared with 259,626. During the five months ended May, production rose slightly from 1,23f. 778 net tons a year ago to $1,244,984$.

Pig lron output showed a small ga in in the month with a total of 160,230 net tons compared with 159,101 in May last year. Cumulative total for the five months ondod May was 813,327 net tons compared with 746,133 in the like poriod of 1946 .

Output of farro-alloys in May amounted to 15,325 not tons compared with 13.015 in the proceding month and 14,069 in May, 1946. Total for the first five months of this year was 61,538 not tons compared with 57,307 in the same period of 1946.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM ET LOVER LEVEL IN APRIL

Output of orude petroleum and natural gasoline in April amounted to 602,129 barrels, praotioally the same as in March, but 42,305 barrels loss than in the corresponding month last year, acoordine to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Total for the four months ended April was 2,336,299 barrels, comparod with $2,598,590$ in the similar period of 1946.

IIlberta's output in April was reoorded at 523,960 barrols as against 601,955 in tho same month lest year, and a four month total of 2,134,154 barrols ompared with $2,500,172$. In the four months, wolls in Saskatohewan produced 81,357 barrels against 22,409, Northwest Territories 77,006 berrels against 28,263, Ontario 35,676 barrols against 39,086, and Now Brunswlck 8,106 barrels against 8,660.

OUTPUT OF REFINED PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS DURING APRIL
Canadian output of refined potroleum produots in April totalled 4,997. 762 barrels comparod with $4,764,491$ in the corrosponding month last year, acoording to figures releasod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Durine the four months ended April. $19,894,505$ barrels were produced compared with $18,213,494$ in the $s$ imilar period of 1946.

Refinerles used $5,226,422$ barrels of orude oil in hpril comparod with $5,035,957$ in April. 1946. Receipts durine the month totalled $5,956,156$ barrels, including $5,4: 8,053$ barrels of imported oil, 508,103 barrole from Canadian sources of supply. Inventories of crude at refineries at the end of the month amounted to $3,684,267$ barmels compared with $3,578,815$ barrels on the corresponding date of last year.

Consumption of iiquid petrolew: fuels in Canaca, as computod from shipments, imports, exports, and changes in marketing inventories, was as follows in April, all figures being in barrels of 35 Imporial gallons: naphtha spocialtios, 86,533; aviation gasoline, 48,414; motor gasoline, 2,413,316; tractor distillate, 64,631; kerosone and stove 011, 471,502: light fuel o11, 1,154,475; and heavy fuel oil, 1,407,897.

PRODUCTION OF COMMON
SALT IN APRIL
Production of common salt in April was recorded at 81,603 tons compared with 77.616 in the preceding month and 60,254 in the corresponding morth last year, according to figures released by the Daminion Bureau of Statistios. Output for the first four months of this yoar was 307,766 tons, compared with 235,664 in the 8 imilar period of 1946 .

SHIP:IENTS OF PRIMARY ASBESTOS IN iPRIL

Shipments of primary asbestos from Canadian mines wore furthor inoreased in April, the total being 60,517 tons oompared with 57,157 in the preceding month and 47,601 in the corresponding month last year, acoording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the four months ended April, 203,989 tons were shipped oompared with 150,032 in the similar period of 1946.

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PORTLUND CEMENT IN MPRIL
Shipments to oustomers by Canadian manufacturers of Portiand cement were increased in April, the month's total standing at 1,060,400 barrels ocmpared with 809,124 in March, and 1,002,065 in the same month of last year, the Daminion Bureau of Statistios renorts. During the four months ended April, $2,690,605$ barrels were shipped compared with 1,790,601 in the like period of 1946.

Aotral production during April totalled 933,215 barrels, compared with 883,133 In Warch and 849,934 a year ago. Four-month output was $3,395,310$ barrels compared with 2,941,647 in the like period of 1946. Stocks at plants and warehouses at the and of April were 1,162,696 barrels as againt 2,111,016 of yoarago.

## PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN APRIL

Production of natural gas in Canada during April amounted to 4, 406,115 thousand cubio foet oompared with 5,518,090 thousand in Maroh and $4,041,586$ thousend in April last yoar, aocording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the first four months of this year, 21,880,265 thousand cubic foet were produoed o ampred with $19,540,452$ thousand in the similar period of last year.

## CiNiL TRAFFIC HIGHER IN MAY

Froight traffic using Camdian and United States locks of the Sault Sto. Nar ie cannls was substantially increased in May, the total being 15,122,876 tons compared with 6,289,795 in the similar perlod last yoar, according to ficures released by the Daminion Bureau of Statistios. Downbound iron ore increasod from 3,831,137 to $10,823,144$ tons, and upbound bituminous ooal from 421,874 to $2,137,969$ tons. Wheat shipmonts deolined slightly, but othor grains increased.

Due ohiefly to hoavior shipments of coal down the canal, total traffic on the Wolland Ship Canal incroasod from 1,054,069 tons in May last year to 1,766,424 tons. Barley and wheat shipments inorea:cd by 47,145 and 34,126 tons, respectively, but oats docreased by 125,138 tons. Pulpwood deolined by 30,548 tons, bituminous coal inoreased by 621,522 tons, iron ore from nil to 131,296 tons, and sand, stone, eravel by 29.979 tons.

Total traffic using the St. Lawrence canals inoreased from 727,871 tons in May last yoar to $1,063,925$ tons. Wheat shipments increased by 45,213 tons, gasoline by 26,359 tons, oil by 26,657 tons, bituminous coal by 368 , 455 tons, and sand, stone and eravel by 21,098 tons. Shipments of oats declined by 112,790 tons, pulpwood b. 21,890 tons, and anthracitz coal by 20,417 tons.

## CAR LOADINGS ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Car londings on Canadian railways for the weok ended June 28 amounted to 79,066 oars comparod with 81,428 in the preoeding weok and 70,060 in the corresponding wook last yoar, acoording to figuros released by the Dominion Buronu of Statistics. This was tho fifth consecutive week of heavy loadings at a lovel nevor before reachod at this time of $y \in a r$.

Grain loadines increased from 5,767 cars in 1946 to 8,313 cars; coal from 4,844 to 5,110 ; ores and concontratos from 2,860 to 3,450 ; sand, stone and gravel, etc. from 1,167 to 4,805 ; pulpwood frum 4,378 to $f_{2}, 997$; lumbor from 3,756 to 4,764 ; gasoline and oils from 3,362 to 3,832 ; woodpulp and paper from 3,443 to 3,837 ; and 1.c.l. morchandise from 17,322 to 17,984 cars.

## OCCUPIED FARM LAND IN SASKATCHEWAN

Aroa of oocuplod farm land in Saskatchewan in 1946 was $59,393,974$ acres, showing a deorease of 0.9 por cont from 1941, but on increase of 4.4 por oent in the ton-yoar poriod since 1936, according to ficures released by the Dominion Buraau of Statistlos. Improved land totalled 35,596,046 acres, and unimproved, 23,797,928.

Area of improved lands showed a silcht increase of one-half of one per cent over 1941, but an increase of 5.8 per cent over 1936. The are under orops increased sinco 1941 by $2,606,353$ acres, or 13.2 per cent, and sinco 1936 , by 606,527 acres or 1.9 per oent.

Area of ocoupied melmproved land decreased 585,679 acies or 2.4 per cent, but incroased by 525,897 acres or 2.3 per cent since 1936.

## COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY

Manufaoturine plants in Canada engaged chiofly in makine industrial gases reportod production in 1945 at $\$ 8,429,524$, a decrease of six per cont from 1944, accordine to ficuros released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The ohief products were oxyeon, acetyleno and oarbon dioxide.

## REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE WEEK

1. Women's Factory Clothing Industry, 1945 ( 25 cents).
2. Petroloum and Natural Gas Production, hpril (10 cents).
3. Steol Ingots, May ( 10 cents).
4. Surmary of Canal Traffic, May ( 10 cents).
5. Excolsior, 1945 ( 10 cents).
6. Coffins and Caskets, 1945 (10 cents).
7. Flour And Foed Milling Industries, 1945 ( 25 conts).
8. Beeke epers' and Foultrymen's Supply Industry, 1945 (10 cents).
9. Indexes of Retail Sales, Viny ( 10 cents).
10. Sugar Report, May 24 to Juno 14 ( 10 oents).
11. Dairy Production, June (10 conts).
12. Stocks of Dairy and Poultry Products, July 1 (10 conts).
13. Condition of Field Crops at June 30 (10 cunts).

1f. Canadian Grain Statistios - Wookly (10 cents).
15. Lasts, Trees and Wooden Shoefindings, 1945 (10 cents).
16. Current Trends in Food Distribution, May (10 onts).
17. Wire and Wire Goods Industry, 1945 (25 cents).
18. Asbesto Mining Industry, 194.5 (25 oonts).
19. Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, May (10 cents).
20. Indexes of Wholesale Sales, May (10 conts).
21. Production of Iron and Steel, May ( 10 oents).
22. Employment Situation Togothor with Payrolls, May (10 conts).
23. Peat Industry, 1945 ( 25 cents).
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