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## VALUE OF EXTERNAL TRADE AT

PEACFTIME HIGH LEVEL IN NAY
For the first time in any peactime month, Canada's external trade passed the halfobillion dollar mark in May, when imports and exports aggregatod $\$ 511,500,000$, according to figures reloased by the Dominion Buroau of Statistios. Only on one previous oooasion -- May 1944, the month preoeding the invasion of Europe, when the total reachod $\$ 529,900,000$...was the value of trade at a higher level. Aggregate for May this year wes $\$ 92,500,000$ over that for April, and $\$ 148,500,000$ more than in May, 1946.

External trade for the five months ended May was vilued at $\$ 2,094,500,000$ as compared with $\{1,627,400,000$ in the similar period of 1946 , an increase of more than 28 per cont. The total allso excoeded that for the same period of $1945-\ldots \$ 2,073,300,-$ $000-$ and was only $40,300,000$ undor the aggregato for the first five months of 1944 , when a high rooord for the period was ostablished.

Reaohing the highest monthly total since tho und of tho war, merchandiso was oxported in May to tho value of $\$ 267,800,000$, comparod with $\$ 190,900,000$ in the proooding month and $\$ 197,000,000$ in tho oorrosponding month last yoar. Aggregate for the first five months of this yaar was $\$ 1,055,800,000$ compared with $8896,100,000$ in tho oorrosponding poriod of 1946 , an inorease of almost 18 por cent.

Valuo of oommoditios importod in May totallod $\$ 240,300,000$ oompared with $\$ 225,-$ 600,000 in April and $\$ 164,200,000$ in May, 1946. Cumulativo figuro for the five months of this year was $\$ 1,025,700,000$ as against $\$ 722,200,000$ in the similar period of 1946.

Foreign commoditios wero re-xported in May to the value of $\$ 3,400,000$ compared with $\$ 2,500,000$ in the preceding month and $\$ 1,900,000$ in the corrosponding month last year: aggregato for tho five months ondod May was $\$ 13,000,000$ compared with $\$ 9,100,000$ in the same period of 1946 .

## Merohandise Imports in May

Largest contribution to the increased valuo of imports in May was mado, as in previous months, by the iron and iron products group, which rose from $841,700,000$ in May 1946 to $\$ 68,700,000$. Ageregato for the five months ended May was $\$ 293,844,000$ comparod with $\$ 169,381,000$ in the similar period of 1940. Gains were widely distributod throughout tho group during May, with rolling mill products, farm machinery, housohold machinory, businoss and printing machinory, othor non-form mohinery, automobilos and parts, engines and boilors and cooking and hoating apparatus, providing the principal inareasos.

The fibres, toxtiles and toxile products group showod the noxt largest gain in tho month with a total value of $\$ 40,400,000$ compared with $\% 20,400,000$ in May, 1946 . During the five months ondod May, this group total has about doublod, increasing from $\$ 98,000,000$ in 1946 to $\$ 183,700,000$. Large gains wora registored in May in the imports of cotton and cotton products, wool and wool products, artifioial silk and products, and miscollanoous textilos.

Due in the main to sharply higher imports of 00 al and orude potroleum and petroleum products, tho non-motallio mincrels group roso fram ${ }^{*} 24,464,000$ in May last yoar to $\$ 38,790,000$. In tha fivo months ondod May, tho group tot. I was $\$ 152,571,000$ oomparod with $\$ 113,547,000$. Goneral advences in the non-forrous metals group brought its total for May to $\$ 15,418,000$ as against $39,789,000$ a year ago, and in the fivo months to $63,493,000$ as a gainst $41,199,000$.

The month's gain in the agricultural and vegetable products group was of more modor to proportions, totalling $\$ 34,631,000$ compared with $\$ 30,617,000$ a yoar ago. In the five-month period the group total wes $\$ 143,417,000$ oompared with $\$ 125,460,000$ a year ago. Inoreases were almost general among tho commoditios, exceptions being fruits, nuts, ooffee and ohicory and vegetable oils. Most substantial advances wore for sugar and products, cocoa and chocolate, tea, and rubber and rubber products.

Imports of animals and animal products in May were valued at $\$ 6,821,000$ compared with $\$ 5,253,000$ a yoar ago; wood, wood products and paper, $8,169,000$ compared with $\$ 5,667,000$; chemicals and allied products, $\$ 11,757,000$ comyred with $\$ 8,805,000$; and miscollaneous commoditios, $12,635,000$ oompared with $\$ 17,582,000$.

Imports from the United States in May were valued at $184,708,000$ as compared with $\$ 113,420,000$ in the corresponding month last year, bringing the five-month aggregate to $\$ 807,707,000$ as against $3511,162,000$ in 1946. Goods recoived from the Unitod Kingdom in May wore valued at $\$ 15,170,000$ comnared with $\$ 18,780,000$ a year ago, and in the five months, $066,518,000$ compared with $\$ 87,500,000$. Imports from the United Kingdom last year, however, inoluded returned military equipment vilued at approximately $\$ 8,000,000$ for May and $\$ 37,700,000$ for the five months, while such imports havo dwindlod to low figures this yoar.

Purchases from Latin American oountries in May were valuod at $\$ 12,518,000$, down from May last year when the total was $\$ 14,901,000$; but in the five months the ageregate was $\$ 55,796,000$ as against $\$ 50,712,000$ in the 1 ko pe: lod of 1946 .

Imports in May from leading countries were as follows, totals for May last year boing in brackets: Barbados, \$3,307,000 (\$402,000); British Malaya, $\$ 8,020,000$ (nil): Trinidad and Tobago, $\$ 1,709,000(\$ 132,000)$; British Guiana, \$1,030,000 ( $\$ 307,000$ ): Gold Coost, $\$ 1,967,000(\$ 561,000)$; India, $\$ 2,747,000(\$ 2,436,000)$; Ceylon, $\$ 1,525,000(\$ 433,000)$; Australia, $\$ 1,935,000(\$ 1,628,000)$. Now Zoaland, $\$ 1,714,000$ $(\$ 1,178,000)$; France: $\$ 1,021,000(\$ 275,000)$; Switzeriand, $\$ 1,180,000(\$ 660,000)$.

## ACREAGES SEADED TO FIELD CROPS

Farmers in the Prairio Provinces have soeded 22,992,000 acres to wheat this year as oomparod with $23,354,000$ acres in 1946, according to figures roleased by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. This represents a decline of two per cent from last your with the greater part of the reduction being accounted for in the Province of Alborta.

Area seoded to oats in the Prairte Provinces is estimatod at 7,898,000 acres, a decreaso of seven per cent from the 1946 figure. In contrast to the doclines in acroagos of whoat and oats, the area seoded to barloy has stown a marked increase, the a.creage of this crop being estimated at 7,035,000 acres, some 21 por cent greater than last yoar. Only in one previous year, 1943, has westurn Canada's barley acreago excoudod 7,000,000 acres. In that year, 7,898,000 acrus were sown to barley in the Prairios.

The acreage devoted to flaxseed has also increased substantially this year, the estinated figure being 1,414,000 acres, an increase of 72 per cent above last year's soedings. Both fall and spring ryo acreages are approciably above last yoar's lovels with the formor showing an increaso of 82 per cont and the latter 39 por cent. Summerfallow acroages for the Prairies, estimated at 19,440,000 acres, had dropped five por cont from the figure indicated by the 1946 consus.
$\frac{\text { STOCIS OF CREAMERY BUTTER }}{\text { IN NINE PRINCIPAL CITIES }}$
Stocks of craamery butter in ning of the princint cities of Caneds on July 18 totalled $33,936,503$ pounds compared with 30,$026 ; 699$ on July 11, acoording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Holdings were as follows by citios, with totals for July 11. $\because$ in br okets: Quebec, $3,081,779(2,679,358)$ pounds; Montroal, 14. 714, 699 (13,080,098); Toronto, 3,571,51? (3,557,829); Winnipog, 5, 365, 432 (4,782,627): Regina, 435,060 (392,194); Saskatoon, 245,953 (284,169); Edmonton, 1,408,913 (1,162,022); Calgary, 1,794,092 (1,061,660); Vancouver, 3,319,059 (3,026,742).

With adoquate moisturo and wermer weather the outlook for most crops in the Maritimos is very promising, acoording to the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Haying is undorway and yields genera'ly are good. Early-sown grains are hoading out and notato ficlds in commerolal aroas aro in bloom. Root crops are also developing well.

Accordine to reports from Quobec, noarly 40 per cent of tho hay crop has beon hervated. On the whole, the yiuld is fairly satisfectory. With a few exceptions the growth of grain has been vory rapid durins the pest two woks and it is anticipated that tho ceroal orop will be better than Garlier forecasts indicated. Pasture growth is abundant. Vogutablus are making eood progress and fruits aro sizing well. A splondin orop of strawberrios has been picked, although exoossive moisture caused some softening of tho fruit.

In Ontario, rain during the past wook has ravived pasturos but has retarted haying oporations and in some casos has caused spoiling. Gonerally speaking, yiolds aro only fair. In some aroas the foll what harvest is getting underway with good yiolds indioated. Early oats and barley have hoaded. Lato crops, including tobacco, havo bonafitod from recent rains and are making good growth. Spring grain prospects in eestorn ontario are very poor. Farm labour continues scarce.

Tho ovarall orop outiook in the Prairic Provincos has doteriorated somewhat during the past woak. Whilo conditions throughout Manitoba and the northern and north-contial portion of Albarta have boon woll maintained, the high tomperaturos and dy woathor of the last two wooks have oonsid rably cxtondod the mergins of the soriously moisture doficiont arees in Saskatchowan and in southeeastorn and astcentral Alburta. Timoly rains could, however, matorially alloviato the situation in many of tho dry sections where detcrioration has not prococied too far.

Gonurally satisfactory crop oonditions have beon maintained in Manitoba with most grains now hoadod. Coolur woather has rellavad the moisture situation but rains would be weloome over all the province to promote filling. An occasional field of fall ryo will bo harvested in tho south before the end of the month and excellent progress is boing made with the henvy hay crop. Corn, potatoes and other row orops arc in good condition. Damage to the crops from hail and insects thas been very light to date.

Continued high temperatures with dry weather have causod oonelcorable deterioration of orops in Saskatchewan. The sevore drought area in the northern distreits now extunds well into the north half of west-central Saskatchowen. With 75 to 80 per oent of tho whoat in hoad good prospocts aro maintaind in south-osstern, cast-contral and in the southorn part of south-central districts. Favourable conditions are also roportod for the aren east of Last Mountain Lake and in the Sceptre area. Elsewhere conditions aro now cnly fair to poor.

Crop conditions in Alborta aro somewhat loss favourablo than a wook ago. Contin. ued hot, dry woathor over most of the province has caused further datorioration of the orops in tho southonstarn and gastmontral distriots. Whilo moisturo supplies in the contral districts are being rapidly depleted. Showers and good rains, particularly in the north-western district, have maintained moisture supplios across tho northern growine aroas, and crop auditions in the Peace Rivor district are much improved. Thoat averages about 75 por cent in head, whilo coarse grains aro about 45 per oont headod. Haying is coneral with fair yiolds reportod. No significant inseot infastation has boen roportod but hail storms in the north-east and tho extroine south-west oausud somo dampe anoring the weok.

Moisture supplios are cencrally satisfactory throughout British Columbia. Haying is noarly oomplotod and harvestinc of fall erains has commencod. Spring Erains are headed out and in southern districts are changing colour. Socond out alfelfa is developing rapidly. Apricots are moving to market in volune, but raspberries are past

## Shipuaies or isbestos in may

Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines in May totalled 60,036 tons, compared with 60,517 in the preooding month, and 52,833 tons in May 1946, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. During the five months anded May, 263. 975 tons were shipped, compared with 200. 865 in the similar period of 1946 .

Stocks of Canadian what in store or in transit in North America at midnight on July 17 totallod 59,388,279 bushols ompared with $64,362,291$ on July 10, and 41,02.,011 on the correspondine dote last year, cocording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Total for tho latest date comprisod 59,291,279 bushels in Canedian positions and 97,000 bushels in United States positions.

Deliverios of wheat from farms in the Prairio Provincos during the wook end ing July 17 totallod $2,578,592$ bushels compared with $3,393,526$ in the preoeding weok. Diring the elapsed portion of the prosunt crop year, $325,667,948$ bushels of whoat wore marketod as compared with 231,242,793 in the corrosponding period of 1945-46.

The following quantitios op oonrso grains also woro dolivorod from fams in tho Prairio Provincos during tho wook onding July 17, totals for the procoding wook bcing in brackots: oats, $1,140,90$ ( $1,244,032$ ) bushols; barley, 655,238 ( 653,417 ); ryo, $939(5,965)$; flaxsood, 876 (533).

INVENTORIES AND SHIPNENTS BY MaHUF CTURING INDUSTRIES IN APRIL

Valuo of manufacturing inventories hold by firms roporting to tho Dominlon Buroau of Statistios incroasod by almost four por cont during April, bringing tho gain for the two months, March and April, to 7.8 per oont, end tho riso sinco the boginning of the yoar to obout 11 por oont. Higher prices only partially explain this gain, for the eeneral indox of wholosalo prices has risen just less then 10 per cont in tho firs four months of this year.

Tho value of manufacturing shipmonts also showed a furthor advance in April dospito tho shortor working month; the incroase over March was 3.3 por cont. Ono of tho sharpost ealns was in the ootton yarn and cloth industry whore shipmonts in April woro ovor 38 por cont highor than thoir avorago lovol for the first quartor of tho yuar.

Invontories of finishod products havo shown a largor gain (lis. 8 per oont), in the Larohapril period than inventorios of ofthor raw matorials ( 6 . por cont), or goods in proooss ( 4.3 por cont). In some industrios this may refloct a normal soasonal accumulation of stocks, as sooms to be tho caso in tho agricultural imploments industry whoro inventorios of finishod products have inoroasod by about 37 por cont during tho last two months.

On the other hand, soasonal doclines havo boon oocurring in other industrios. for oxamplo, invontorios in tho non-metallie industry doclinod 14 por ount during March and April.

Inoreasos in inventorios durine tho past two months havo boon widely distributed, No loss than 16 out of tho 45 industries tabulatod havo shown geins ranging from s $1 x$ to 12 por cont and in four industrios tho increaso has boen moro than 20 por cont. On tho othor hand, 10 industries havo roportod somo docreas in their stocks during this puriod. The largust gains have boon shown b- the miscellaneous foods and the biscuits. oonfoctionery and chocolate industries; both roported an inoreaso of about 34 par cont in their inventories batwoen tho ond of Fobrunry and the ond of April.

PRODUCTION AND SHIFMENT
OF COINON SILT IN MHY
Produotion of cormon salt in a nuda in May totallod 77,308 tons comparod with 81,003 in the procoding month and 60,118 in the corresponding month last yoar, according to figures roloasod by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. During the first five months of this yoar, 385,074 tons were producod comparod with 295,782 in the similar period of 1946 .

Shipmonts of commeroial grades in May totallod 38,271 tons comparod with 43,919 in April and 31,341 a year ago. Deliverios for chemical purposes in the month amounted to 38,938 tons oompared with $35,7 \leq 1$ in April, and 31,599 last year. Imports of salt in May amountod to 12,521 tons, and exports, 974 tons.

## DEPARTIENT STORE SALES IN JUNE

Dopartmont store salos were 15 por cont higher in Juno this yoar than in the corresponding month last year, but doolined 11 per contin Hay, according to figures roleasod by the Dominion Buroau of Statistios. The inorease over Juno 1946 was similar to the average gain for earlier months of the yoar, sales for the first half of 1947 standing 15 por cent abovo those for the same period of 1946 . Unadjustod inderes of sales, on tho base, $1935-1939=100$, stood at 220.7 for Juno this yoar, 191.9 for June 1946, and 248,0 for May, 1947.

Tho pattern of the regional increases for June oorresponds closely with that for the January to June period. Sales gain in tho Naritimes was 10 per cunt, in Quebec 17 por cont. Ontario 16 por cent, Prairio Provincos 14 per oont, and British Columbia 17 por cont.
is number of the individual dopartments showed inoreases for juno which excooded 20 per cunt. Sales of household appliance departments gained 38 per cent over last year, this porcentage advance exceoding those for other departments. Among other prominont inoreasos wero those for mon's woar, food, furniture, home furnishings, and radio and musio departments.

HIGHWM TRiFFIC AT CAN/aDIAN
BORDER POINTS IN JNNE
Volume of intornational automobilo traffic through Canadian border ports was sharply highor in June, new records for the month boing established in foreign tourlst car ont: !es, cis well as in short-torm traffic, acoording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Total for all bordor crossings was nearly 862,400 compared with 773,400 in June, 1946. Among the foreign inflow, there were 203,916 tourist permit cars, 431,926 short-term visits and 17,477 United States commercial vohioles. The Canadien homoward traffics nomorised 18,528 cars that had remained abroad over 24 hours, nearly 175,000 on briof stays and 15,684 Canadian oommeroial vohicios.

In oomparison with Jume last year, the important tourist car ontrios advanced ovor 11 por cont from 183,362 to 203,192 to rocord a new $h i_{i} h$ for tho month, while the non - permit Amorican motor traffic roso from 394,558 to 431,926 , up 9.5 por cont. Unitod States oommorcial vinicles continue to transport goods to and throuch Canada in increasin volume, the total for tho month ageregating 17,477 compared with 17,301 in June, 1946.

Canudian automobiles returning after stays of over 24 hours were 18,528, up over 16 por cont from June last year, while the short-term traffic was considerably heavier with 174,863 suoh returns rogistered afainst 149,138 in Juno last, an increase of over 17 per oont. Canadian commercial vehicles at 15,684 rosc over 2,600 or 20 per out in the samo comparison.

Encouracing cains in tourist oar ontries over June last soason wore reoorded for all provinces oxoopt Saskatchewan, with notable improvements shown in the counts for the Maritimes, Quobec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Short-torm Amerioan visits woro also mors numerous for Now Brunswick, Ontario, Alberto and British Columbin, while the other provinces rofisterod doolines.

## PRODUCTION OF WIRE NAILS IN MAY

Roaching the hichest monthly point sc far this year, projuction of wire nails of iron and steel in May totallod 6,669 tons, compared with 6,609 in the prececing month, a coordine to figuros roluased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The month's total, howover, was under that for May last year whon 6,730 tons wore produced. Durin the first five months of this year, 32,135 tons wero turnod out compared with 30,545 in tho like neriod of 1946.

PRODUTION OF DOAESTIC-TYPE

## ELECTRIC REFRIGERnTORS IN MAY

Production of domestic-type olectrio refrigerators in May totalled 7,550 units, down somewhat from April when 8,531 wore produced, but still well inadvanoe of the May 1946 total of 5,523 units, acoording to fieures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Durine tho first fivo menths of this yoar, 40,829 units were produced. comparod with 20,690 in the similar poriod of 1946 .

## OUTPUT OF STEEL \%IRE IN MAY

Output of stoel wire by Canadian producers in May amountod to 27,602 tens, comparod with 24,282 in tho corresponding month last yoar, accordine to fisures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Durine the first five months of this yoar, 135,526 tons wore producod, compared with 115,680 in tho similar poriod of 1946 . This yoar's May total incluced 20,661 tons of plain wire, 5,677 tons of galvanized wiro, and 903 tons of barbed wire.

## SHIPMENTS AND PRODUCTION OF PORTLAND CEMENT IN MAY

Shipmonts to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cemont totalled 1,290,762 barrels in May, campared with 1,060,400 in April, and 1,532,854 in the oorrosponding month last year, acoording to flgures releasod by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. During the first five months of this yoar, shipments aegregated 3,981, 367 barrels, compared with $3,722,009$ in the like period of 19.6.

Aotual production in May amounted to 950,086 berrels, compared with 857.189 in May last yoar, bringine the five-month total to $4,345,396$ barrels compared with $3,798,836$ in the same period of 1946. Stocks at plants and warehouses at the end of May wero 818,887 barrels oompared with $1,432,230$ a year a

## PRODUCTION OF COPFER AND NICKEL

Produotion of now copper in all forms moved hichor in May, the total bolng $40,863,493$ pounds, compared with 40,483,584 in April, and $30,993,228$ in the correspondine month last yoar, acoordine to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Output for the five months onding May acerocated 181,334,937 pounds, compared with 154,943,655 in the similar period of 1946 .

Produotion of niokel in all forms in May was reoorded at $19,969,954$ pounds comparod with $20,043,186$ in the preceding month and $14,733,775$ in May, 1946; in the five-month period, $96,433,449$ pcunds wero produced, oompared with $75,163,735$ in the liko porlod of 1946.

Exports of oopper in ore, concentrates and matte in May amounted to $4,288,900$ pounds, and in ingots, bars, slabs and billets, $21,178,400$ pounds. Exports of all forms of niokel in May totallod $27,754,100$ pounds, comparod with $16,333,500$ in the proooding month.

OUTPUT OF CONCRETE BUILDING MiTERInLS IN MAY

Output of conorote building bricks showed a substantial increase in May, the total being 1,118,068 as compared with 749,693 in the corrosponding month last yoar. acoording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Production of oonoreto blocks rose from 1,882,833 pioces a year ago to 1,938,920, and coment drain pipo, sewor pipe, waterpipe and oulvert tile from 7,405 to 10,433 tons.

## PRODUCTION AND SALE OF <br> RIG ID INSUL:TING BOARD

Production of rigid insulatine board showed a further increase in June, the total beine $17,198,099$ square feot compared with $12,122,304$ in the corresponding month lat yoar, according to figures releasod by the Dominion Bureeu of Statistics. Durine the first six months of this year, output agerogated $95,696,828$ square foet, compared with $73,282,362$ in the similar period of 1946 .

Domertio sales wero also inoreased in June, the month's total amounting to $12,-$ 471,786 square feot compared with $10,735,059$ in the same month last year. In the six-month period, $72,638,318$ squaro feot were sold, compared with $63,576,730$ in the like period of 1946 .

## REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR <br> VEHICLES HIGHER IN 1946

Rugistrations of motor vehicles in Canada curing 1946 showed an inorease of almost eight por cent over 1945, with all provinoes sharing in the advance, aocore ing to ficures roloased by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics. Number of whioles rogistered durin the yoar was $1,622,463$ compared with $1,497,081$ in the procedinc year.. Drivers' lioonoes issuod during the yoar totalled $1,863,324$ as against $1,675,887$ in 1945 , and ohalffours' licenoes, 627,100 compared with $509,537$.

Inoreasos wore recorded in the ragistrations of all typos of motor vehicles, with the exception of busse, which were reduced from 5,988 to 5,788 . Passenger oar registrations inoroased from 1,15x,125 in 1945 to $1,221,924$, taxis from 5,933 to 12,082 , truoks from 315,606 to 355,095 , motor cyolos from 14,194 to 17,163 , and traotors from 447 to 7,216.

Registrations of all types of motor vehicles were as follows by provinoes, totals for 1945 being in brackets: Prince Edward Island, $9,192(8,835)$; Nova Scotia, 62, 660 $(56,699)$ ) Now Brunswiok, 44,654 (41,577); Quebeo, 255,172 (228,681); Ontar10, 711, 106 $(662,719)$; Manitoba, $101,090(92,758)$; Saskatchewan, 148,206 (140,237); Alberta, 188,868 ( 130,153 ); British Columbia, 150,234 (134,788); Yukon, 1,281 (614).

## PRODUCTION OF LEATHER FOOTVEAR IN MAY

Froduction of leather footwear in May amounted to 3,276, 768 pairs, compared With 3,404,750 in the preceding month and $4,103,104$ in the corresponding month last year, acoordine to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios.. Durine the five months onded May, 16,569,304 pairs were produced, oompared with 18,898,064 in the similar period of 1946. Of the May output, 582,731 pairs were soled with materials othor than loather.

## MOTOR CARRIERS IN 1945

Rovenues of motor cerriers rose in 1945 to $\$ 88,157,490$ as compared with $\$ 81,707,-$ 604 in the precoding year, accordinc to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Largo freight carriors incrabed their revenues fram $\$ 41,605,196$ in 1944 to $842,902,292$ in 1945, or by 3.1 per cent, but those of small freight carriers fell from $8,058,116$ to $4,608,675$, or by 8,9 per cent.

Passencer motor carrier revenues increased from $\$ 35,0 \leqslant 292$ in 1944 to $\$ 40,645,-$ 523, or by 16 per oent. The busos operated by these carriers inoreased from 3,055 to 3,239, but because the inereases were practioally all in the lereer capacity buses, the total soating capacity was inoreased about 12 per oent.

Rowonuos of city systems increased from $11,059,803$ in 1944 to $12,003,125$, or by 8.5 per cont. The oity passongers carried by these systoms inoreasod from 134, 409,818 to $140,922,497$, or by 4.8 por cent, and the intorurban passengers carried increasod from $10,700,185$ to $12,025,495$, or by 12.4 per ount.

## CIVIL SVIATION IN MARCH

Rovonue passongers carried by alvil airoraft in March totalled 65,474, an inoroaso of 14 pur cont ovor the oorrosponding month last year, accordine to figuros roleasod by tho Dominion Burosu of Statistics. Passenger rovenues of Canadian carriers carriod from $\$ 833,130$ to $\$ 871,450$ for scheduled flichts and from $\$ 171,998$ to $\$ 385,824$ for charter and oontract servioe. Mail revenues doolined from $\$ 512,674$ to $\$ 446,477$, frol tht rovenues from $\$ 100,807$ to $\$ 100,297$, and total revenues increased from $\$ 1,686,581$ to $\$ 1,997,575$. Total onerating expenses inoreased from $\$ 1,647,990$ t:o $\$ 2,392,008$, thus roducing the net operating revenues from $\$ 58,501$ to a debit of \$394, 473.

Gross revenues of uxpress companies roached a now high reoord in 1946 at 439 260,553, comparing with $337,171,862$ in 1945, and more than double the 1939 total of , 19, 410, 091, according to fieures roleased by the Dminlon Bureau of Statistics. Operating expenses and express privilages -- payments to tho railways -- inoreased at a rroater rute, reducing tho net opotating income to $a$ dobit of $\mathbf{~} 251,292$ as against a crodit of 419,876 in 1945.

The number of employees incrensed from 7,160 in $194 ;$ to 7,430 , or by 3.8 per cont, and the to al pay roll exalusivo of $\hat{1} 1,956,127$ paic as oommissions to persons othor than employees, increased from $\$ 13,945,167$ to $316,060,439$ or by 15.2 per cent.

The value of money orders issuod showed an increase of 18.9 per cent durine the year, amounting to $\widehat{1} 70,324,298$, travellers' cheques increasing from $\$ 2,228,722$ in 1945 to $\$ 4,245,528$.

CAR LOAD INGS ON CANADIAN EAILMMS
Car loadings on Canadian railways for the weck endod July 12 amounted to 78,231 cars as compare? with 68,770 for the precedine week, which contained the Domlcion Day holiday, and 70,103 cars for the corrosponding week last year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Stetistios.

Loadings in the oastern livision increased from 49,125 cars in 1945 to 54.730 cars, Erain increasing from 1,643 to 2,607 cars, coal from 2,888 to 3,486 oars, and sand, stone, cravel, eto from 3.289 to 3,855 cars, pulpwood from 4,635 to 5.476 cars, gasoline and oils from 2,365 to 3,047 oars, and l.c.1. merohandise from 12,626 to 12,999 oars. In tho mestorn division, total loadinge inoreased from 20,978 to 23,501 cars, the increase in grain accounting for 1,047. cars.

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