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Foreign trade of Canada reachod record proportions durins the first nine months of this year, being valued at $\$ 3,927,500,000$ compared with $\$ 3,043,900,000$ in the same period of 1946 , an increase of 29 per cent, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The previous high for the ninemonth period was registered in 1944 at $\$ 3,907,000,000$. In September the trade was valued at $\$ 429,700,000$ practically the same as in August, but 31 per cent higher than in Septamber last year whin the total was $\$ 328,000,000$.

Domestic exports in the first nime months were valued at $32,074,900,000$ compared with $\$ 1,663,900,000$ in the similar period of 1946 , an incresse of 20.5 per cent. In Soptember, there was a further slight recession from the record levels of May and June, but the month's total was substantially higher then in September last year. Exports in the month were valued at $\$ 218,600,000$ compared with $\$ 221,300,000$ in August and \%169,800,000 in September last year.

Commodities were imported to the value of $\$ 1,892,600,000$ during the first nine months of this year compared with $\$ 1,360,800,000$ in the same period of 1946, a gain of 39 per cent. In September, the value was $\$ 208,100,000$, slightly higher than in August when the total was $\$ 204,600,000$, but one-third higher than last year's September figure of $\$ 156,100,000$.

Foreign commodities were re-exported to the value of $326,400,000$ in the nine months of this year, compared with $\$ 19,200,000$ in the liko period of 1946 . In September, the valuevas $\$ 3,072,000$ compared with $\$ 3,500,000$ in August and $\$ 2,100,000$ a year ago.

In the nine months, the belanoe of merchandise trade with all countries was favourable to Canada to the oxtent of $\$ 135,000,000$ compared with $3322,300,000$ in the seme period of 1946 , and the pre-war five-year average of $3132,200,000$. Net exports of non-monetary gold -- additional to the balance of trade -- amounted in the nine months to $\$ 71,900,000$ ompared with $\$ 74,600,000$ in 1946, and the pre-war five-year average of \$80,700,000.

## Merohandise Imports

All main groups of imports, with the single exception of miscellaneous commodities, were higher in the first nine months of this year than last, largest absolute gains being shown by the iron and fibres and textile groups. The iron and products group rose from $\$ 340,300,000$ to $\$ 564,000,700$, and fibres and textiles from $\$ 177,500,000$ to 4298, 200,000 . The non-metalic minerals group showed the hext largest increafe, rising from $\$ 232,100,000$ to $\$ 322,000,000$ followed by none-ferrous metals from $\$ 82,500,000$ to $\$ 120,100,000$, agricultural and vegetable products from $4221,200,000$ to $\$ 251,400,000$, animals and animal products from $\$ 46,000,000$ to $\$ 65,700,000$, and chemicals and allied products from $68,300,720$ to $\$ 84,900,000$. The drop in the miscellaneous soction from $\$ 143,026,000$ to $\$ 122,024,0 \%$, was due almost entiroly to tho docine in the return of Canadian goods.

Among the individual comodities, imports of sugar and its products rose in the nine months from $\$ 29,703,020$ to $38,249,200$, rubber and products from $412,596,000$ to S22,106,000, cotton and cotton products from $\$ 77,286,000$ to $\$ 140,503,002$, wool and wool products from $344,399,000$ to $\$ 63,229,000$, artificial silk and products from $214,996,900$ to $\$ 27,214,200$, rolling mill products from $\$ 37,222,000$ to $356,562,000$, farm impelements and machinery from $\$ 47,766,000$ to $\$ 79,908,000$, household, mining, metallurgical, business and other non-farm machinery from $\$ 91,774,000$ to $151,032,000$, automobiles from $, 18,451,-$ 000 to $355,228,000$, automobile parts from $\$ 47,938,000$ to $\$ 71,240,000$, electrical apparetus from $333,625,020$ to $31,254,000$, coal from $32,325, n 0$ to $398,044,000$, crude petroleum from $62,369,000$ to $\$ 91,758,000$, and petroleum products from $23,858,000$ to $354,475,000$.

Imports from the United States during the nine months ending September wero valued at $31,168,198,000$ compared with $\$ 969,733,000$ in the similar period of 1946 and in September, $\$ 163,026,000$ compared with $i 115,766,000$ a year ago. After deducting the valuo of Canadian goods returned (mainly military equipment), imports from the United 4ngrom during the nine-month period were valued at $\$ 132,243,000$ oompared with $\$ 99,516,-$ 000, and in September. $215,515,0,10$ compared with $\$ 11,438,000$.

Imports from Latin American countries were increased during the nine months, being valued at $\$ 112,116,000$ orpared with $32,529,000$ a year ago. Largest gains were shown by Argentina, Cuba, Guatemala and Venezuela, while declines were shown for Bolivia, Colombia and Mexico. Imports from India rose from $\$ 21,919,000$ to $\$ 28,805,000$, Br itish Malaya from $\$ 2,234,000$ to $12,713,000$, Now Zealand from $3,543,000$ to 39,359,050. Total from Australia fell from $\$ 14,642,030$ to $\$ 11,229,000$.

## COST-OF-LIVING INDEX UP 2.8 POINTS IN OCTOBER

The Dominion Bureau of Statistios cost-of-living index, on the base 1935-39.1 100 , rose a further 2.8 points to 142.2 between September 2 and October 1. 1947. The increase continued to refleot price advances assooiated with the removal of subsidy payments and price control. The rise in the index sinoe October last year was 15.4 points, and since April this year. 11.6 points. When adjusted to the base, August 1939=100, the Dominion cost-of-11षing index moved up to 141.1 on October 1 from 138.3 on September 2.

Foods, as a group, accounted for two-thirds of the over-all change, the index for this series rising 6.0 points to 171.3 , supportod by increases for bread, flour, butter, bacon, fresh pork, and a long list of minor advances in food prices. Meats were twioe their pre-war prices.

Homefurnishings and services rose 2.5 points to 149.9 , reflecting higher laundry rates coupled with further upturns in prices for furniture, floor coverings, sheets and towels. The furniture sub-group wa 172.2 , furnishings and textiles at 168.5, hardware at 164.7, and dishes and glassware at $17 \mathrm{C}_{3} 3$. An advance of 2.2 points to 154.2 in the olothing index was due to inoreases scattered throughout the entire list of items. The mon's wear sub-group stood at 169.9 .

The rental index moved up 2.1 points to 119.9 . This increase in rentals was based upon a special one per oent sample survey, undertaken in October, which corroborated previously reported somple surveys (October, 1946, and June, 1947) and supplemented the information oustomarily supplied by real estate agents.

Higher prices for coal and coke, concentrated mainly in the Maritimes and Ontario, moved the fuel and 11 ght index up 0.8 to 121.3 , while the miscellaneous index series advanced 0.1 to 117.6 under the impetus of higher costs for medicines, personal oare and magezines, which overbalanced a reduction in the price of automobile tires.

Dominion Cost-of-Living Indexes (1935-39-100)


Produotion of Portiand cement reached a high point in August, amounting to $1,136,877$ barrels compared with $1,071,062$ in the preoeding month and $1,040,279$ in the ourrespond ing month lact year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the eight months ending August , 7,620,988 barrels were produced compared with 6,949,154 in the similar period of 1946. Stocks in plants and warehouses at the end of August totalled 388,622 barrels compared with 539,424 a year ago.

## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Nothing of significance has happended durinc recent weeks to change the prospects - a general world need for more wheat. In the September 1947 refur of the food und Areiculture Organization of the United Nations it was estinated that requirements for grain imports for deficit countries in 1947-48 will total approximately 38 milian

- metric tons. Last year the stated requirements were $37 \frac{1}{2}$ million tons and approximately 28竞 million tons were received by importing countries. It was estimated by FAO at the end of September that 29 million tons might be available for export in 1947-48 from grain exporting countries.

The rejort of the FAO conference amphasized that unless special efforts are made in both exporting and importing countries to mobilize more foog and reduoe this wide gap the calorie intake in deficit countries must inevitably fall to still more unsatisfactory levels and stressed the noessity of using every availablo devioe to save prain for human consumption.

The United States this year harvested the largest wheat crop on record and it is expected that the major part of world wheat shipments will oome from this country during the present orop year. One deterrent to high whoat exports from the United States this year is the very unsatisfactory corn harvest which may rosult in a greater quantity of wheat being utilized for domestic feeding purcoses. Ancther factor which may adversely affect American exports this year is the prevailing dry weather in the wastern states which may lead to a larger than nomal carry-over to sareguard supplies for next year.

A slight improvement in crop conditions has ocurred in the Argertine during the Inst month, but this country will not have a vory large surplus for export during 1948. Prosrects for the wheat crop in Australia improved greatly during the past month and the latest forecast is for a total yield of not less than 215 milion bushels which will onsure an exportable surflus considerably in excess of that of last year.

No change in the Canadian situation accurred during the last month. It is still ostimated that around 200 million bushals of wheat and wheat in terms flour will be aveilable for export during the present crop year. This ficure, however, may have to be revised in the light of conditions which have prevailed since the last or estimate was issued early in sertember.

STONKS AND MARKETINGS OF THEAT AND COARSE GRAINS

Stocks of Canadian wheat in stare or in transit in North America were further increased during the weak anding 0 otober 23 , the total standing at $144,204,477$ bushels compared with $136,823,520$ on October 16 and $137,384,374$ on the corresponding date last year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Visible on the latest date comprised $143,947,477$ bushels in Canadian positions and 257,000 bushels in United States positions.

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces were heavier during the week ending October 23, totalling $13,244,122$ bushels compared with $11,999,317$ in the preceding week. During the period August 1 to Octobor $23,147,472,139$ bushels were marketed compared with 153,711,733 in the similar period of last year.

The following quantities of coarse grains were also delivered from ferms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending October 23, tctals for the preceding week boing in brackets: oats, $5,210,782(4,217,155)$ bushels; barley, $3,669,975(3,113,256)$; rye, $457,745(346,107)$; flaxseed, 1,444,776 (1,647,208) bushels.

## STOCKS OF INGOT-MAKERS' SCRAP METAL

Stooks of ingot makers' non-ferrous scrap metal were reduced during September, stooks at the end of the month amounting to $2,345,226$ pounds compared with $2,68,637$ at the beginning, of the periad, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. End-of-tho-month stocks of secondary non-ferrous ingot were al so lower, totalling 2,463,557 pounds compared with $2,991,864$.

## STOCKS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE

Stocks of creamery butter in nine of the principal cities of Canada on November 1 nmounted to $48,491,919$ pounds compared with $49,633,204$ on October 1 and $41,547,100$ on November 1 last year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of statistics. Holdinfs of cheese were $26,739,357$ pounds compared with $30,269,168$ on Ootcber 1 , and

- 19,954,961 a year ago.

Creamery butter stocks on Novamber 1 were as follows by cities, totals for November 1 last year being in brackets: Quebec, $4,325,625(4,537,288)$ pounds; Montreal, 19,157,346 (18,889,387); Toronto, $4,566,452(4,682,551)$; Winnipeg, 8,660,897 (6,829,265); Regina, 667,972 (332,735); Saskatoon, 278,276 ( 324,011 ); Edmonton, 3,368,670 (1,721,165); Calgary, $1,950,28(1,070,159)$; Vancouver, $4,515,953(3,100,539)$.

## AUGUST SALES OF MILK AND CREAM

Sales of fluid milk and oream in August amounted to $335,504,000$ pounds, a decline of three per cent from August last year, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Fluid milk sales in the month totalled $268,765,000$ pounds, and cream sales, expressed as milk, $66,739,00$ pounds. Compared with August last year, milk sales declined 8.5 per cent, while cream sales increased nearly 27 per cent.

In the eicht months ending Aucust, fluid sales of milk and oream reached a total of $2,803,551,000$ pounds, a decrease of $74,000,000$ pounds or almost three per cent as compared with the same period of 1946. Cumulative milk sales fell 5.5 per cent, while cream sales in terms of milk increased 14 per cent.

Fluid sales of milk in forty urban centres for which the Bureau has figures, amounted in August to approximately $151,124,000$ pounds $(58,575,400$ quarts ), and for the eicht moriths, Januery-August, \& total of $1,218,758,000$ pounds $(472,386,800$ quarts ). These figures represent decreases of five and six per cent, respectively.

Sales of fluld cream in Aupust as reported in the forty cities moved ur to 33,922, . 400 vounds in terms of milk ( $3,249,800$ quarts of oream); and in the January-August period, 266,307,000 pounis (26,717,100 quars). In comparison with August, and januaryAufust last year, respective increases of 14 and 16 per cent were shown.

## HARVESTING OF FRUIT CROPS <br> PRACTICALLY CCMPI, ETED

Harvesting of canada's 1947 fruit crops is practically comploted with the estimates only slifhtly changed from those of Soptember, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The apple crop again shows a decline, being estimated at 15,222,0)0 bushels compared with $15,621,000$ a month ago and $19,282,000$ in 1946. Smaller orops than anticpated were harvested in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. Production in New Brunswick however, was somewhat heavier.

An increa se of 19 per cent in the prospective pear harvest in ontario since September brings the total Canadian crop to 1,029,000 bushels. The current estimate is 78,000 bushels more than was harvested last season. Production this year in Nova Scotia and British Columbia still stands at 30,002 and 596,000 bushels, respectively. In ontario, on the other hand, production has increased from 339,000 bushels to 403,000 bushels.

The estimate of the plum and prune crop also increased during the past month as a result of better yields in ontario. The crop now stands at $760,2 n 0$ bushels or four per cent above September. The estimate for Ontario has been raised from 237,000 bushels to 265,000 bushels, while that for Briti sh Columbia remains unchanged at 483,000 bushels.

The estimate of the 1947 peach crop was reduced slightly during the month from 1,728,000 bushels to 1,694,000 bushels. Brown rot and oriental peach moth caused considerable damage in ontario where production is now set at 925,000 bushels. The British Columbia crop is still estimated at 769,000 bushels. There is no change in the expected grape crop since September when production was estimated at 74,223,000 pounds.

## FRODUCTION :ND SALES OF

SFH:IT ROOFING METEKIALS
Production and sales of asphalt shingles and rolled rooing declined in Septamber, nocording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The month's output amounted to 443,788 squares compared with 458,804 a year ago, and the sales, 417,593 squares compared with 439,793. Produotion of tar and asphalt felts and sheathing advanced to 5,228 tons from 4,848, and the sales to 4,864 tons from 4,636 .

During the nine months ending September, production of shingles and rolled roofing increased to $4,145,386$ squares from $3,567,358$ a yoar ago, and the salos of $3,924,659$ squares from 3, 178,462 . Outrut of tar and asphelt felts and sheathing totalled 41, 128 tins compared with 35,365 a year $\Omega$ go, and the salas, 39,492 tons compared with 38,364 .

## SALPS OF MECTRIC STORAGE BATTERTES

## HIGHER IN SEFTEMBER

Sales of electrio storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were higher in September, being valued at $\$ 1,427,093$ compared with $\$ 1,150,742$ in August and \$1, 02,699 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. During the nine months ending September, sales aggregated $\$ 9,410,036$ compared with $6,858,808$ in the like period of 1946 , on increase of 37 per cent.

## PRODUCTION OF VIRE NAILS FIGHER IN S EPT ENBER

Production of wire nails reached a high point in September, amounting to 6,879 tons com"ared with 5,789 tons in August and 1,640 tons in September last year, when the steal strike hed reduced output to a very low point, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of statistics. During the first nine months of this year, 56,659 tons wore produced as against 44,142 in the similur period of Inst year, an increase of 28 per cent.

Output of steel wire was also increased in Saptember, totalling 27,266 tons compared with 22,738 in the preceding month and 3,746 tons in September last yoir. During the nine months ending September, 232,635 tons were produced compared with 162,887 in the like period of 1946 .

Production of steel wire fencing in September amounted to 2,082 tons compared with 1,551 in August anc 241 tons a year ago, output for the ninemonth feriod totalling 19,475 tons ompared wi th 16,511.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS ASBESTOS
Shipments of asbostos fro Camadian mines during the first eight months of this year amounted to 420,872 tons as compared with 349,639 in the same pariod of 1946 , an increase of slightly more than 20 per cent, sccording to the Dominion Bureau of $s t a t-$ istics. August shipmonts, at 63,361 tons, were little chanced from July this year and August last yoar.

In the oicht-month period, $\$ 05,755$ tons of asbestos were exported as against 327,496 in the similar period of last year. August exports were 49,804 tons compared with 53,856 a year ars. Exports in the cumulative period omprised 671 tons of orude asbestos, 145,274 tons milled $f i b r \Leftrightarrow s$ and 259,810 tons of waste, refuse and shorts.

## NEN DWELLING INITS COMFLETED IN <br> 271 CANADIAN MUNICIPGLITIES

Number of dwelling units completed during the first nine months of this year in 271 Canadian municipalities which heve mede complete returns to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the perice both for 1946 and 1947 show an increas? of nearly 25 per cent over last year, totalling 23,019 as against 18,174 , according to the quarterly repart or housine relensed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

## LUMBEF OUTPUT HIGHER IN AUGUST

Production of sawn lumber increased almost three per cent in August, totalling $585,429 \mathrm{M}$ feet compared with $559,228 \mathrm{M}$ feet in the corresponding month last year, aocording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Cumulative output for the first eight months of this year was $3,619,283 \mathrm{M}$ feet ompared with $3,335,254 \mathrm{M}$ in the like period of $19 \pm 6$, an increase of 8.5 per cent.

Estimates for the month were as follows by provinces, totals for August last year being in brackets (figures in M feet): Prince Edward Island, 751 (819); Nova Scotia, $29,665(27,954)$; New Brunswiok, 31,223 ( $39,0 n 0$ ); Quebec, 196,391 (181,827); Ontar10, 122,082 ( 100,529 ); Manitoba, 5,423 (5,105); Saskatchewan, 1,500 (3,532); Alberta, 10,228 ( 9,231 ): British Columbia, 188,366 (201,231).

## IRON AND STEEL AND THEIR PRODUCTS

Reflectinf, curtailment in production of war needs as well as reconversion of Canadian industry, the gross factory valae of products turned out by manufacturers of iron and steel in 1946 was 27 per cent lower than in the preoeding year, respective value standing at $\$ 1,441,447,000$ and $\$ 1,975,310,000$, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Sharpest deciines were shown in the eircraft and shipbuilding industries, the former falling from $3278,652,880$ to ${ }^{2} 72,755,194$, and the latter from $\$ 204,594,323$ to $\$ 109,385,187$. P1giron, ferro-alloys, ste日l and rolled products fell from êl92,279,159 to $\$ 160,997,782$, automobiles from $\$ 228,695,10 \mathrm{~S}$ to $\$ 193,439,688$, automobile parts from $\$ 126,562,829$ to $\$ 93,578,148$, and railway rolling stock fror $\$ 181,249,842$ to $\$ 154,343,273$.

Produotion of hoating and cooking apparatus increased from $\$ 29,954,426$ to $333,750,004$, boilers, tanks and plate work from $\$ 23,883,210$ to $\$ 26,247,139$, farm implements from $\$ 57,621,390$ to $31,620,669$, machinery from $\$ 138,192,090$ to $4141,440,071$, sheet motal products from $\$ 106,257,719$ to $\$ 127,732,066$, bioycles from $\$ 3,072,950$ to $33,639,354$, and iron castinge from ${ }_{3} 76,581,974$ to $\$ 76,880,521$.

SALES AND PURCHASES OF SECURITIES
BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHFR COUNTRIES
The volume of trade in securities between Canada and other countries in August showed a minor increase over July, but continued lower than in 1916 , according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Total sales in August dropped to $\$ 10,900,200 \ldots$ the lowest monthly figure since September, $1943 \ldots$ from $\$ 11,500,000$ in july and $\mathbf{Q 2 3 , 7 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ in August last year. The month's purchases totalled $13,200,000$ compared with $311,200,-$ 000 in July and $\$ 19,630,000$ in Auqust, 1946.

The eight months ending. Aupust provided a total purchase balance of $89,500,000$ as against net sales of $\$ 131,000,030$ during the period january to August, 1946. During the period, sales to all countries agtregated $\$ 139,200,000$ compared with $\$ 316,700,000$ in the similar period of last year, and total purchases, $3148,703,000$ compared with \$185,700,000.

## RADIO SALES HIGHER IN AUGUST

Sales of radio receiving sets by canadian producers in August amounted to 51,606 units compared with 45,607 in the corresponding month last year, an increase of 13 per oont, socordinp to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the first eight months of this year, producers' sales totalled 480,840 units compared with 332,625 in the like period of 1946 , an increase of 44.5 per cent.

All provinces shared in the increase during the first eicht months of this year. Totals follows, with those for the same period last year in brackets: Maritimes, 40,211 (24,394); Quabec, 102,394 (65,816); Ontario, 205,587 (145,134); Manitoba, 39,224 ( 31,205 ); Saskatchewan, 22,665 (17,221); Alberta, 27,689 (19,211); Briti sh Columbia, $42,070(25,844)$.

## WEKKLY SECURITY PRICE IRDEXES

The following are security price indexes of the Dominion Bureau of Statistios for the week ending Ootober 30,1947 , a week and month earlier:
October 30 October 23 October 2
(Bese $1935-39=100$ )

Investors' Price Index

| (100 Common Stocks) <br> 74 Industrials .... <br> 18 Utillties ...... <br> 8 Banks .......... | 105.0 98.5 115.4 129.6 | $\begin{array}{r} 106.3 \\ 99.9 \\ 117.4 \\ 128.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 134.5 \\ 97.7 \\ 118.2 \\ 125.5 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mining Stock Price Index |  |  |  |
| (27 Stooks <br> 23 Golds <br> 4 Base Metals .. |  | $\begin{array}{r} 88.8 \\ 79.5 \\ 105.0 \end{array}$ |  |

## CIVIL AVIATION IN JUIY

Cenacian scheduled air carriers earned $\$ 2,057,686$ in July as compared with 32 , 030,817 in the same month last year, accordinp to the Doinnion Bureau of statistics. Operating expenses, however, increased from $\$ 1,924,653$ to $22,106,694$, which reduced the net operating revenue from 2106,164 to a debit of $\$ 49,078$. Non-scheduled oarriers showed a better record. With revenues increasing from $\$ 182,365$ to $\$ 617,182$ and operating expenses from $\$ 141,533$ to $\$ 478,841$, their net revenue increased from $\$ 40,832$ to $\$ 138,341$.

Passenger traffic originated on echeduled flights for Canadian scheduled carriers increased from 47,723 in July 1946 to 53,404 passongers; 4,828 passengers or 87 per cent of this increase was on the international routes. Forei en carriers, however, showed a reduction of 4,603 passengers or 18.4 per cent. Non-scheduled carriers transported 13,581 revenue passengers as agoinst 9,176 in 1540 .

Revenue goods curried (duplications excluced) increased from 2,463, 809 to 2,708, = 035 pounds, non-scheduled carriers accountine for 55 per oent of the 1947 total. Mall ton miles increased prom 119,006 to 123,997 , or by 4.2 per cent.

## CANAL TRAFFIC IN SEPTFMBFR

Traffic through Canadian and United States locks of the Sault Ste. Marie canals was increased in Septamber, totalling $15,395,7,1$ tons compared with $14,314,161$ in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. From the opening of navigation to the end of Saptember, total traffic increased from $63,-$ 915,213 tons in 1945 to $83,018,851$ tons. In September, shipments of iron ore increased from $9,14,764$ to $11,469,118$ tons, but wheat decreased from 778,915 to 655,382 tons, upbound soft coal from $2,083,758$ to $2,435,253$ tons, snt sil and gasoline from 2ר7,755 to 125,193 tons.

Tctal freight using the Welland Ship Canal in Sertemher increased to $1,580,052$ tons from $1,449,252$ a year ago. The large increases included barley which rose from 23,960 to 51,214 tons, wheat from 112,025 to 154,255 tons, gesoline from 78,868 to 106,818 tons, Fulfwood from 79,454 to 111,454 tons, and iron ore from $161,2 \geqslant 4$ to 213,713 tons. Soft coal declined by 72,984 tons, paper by 7,963 tons and afits by 7,398 tons.

Traffic Usine the St. Lawrence canals during September amounted to 930,802 tons as compared with 560,265 tons in 1946. Shirments of soft coal fell 125, 265 tons, asoline by 24,634 tons, ore (other than iron and copper) by 15,834 tons, oats by 9,731 tons and corn by 9,571 tons. Wheat increased by 28,118 tons, petroleum and ather oils by 65,624 tons, pulpwood by 19, 92 tons, iron re by 29,393 fons and sand, stone and gravel by 14,054 tons.

Car loadings on Canadiun railways for the week ending October 25 rose to $38,8 \varepsilon 9$ ) cars from 78,317 cars for the previcus week, acording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This mas the highest total recorded so far this year and compares with 86,198 cars for the corresponding week last year.

Compared with the preceding week, the larger increases were in grain, which rose from 9,390 to 9,738 cars, grain products from 3,370 to 3,888 oars, live stock from 2,143 to 3,493 cars, coal from 6,173 to 6,625 cars, ores and coneentrates from 3,162 to 3,920 oars, sand, stone, gravel, cto. from 4,904 ta 5,509 cars, lumbar, lath and shingles rrom 4,176 to 4,758 oars, and wood pulp and paper from 3,747 to 4,244 cars, and merchandise 1.c.1. from 16,147 to 18,863 cars.

## RFFOFTS ISSUD DURING THE WEEK

1. Dealers' Report on Non-Ferrou scrap Metal, August (10 cents).
2. Ingot Makers' Report on Non-Ferrous Serap Metal and Seoondary Non-Ferrous Ingot, September ( 10 cents).
3. Dwelling Units and New Building Containing Dwelling Units, Nine Months Ending September ( 25 cents).
4. Population Characteristics by Sooial Areas. Metropolitan Area or Winipeg. 1946 (10 cents).
5. Price Movements, October (10 cents).
6. Textile Industries of Canada, 1940, 1941 and 1942 ( 50 cents).
7. Fluid Milk Trade, August ( 10 cents).
8. Asnhalt Roofing Industry, September (10 cents).
9. Monthly Review of the Wheat Situation (10 cants).
10. Asbestos, August (10 c ents).
11. Wire Fencing, September (10 cents).
12. Steel Mire, Septembor (10 conts).
13. Nails, Tacks and Staples, September (10 cents).
14. Trade of Canada: Exports of Canadian and Foreign Froduce, September (25 cents).
15. Stocks of Canadian Butter, Cheese and Eggs in Ninc Cities, November 1 (10 oents).
16. Fur Froduction, 1945-46 (25 onts).
17. Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawills East of the Rockies. August ( 25 cents).
18. Car Loadings on Canadian Railways - Weekly (10 cents).
19. Canadian Grain Statistics - Weekly (10 cents).
20. Cement, August (10 cents).
21. Factory Sales of Eleotric Storage Batteries, September (10 cents).
22. Sales and Purchases of Securities Between Canada and other Countries, August (10 cents).
23. Fruit Crop Report, ( 10 cents).
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