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## Gross National Product and <br> Cross National Expenditure

Gross national product and gross national exponciture in 1946 were at a level of $\$ 11,129$ million in comparison with $\$ 11,478$ million in 1945 . The 1946 estimstes are proliminary as are the 1945 estimates but the latter have beon revised since their first publication. The moderate deoline in the money totals is larger in real terms as is indicater by the rise of 4.8 per cent in the index of wholesale prices and 3.4 per oent in the cost of living index from 1945 to 1946.

Net national inoome in 1946 wes $\$ 9,212$ miliion as compared with $\$ 9,587 \mathrm{milion}$ in 1945. Civilian salaries and wages increased by $\$ 247$ million while military pay and allowancus decreased by $\$ 817$ million. The main oomponents of investment income were maintained at their 1945 levels. The decline of $\$ 140$ million in total investment income is accounted for by two items, a declino in government trading profits and an increase in dividends paid abroad. Agriculture and other individual enterprise showed proportionate gains.

While the national income declined in 1946 personal income increasud by 458 million. This is largely due to the incrase in transfer payments by governeent to individuals. Tho large inorease in transfor payments includes the increase in family allowances and the large soale payment to vetarans in 1946 of war service gratuitios, re-ostablishment crodits and pensions.

Components of gross national expenditure reflect a significant diminution of governmont axpenditures offset in large part by increases of consumar expenditure and investin. nt in plant, equipment and inventory. Receipts from abroad were maintained at a high luvel because of the oontinuing foreign demands for commodity exports backed by Canadian government loans.

## Economic Activity in Deoember

The extension of the prosperity phase of the cconomic cycle was indicated by the further increase in the index of the physical volume of bus iness in Decomber over the precoding month. The index on the base of $1935-39$ rose from 181.3 to 186.7 , a gain of three per cent. The advance was fairly general among the main componurts.

The index of mineral production was two per cent greater at 141.6. A slight advence wes shown in manufacturing, the standing in December having been 192.2 against 191.5 in the preceding month. A decline was shown in the index of construction. The advance in cluctric power was 2.8 par cent and distribution based on rallway traffic, internal and external trade rose nine per oent to 200.2.

Gold reoelpts at the Mint receded fram 188,605 fine ounces to 171,483 in the last month of the year. The output of coal was practically maintained at the leval of the preceding month, an increass in the index having bcen shown after seasorial adjustment.

The index of production of wheat flour rose from 149.5 to 150.4 . Smployment in the rubber industry showed the considerable expansion of 16.5 per oent.

The output of newsprint was 341,951 tons comparud with 364,304 , an increase having been shown after seasonal adjustment. Advanoes were also shown in the exports of planks, boards and shingles. The incex of the output of steel ingots and castings rose from 208 to 214 and that of pig iron production was 9.2 per oent greater.

Electrio power production was 3,672 million $k w h$. compared with 3,567 , the index makIng the considerable advance of 2.8 per cent.

Gains were shown in oarloanings and in retail sales resulting in marked advance in the index of distribution.

Ratail merchants transected an unprecedented volume of business in Dooember, 1946 whon asles wore 10 per oont tigher than in December, 1945 and increased 15 por cont above Ninumbur, 1940, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Deoginber oulminated a $y$ yor in which retail sales recorded uninterrupted and substantial gains. Volume of sales fur 1946 oxceoded that for 1945 by 14 per cent. These results are besed on the oompositc iurux of sales for fourteen kinds of retail business concerned chiefly with the distribution of food, apparel, household equipment and personel effects. The eutomotive tracias. which must be prosumod to have transacted a much gneator amount of busiress in 1946 than in 1945, are not represented.

Most notable foature of merchandising in 1946 was, of course, the more active trade in durablo gooc's. The much increased output of furniture, radios, eleotrioal appliances and hardware was rapidly absorbed by a consuming publio whose numbers ware swelled by returning servic: personnel and whose incomes were sustalned, not only by the continuing high lavel of employment but siso by erants and gratuities to returned men and womer and by family allowance payments.

Decomber sales increases for the various trades followed much the same pattern as that ustablished throughout earlier months of the year. The increases $n$ durable goods stores were far in excess of those for non-durable goods outlets. Outstanding gains in sules wero reported by department stores throughout 1946 , salesavoraging 19 per cent above thosa for 194. Sales in December failed by only a slight margin to equal the inorease for the full yoar.

Among the apparel trades, men's and women's speoialty shops recorded increases whioh wuru in line with the stoady eains reported for earlier months of the year. Family olothir stores did not maintain their former high rate of increase. Deomber business belng inly ol hit per cent ahoad of December, 1945 sales. Shoe stores, on the other hand, showed incrased activity at the year-end and the December sales increase surpassed the avorage incruase for the year.

Whilo grooery, combination and meat stores reported an increass of but four per cent for Decomber, 1946, this margin was affected by a varietion in the number of weekends in Lucumber of the last two years. There wore five Saturdays in Decomber. 1945, but omly four in Lecember, 1946. The ralativelv small increase shown for restaurants in Decembor is consistent with the reduced rate of expansion which has charaoterizel results for this trede throughout the greater part of 1946.

Two othor groups, drugs and jewellery, had comparativaly small gains in sales for Ducumber, whioh did not approach their annual average increases in sales for 1946. Drug storus had become popular sources of gift merchandise durine the war yesrs whon the reducud production of olvilian merchandise affected commodities handled in these stores less than it did that of some other types of retail outleis. This is apparent from the prenounoed poaks in the adjusted sales indexes for the drug trace in reount years. While sulos romain high, there was a much widar selection of gift merchandise available for Christmas 1946 and Eift purchasing tended to become more widely distributed amongst other typus of stores. The rate of incruase in jewellery store sales has slaokened in reoent months and a two per oent increase in Dooember is in continuation of this tendency.

Chain cancy storos reported sales 14 per cent higher in December, 1946 than in Duoumbr, 1945, while the average inorease for 1946 amounted to 31 per cont. Sales of ritill furriors wire down five per cent in December compered with the same month of 1945.

## S. lus of Paints, Varnishos and Lacquers

Salos of paints, varmishes and lacquers by menufacturers, which normally acounted fror 96 per ofnt of the total Canadian production, amounted to $\$ 3,968,551$ in December compurud with $\$ 4,714,725$ in the preceding month, acoording to figuras compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cumulative sales for the oalendar yoar 1946 have been placod by tho Burgau at $\$ 58,959,711$.

## Wholesalo Salus in December

Hholosale sales in Canada during, December were 13 per cont above the dollar sales P vilumo for Docomber, 1945 according to statements received by the Dominion Bureau of St.tistios from 370 wholesalers representing mine lines of trade. This wris the smallest advence reportod for any month of the aurrent year. The efneral unadjuated index for Canada on the b:se, average for $1935-1939=100$, stood at 220.0 for Decumber, 1946, 194.7 for Iucumbur, 1945, and 256.9 for November, 1946. Dollar soles for the twolve months of 1946 wure 19 por cent above those for the yoar 1945.

Wholesclers in the province of quebeo reported the grentest gain over Decumber, 1945 with sales up 18 per cont. British Columbia oame aext with an incorace of 14 per cent. Ontar o and the Prairio Provinous followod with gaine of 12 per ount while salus in the Mir itime Erovinoes wore 11 per cant higher than in December, 1945.

Among the individual tracies, clothing and dry goods wholesalers continued to show the lreust increases with sales 43 per cent and 35 por cunt resputively above the Dooember, 19. 5 volume. Sales of hardware wholpsalers were 22 per cent highor then in the same month last year, whilo grooery wholesalers' sales wore up 17 per cent. An inorease of 13 por ount was roonrdud by the automotive equipment trade, tho footwar and tubacoo and oonfeom tionery froups following closely with inareases of 12 per cont. The nine per cont ineroase butween Deoumber, 1945 and 1946 for drug wholesalers was cunsistent with the margin which existed in the immediately preceding months. The decline from 1945 in collar volume of wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables which has been eviciant for several months oontinuor. with sales in this trude seven per cent below the Decembor, 1945 vjulume.

The value of wholesalers' inventories at December 31, 1946 was 23 per cent higher then at the same date last year. The clothine group, with stocks valued 93 per cont hlighor thin at Dovember, 1945 aga in showed the greatest inarease. Stocks on hand in the whole$\operatorname{san}^{7}$ grocery trade were 44 per cent higher than last year while the automotive equipment whilusalers reported an inereeso of 30 per oent. Other inareases in velue of stoaks on hund were as follows dry goods, 22 per oent; tobaco and confectionery, 19 per cent; 'ru, $s, 12$ per a日nt; fruits and vegetablos and hardware, six per oent; ind footwear, four precont.

## Tr yids in Food Distribution

Wholosale grocers' sales 1" Lecember were 17 per oent ereater in lollar volume than in the corresponding month of 1945 , accorcine to statements received by the Dominion Burouu of Statistics from a number of the larger firms across Canada. Preliminary fleures for the twelve months of 1946 indicate that salos for the yesir were 16 per cent above the 19.5 volume.

The increase in December was general throughout the diffurent regions of the Dominion, the greatost gain, 27 per cont, being reoorded by British Columbia. Salos of wholue sulu erocers in Quebec were 21 per cent above those for December 1945, and in the Prairies. 18 per cunt. Lesser, but still substantial inoreases were reported ir Ontario and the Maritimu Provincos where wholesalers' salos were 13 and 11 per cent higher, respeotively.

Value of stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the end of December was 44 per obnt higher than at the same date in 1945, and 13 per cent above the ralue of inventory ut the and of Novembur. Inventories at the beginning of Decembur are normally 64 per ount in excess of sales in that month. Stocks at the beginning of Decomber 1946 were valucd 15 per cont higher than the sales for the month, indicating thet the inventory position of wholesale erocers is still below normal.

Sales in Docember transacted by 866 ohain store units operated by 24 chain compenies In the food retailing field were five per cent higher than salos of 873 stores operated in December, 1945. Independent stores did four per oent more business in December 1946 than ir 1945.

## 110ths, Deaths and Marriages in December

Births rogistered in cities, towns and villages in Docombor, having a population of 10,000 and over, increased 30 per cent over the same month of 1945 , and marriages by six pur cont, whilo doaths fell five per cent, according to figures publishod by the Dominion sururu of Statistics. Births numbered 14,445 compared with 11,126, marriages 5,170 compured with 4,991, anc doaths 5,153 compared with 5,440 .

## Stocks and Marketings of Whoat and Coarse Grains

Visiblo supplies of Canadian what in store or in transit in North America at mic ni ht on February 6 totalled 129, 703,174 bushels, compared with $134,728,087$ on Januery 30, and $155,622,117$ on the oorresponding dato of last yoar, acoording to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Stocks on February 6 inoluded 127,976,765 bushels in Cunarian positions and 1,726,409 bushels in United States positions.

Duliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairio Provinoes were lighter during the weok ending Fobnuary 6, the total being $1,147,518$ bushels, ompared with $2,465,733$ in the precoding week. Marketings from Au Cust 1 to February 6 aggragated 247,187, 436 bushels as compared with 184,529,432 in the simllar perlod of the orop year 1945-46.

Deliveries of coarse grains from Prairie farms also were lighter during the weak andine February 6, totals belnc as follows, those for the preceding week being in brackete; oats, 421,848 (1,070,018) bushels; barley, $290,311(652,518)$; rye, 19,811 (34,733); flaxseeत $1,049(4,141)$.

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## D.iry Products

The butter supply position remains practically unchanged from that of the preoeding month, accordine to the dairy review for January issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Production of oreamery butter amounted to $9,807,000$ pounds, an increase of 1.4 por cent over the oorresponding month of last year; this slicht improvement was reflectod in the stock position at February 1, when 31.3 million pounds were held in storage and in transit. Compared with the previous year, the holdines were somewhat higher, but represunted a decline of 13 million pounds from the provious month.

Mith production now at a low level, the withdrawals from atorage are, of course, cunsiderably higher, so that this cownward movement is a normal one fer this time of year. Since production during the next few months is not expected to change the situation very nuch, the estimated shortage of 11 million pounds indicated a month agn, still stands. This takes into consideration the extra quantities required to carry out an equitable cistribution curing the short supply period.

Revised ficures on the production of butter for 1946 reveal a total of $328,000,000$ nounds, mede up of $271,366,000$ pounds of creamery butter, $54,225,000$ pounds of dairy buttor, and $2,278,000$ pounds of whey butter. The total represents a docine of $22,000,000$ pounds in comparison with 1945. A significant fact is that the dairy inake increased by about $1,000,000$ pounds.

Cheddar choese production in January amounted to $1,722,000$ pounds as compared with 1,752,000 pounds, in January, 1945. Stooks of cheese in'cold storage, dairy faotorie日, and in transit aegreqated $23,469,289$ pounds on February 1, compared with $25,684,220$ pounds on January 1 , and $24,367,899$ pounds on February 1,1946 .

Output of concentrated milk products in January moved ur to $13,773,000$ pounds, an Increase of 15 per cent. Whole milk products increased to $10,429,000$ pounds and milk by-procucts to $3,282,000$ pounds. Storage stooks of evaporat d wholo milk amounted to 12, 349,347 pounds compared with $17,076,567$ on January 1 , and $11,227,666$ on February 1, 1946.

## Stooks of Meat in Cold Storage

Stooks of meat in oold storages and packing plants were lower on February 1, amount ine to $73,985,812$ pounds compared with $79,647,865$ pounds on January 1 , and $77,469,671$ pounds on February 1 last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Holdings of pork on February 1 rose to $43,132,251$ pounds from $38,600,452$ pounds on Januery 1 and $37,228,879$ pounds on February 1, 1946, while the stocks of beef were reducod, totalling $23,117,976$ pounds against $30,550,541$ pounds on January 1, and 31,160,899 founds a year ago.

There were roductionsalso in the stocks of vesi and mutton and lamb. Holdings of VCal were 2,143,395 pounds aeainst 3,426,662 on January 1, and 3,339,471 on February 1, 1? 6 , and of mutton and lamb, $5,592,190$ pounds compared with $7,070,210$ on January 1, and $5,740,422$ on Fobruary 1, 1946. Stocks of lard were recorded at 1,372,146 pounds, showine a. conrease of 82,366 pounds from January 1, but an advance of 446,440 pounds over February 1, 1946.

## Stuoks of Fish on Fobrua: 1

- Stocks of frozen fish in oolc starae on Fobruary 1 amounted to 33,927,229 pounds, cmparod with $41,655,982$ pounds on January 1 , and $21,156,465$ pounds on the oorrespading ioto of last yoar, acercint to fizures roleasoi by the Dominion Burenu of Statistics. B. letr of February this year inciudod 31,893 , wor pounds frezen fresh, and $2,033,427$ potinds frozen smoked.

Stocks of oor were recorded at $7,332,364$ founds, compared with $9,240,701$ pounds on Jamuery 1, and 2,323,741 pounds a year ago; salmen, 8,040,190 pounds, compared with 10,\$10,028 pounds on January 1, and 6,276,697 pounds last yoar. Stocks of sea herring mcved 12. $t 56,621,913$ pounds from $5,829,553$ pounds on Januaiy 1 , and $4,789,485$ pounds on February 1, 1935.

## froduction of Ooal and Coin in Nowember

Produotion of coal in Canada in November amounted to $1,576,999$ tons, reoording a secrease of three per cent from October, and a drop of 12 per cent from November 1945, according : figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Output for the first aleven months of 1946, harever, was eight per cent hicher than in the similar period of 1215, respective totals being $16,225,391$ tons and $14,951,648$ tons.

Coke production moved up sharply during the month, totalling 320,000 tons as compared $\because$ :ith 271,000 in the preceding month and 284,000 in November, 1945. Aberegate for the Anst eleven months of 1946 was 2,993,000 tons compared with 3,550,000 in the similar porios of 1945.

In November, $3,465,368$ tons of coal were imported, bringing the total for the aleven mouths of the year to $25,345,508$ tons, or 12 per cent more than in the eleven months of 1015. Coal exports in November amounted to 74,588 tons compared with 70,374 in November 145 , and the total for the cumulative period was 759,204 tons compared with 780,689 in the same period of 1945.

## Troduction of Sonorete Buileing Materials

Froduction in December of concrete building blocks by manufacturers which normally acopunt for about 85 per cent of the total for Canada, was recorded at $1,055,946$ pieces as compared with $1,442,807$ in the preceding month, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Output for the calendar year aggregated 17,361,596 pieces.

Produotion of concrete bricks in December amounted to 583,248 comparec with 860,774 ia Novomber, and the total for the calendar year 1946 was 9,585,937. In December, 6,593 toms of cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe, and culvert tile we ce produced, as com= parad with 3,527 in Novamber, bringing the total for the year to e6,975 tons.

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Sales in December of manufactured gas by distributing companies totalled 2,208,831 M oubio feet as compared with $2,041,086 \mathrm{M}$ in the corresponding month of 1945 , according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the calendar year 1946, $24,241,645 \mathrm{M}$ oubic feat wore sold as compared with $23,452,817 \mathrm{M}$ in the preceding year.

December sales of natural gas were recorded at $4,274,855 \mathrm{M}$ cubio feet, in comparison with 3,935,559 in December 1945, and the aggregate for the nalendar year 1946 was 33,186, 145 is aubio roet is acmparad with $33,031,586 \mathrm{M}$ in 1945.

3e30a of How Mctor Vonicina in 1945
Humber of new motor vehicles sold at retall in Canada during 1946 was 114,479 , having a ratail value of $\$ 179,689,602$, according to preliminary figures released by the Dominion Burees of Statistics. Distribution of new vehicles was hicher in the final quarter of the yoar than in atry or the three previous quarters.

Tassanger cars relalled during 1946 numbered 73,052 and these had a retail value of 4209,982,039. The last two months of the year witnessod a sharp upswing in sales, and volume was highor in thesa two months than in any earlier months of the year. Sales of now trucks and buses continued at e stady rate during the final quarter and total distribution for the yor mes 41,427 units valued at $\$ 69,757,563$.

Sulus of Fertilizers Up 12 Por Cent
Salus in Canada of fertilizer mat rials and of mixd fertilizers during the twelve - months ended June 30, 1946, totalled 645,325 tons, an increase of 12 per cent over the provious yoar when 575,107 tons were sold, according to figures released by the Dominion burciul of Statistios.

Sulos for the twelve months enced June, 1946, consistud of 102,639 tons of fertilizur mut.riels anc $5 \% 2,686$ tons of mixtures sold for consumption in Canada, ompared with 92,026 tons of matorials and 483,081 tons of mixtures sold in Canada during the provious yoar. Exnorts in 1945-46 consisted of 50,504 tons of mixtures and 566,002 tons of materisls.

## Stocks of Non-Furrous Scrap Metal

Ingot-makers ' stooks of non-ferrous sorapmetal at the end of December were recorded sit $4,866,000$ pounds, showing a decrease of approximately three per oont fram the amount $h$ le at the first of the month, according to figurus releasud by the Doninion Bureau of Statistics. Stooks of secondary non-ferrous ingot fell from 2,347,063 pounds to 2,271,${ }^{4} 13$ pounds.

Following were the dealurs' stocks of non-ferrous scrap metal at the end of November, totuls for the hoginning of the month being in brackots: aluminum, $6,064,435(6,282,670)$ pounds; brass and bronze, $5,672,447(5,612,168)$; copper, $3,967,496(4,032,534)$ s magnosium, 122,030 (118,531); nickө1, $332,186(418,464)$; tín-lead, $5,680,559(6,044,101)$; zino, 1,049,$513(1,040,097)$; drosses, $1,189,133(1,150,539)$.

Trban and Interurban Transit Systems
Urban transit systems -- motor buses and olectric railways -- transported 118, 284,$2 C 7$ passengers in October as compared with $115,639,671$ in tha corresponding month of 194:, uccording to the Dominion Burcau of Statistios. Interurban systems caried 8,196,598 p. ssungers during the month, an increase of seven per cent.

In Montreal there was an increase of 2.5 per cont in the number o passengers carriod, British Columbia Electrio an increase of 3.3 per cent, Winnipeg 6.3 per cent, Windsor 5.8 pur cent, Edmonton 2.4 per cont, Saint John, N.B., 8.8 per cent, Regina 3.1 per cent, Saskatoon 11.9 per cent, Fort William 8.6 per cont, Fort Arihur 9.7 per cent, and Sarnia 3.5 per cont.

Hull showed a deoline of 222,491 passencers or 27.7 per cent, the bridge between Hull and Ottawa beine closed to traffic. Toronto, Ottawa and Quabec showed small decreases ard Halifax was down 13.3 per cont.

An: 1 Traffic Lower in 1946
Froight traffic using the Canadian and Unitod States locks of tha Sault Ste. Maria camals during the 1946 season of navigation amounted to $91,470,696$ tors as oompared with 11. 277, 316 tons in 1945, a decline of approximately 19 per cent, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistios. Towisbound ir on ore declined from $78,039,57$ tons in 1945 to $i 2,031,470$ tons, wheat from $14,454,102$ to $7,359,440$ tons, and other grains from 3,136,209 to $2,155,165$ tons. Upbound soft coal increased from $13,313,766$ to $15,405,415$ tons, and $0 i 1$ and asoline from 838,934 to $1,169,760$ tons.

Seescn's freight traffic on the Welland Ship Canal totalled 10,530,146 tons, a deoline of 18 per cent from the precoding year. The large decrease was in wheat whioh declined by $1,600,137$ tons. Soft coal declined by 522,940 tons, coko by 85,823 tons, iron ore by 6,751 tons, and pulpwood by 79,902 tons. Cats increas@d by 166,255 tons, berloy by io, 191 tons, $\varepsilon, 601$ ine by 64,369 tons, potroleum and other oils by 62,79 tons, paper by 6 , 409 tons and ore, other than copper ard iron by 38,918 tons.

Iuring the season of navigetion freight using the St. Lawrence canals declined to $5,750,578$ tons from 6,947,870 tons in 1945. Wheat declined from 1,982,176 to 665,969 tons, unft coal from 2,759,967 to 2,395,970 tons, hard ooal from 113,772 to 66,006 tons, und othur ore from 253,359 to 145,671 tons. Oats increased by 170,715 tons, barley by 54,784 tons, gacoline by 178,745 tons, petroloum and othor oils by 69,695 tons, sand, gravel and stone by 30,58 ? tons, and miscellaneous freight by 116,377 tons.

Wilway Revenues and Expenses in November
Canad an railways earned $\$ 64,791,000$ in November as compared with $\$ 61,247,000$ in the corrosponding month of 1945, acoording to figures reloased by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Freisht revanues for the month were $\$ 51,292,000$, the largest total for any Novembur, and, on a delly basis, exceeded the previous peak reached in October, 1946. is oompir rud with Novembor 1945, freight revenues advanced 12.5 per cent, but pessenger revenues wore down 23.9 per cent.

Opercting expenses increased by $\$ 1,081,199$ or 2.1 per cent, mainterance of way and structures being reduced by $\$ 1,989,601$ or 20.7 per cent, and maintenanoe of equipment by 271,963 or 2.3 per cent, thus partially offsetting an increase in transportation exponsus of $\$ 2,836,804$ or 11.4 per cont. The operating ino ome increased from $\$ 7,745,228$ to $\$ 8,400,-$ 313, and taxes were increased from $\$ 1,243,296$ to $\psi 2,912,822$.

For the oleven months ended November, operating revenues declined from $\$ 708,145,678$ in 1945 to $\$ 649,459,856$, operating expenses decreased from $\$ 57!, 613,601$ to $\$ 565,521,928$ anil the operatine income from $\$ 98,578,280$ to $\$ 53,072,283$.

Wina-llours and Hourly Earnings at December 1
Manufacturing establishments at Deoember 1 showod continued increases in the number of wego-earners,employed at hourly rates, in the total hours worked by such persons in the wok proceding, and in their aggregate hourly earnings. St. tistics were tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios from 6,248 factories having 753,287 hourl -ratod wage-enrners $\therefore t$ the date under review, as compared with 744,621 at November 1.

The latest indicated total of hours worked was $32,510,951$, for which the remuneration um:unted to $24,211,128$; the hourly-rated personnel employed by the same firms in the wouk of November 1 had worked a total of $31,580,039$ hours, for which they were pald the sum of $\therefore 8,016,260$. There was thus an advance of 1.2 per cent in the number of wage-earners, cocompiod by that of 2.9 per cont in the aggreate hours worked, and of 5.2 per cent in th. hourly wages. The increased wages resulted in part from the payment of higher ratus in u numbor of industries and establishments, while the settiement of several importent incustria? disputes was a factor contributing to the increased hours as well as to the higher oarnings.

Tho avorage hours was also highor, rising from 42.4 in the preceding period of observi.tion, to 43.2 in the weck of December 1. The average hourly rate rose from 72.9 cents in tho week of November 1 to a new maximum of 74.5 cents in the week of December 1. Prior to Sentember, 1946, the high figure in the record was that of 70.5 cents at December 1 , 19:1, and aga in at May 1, 1345. The mean at Docamber 1 in 1945 was 67 conts. In the last twelve months, there has been a decline of 1.6 hours in the time worked, on the avoraç, by hourly-rated employoes in manufacturing as s whole, while the averago hourly rate $h$ : risen by 7.5 conts, or by 11.1 per cent.

The weokly wages averaged $\$ 32.18$ at the date under review, as oompared with $\$ 30.91$ in the woek of liovember 1, 1946, and $\$ 30.02$ at Deoember 1, 1945, when, as alroady stated, the avarage hours worked per weak were groator than in the week of December 1, 1946. This is anly tho third occasion in the comparativgly brief record that the weokly averago varnings have exoeeded those indicated 12 months oarlier. The woekly wages reported at Decembur 1,195 , had amounter to $\$ 32.64$, the hours then reported having been a eood deal longer, partly as a result of much overtime. The industrial distribution had ther also boon favourable to the highor average earnings.

Fousing Conpluted in the First Elu vin Menths of 19?6

Now housing units completed in the first oloven months of 1946 in 202 Canadian munirinulities which have furnished complste returns for the period to the Dominion Bureau of Stetistics totalled 24,581, or 2,257 more than in the calender year 1945 .

Returns reooived by the Buresu from 284 other municipalities covering varying perlods of the year show an additional 8,669 units completed.

Thus on the basis of complete and incomplete returns from 486 munioipalitios, now dwelling units compluted within their borders totalled 33,190 , as compared with 30,436 in the samo municipalities in the calendar year 1945.

Car Loaings on Canadian Railways
Car loadings on Canadian railways for the week ended February 1 deolined to 69,945 cars from 70,502 curs for the preceding weok, acoording to figures released by the Dominion Buroau of Statistios. For the corrosponding woek last yoar, loadings amounted to 64,593 oars.

## Ruports Issued During the Weok

1. Car Loadings on Canadian Railways - Veokly (10 conts).
2. Dwelling Units and Type of Buildings Reported by Municipalitios and Other Areas -- Eleven Months ending November (25 cents).
3. Sales of New Motor Vehicles, December (10 cents) 。
4. Retail Sales, December ( - ) cents).
5. Salos of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, December (10 cents).
6. Canadian Grain Statistics .- Tieokly (10 cents).
7. Births, Deaths and Marriages, December ( 10 cents).
8. National Aocounts, Inoome and Expenditures, 1938-1346 (10 cents).
9. Stooks of Dairy and Poultry Products, February 1 ( 10 oonts).
10. Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, November (10 cents).
11. Monthly Dairy Reviow, January ( 10 cents).
12. Sales of Fertilizers During Yoar Ended June 30, 1946 (25 oents).
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