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DUNESTIC IRERMANDISE EXFORTS IN NOVEIBER CONTINUE EARLIER GAINS

Cana da's expori trade is booming, due to greatly enlarged shijments to the United States, its value so far this year being far in excess of any pre-
viously recorded except in wartime. The value of merchandise shipped abroad in November was $\$ 293,900,000$, only slizhtly under the peacetime high total of $\$ 307$, 000,000 registered in October, and $\$ 40,800,000$ higher than in November, 1947.

With gains over 1947 in all months except June, the aggregate for the 11 months ending November rose to $\$ 2,759,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 250,300,000$ over the same period of last year, and only $\$ 15,900,000$ under the total for the full year 1947.

The growth in Canada's exports to the United States has been the outstanding feoture of the year's trade. In November shipments to that country reached an all-time record value of $\$ 103,893,000$, almost 77 per cent higher than in the corresponding month last year. This brought the cumulative total for the 11 months ending November to a new high ïigure of $\mathbf{\pi 1 , 3 5 3 , 7 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ as compared with $\$ 928,255,000$ in the same period last year.

Exports to the United Kingdom were again lower in November, being valued at $\$ 56,670,000$ as compared with $69,254,000$ in the same month last year, while the aggregate for the 11 montas of this yece was $\$ 636,400,000$ compared with $\$ 678,657,000$ in the same period of 1947 .

Shipments to Latin Amurican countries were aiso iower boti in the month and cumulative period. The month's total fell from $14,390,000$ to $8,050,000$, and that for the ll-month period from $1117,585,000$ to $1107,354,000$. Exports to cuba, inexico, Panama, and Venezuela were highur in both periods.

Exports to the Union of South Africa rose in the month to $10,221,000$ from $\$ 5,121,000$, and in the 11 months to $477,172,000$ irom $\$ 63,297,000$, while the month's exports to India and Fokistan combined inertesed to $\$ 0,102,000$ from 2,871,000, but fell to $\$ 28,814,000$ from $\$ 40,454,000$ in the cumulative periea.

Exports to European countries as a group declined in the month to $\pi 17,032,000$ from $\$ 26,588,000$, and in the 11 months to $2278,228,000$ from $\$ 313,086,000$. Shipments to Australia rose in Novembur to $34,453,000$ Irom $33,942,000$, but were down sharply in the cumulative period -- from $\$ 53,854,000$ to $\$ 31,025,000$. Exports to Newfound land in November fell from $\$ 6,551,000$ to $\$ 4,816,000$, but were slightly higher in the ll-month period.

Gains were recorded by six of the nine main comnodity groups of exports in November, while in the cumulative period five groups showed increases end four declines. Four groups -- animals and animal products; wood, wood products and paper; non-ferrous metals and products; and non-metallic minerals and protucts .- showed increases in both periods.

In the month, most outstanding increases were registered by agricultural and vegotable products, animals and animal products, and non-ferrous metals.

The table on page 2 lists the leading export items in November with the ir values in the 11 months ending Novembor, to ether with oaperisons for 1947.

November

## 19471948

11 Bionths ending November
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## (FIGURES IN THOUSANDS)



| 832,774 | 240,832 | $\$ 214,635$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 12,477 | 34,856 | 55,065 |
| 12,253 | 185,211 | 113,869 |
| 8,529 | 13,997 | 38,530 |
| 14,219 | 13,557 | 67,966 |
| 7,308 | 74,863 | 78,220 |
| 10,083 | 35,792 | 55,958 |
| 15,490 | 186,274 | 182,805 |
| 17,004 | 160,797 | 193,454 |
| 34,533 | 311,997 | 345,451 |
| 5,180 | 33,008 | 66,383 |
| 9,220 | 59,774 | 96,735 |
| 6,482 | 52,217 | 70,893 |
| 5,530 | 56,054 | 66,499 |

The general index number of wholesale commodity prices, on the base $1926=100$, showed a further rise in November, mounting to 159.7, the highest since August, 1920, when the index stood at lo0.2. The record high figure for this index is 164.3 registered for Way of that year.

The current index stands 0.5 points above Octobor and 17.2 points above November last year. All sub-group indexes increased in November over the preceding month with the exception of animal proaucts, wood products ana non-metallic minerals. Most marked rise was shown for non-ferrous metals.

Sub-group indexes were as follows, those for 0etober being in brackets: vegetable products, 139.9 (139.0); animal products, 176.5 (177.5); textile products, 161.4 (160.7); wood products, 193.7 (193.8); iron products, $166.1(165.3)$; nonferrous metals, 164.2 (159.9); non-metallic minerals, 137.0 (137.3); chemical products, $127.0(126.2)$.

WFEIT FLOUR ERODUUTION LOWER IN NOVEMBER

The downtrend in the production of wheat flour was continued in November when 1,936,000 barrels were produced as compered with $2,185,000$ in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Burceu of Statistics. Output for the first four months of the current crop year was 7,690,000 barrels as compared with 9,561,000 in the similar period last year.

Amount of wheat milled ints flour in November was $8,617,000$ bushels as compared with 9,913,000 in the same month last year, bringing the total for the four months ending November to $34,590,000$ bushols as compared with $43,273,000$ in the same period of the preceding crop yeer. Wonth-end stocks of wheat amounted to $3,252,000$ bushels.

The following quantitiss of coarse grains were also ground in November, totals for November last year being in brackets: oats, $1,938,000(2,358,000)$ bushels; corn, 146,300 ( 93,300 ); barley, 921,000 (861,000); buckwheat, 7,500 (9,500); mixed grain, $2,058,000(1,932,000)$.

DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE OF BUTT'ER LOWER IN NOVEMEER

The domestic disupearance of butter in November amounted to $32,250,000$ pounds, the lowest monthly total since June this year. The month's figure was $2,000,000$ pounds under that for October and 1,500,000 pounds above the November, 1947, disappearance. The cumulative disappearance of $336,750,000$ pounds in the first il months of this year was $8,500,000$ pounds greater than in the similer period of 1947.

In pounds per capite, the doinestic disappearance in November this year was 2.52 pounds as against 2.67 pounds in October and 2.44 pounds in November, 1947. In the cumulative period, the per capita disappearance advanced to 26.22 pounds from 25.60 in 1947 and 23.61 in 1946, but was lower than in earlier years.

Creamery butter production in November, as previously publishad by the Bureau, was almost $16,500,000$ pounds, or more than $1,250,000$ pounds ebove November, 1947. The estimated dairy butter make was approximately $4,250,000$ pounds, almost 500,000 pounds more then in November a year ago. The cumulative production of total butter .creamery, dairy :nd whey -- for the 11 -month period roountod to $330,000,000$ pounde, a decrease of almost 5,000,000 pounds as compared with the January-November period of 1947.

The total quantity of creamery, dairy and whey butter produced in November plus stocks at tbe beginning of the month amounted to approximately $76,500,000$ pounds, a decline of about 11,000,000 pounds from November, 1947. Stock holdings of 54,250, 000 pounds at November 1, fell to $47,000,000$ pounds at December 1, showing declines of approximately. $17,250,000$ pounds and $12,500,000$ pounds, respectively, from the same iates a year ago.

## PRODUCTICN AND DISPOSITION

 OF EGGS IV NOVEMBERDue to a decrease in the average number of hens, the net production of eggs was lower in November. The estimated output for the month was $23,868,000$ dozen, showing a decrease of 11.4 per cent from last year's net production in the same month, while the average number of hons decreased by 21.7 per cent. There was, however, on increase in the rate-of-lay of 1.01 eggs per layer. Cumulative net production of eggs for the 11 months ending November was estimated at 356,920,000 dozen as compared with $375,809,000$ dozen in the same period last year.

In November this year there were 20,177,000 dozen aggs sold for consumption valued at $\$ 10,368,400$, while $3,591,900$ dozen were used on farms either for consumption, preservation or hatching. The number sold for hatching was 141,100 dozen.

## SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

December 23 December 16 November 25

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(1935-39=100)
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## Investors' Price Index

| (100 Common Stocks) | 115.0 | 115.7 | 116.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 76 Industrials | 110.4 | 111.0 | 111.5 |
| 16 Utilities | 119.0 | 119.6 | 120.5 |
| 8 Banks | 131.9 | 132.7 | 132.9 |

Mining Stock Price Index

| (30 Stocks $) \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.9 | 85.0 | 80.7 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 25 Golds $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 126.1 | 64.0 | 58.2 |
| 5 Base Metals $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 127.5 | 126.5 |  |

CLGIMS FOR UNEMPLOYRILNT INSURANCE BENEFIT INORE WED IN NOVEIBER

Ulaims for unemployment insurance benefit moved up sharply in November, with increases recorded in all provinces. Total for the month was 73,119 as compared with 47,372 in the corresponding month last year, eccording to the Dominion Bureau of Stetistics. Number of ordinary claims on the live unemployment register at the end of November totalled 33,710 compared with 59,555 a year earlier.

In November, 64,960 persons receivea one or more benefit payments aggregating \$2,283,383 for $1,106,864$ compensated days compared with 45,106 beneficiaries paid K1,555,397 for 813,780 compensated unemployed days in November, 1947. The average duretion of the unemployment compensated was 17 deys in November compared with 18 days a year ago. The average amount of benefit paid per beneficiory was 35.15 compared with $\$ 34.48$, and on a daily basis the average was $\$ 2.06$ compared with $\$ 1.91$.

Claims filed in November were as follows by provinces, totals for November last year being in brackets: Prince Edward Islend, 468 (273); Nove Scotio, 4,421 (4,139); New Brunswick, 3,546 (2.098); Quebec, 21,092 (14,104); Onterio, 19,948 (11,001); Manitoba, $3,880(3,018)$; Seskatchewen, 2,816 (1,917); Alberta, 2,480 (2,364); British Columbia, $14,469(8,458)$.

BKIES ATU FARCFSES OR SEJTRTHES BDTWEEN CiNADAL AND OTILA COCNTRIDS

Canscetions ir securities between Corade and other countries in October totalled $335,500,-$ 000 , a decrease of 11 per cent from the September figure, but a rise $i 4$ per cent over October last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistica. Both seles and purchases were lower then in September and the purchase balance fell from 9900,000 to 500,000 .

Transactions with all countries in the first 10 months or 1948 resulted in net purchases of $\$ 18,800,000$ as against net purchases of $\$ 12,300,000$ in the same period of 1947 and net sales of $\$ 132,400,000$ in the irirst 10 months of 1946 .

In trade with the United States in October, sales and purchases each decreased from the preceding month by approximately the same amount. Hence there was no appreciable chango in the net outflow of funds, which was 9900,000 in October and $\$ 800,000$ in September.

Transactions with the United Kingdom in October produced a salus balance for the first time in seven yerrs. The belunce, arounting to $\$ 400,000$ was due to net sales of bonds issued by the Dominion and provincial governments and Canadian corporations. Stock transections resulted in a small purchase balance which had little effect upon the total trade between Canada and the United Kingdom.

The total volume of trade with other countries was the same as that for September, Bales and purchases each totalling 4,400,000.

DEFARTMENT STORE SALSS UP 23 FER CENT IN WEEKK OF DAOEME WR 18

Department store sales increased 23 per cent during the week ending December 18 over the corresponding week last yesr, according to figures
released by the Dominion Buresu of Statistics. Sales in the Naritime Provinces wore up 39 per cent, Sasketchewan 31 per cent, Alberta 27 per cent, queboc 23 per cent, Ontario 22 per cent, and Manitobe 13 per cent. Percentage change for British Columbia is not available.

RIDIO SALES'S LOWER IN OUTOBER
Producers' sales of radio receiving sets in uctober decreased almost four per cent from the preceding month and were 14 per cent lower than in Octovar lest year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In the month, sales were lower in Ontario, Wanitoba and British Columbia, while in the cumuletive period, the decline was common to all provinces.

Sales during October amounted to 75,209 units as compared with 78,228 in September and 87,668 in October a year ago. During the first 10 months of this yeer, producers' sales totalled 427,140 units as against 632,203 in the $\operatorname{similar}$ period last year.

Provincial totals for the first 10 months of this year are as follows, those for the like period of 1947 being in brackets: haritimes, $28,048(49,684)$ units; Quebec, $92,637(132,807)$; Ontario, $188,204(276,366)$; Wanitoba, 29,905 (52,470); Saskatchewan, 20,770 (30,021); Alberta, 28,162 (36,629); British Columbia, 39,414 $(54,226)$.

GOLD PRODUCTION IN OCTOBER
Reflecting increases in all producing areas with the exception of British Columbia which showed a moderate Gecline, production of gold in Canada in October passed the 300,000-ounce mark for the second time since June, 1943. Production for Nova Scotia remained unchanged from a year ago.

Actual output for the month was placed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 306,871 fine ounces as compared with 294,910 in the preceding month and 258,828 in the corresponding month last year. During the first 10 months of this year, 2,889,236 fine ounces were produced as ageinst $2,543,233$ in the similar period a year ago.

Output for the month was as follows by provinces, totals for October last year being in brackets: ontario, 176,431 (154,028) fine ounces; Quebec, 67,931 (50,979); British Columbia, 23,942 (25,682); inanitoba and Saskatchewan, 17,400 (13,751); Yukon, $11,063(8,360)$; Northwest Territories, 10,091 ( 6,013 ); Nova Scotia, 13 (13).

## OUTFUT: OF SILVRR, LUWD GND ZINC

Out, ut of primery silver, lead and zinc continues above last year's level, according to figures for October released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The month's output of primary silver amounted to $1,381,133$ fine ounces as compared witi $1,230,140$ in the preceding month and $1,136,959$ in the corresponding month last year. During the first 10 months of this year, 12,361,339 fine ounces were produced as against $10,468,219$ a year ago.

Production of primary lesd in October totallad 15,764 tons compared with 15,067 in Sept ember end 12,997 in October, 194\%. Cumulative production for the 10 -month period was 134,962 tons against 135,653 in the similar period last year.

Primary zinc production in October reached the highest point since July, 1946, amounting to 22,339 tons as compared with 19,989 in September and 18,079 a year earlier, bringing the aggregate production for the year to date to 197,203 tons as
against 170,791 last year. against 170,791 last year.

LUDINGS OF SEA: FISH HIGHER IN NOVEMEER

Landings and landed value of the products of the sea fisheries of Canads both were higher in November, the catch increasing to 142,270,000 pounds irom 90,387,000 in November lest year, end the velue to $\$ 3,284,000$ from $\$ 3,162,000$. Increased landings of cod, haddock, hake and Pacific herring accounted for most of the gain in the month. Sardines and salmon landings were down sharply.

Up to the end of November, landings in the sea fisheries totalled 1,181,830,000 pounds as compared with $1,084,040,000$ in the corresponding period last year, and the value, $\$ 56,539,000$ compared with $42,744,000$. Haddock landings on the Atlantic Coast and Pacific herring landings both are over 40 per cent higher so far this season than in 1947 -- in fact are considerably higher than in any recent year. Landings of cod, hake $\varepsilon$ nd lobsters are also higher, but decreased landings of halibut, ftlantic herring, sardines, mackerel and salmon are on record.

As to the disposition of the catches, a relatively larger proportion of the hadock taken has been filleted, more than 75 per cent as compared with somewhat over 50 per cent in 1947. According to reports to date, almost 95 per cent of this season's Facific herring catch is being utilized for the production of meal und oil. In acritrast with the previous several years, only negligible quantities are being canned.

## CANAL TRAFFIC IN NOVEMBER

Freight traffic was heevier on the Soult Ste. Marie and welland Ship canals in November but was somewhat lighter on the St. Lawrence system. From the opening of nevigation to the end of November, all three systems had heavier freight movements.

Freight checked through Sault Ste. Marie locks in the month totalled 11,806,000 tons, an increase of nearly 720,000 tons, or 6.5 per cent over the same month last year. To the end of November, 114,262,000 tons of freight were handled compared with $109,265,000$ in the same period last year, up 4.6 per cent.

On the Welland Ship cesnel freight traffic in the month emounted to $1,511,000$ tons compared with $1,496,000$ a $y \in a r$ ago, and for the season to $13,051,000$ tons compared with 11,358,000. Traffic on the St. Lawrence cansls in November totalled 822,000 tons, down 150,000 tons from the same month last year, while the total for the season was up from 7,146,000 tons to 7,356,000.

FRODUUTION OF LEADING MINLRZIS IN UCTOBER
activity in the Canadien anning industry is at a high level. Production figurus for October show that the output of all but two of 16 of Canede's leading minerals moved upward, while in the 10 months ending October production was advenced in all but one item. In October, copper and nickel were lower, while in the cumulative period the decrease was in le d.

This year's l0-month production follows by items, figures for the same period of 1947 being in brackets: asbestos, 588,507 ( 538,689 ) tons; cement, $12,075,402$ $(10,232,756)$ berrels; clay products, $14,009,053$ (i11,943,426); coal, 14,670, 019 (12,351,619) tons; copper, 401,332,192 (375,937,977) pounds; felasper, 40,085 (29,875) tons; gold, 2,889,236 (2,543,233) fine ounces; gypsum, $2,690,795(2,090,282)$ tons; lead, $269,922,770(271,306,407)$ pounds; lime, $862,737(803,047)$ tons; netural gas, $46,379,149(41,531,556) \mathrm{Mcubic}$ feet; nickel, $210,750,218(191,478,848)$ pounds; petroleum, $9,855,489(6,232.360)$ berrels; salt, $616,067(612,695)$. tons; silver, 12,361,339 (10,468,219) tine ounces; zinc, 394,394,82? $(341,591,102)$ pounds.

PRODUCTIUN OF COPPER KND NICKeL IN OOTOEkR

Production of new primary copper in October amounted to 20,403 tons, increasing over the preceding month's output of 17,688 tons, but lower than the 22,530 produced in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Stetistics. Durine the first 10 months of this yenr, output totalled 200,015 tons es egainst 187,969 in the similsr perioz last year.

Nickel output in the month was higher then in september but declined from the Octobur, 1947 figure . This yeur's October figure was rocorded at $10,27 \mathrm{~J}$ tons compared with 9,841 in Septembor and 11,536 in Oetober ILst yur. Cumulative production for the 10-montin periol was 105,375 tona as against 96,940 tons in the like period of 1947 .

ShIES OF MANUFICTURED AND NaTURiL Gas

Sales of manufactured and netwral gas by distributing companies were at a higher level in Octooer than in the same month a yesr sarlier, soccraing to figursa released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Manufaetured gas sold in Octower ancurtsd to $2,0,7,639 \mathrm{M}$ vuric feet as compared with 2,000, 196 M in October last year. During the 10 months ending October this year, $21,103,562 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet were sold as against $20,206,880 \mathrm{M}$ in the similar period of 1947.

The month's sales of netural gas totalled 2,932,764 M cubic feet compared with 2,540,954 in october, 1947. In the lu-month period, $34,575,025$ m cubic feet were sold as against $31,605,565 \mathrm{M}$ in the same perija last year.

STOCKS OF NON-FERROUS SUR:IF HETHL Dealers stocks of non-ferroue scraf metal at the end of october were as fullows, totals for the first of the month being in brackets: aluminum scrap, 1,746,505 (1,529,553) pounds; brass and bronze serap, $0,600,066(0,518,702)$; copper scrap, $3,145,782$ $(3,531,460)$; magnesium scrap, $36,990(36,040)$; nickel scrap, $240,475(238,826)$; tin-lesd scrap, 4,596,842 (4,540,543); zinc scrap, 597,549 (694,179); drosses, $1,282,222(1,246,582)$.

ASFHALT FLOOR TILES IN NOVEIBER Canadian production of asphalt floor tiles increesed in November over the preceding month, While a decline was shown in domestic sales, according to the Juminion Bureau of Statistics. The month's output amounted to $1,608,485$ square feet as compered with $1,497,088$, and domestic sales totalled $1,020,324$ squere iset as against 1,311,173. In the first 11 montis of this year, $17,835,177$ square feet were produced and 15,046,073 square feet were suld.

## CRRLOADINGS ON CLNDDILN RAILWGYS

Carloadings on Canadian railweys for the week ended December 25 smounted to 59,092 cars as compared with 73,293 vars for the preceding week and 52,803 cars for the corresponding week last year, according to the Dominion Bureau ui Statistics. This is the 52nd week -- the first week enaed January 3 -- nnd the cumuletive total of $4,069,952$ cars is the highest in railway iistory. For 1947 , the total for the 52 waeks was 3,944,788 care.

PRODUUTION OF SAWN LUNBER IN OUTUBER

Canadian production of sawn lumber, excluding sawn tís, wes 11 per cent lower in Oetober than in the corresponding monta lest yeer, and was down sbout one per cent in the first lu woiths of this year as compared with the same period of 1947 . Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia repurted increases in the month, while in the cumulntive pericd, advances were limited to $A l b=r t a$ and British Columbis.

In October, the all-Canada output amountea to $413,091 \mathrm{M}$ bourd fost as compared with 463.396 M in the corresponding month last year, wile in the lo-month period, $4,736,630 \mathrm{M}$ board feet were produced compared with $4,796,410 \mathrm{M}$ a year ago.

Output for the lo-month pericd was as follows by provinces in $M$ board feet, totals for the similar periad of 1947 being in vreckets: British Volumbie, 2,250,893 $(2,061,447)$; Quebec, $1,005,533(1,000,359)$; Onterio, $6,8,423(676,861)$; Nova Scotia, $250,959(321,284)$; A1berta, 224,666 (200, 815 ); New Brunswick, 211,651 (280,860); Saskatchewan, 80,176 (101,863); Menitobe, 45,721 (55,098); Frines Edward Island, 8,603 (11,823).

PRODUCTION OF PRINTING TRGDES UP 19 PER CENT IN 1946

Total produation in Cansda's printing trades excluding such side-line work as the manufocture of paper bags and boxes end other miscelleneous paper goods - rose to a record velue of $\$ 222,548,636$ in 1946, an increase of over $\$ 35,000,000$ or 19 per cent above the 1945 gross velue of $\$ 186,945,134$.

The number of establishments in the Bureau's classification of printing trades, which includes printing, fublishing, bockbinaing, lithographing, engraving, stereotyping, electrotyping, trade somposition snd blueprinting, increased to 2,404 in 1946 as compared with 2,312 the previous year, while the average number of employees rose to 48,950 ss against 43,565 . Salaries and wages paid by these establishments totelled $\% 86,433,880$ compered with $074,257,775$ and the cost of materials used advanced to $, 65,501,698$ from $, 52,655,848$.

AVER/GE SALES inN FRUTITS OF RETHIL CLOTHING CHLINS IN 1947
done the four main classes of chain stores in the rotail elothing field in Canada, family clothing chains hed the higlust average sales per store in 1947, men's clothinf chains were second, followed by women's clothing chains and shoe chains in last place. On the otier hand, men's clothing chains had the highest percontage of net profit and shoe chuins the second highest, while women's clothing chains were third and family clothing chains last and the lowest.

According to the annual survey of operating results of these stores by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios, average sales par store of family clothing chains amounted in 1947 to $\$ 244,759$, gross profit was 26.38 per cent, and net profit before taxes 5.6 per cent. For men's cluthing cheins, ssles fer store averaged $\downarrow 168,467$, gross profit stood at 29.95 per cent and net prosit befors taxes at 7.54 per cent.

In the case of women's clothing chains, asles per store averaged 486,094 , gross profit was 30.18 per cent, and net profit before taxes 6.75 per cent. Shoe chains had average sales per store of 452,895 , gross prafit of 30.75 per cont -. highest of the four classes -- and net profit before taxes of 6.52 per cent.

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