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CANDLIN MPPORTS IV HAY wore velued at $\$ 250,50,000$, up from $32,2,700,000$ in April and $2225,100,000$ in kiny lest yoar, the abregate for tho first five months risine to $\$ 1,158,900,000$ as against $11,037,100,000$ in the 1948 periou.

CiNADA HiL is FiVOURIBIE OVIRR.IL BuLiNCE IN MERCH NDISE TR:DE of $\$ 25,100,000$ in May as comparod with a favourable balanco of $662,400,000$ in iny last year, and debit balances of $\$ 2,400,000$ in April and $\$ 16,900,000$ in liareh this yoar. The adverse balance with tho United States was $449,100,000$ in May as against $665,100,000$ in April and $425,70,000$ in hay a yoar acu.

TOTAL NOLULE UP TETAIL SILES during May ansunted to $\$ 654,000,000$ as against $\$ 615,-$ 000,000 in tho samo month last yoar, a eain of 6.3 por cont. Sales from January to ilay increasod 7.4 por cont, amounting to $22,869,530,000$ comparod with 4,670 ,890,000 in the five months of 1948.

CEDOIT SALEA accountol for a slightly highor proportion of total sales in 16 major rotail fiolds in the first quartor of tais yoar than in the same three months of 1943. Cash salus declinud to 62 per cont of the total from 62.9, charge sales romnined unchaned, and instalment salos absorbed tho drop in cash sales.

HIGivay Ennem facoligs during the first five months this year wore 10 por cent greater than in the similer period last year, numberine $2,757,300$ as comparod with $2,480,200$. United Statos entries rose from $1,826,700$ to $1,394,300$ and roturnine Canadian traffic from 653,500 to 363,000 .

OUTPUT OF STEEL INGOTS durine Juno increasod to 260,256 tons comparod with 219,710 tons in Junc, 1948, making a half-yenr total of 1,617,264 tons as against 1,537,013 tons last year.

EGG IRONUTTION IN UANubA was down six por cont in June from a yoar ago and nine por cont lowor in the first half of this yoar. Estimated toteis wore $32,465,000$ dozon for Tune and 207,984,000 dozen for the six months.

LE: THINR FOOTVELR PRCDUCTION IN CANDN: was 28 por cent Greater in Nay than a year earlior and was 12 yor cort prater for the first five months this yoar.

HIGHER MIY IMPORTS RIISE FOREIGN TRRDE TOTAL

Total Canadian imports in May were valued at $\$ 250,500,000$, comparing with $\$ 242,700,000$ in the precoding month and $\$ 225,100,000$ in May, 1948. Tho cumulative total for tho first five months was $\$ 1,158,900,000$ as against i $1,037,100,000$ a yoar ago.

As roportod carlior this month, domestic oxports in May reached a valuo of $2272,900,000$ as against $8237,800,000$ in April. This was the best month in tho year for Canadian oxports, but about $\$ 10,000,000$ below the total of $\$ 282,300,000$ in May last yoar. Ovor the fivo months domostic oxports woro slightly abovo thoso of last yoar at $\$ 1,169,600,000$ comperod with $1,166,600,000$.

Ro-exports of foreign goods worc valuod at $\quad 2,700,000$ in Nay compared with $\overline{5} 5,200,000$ lest yoar, and over the five months foll from $16,300,000$ in 1948 to \$11,500,000 this year. Thus total foreign trado in May, domostic and foreign oxports plus imports, amountod to $\mathbf{4} 526,100,000$, roprosenting an incroase of 2.6 por cont ovar lnst yoar's total of $\$ 512,600,000$. Total value in tho first fivo months was $\widehat{\imath} 2,339,900,000$ as against $\$ 2,220,000,000$, a gain of 5.4 per cent.

Canada's trado with the Unitod Kingdom in the month roalized an export surplus of $\$ 43,400,000$, an incroasa of $\$ 10,000,000$ over ippril, but below last year's liay belance of $37,800,000$. The cumulative figuro for the five months fell from $3192,-$ 600,000 last year to $\$ 140,000,000$ this year. Imports were up from $\$ 113,100,000$ in the first five months of 1948 to $1136,300,000$ in 1949 .

The Dominion's adverse balance with the United Statos amounted to $\mathbf{j} 49,100,000$ in May as aga inst $\$ 65,100,000$ in inpril, and $\$ 28,700,000$ in May last year. The aggregate doficit with tho Unitod States for tho yoar-to-date was $\$ 247,000,000$ as comparod with 184,600,000 in 1948 and $3397,500,000$ in 1947. Thus wilo Canada's balance position t.is yoar with tho United States is less favourable than that of a year ago, it is still much bettor than in the comparable poriod of 1947. The chiof reason for a greater daficit this year was the increase in imports, which betwoon Jenucry and ilay 1948 wore 8729,600,000 and betwoen January anả bay 1949 ware $832,000,000$.

In trade with all countrios Canada had a favourablo May balanco of $\gamma 25,100,000$ as against dobit bolances of $82,400,000$ in itpril and $\$ 16,900,000$ in March. The comparablo figuro for ilay, 1948 , was $362,400,000$. Ovor tho fivo months this year tho total favourablo balance was

Tho docreaso which has taken place in Canada's favourablo balance of trado has been entirely due to tho increased purchases made in tho Unitod Statos and ovorseas marketa, particularly in the former. Imports havo increasod by $4122,000,000$, and, since oxports havo remainod at almost tho same levol as last yoar, this increase is equivalont to tho roduction in the balanco of trade. Over $\$ 100,000,000$ of the increaso in imports was accountod for by tho Unitod States alone; as oxports to that country incroasod by approximato ly $40,000,000$, tho not loss incurred in trading with the United Statos between Jonuery and Mey 1949 was $860,000,000$. (1)

The increase in the value of imports from the United States was from $\$ 145,000,000$ in Way last yoar to $\$ 172,100,000$ this yoar. This raised tho United Statos share of totel Cancdien imports from 64 per. cont last yoor to 69 per cent. During tho five months imports from tho United States reached $\$ 832,000,000,72$ per cent of total, as compared with $729,600,000$, or 70 pur cent, in the five months of last year.

Goods valuod at $\mathbf{\gamma 2 9 , 5 0 0 , 0 0 0 \text { entored Cenado from the Unitod Kingdom in May. This }}$ Wes approximately $82,000,000$ highor than in May last year. Comparative totals for the five monthe were $\$ 136,300,000$ in 1949 and $\$ 113,100,000$ in 1948 .

Imports from other Europoan countrios incroasod moderately from 37,200,000 in May last yoar to $\$ 8,100,000$ this yoar, raising the aggregate value from $82,300,000$ to 135,700,000 in 1949. Canade bought more in the month from Bolgium and Luxambourg, Czochoslovakia, Gormany, the Nothorlands, Sweden and Switzorland. Lower purchasos were recorded from France, Denmerk and Spain.
$\therefore$ Aong purchases from Commonwoalth countrios, imports from iustralia were down slightly in the month, but over tho fivo months had risan from $\$ 7,200,000$ last yeer to $\$ 8,900,000$ in 1949. Thiso from Nev Zoeland incroased during the month from $\$ 608,-$ 000 last yoar to $11,900,000$ this year, while the five months total showed littlo chango boing $34,400,000$ last year and $34,600,000$ this year. Canada bought $\% 7,500,000$ worth of goods from the British West Indios in Nay as agninst $6,700,000$ last yoar. Tho comparative totals for the January to May poriod wero $\$ 18,900,000$ compared with i14,000,000 last year. Increases wero rocordod for Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica, which offsot declinos from Barbados and British Guiena. Imports from India foll from y7,000,000 in May of last yoar to $\$ 2,500,000$ this yoar. Coylon, British Malaya, tho Gold Coast, and Fiji all showod incroasus in May.

Venezuela, chiefly due to heavier purchases of petroleum, accounted for more than half $(\$ 9,300,000)$ the voluo of imports from Iatin imorican countries in May. There wert sharp reductions in imports from Brazil, Cuba and Mexico. These movements, with an assortment of lesser gains and losses, brought down total imports from Latin imerican countries in May from $818,500,000$ last your to $16,900,000$. In the five months our imports had fallen frorn $\$ 87,400,000$ to $\$ 70,500,000$ this yeer.

Lmone the chief commolity eroups thore was a sharp rise in imports of iron and iron products in May from $86,200,000$ a yoor ago to $886,500,000$, while the cumulative total for the fivo months this year rose to $\$ 402,200,000$ from $8324,000,000$ last year. Tho chief incroasos wero in rolling-mill products, farm imploments and machinery and automobiles. Smaller gains wero shown in most other main items except housohold machinery, wire and chain, and tools.

Non-motallic minerals imports increased to $\$ 49,000,000$ this year from $\$ 45,600,000$ last year. This gain was largoly duc to higher imports of crudo petroloum, which were valued at $419,000,000$ as against $\$ 16,000,000$ last yerr. On the other hand, non-forrous matals imports fell from $315,000,000$ to $213,900,000$, due mainly to decreases in imports of aluminum and products, and cloctrical apparatus. Howovor, tho eroup total for this catogory romained substantially highor at $\$ 72,300,000$ as against $\$ 63,000,000$ last yoar.

Incroases in imports of fruits, vagotables, toa, alcoholic neverages and rubbor raisod the total of imports of agricultural and vegetable products slightly to $332,500,000$. In the animals and animal products aroup there wes littlo change at ©5,700,000, lower imports of furs and products boing offet by increasos in row hides and skins. The wood products and paper group, and chemicals and allied products showed smell incroases at $\gamma 6,900,000$ and $10,600,000$. Imports of fibres and textiles foll off for the socond successive month to $31,500,000$ against $334,100,000$ lest year. Raw cotton, flax, hemp, jute and products, raw wool and wool products were lower, whilo cotton products increcsed. The miscellanoous group rose to $213,900,000$ from \$9,800,000 last yoar, the chief incrocses being in aircraft and parts, tourist purchases and parculs of small value.

RETiIL TRIDE IN MiY CONTINUED UPWIRD TREND

With salos of motor vehiclos and lumber and building materials loading in size of gains, ratail trading during May continuod tho upward trond shown in the first four months this year.

Total volume of retail sales in the month amsunted to $6654,000,000$ as comparod with $\$ 615,000,000$ in lay last year, a gain of 6.3 por cent, according to the monthly ostimato by tho Dominion Burocu of Statistics. The Nay gain comperes with oight por cont for tho first four months, the smellor incroase in tho month being partly attributablo, tho Burcau's roport says, to the month havine only four Saturdays as against fivo in 1948.

Salos in tho $f$ irst fivo months totallod $\varangle 2,869,530,000$ as compered with $62,670, \ldots$ 890,000 last year, a cumulativo gain of 7.4 por cont.

Rogionally, flberta showed tho greatost gain in Nay with an increase of 14 per cont over lost year, and of 22 por cont for tho five months. Salos in Saskotchuwan -which have boon sharply upward in recont months -- foll slightly below a yoar aem, but tho five-month figuro showed tho substantial incroaso of 18 por cont. Ifanitoba salos waro up nino por cent in tho month and 14 por cent in the five months. British Columbia also had an increase of nine per cent for May, the cumulative figure boine lowor at six por cent. In ontario soles increasod by eight por cont in may as compared with 6.5 per cont for the Jonuary-llay period. Sales in Quebec and the Maritimos were closely consistent with the cumulativo changos. In guobec there was a gain in the month of throe por cent as against 3.7 for the five months, while for the Maritimes the respective figures were 1.5 and one por cont.

Motor vehiclo solos jumped 28 por cont in May as compared with a cumulative gain of 11 per cent for the Janury-liay period, substantial incroases being recorded in the month for overy province. On the cthor hand, receipts of garagos and filling stations, roducod by the fow week-ends, gained only six por cent in llay as compared with 10.5 per cent for the five months.

Heavy gains in liay solos of lumber and building material outlots in vuiboc, Ontario and tho Prairios mure than offsot losses in the Maritimes and British Columbia to produce an increase of 17 per cont over May last yoar for all Canada and continue tho trend of tho first four months, whan sales wero up 12 per cont over 1948. Herdware salos, roflucting similar influonces, gainod over six per cont in May, slightly above the fivo-month incroase.

Grocory and combination store salus, influenced by the number of Saturdays, increasod only throo per cont in May as comparod with eight por cont in tho fivo months. The gain for most outlots similarly was just undor seven por cont as against 11 por cent. imong the clothing trados, mon's clothing, family clothing, and shoe storos continued the tendoncy to slowor trading, with decreascs of two to foum por cent in the month compared with cumulative geins botwoen two and six por cent. Following sizanblo gains in oarlior months, sales of women's elothine was prectically unchangod from a yoar oorlicr. (3)

IITTTE CH NGE IN PROFORTIONS
OF CASH AND CREDIT DE IING

Little change tock place in the porcentago of cash and crodit businoss transacted by ostablishmonts in 16 major rotail ficlds in Canada botwoon the first quartor of this yoar and last, statos tho Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its quartorly survoy of retail consumor crodit. Cash sales doclined from 62.9 per cont of total salas to 62.0 por cent. Instalmont salos absorbed this drop, gaining alightly, while charge salos romeined the same at 29.9 per cont.

Tho inder number of cash salos incroased from 166.1 in tho first quarter of 1948 to 169.2 in tho first throe months of 1949. Elovon of tho 16 trades showod decreasos in cash sales and five roported incroases. Instalment salas showed the greatest gains with nino of tho 10 instalmont doaline businessos roporting increasod salos. The instalmont index roso from 99.2 in 1948 to 110.1 in the first quartor of 1949. Ton of tho 16 trados had incroasud chargo salos to mako a combinod trados index riso from 166.8 to 170.1 .

Accounts outstanding at the ond of warch this yoar woro 16.7 por cent above tho 1948 levol at the samo datc. This increaso was mado up of a gain of 35.2 per cent in instalmont rocoivablos and a riso of 9.1 per cont in chargo accounts outstandine.

Sovon of tho 10 instalmont trados roportod incroases in roceivablos from the first threo months of 1948 and 13 of tho 16 tredes had groator chorgo accounts outstanding. (4)

DEPARTMENT STORE SILIES UP THREE PER CENT

Dopartmont storo salos rose throu por cont during the woek onding July 16 ovor the corresponding wook last year, accordine to proliminary figuros roloasod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. ill regions of tho country participatod in tho riso oxcept Manitoba. Salos in the Maritimo Provincos advancod 14 por cent, followed by a riso in ilborta of 10 por cont, Saskatchowan nine per cent, British Columbia six per cont, Ontario two por cont, and Qucboc ono por cent. Salos in Manitoba declined 11 por cent.

SIIES AND PURCHSES OF SECURITIES BET EEN CANID.. AND OTHER COUNTRIES

Security transactions betweon Canada and other countrius in May rosulted in a small purchaso
balance of 200,000 in place of tho salos balance of $34,200,000$ which occurrod in hpril. Tho total value of trade aropped 24 per cent, sales doclining by $\$ 6,800,000$ and purchases by $\$ 2,400,000$. Transactions durine the first five mo nths of this yoar produced net salos of $33,900,000$ as against net purchases of $12,400,000$ in the arresponding poriod last yoar.

Tho decline in hay was due principally to a smaller voluma of trade with the Unitod States, which producei a purchase balance with that country of 4400,000 . Salos to tho United Kingdom woro down 200,000 , while purchases romained unchanged from spril, resulting in a purchase balanco of $\$ 100,000$. Trensactions with other eountrios declined in May, sales excceding purchases by 100,000 .

Sales to all countries in May wore valued at $\because 14,600,000$ as compared with $\$ 21,400,-$ 000 in April and $19,500,000$ in May last year, willo the purchasos from all countrios totallod $314,800,000$ comparod with $\$ 17,200,000$ in ingril and $\$ 25,300,000$ a yoar aeo. In the five months ending May, salos to all countries ageregated $\$ 80,300,000$ compered with $83,600,000$ in tho similar poriod of 1948 , and tho purchases, $876,400,000$ compared with $\$ 95,800,000$. (5)

HIGHWIY TRAFFIC AT CINADUN BORDER POINIS

Highway traffic botween Canade and the United States was -ight por cent heovior in May than in the same month last yoar, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There were increasus of one per cont in tho number of United States vehicles entering Cannda and 29 por cent in the number of Canadian vohicles returning from the Unitod States.

The ageragate number of border crossings in ilay was 816,300 , consisting of 579,100 foreign entrios and 237,200 Canadian vehicles roturnine. Of the foreign inflow, 154,000 vehicles entered on traveller's vehicle purmits, 406,500 were nonpermit or local entrios, and 18,600 commercial vehiclos. The Canadian traffic comprisod 23,500 units romaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 197,600 staying for shorter periods and 16,100 commercial vohiclos.

Cumulative totals for tho first fivo months of this year place hichway bordor crossings at $2,757,300$ as conpared with $2,480,200$ in tho similar poriod a yoar ago, an advanco of 10 por cont. As in liay, a large part of the $r$ iso wes duo to increased volumo of roturning Canadian traffic, up from 653,500 a year ago to 863,000. In the semo poricd, Unitod Statos entrios roso from 1,826,700 a year oarlier to 1,894,300. (6)

## SECURITY PRICE INNEIES

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PRODUCTION OF EGGS IN JUNL Froduction of oges in Canada in Junc amounted to 32,465,000 dozen, a decreasu of almost six per cont from last year's corresponding total, according to estimates by tho Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Thore was also a docreaso in the month of 48 oges per 100 layers. Cumulative production for the first half of this yoer was 207,884,000 dozen as compared with $228,261,000$ in the sams period of 1948, a decline of nine per cent.

In June, sales of eggs for consumption totallod $26,087,200$ dozen, or 79 per cont of all disposals, valuod at $310,637,700$, whilc sales of hatching oggs amounted to 314,600 valued at 194,700. Eges used for consumption by producers totalled 6,437,200 dozon or 19.5 por cont of the total, valued at $32,562,500$, and the quantity used by producers for hatchine amounted to 143,200 dozen valued at w71,700. (7)

Fairly general rains fell over most of tho Prairio Provincos durine tho post wook. Average rainfall sinco ipril 1 for Hinnitoba , Saskatchowan and ilburta now stands at two, seven, and 17 per cont bulow normal rospoctivoly -- a marked improvement in all throe provincus ovor a wook oarlior. Pro-seasunal procipitation, however, was ficr bolow normal in the groator part of tho West and this factor continues to affect crop dovelopment adversoly, particulnrly in tho normally low rainfall aroas.

Prospocts in Manitoba with few oxceptions romain good to excollont. Rains have woll maintainod tho se.tisfectory condition already establishod in northorn and oasturn districts of Saskatchowan, and should now carry the crops to maturity in those areas. Somo improvomont is noted in contral and wostern districts but roliof cama too lato to most of tho drought aroa in south-central and south-western Saskatchowan, whore the principal benofit accruine will be to pasturc and fodior crops. Crop prospocts in illborta are still, with scme exceptions, generally poor to fair, although good rains havo improved late-sown crops and relioved tho food situntion in contral and northorn parts of tho provinco.

Rain foll ovor much of Manitoba last wook and oxcopt for localizod dry areas in the southorn part of tho provinco prospects for nerrly all crops remain good to excellent. Harvestine of oarly crops has bogun in somo aroas and should be general by the first of fugust. Insoct infostations aro abating and losses from now on are expectod to bo at a minimum. Hail storms have been of very limitod oxtent and, whilo loaf rust is quito gonoral, no sorious losses from this cause are anticipatod.

Rains roccivod durine the past wook have providod sufficiont moisture to carry the crop through to maturity in most of tho northorn and oastern districts of Saskatchewan. Crop conditions aro somowhat improvod in contral and westorn districts but further moisture will be roquired to onsure proper filling. Whilo it is too lato for rain to promoto much rocovory to crops in the droucht aron of south-contral and south-western Saskatchowan, pasturo end foddor erowth will alloviato the critical food shortago to somo oxtont. Giasshoppers aro becoming moro numorous in areas whoro oorlier control moasuros wero loss concontrated and somo hoavy local damage is roportod.

Crop prospocts in Alborta continue from poor to fair dospite modium to hoavy rains ovor wide areas of the province. Somo improvement is oxpectod in late-sown crops in most areas but the eroatost benofit will bo derived from the improved food situation in contral and northorn illberta. Sawfly infostation causing 35 to 70 per cent damage has been reportod in the Now Dayton, Warnor, Nobleford, Barons, Carmangay and Vulcan areas. Aggrogate grasshoppor damage is not oxpected to be ovor threo por cent for the province. Some local hailstorms have been reported but damage is slight in most areas. (3)

STOCKS IND MRKETINGS OF WHEIT IND COIRSE GRIINS

Stocks of Canzdian whoat in store or in transit in North dmerice at midnight on July 14 amountod to 59,794, 000 bushols compared with 65,263,000 on July 7, and 41,569,000 on the corresponding date last yoar, cecording to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Fermers in the Prairie Provinces marketod 1,134,100 bushels of wheat during the wokk ending July 14 as comparod with $1,537,300$ in tho corrosponding wook last yoar, brineine tho cumulative total for the crop yoar to dato to 272,411,000 bushols as against 237,797,600 in tho like poriod of the precedine crop yoar.

Tho following quantitios of coarso rains woro also dolivored from ferms in the Prairie Provinces during the weok ondine July 14, totals for tho same wook last yoar boing in brackots: oats, 667,500 (442,800) bushols; barloy, 335,000 (354,300); ryc, $211,900(4,500)$; flaxsood, 54,700 $(38,200)$.

Overseas oxport clearances of wheat dur ing tho weok ending July 14 totallod 4,402,800 bushols ccmparod with $2,945,500$ in tho samo wook last yoar, and in the cumulative poriod, $167,924,800$ bushols comperod with $125,118,700$. (9)

STOCKS OF CREEIERY BUTTERR IN NINE CITTES OF CANLD:

Stocks of croamory butter in ninc citios of Conada on July 22 roso to $38,125,000$ pounds from last yoar's corresponding total of $24,617,000$ pounds, accoraing to tho Dominoin Bureau of Statistics. Holdines were hifhor in five of the nine citios, decreasos boing shown in Quaboc, Saskatoon, Calgary, and Vancouver.

Stocks wore as follows by citios on July 22, totals for tho samo dato last yoar boing in brackets (figuros in thousands): Quebcc, 2,179 (2,870) pounds; Montroal, 15,259 (9,398); Toront0, 3,226 (3,621); Winnipeg, 7,310 (4,023); Regina, 821 (280); Saskato on, 150 (220); Edmonton, 2,536 (1,292); Calgery, 870 (1,074); Vancouver, 774 (1,839).

OUTEUT OF STEEL INGOTS IN JUNE Continuine the gains over 1948, the Cenadian output of steol ingots roso in Juno to 260,256 tons from 242,710 a year earlier, accordine to the Dominion Buroau of Statistics.

During the first six months of this year, output ageregatod 1,617, 264 t ons compared with $1,537,013$ in tho like period of 1948 . Tho monthly averaco output for tho first half of 1942 was 269,544 tons compared with 256,169 a yoar earlicr.

The daily averago output for Juno this year was 8,675 tons omparod with 8,324 in tho samo month last yoar, while tho daily rate for the first half of 1949 was 8,935 tons as agoinst 8,445 . (10)

## PRODUCTION OF LEA, THER POOTWEIN

month last yoar, while the total for the first five months of this yuar roso 12 per cont. isccording to the Dominion Buroau of Statistics, production for the month amounted to 3,247,100 pairs as compared with 2,536,400 last yeer. This year's May figure brought production for tho cumulativo period to $15,419,700$ pairs as against $13,767,700$ in the similor poriod last yocr. (II)

PRODUOTION ANJ DORESTIC S. ILES OF RIGID INSULiTING BOIRD

Production and domestic salos of rieid insulating board both advanced in Juno and the first six months of this yoar over the corrospondine periods of 1948 , accordine to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The month's output anounted to $21,095,500$ square foet as compared with $20,839,900$ in the proceding month and $17,761,100$ in the same month a yoar afo. Durinc; the six months endine June, $126,926,300$ squaro feet were produced as against $104,336,500$ in the similar poriod last year.

Domestic sales in June registered a slight increcso over May, amounting to 20,162,000 square feet camparod with $20,122,800$, but showed a sharp rise ovor the 14,388,000 sold in June last yoar. In tho cumulativo poriad, salos to tallod 121,491,600 square feet ageinst 88,015,500 in tho like 1948 poriod. (Mem. I)

PRODUUTICN iND DOIRESTIC SAIES OF TSFHALT FLOOR TILES IN JUNE

Production and domestic sales of asphalt floor tiles both were lowor in June and the first half of this year than in tho correspondine periods last yoar, according to tho Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Tho month's output amounted to 1,379,600 squere feet as compared with 1,433,700 in the proceding month and $1,608,800$ a yoer eerlior. During the first six months of this yoar, 7,530,100 square feet wero producod as against 10,137,600 in the similar poriod last yoor.

Domestic salos advanced to 1,387,100 square feet from 1,365,800 in May, but showod a sharp docline from the $1,515,600$ sold in June last year. In the cumulative poriod, salos totalled 8,080,400 square feet comparal with $8,745,800$ in tho similor poriod of last year. (Mom, 2)

## ChRLOADIIGS ON CALTiDIIN RIILMAS

Carloadims on Canadian railways for the wook ended July 16 amountod to 73,181 cars, showing a slight incruase ovor the proceding wock's total of 72,936 cars, but a drop of $\therefore 543$ cars or 5.8 per cent from the corresponding woek last year.

Comparod with 1748, coal loadines dro ped from 5,671 to 4,847 cars, coke from 864 to 488 cars, building material from 5,708 to $5,055 \mathrm{cars}$, othor mine products from 1,811 to 1,698 cars, pulpwo from 6,190 to 3,597 cars, lumber from 4,770 to 3,870 cars, gasoline from 5,196 to 4,462 cars and wood pulp from 4,012 to 3,571 cars. Gains wore shown in grain which rose from 3,742 to 4,012 cars, ores and concentrates, up from 3,755 to 4,335 cars, autos aml parts from 783 to $1,235 \mathrm{cars}$, and $1 . \mathrm{c} .1$. merchand iso from 17,582 to 18,171 cars. Other commodities showod minor changos. (12)

## FROCESSED CHEESE INDUSTRY IN 1948

Tho total valuc of production of the processod checse industry in Canalia in 1943 amounted to b21,616,200, showing a slieht decroase from the recurd 1947 total volue of $\$ 21,652,400$, according to the Dominion Buruau of Statistics. Tho main product -- processoa cheeso -. doclined 13 por cent in quantity and treo por cent in valus last year as comparod with 1947 .

Other products of the industry, which include such items as ocg powier, sandwich sproad, and salad drossings, made up 36 per cont of the total valuo. Their valuo increased by six per cont sor that rocurdozin i9:7. (irom. 3)

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