## D.B.S. WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES FOR EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES

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Tho indaxos show changes in rotail pricas in cach city. Thoy do not indicato whothor it costs more or loss to livo in ono city than another.

Composito city indoxos at January and Fabruary 1951, and a yoar ago, aro shown in tho following tablo:

Fobruary 1, 1950
153.3
Hrlifax .......... 153.3

Saint John ........ 157.8
Montronl .......... 164.2
Toranto ........... 157.6
Winnipcg ......... 156.3
Saskatoon ......... 163.6
Edmonton .......... 158.1
Vancouvor ......... 163.4

January 2, 1951
(August 1939=100)

| 160.2 | 162.3 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 168.4 | 171.2 |
| 177.8 | 180.6 |
| 168.6 | 171.5 |
| 167.8 | 170.1 |
| 170.2 | 172.6 |
| 166.0 | 169.0 |
| 172.6 | 175.8 |

CHAIN STORE SAIES AND STOGKS IN JANUARY

Salos of six types of chein storos -- grocory, womon's clothing, shou, hardwaro, drug and varioty stores -woro highor in Janunry this year than in tho corrosponding month of 1950. Stocks worc lower for womn's clothing and shoo storos, but thore wore advancos for the othor four.

Tho food store group -- largest of tho six -- had salos totalling \$44,877,000 as comparod with $34,978,000$ in Januery last year, an incroase of 28.3 por cont. Salos of varicty stores rose to $\$ 8,448,000$ from $\$ 7,333,000$, or ky 15.2 per cont.

Womon's clothing storo salos advancod 11.7 por cont to $\$ 2,363,000$ from $\$ 2,116,=$ 000 in January, 1950, followod closoly by drug store salos at $\$ 2,338,000$ comparod with $2,210,000$, a gain of 5.8 pur cont. Shoo storo salos wore 8.7 por cunt highor at il,688,000 as cogainst wl,553,000, and herdworo storo sales climbud 25.6 por cont to 877,000 comparod with 8698,000 . (1)

Dopartmont stora salus incroasod 16 por cont in Fobrunry ovor the samo month last yocr, according to proliminary figuros. Salos woro highor in all provincos, Saskatchowan leading with a gain of 24 por cent. Manitabe followod closoly with an advanco of 23 por cont, Alborta 21 por cont, British Columbia 20 por cont, Quoboc and Ontario oach 13 por cont, and tho Maritinos 12 por cont.

TAPU PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCIS HIGFER IN JANUSTPY

Farm prices of agricultural products rose to higher levels in January, according to tho monthly index compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The figure for January, on the base $1935-39=100$, was 261.6 as comparod with the revisod Docombor indox of 256.0 and 241.5 for January last yoar. Tho all-time monthly poak indcx wes 265.1 roachod in July, 1950.

Incroases in tho initial pricos paid to wosturn producors for whoat, oats and barloy have rasultod in substantial upward revisions in the indox of ferm pricos for tho fivo months from August to Docombor. As a consequenco of thoso price changes tho annual avcrage indox for 1950 kas also beon rovisod upward and now stands at tho all-timu high of 253.4 , ono point above tho provious puak of 252.4 in 1948.

Betweon Documber 1950 and January 1951 tho indux incroased 5.6 points, due largoly to furthor advancos in the prices of livestock. While the prices of dairy products, potatoes and castern grains advanced sligitly, a duclino was recordod for poultry and oggs.

As compared with Ducombor thuro woru incruasus in all provincial indoxes oxcopt that for Eritish Columbia. The index for Alborta showed the largost incruaso of 14.5 points in the month to 269.9 from 255.4 , followod by ontario with a point increaso of 5.1 to 286.1 from 281.0.

Tho indox for Princo Edward Island edvenced to 184.6 from 181.3, Nova Scotia to 216.8 from 213.0, Now Brunswick ts 220.3 from 217.4, Quoboc to 279.2 froni 277.2, Manitoba to 260.4 from 256.2, Saskatchowan to 223.9 from 220.0 , whilo that for British Columbia duclined to 253.0 from 258.5. (Mom, 1)

PRODUCIION OF BUTTER AND CEEESE IN FERKURY

Production of creamery butter in February this year amounted to 7,108,000 pounds, showing a docline of 17 per cont from last yoar's Fobrumy total of $8,526,000$ pounds. Output was lower in all provinces. Thero was a dacline of soven pur cent in the production of choddrr chouse in February, tho month's total falling to $1,191,000$ pounds from 1,275,000 a yoar oarlior.

Production of 1 ce croam moved 11 per cont highor at 1,116,000 gallons as comparod with 1,004,000 in Fobruary last year. Output of concuntratcd milk products was also highor, stending at $15,293,000$ pounds as against 14,809,000, a gain of throo per cont. (2)

STOCKS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE StJcks of creamcry buttor were lower on March 1 , amounting to $14,879,000$ pounds compored with $25,579,000$ on Fubruary 1 , and $36,450,000$ on liarch 1 lest yoer. Holdings of chooso doclinod to 24,153,000 pounds from 27,074,000 on Fobruary 1, and 39,047,000 on March 1, 1950.

Stocks of ovaporatod whalo milk huld by or for manufecturers on larch 1 totalled $4,536,000$ pounds comparud with $9,039,000$ on Fobruary 1, and $12,530,000$ a yoar oarlier, whilo holdings of skim milk powder amounted to $1,767,000$ pounds against $2,453,000$ at tho boginning of Februnry, and 2,852,000 a yoar earlier.

March 1 stocks of oggs, shell and frozen, fell to 237,000 casos from 246,000 on Fobruary 1, and 282,000 on liarch 1 last yoar. Foldings of poultry moat totallod $14,440,000$ pounds against 18,077,000 on Fobruary 1, and 21,403,000 a your 0.go. (Mom. 2)

BTOCKS OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN NIIS CITIES OF CANADA

Stocks of creamery butter in nine cities of Canada on March 9 amounted to $7,223,000$ pounds as compared with 22,863,000 on the corresponding date last year. Holdings were lower in each of the nino contres cxcopt quebec. Stocks woro as follows by citios on harch 9, totals for the same dato last yoar boing in brackets (thousands omitted): quebec, 282 (233) pounds; Montreal, 3, 685 (3,980) Torento, 1,062 (6,033); Winnipug, 725 (7,870); Rogina, 87 (634); Saskatoon, 90 (230); Edrionton, 768 (2,106); Calgary, 240 (638); Vencouvur, 284 (1,139).

PRODUCTION AND STOCKS OF WRGRRINE Production of margarino in Fobruary amountud to 9,037,000 pounds as compared with 9,439,000 in Jenuary, and 8,712,000 in Fobruary last yoar. Stocks hold by manufacturors, wholosalors and other warchouses on warch 1 incruased to 2,477,000 pounds from 1,981,000 on Fobrukry 1, and 1,852,000 a yoar tarlior. (iven. 3)

PRODUCTION AND STOCRM OF PROCESS CHERES

Production of process chouse in February amountod to 3,348,000 pounds as comparod with $3,344,000$ in Jenunry, and 3,019,000 in Fobruary last year. Sto:ks hold by menuracturors at tho and of Fobruary totallod $1,109,000$ pounds as comparad with 1,069,000 in January, and 843,000 at the end of Fubruary last yoar.

IILIT SUPPLIES IN THE FOUR NWOR THEITT EXPORTIIGG COUNTRILS

Whot supplies romaining on or about Fobruary l in the four major whoat exporting countrios
-- Unitud States, Canada, Austialia and irgontina -for oxport and carryover at tho end of their respoctivo crop yoar: 3 amountod to $1,102,000,000$ bushels, an incroase of about 12 por cont over Inst yoar's corresponding total of $985,000,000$ bushels, according to the whoat roviow issuod by tho Dominion Buroau of Statistics.

Supplios this yonr (in millions of bushols) woro as follows, with lnst yonr's fisuros in brackots: Unitud Status, 577 (531); Canada, 315 (218); Australia, 124 (145); and Argontina, 86 (91). Significant proportions of curront supplios in Canada and Australia consist of low grado whoat.

Dospito sonowhat largor oxportablo supplios it is probablo that world trado in whoat and whoat flour during 1950-51 may bo slightly loss than in 1949-50. Ruquiremunts, howovur, aru soncwhat higior than anticipatod oarlicr in the soason largoly as tho rosult of tho unsuttled intornational situntion and tho drought in Indic.

Transportation difficultios have so for retardod novemont fron North frnorica, and Southorn Honisphere supplics aro sonewhat sre.llor than in 1949-50. On the othor hand, con increasod rato of export is anticipatod ovor tho next fow months. Cander and tho Unitcd States have both sold large quantitios of whont and flour for futuro dolivcry and Janunry cloarancos woro woll in excoss of Docombor shipmonts. Tho oponing of lake nevigation will adu furthor impotus to oxport novomonts. Lxports for Docombor and Jonurry fron tho irgontine and iustralia woro somowhat above shipmonts from thaso countrias during tho same montis oit tho provious Southorn Honisphoro crop yonr. (3)

GTOCKS AND MiRRKETIIGS OF MEAT AND COARSE GRAIIS

Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America on liarch 1 amounted to 205,497,423 bushels as compared with $207,800,528$ a week earlier, and $147,-$ 204,002 on the corresponding date last year. Deliveries from farms in the Prairio Provinces during the weck totellod $2,330,563$ bushels as against $1,943,377$ a yoar ago, brinsing the totsil for the surrent crop year to $263,347,794$ bushels compared with $298,473,<29$ in tho adm period of 1.950 .

Crarsoce orgent cinamancos in tho wook amountod to $2,391,43$ bushols comparod wath 2,148,340 a yoar carlier, and in the cumulative period totallod 81,388,925 buskols as againet 99, 120,346. (atom. 6)

## pIR capata onnculp tion AND FROIDC IIUN OF MEAS

Camadans wousuned slightly luss moat on tho avcrage last your tnen in 1949 but por capita consumption was still well above prowar. Figures issuca by the Dominion Buroau of Ste.tistics place last yocr's por capita moat consumption at 134.1 pounds es comparod with 138.5 in 1949 and the fivo-yoar 1935-39 avorage of 118.3 pounds.

Thoro was lass boof and mutton and lamb consumud but incroasjd quantitios of roai, pork and cannod muets. Per capita consumption of boof foll to 50.5 pounds irom 56.5 , and mutton and lamb to 2.5 pounds from 3.0 , whilo pork incroasod to 60.8 pounds from 59.2 , voal to 9.2 pounds from 9.1 , and conned ructs to 5.5 pounds frow 5.1. Consumption of offals was 5.6 pounds for both yonrs.

Woduction of moat fron livostock slaughtorod in 1950, toguthor with estimatod moat equivalont of enimals exportod c.live, amounted to $2,124,000,000$ pounds, a declino of about one pur cont from tho proceding yoar's total of $2,231,000,000$ pounds. Boof production doclincd to $992,338,000$ pounds from 1,047,362,000, and autton and lamb to $39,469,000$ pounds from $45,467,000$, but pork in roasod to $953,977,000$ pounds from $910,884,000$, and venl to $128,466,000$ pounds from $127,-$ 544, 000 .

Bxports of meats from Cenndn on a cold-drussod carcess basis in 1950 anountud to $193,7+1,000$ pounds as comparod with $205,669,000$ in 19.9. Buof and roal oxports full to $89,012,000$ pounds fron $105,121,000$, mutton and larab to 2,761,000 pounds from 3,906,000, offals to $5,657,000$ pounds from 7,270,000, and cinnod moats to $11,212,000$ pounds from 13,312,000. Exports of pork advancod to 85,099,000 wound croal 7n,060,000. (Etou. 5)

## SMOCKS OP IBAH HCGRR ON MOROH ?

Stocks of moat hold by packers, abottoirs, wholosalc butchors end cold storago warohousus wore highor on liarch 1 , anounting to $64,775,000$ pounds as comparot with $62,225,-$ 000 in February 1, and 58,111,000 on ifarch 1 last yosr.

Boldings of frozon moat totriled $33,330,000$ pounds compered with 35,054,000 oa Fobrunry 1, and $30,441,000$ a yoar corlior, and the stocks of frosh meat atokitud to 14, 333,000 pounds agninst 13,299,000 on Februery 1, on 131,091,000 pa Lareh 1 last yeor.

Curod moat stocks wore 27,112,000 pounis compared with 13,872,000 on Fobruary 1, and 14, 579,000 pounds a yoar ago. (bom. 6)

STOCKS OF FISH ON MAREI 1 Siocks of Prozen fish in Canada on Warch 1 this year amounted to $32,248,000$ pounds, an increase of 17 per cont over last year's corresponding total of $27,555,000$ pounds. Holdings of salmon increased to $6,387,000$ pounds from $6,074,000$, sea horring to $8,466,000$ pounds from 7,517,000, other sea iish to 7,535,000 pounds from 5,216,000, but cod declined to 3,396,000 pounds from 4,420,000, and haddock to $1,072,000$ pounds from 1,762,000. (Liem. 7)

## STOCKS OF FRUTT AND VEGETABIES

Stocks of fruit, frozen and in preservative, on Warch 1 amounted to $28,846,000$ pounds as compared with $31,068,000$ on Fobruary 1, and 26,554,000 on tho corrosponding dato last yuar. Holdings of vogetablos, frozen and in brinc, totalled 13,095,000 pounds as against 14,328,000 on Fobruary 1, and 8,568,000 on liarch 1 last yoar. (ifom. 8)

FACIORI SIIFIENTS OF CANADIAN-MADE MOTOR VEHICLIS AT PEAK FOR JIIUARY

Factory shipmonts of Canadian-made motor vchicles continued at a high lovol in January, the total rising to 39,204 units -- a now high for thu month -- as comparod with 30,738 in Docomber and 28,527 in Jonuary last yonr. The month's shipmonts wore close to tho monthly puak totals of 41,383 units in Juno and 40,131 in July last yonr.

Shipmonts of vohiclos importcd from tho Unitod Statos totallod 1,238 units in Jenuary this yoar as against 1,067 a yoar aorliur, and the salos of British-mado vohiclos amountud to 5,157 units, comprising 4,731 passongor cars and 426 conmorcial vohiclus.

Shipments of passongor cars in Januery rose to 28,208 units from 20,927 a yoar onrlior, and commoreial vohicles advanced to 10,996 units from 7,600. Passungor cars for selu in Canade totallod 26,425 units compared with 19,626 , and conuncreial vohiclos totallod 10,390 units comparod with 6,814 . Passonger cors for oxport totallud 1,783 units agrinst 1,301 , and commcreinl vohiclos numborod 606 against 786 . (4)

PRODUUTION OF HOUSLFOLD ELECIRIC HEFRIGERITORS UF SULRFLY IN 1950; WLNIITG $1 \angle$ CFIITES DONER

Production of houschold cloctric refrigorators roso sharply in tho full yoer 1950, but there was a doclinu from tho procoding yoer in the output of domestic-type washing machinos. Figuros for Deconbur show a gain in production of rofrigorators but a doclino in washing mechinos.

Output of refrigurators in 1950 totallod 346,608 units as compared with 177,854 in 1949 , and shipmonts amounted to 344,143 as comparud with 165,367 . In Ducunbor, 31,335 units woro produced as compared with 14,073 , and 32,078 wero shippod as ngainst 15,238. Wanurectururs stucks at tho ond of tho yorr amounted to 3,435 units compnred with 3,145 at tho ond of 1949.

During tho yoar production of washing mehinos totallod $281,6.13$ units as comparod with 350,884 in 1949, and shipmonts amountud to 287,144 wints comparod with 342,380. In Docembor, 25,239 units woru manufactured as comprod with 28,161, and 25,220 worc shiypod comparud with 25,488 . iinnufncturors' stocks at the ind of tho yorus anountod to 10,230 units comparod with 11,057 . (5)

SAIES OF RADIO AND IV SEMS HIGHER IN NOVEMBER

Sales of radio receiving sets -- including television units -were 12 per cent higher in November than in the corresponding month of 1949 , while in the first 11 months of 1950 sales rose 11 per cont over a year earliar.

Salos in Novembor numborod 95,947 units valuod at $\$ 9,777,113$ as comparod with 85,540 units at $\$ 7,762,416$ a yoar ago, and in the 11 months totallod 698,223 units valued at $\$ 62,154,121$ as against 627,097 units with a value of $\$ 47,687,027$. Thore wore 4,904 tolcvision units sold in the month for $\$ 2,351,831$ as comparod with 1,598 worth $\$ 550,034$ a ycar carlior.

Salus of radio rcceiving scts worc as follows by provincos, totals for Novombor, 1949 boing in brackuts: Nuwfoundland, 770 (566) units; tho Maritimos, 5,332 (5,442); Quobuc, 18,091 (15,134); Ontorio, 50,645 (45,558); Manitoba, 5,785 (4,375); Saskatchewan, 3,033 (2,619); Alborta, 5,803 (5,200); British Columbia, $6,488(6,646)$. (6)

OUTPUT OF REFINED FETROLEUN FRODUCTS 10 PER C.NNT HIGFER IN YEAR 1950

Output of rofinud potroloun products by Canadian rofinories roso 10 per cont in tho full yoar 1950 as comperod with tho procuding yoar, whilo rocuipts of crude advancod noarly 13 pur cont. Incroasos woro rocordod in tho yoar's output of motor gasolino, stovo oil, diosol fuol, and light and hoavy fuel oil, and docroasos in aviation gasoline and tractor fuol. During tho yoar, output of all potroloum products amountod to $101,498,443$ barrels as comparod with $89,308,536$ in 1949.

Output of motor gasolinc roso to $46,158,548$ barrols from $41,34,905$ in 19.49, stove oil to 5,063,159 barruls from 4,15:,329, diesul fuol to 6,807,067 barrols from $6,013,843$, light fuel oil to $11,523,548$ barrels from $8,315,443$, and hoavy fuul oil to $21,830,857$ barrols from $20,452,561$. Production of aviation gasolino was lowor at 366,893 berrels comparod with 372,770 , and tractor fual foll sherply to 781,995 barrels from 1,145,500.

Crude oil rocoivod at tho rofinorics in 1950 totallod 108,108,648 barrols a.5 ngninst $95,959,136$ in tho procoding yucr. Roceipts of Canadian crudu roso to $26,317,717$ barruls irom $20,510,231$, or by 28 pur cont, and ropresonted 24 por cont of total supplios as comperud with 21 pur cont in 1,49. Fucuipts of inportod crudo incrensod to $81,790,931$ berrels from $75,448,905$, or by 8.4 pir cont.

Tho Unitud Statos and Venczuela again accountud for most of Canada's crudu oil imports in 1950, but tho amount from the lattcr country foll during the yoar. Imports from Arabia wore alnost double, and worv also highor fron Trinidad. Tho supply fron Colombia was amallur.

Imports from tho Unitud Statos in 1950 amountod to $31,243,823$ barrols as comparod with $29,652,453$ in 1949 ; Vonezueln, $30,165,160$ barrels conparud with 34,135,090; Trinidad, 2,448,354 berrols comparud with 2,196,745; Cslonbia, 79,887 barruls comparod with 226,255; Arabia, 17,853,707 barrols comparod with 8,927,675; and Iraq, nil comparad with 310,687 . (7)

OUIFUT OE CRUDE PETROLEURI AT NEW FEAKK IN 1950

Canadian production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline reached an all-time peak in 1950, incroasing more than a third over the previous high annual total
in 1949. Alberta's output rose 36 per cent during the year and production in Saskatchewan and tho Northwest Territories also advanced. There were docreases in Ontario and Now Brunswick.

Tho all-Canada output in 1950 amountod to $29,058,067$ barrels as comparod with 21,464,322 in tho preceding yoar. Production in Alberta was 27,580,680 barrols as comparod with $20,246,392$, Saskatchewan $1,022,408$ barrols against 782,188 , Ontario 248,623 barruls against 260,670 , Northwest Territorios 189,472 barrols agninst 155,528 , and Now Brunswick 16,884 barrols against 19,544.

Rodwator and Loduc woro tho largost producing fiolds in Alburta during the yoar, tho formor accounting for $10,746,472$ barrols as e.gainst 4,793,491 in 1949, and tho lattor $10,589,472$ barrols against $9,689,784$. Crudo output from tho Turnor Valloy amountod to 3,344,007 barruls against 3,826,543, Lloydminstor 809,801 barrols agcinst 716,941, Goldon Spiko 292,873 barrols against 85,081, Excolsior 272,186 barrols against 1,616 , and Stottlor 246,198 barrols agninst 15,725.

Production of natural gas in tho full yoar 1950 advancod to $70,410,230 \mathrm{M}$ cubic fout irom 60,457,177 if in the procoding year, and 58,603,267 in in 1948 .

OUTIUT OF SMEAL INGOTS AT HIGH TEVEL IN JHNUARY

Canadian stool mills turnod out rocord tomagcs of stocl ingots in January this yoar, according to figures roloasod by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Tho month's output amountod to 299,410 not tons as compared with 283,894 in Janunry last yoar. Provious poak total was 287,885 tons in liarch, 1949. Tho daily avorago output for Jenuary also roachod a high total of 9,658 nut tons comparod with 9,158 a yoar oarlior, and comparos with 9,286 in ifarch, 1949. (9)

PRODUCTION OF COPPER AND NICREL LOWER IV DLCELESSR AIDD YLAR 1950

Candian production of coppor and nickol was lowor in Decembor and the full yoar 1950 then in tho corrosponding periods of 1949. Tho yocr's output of now primary coppor a mounted to 262,865 tons, sliehtly bolow tho 194. total of 203,457 tons, and nickel production foll four por cont to 123,209 tons as against 128,689 . Docembor output of coppor amountud to 2 ?, 643 tons comparod with 23,682 a yoar uarlior, and nickol totallod 10,287 tons against 20,771. (10)

PRODUCTION OF IIRE NUILS, WIRE FUNCING ALDD STELL WIK IN DLC FBER AND YEAR 1950

Canndian production of wiro nails and wiro funcing both wore lowor in Dccumbor and the full yoar 1950 than in tho samo poriods of 1949, whilo tho output of stocl wire foll in tho month but advanced in tho l2-month pariod. Tho month's output of iron and stcol wiro nails amountod to 6,396 tons as comparod with 8,003 in Ducombur, 1949, and in tho yoar 1950 totallod 85,426 tons as against 87,671 in tho prucoding yoar.

Production of wiro funcing in Docombor foll to 1,392 tons from 1,830 a yoar agu, and in tho 12 months was lowar at 20,456 tons against 22,871 in 1949. Output of stcel wiro doclinod slightly in tho month, emunting to 27,225 tons against 27,550 in Ducumbur, 1949, but raso in the yoar to 340,031 tons from 325,505 in 1949. (11)

PRODUCTION OF SILVER, LIMAD AND ZINC IN YEAR 1950

Output of primary silver, lead and sinc in the calondar year 1950 showed substential gains over the preceding year. In Decomber, silvor production was higher, while lead and zinc was lower, the former showing a sharp declint.

Production of primary silver during 1950 totalled $22,386,456$ finu ounces as comparod with 17,641,493 in 1949. In Decomber, 1,879,417 fino ouncos woro producad as against $1,744,638$ in tho corresponding month of 1949.

Froduction of primary load in the 12 -month poriod amounted to 166,766 tons as comparod with 159,775 a yoar ago. Output in Dccomber aggrogatod 11,740 tons against 22,255 in Docombor, 1949.

Production of primary zinc durine tho yoar roso to 312,585 tons from 288,262 in the procoding yoar, but was slightly lower in Decombor at 27,123 tons comperod with 27,152 a yoar cirlior.

Exports of reitined silver in 1950 amounted to $8,355,183$ finc ouncos comparod with 6,211,912 in 1949, and silvor in oros and concontrates, 3,494,107 fino ouncos comprod with 4,054,614. The ycar's oxports of load in pigs totillod 115,167 tons ( 113,533 in 1949), and load in oro, 19,276 tons (19,891). Zinc spoltor oxports during the yoar amounted to 146,880 tons $(168,307)$, and zinc in oro, $129,-$ 561 tons $(106,684)$. (12)

OUTHUT OF IRON CASTINGS, PIPES AND
Production oi iron eastings and censt iron pipos and fittings in Docombor amountod to 73,400 tons, bringing the cumulative total for tho colondar yoar 1950 to 751, 200 tons. Shipments during the month totrilod 52,200 tons, and in tho 12 -month poriod amountod to 541,500 tons. (Nom. 9)

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Sclos of paints, varnishes end lacquors by manufacturors which normally account for all but a small porcontage of the totel Canadian production was highor in Docombor and the full yoar 1950 than in the samo poriods of 1949 . The month's salos amountud to $\$ 6,574,705$ as comperod with $44,244,365$ in Docombor, 1949, and in tho 12 -month poriod totallod $88,106,793$ against $778,777,408$ in $19 \% 9$. (13)

PASSENGURS CarRTID BY TRINSIT SYSTLVIS IOWER IN NOVLHIBLiR

Fewor passungers wore transportod by urban and intorurben trensit systens in Novombor than in the samo nontin of 19.9 , the combinud total for both systoms duclining two por cunt to $133,509,000$ fron $136,210,000$. In urban servico $125,470,000$ passongors wore carriud ss comparad with $127,47,000$ in Novamber, 1949, whilo in interurben sorvico the nuabor foll to 8,039,000 from 8,734,000. Tutal ruvonuo for both systums in Novembor agerogatod $12,115,000$, down ono per cont from w12,501,000 a yoar ocrlior. (1\%)

## GiRLOLUINGS ON CANLDIIN MAILILIYS

Ocrlondings on Conudien railwas during the wouk onding winch 3 amunted to 75,660 cars, down slightly from the procoding wook's total of 76,123 cers, but abovo last yocr's corrosponding figure of 71,566 cars. Cunuletivo tutal for tho first nino wooks of this yoar was 663,593 cars -- a now rocord -- as against 600,325 in tho same poriod of 1950. (15)

RETEASED DURING THE WEEK - (The numbers in this list correspond with those at the end of nows items, indicating the report on which an item is based).

## Reports and Bulletins

1. Chain Storo Sales and Stocks, January (lo cents).
2. Dairy Factory Froduction, February (l0 cents).
3. Tho What Review, Fobruary ( 25 conts).
4. Wiotor Vohiclo Shipmonts, January (lo cunts).
5. Domostic Washing Niachincs and Eloctric Rofrigerators, Docombor ( 10 conts).
6. Radio Rocuiving Sets, Novembor ( 25 cents).
7. Rofinod Potroluum Products, Decombor ( 25 conts).
8. Crudo Petroloum, Natural Gas and iranufactured Ges, Decumber ( 15 conts).
9. Stoul Ingots, January ( 10 conts).
10. Copper and Nickol Production, Ducember ( 15 cunts).
11. Stool Wirc and Specifiod Wiro Products, Docomber ( 15 cents).
12. Silver, Laad and Zinc Production, Docomber ( 15 cunts).
13. Salos of Paints, Varnishos and Lacquers, Dacombor (10 cunts).
14. Transit Roport, Novumbur (10 cunts).
15. Carloadings on Canadian Railways - Weokly (10 conts).
16. Canadian Statistical Roviow, Fubruary (35 conts).
17. Production or Canada's Lcading ivincrals, Ducumbor (lo cunts).
18. Iionthly Trafiic Roport of Railways of Caneda, Novambor (10 cunts).
19. iacaroni and Kindrod Products Industry, 1949 ( 15 cents).
20. Bridgo and Structural Stcol Industry, 1949 (25 cunts).

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1. Indax Numbors of Farm Pricos of Agricultural Products, January (10 conts).
2. Stocks of Dairy and Poultry Products, March 1 ( 10 conts).
3. Margarino Statistics, Fubruary (10 conts).
4. Grain Statistics Wookly (10 conts).
5. Estimatos of Production and Consumption of licets, 1950 ( 10 conts).
6. Stocks of Moat, Lard and Tallow, March 1 ( 10 cunts).
7. Cold Storago Holaings of Fish, harch 1 (l0 conts).
8. Stocks of Fruit and Vegetablos, viarch 1 ( 10 conts).
9. Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipus ard Fittings, Decumber (10 conts).
