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## --- HIGHLIMTS OR TAIS ISSUE ---

CANADA'S iRECHANDISE IMPYRTS were valued at $327,200,000$ in January, up from $266,300,000$ in December, and 54 per cent above the value of ,211,900,000 for January, 1950. Domestic exports wero valued at $285,100,000$, down slightly
 value of $221,200,000$. Foreign exports also moved up to $3,700,000$ as against ,2,600,000. The result was an overall import balance of $\$ 38,400,000$ as compared to an oxport sirplus of :11,800,000 a yoar carlier.

EIPLOYMENT IN THIL MAJOR NON-AGRICUIIURAL INDUSTRIES at the beginning of January showed the usual seasonal decline from Decomber, but there was a substantial advance over a yoar earlier.
 January this yoar to 233.8 from 226.4 in tho proceding month and 199.9 in tho corrosponding montin last your.

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FOREIGIN TRADE FIGUES FOR JANUARY SHOW COTHINUED EAPANSION

Canada's foraign commodity triado was at a new high level in Januariy. both imports and donestic exports increasing sharyly over a year earlier to reach record values for the first ronth of the year, and mports again moving ahead of exports to produce an inport surplus in trade with ail countries.

Total merchandise imports were valued at $\$ 327,200,000$ in Jaruary, up from \$266,300,000 in Dacember, and 54 per cent above the value of $: 2-1,900.000$ for January, 1950. Domestic exports whre valued at $\% 285,100,000$, dc n oilghtiy Isem $\$ 289,900,000$ in Docenber, but 29 per cont higher than last yoar's January value of $; 221,200,000$. Foreign uxports aiso moved up to $\$ 3,700,000$ as against $\$ 2,600$, 000. Tho rosult was an ovorall inport balanco of $\$ 38,400,00$ as compared to an export surplus of $\$ 11,800,000$ a ycar earlier.

Shipments to the United States ir. January continued the expunsion of the procoding months, increasing 43 por cent in value to $\$ 186,900,000$ as comparod to 130,900,000 in Januery. 1950. Imports fron the Unitod Status, howovor, showed an oven shorper r ise of 51 per cont to $\$ 233,300,000$ as against $\psi 1.54,500,000$. With foreign oxports at $3,400,000$ comparua to $\$ 2,100,000$, Canada had an advorso balance of $843,000,000$ with tho Unitod Statos on commodity account as against +21,500,000 a yoar oarlier.

Imports from tho United Kingdom in January increased to $833,900,000$ compared to $\$ 26,100,000$, whilo domustic exports doclined in value to $\$ 40,100,000$ from $\$ 48,600,000$ and the small amount oi foreign exports also foll oft. The result was a small crodit balnnce of $\$ 6,200,000$ with the United Kingdom in comparison with $22,800,000$ for January last yoar.

Imports from othur Commonwoalth countrius and from Latin Amurica in January oxcouded in group valuo tho uxports to those countries, whilo exports to Europe and tho ronaining foroign countrius wor greator in valuo than purchasos from thoso two groups of countrios.

Irmorts by Countirios and Commoditios
Canada's murchendisu imports in January woro highor in valua than a yoar oarlier from all man goographic aroas, tho proportionato increasos in purchases from othor Commonwoal th countrios than the Unitud Kingdom, from Latin Amorica, Europe and tho romaining group of forvign countries boing evon groator than the large risu of 51 por cont from tho Unitud States. Bach of the nino main commodity groups was also substantially highor.

Reflocting tho broad charactur of Canada's purchasos across the bordor, imports from tho United States woro highor in value in uvery main commodity group. Import rostrictions on many of the menufactured goods ineluded in some of these commodity groups woro complotoly removed at the boginning of Janunry. Largest gain was in iron and its products, which roso to $88,500,000$ from $\psi 61,578,000$. Non-motallic minerals incroasod to $34,653,000$ from $\$ 25,447,000$, tho non-forrous group to $\$ 16,294,000$ fram $411,245,000$, and chamicals to $\$ 15,714,000$ from $\$ 7,806,000$.

Zibics and toxtiles woro up sharply to $\$ 24,426,000$ compared to $\$ 15,001,000$, and agricultural and vogetable products increased to $\$ 16,930,000$ as against :10,896,000, animals and animal products to $810,753,000$ from $\$ 5,251,000$, wood and napor to $\$ 10,111,000$ from $\$ 6,628,000$, and tho miscollaneous group to $\$ 15,953,-$ 200 tron 慈, 622,000.

Is the case of imports from tho Unitud Kingdom, there were increasos in sovan of tho main comodity groups. The iron group rose to $\mathbf{k 1 0 , 1 8 0 , 0 0 0}$ as comparod to $\$ 5,733,000$ a yoar ago, the fibres and toxtilus group to $\$ 12,807,100$ from $\$ 8,593,000$, and smallor gains weru rucordod for non-metallic minerals, chemicals, animals and animal products, wood and papor, anả tho miscullancous group. Tho non-ferrous troup foll off to $\$ 2,268,000$ from $\psi 4,281,000$, whilo tho agricultural group was Givm nodoratoly.

Total imports from othor Cormonwenlth countrios were valuod at $\$ 22,004,000$, nowe than doublu the figuro or r10:774,000 last yoar. Furchasos from countries in Asia contributed most to this gain with a risu, duc mainly to rubbur, to $\$ 15,666,-$ 000 compared to $\$ 6,139,000$, imports from Nalaya moving up to $\vee 8,121,000$ as against $1,409,000$, and also buing substantially highor from Cuylon. Imports from tho British West Indios and British Guiana increasud to $\$ 2,411,000$ from $\% 1,509,000$ and from Ocuania to $\$ 3,304,000$ from $\$ 1,955,000$, but from Africa dropped to tho los íigure of $\$ 620,000$ from $\$ 1,120,000$.

Thports from Latin Amorica movud up in valuo to $122,028,000$ as comparod to $212,35,000$, incroasod purchasùs boing rocorded from 16 of tho 20 countries. Whtrios iron Vonozuola woro up sharply to $10,526,000$ as against $\$ 5,975,000$, tho cext largost incruasus boing from Brazil, Colomola and Mexico. Imports from Eumopoan countrios showod a similar advance to $19,491,000$ from $85,058,000$, with Largor or smallar increascs for most of the countrius with which Can da has boen treading in the last yoar or two. From the romaining foreign countries, imports wire valuud at $86,202,000$ as comparud to $43,085,000$, the chiof gains being in pirchases from Arabia, Iraq, Japan, thi Nuthorlands Antillos, tho Philippino Islands and Turkoy.

Iron and its products showed tho largest gain among the conmodity groups, rising to $100,381,000$ from $867,734,000$ a yoar ago. Rolling-mill products, pipos cod tubus, onginus and boilers, mining and othor non-form machinory, automobilos and automobilo parts wero highor and farm implements lowor. Next in size of gain Was tho agricultural and vugetable products group at $447,111,000$ comparod to \$27,116,000, rubber buing up sharply and most othor main itoms excopt cocoa and obocolate and tea showing increases.

Tho fibros and toxtilus group incroascd to $45,319,000$ fron $29,378,000$, with sugaificant advancos in raw cotton, cotton products and wool products. The nonmutals group rose to $51,219,000$ from $35,600,000$, crudo potroloum being up shorply to $\$ 12,277,000$ from $\$ 13,103,000$ and all othur main itors highor; while the nonforrous netals group increasud to $\because 22,526,000$ as against $\$ 16,53,000$, with gains in aluminurn, brass and coppor, tin, and eloctrical apparatus. Tho chomicals group was raluod at $\leqslant 17,547,000$ compared to $\vee 10,970,000$; the animals und animal products at i13,426,000 cacaperd to $46,631,000$; wood and papur at $\% 10,83,000$ ajainst \$7,146,000; and tho miscollancous group at $\% 18,782,000$ compared to $\$ 10,831,000$. warly all itoms in tho lattor group woro highor, with the largor incroasus for veirigurators and parts, sciantitio-quipwont, aircraftand parts, and Canadian tourists' purchases. (1 nu 2)

Enployment in the major non-agricultural industrios at tico buginning of January showod tho usual soasonal declino from Documbur l, but thore was a substontial advance over a yoar carlicr. The proliminary index computud for the first tino on tho now base period, 1939 as 100 , stood at 175.3 -- a now high for January 1 -- as comparod with 179.2 at Decembor 1, and 163.8 at Januery 1, 1950.
lajroll disbursoments wore lower by five por cunt in tho holiday wook of January 1 than in the wook of Docombor 1. As compared with Januery 1, 1950, howover, thore was a gain of 14.4 pur cont. Avorago wookly wages and salarios at tho boginning of January stood at $\$ 45.31$ as compered with tho all-timo high of \%46.63 a month oarlior, and $\$ 42.33$ a yoar ago.

Roducod industrial activity was indicatod in all provinces as compared with Docombor but thoro werc c.dvances in all arcas as comparod with January last yoar. Industrially, thoro was widosproad curtailmunt as conparod with hocumbor, the lossos in amploymont in construction and manufacturing ware particularly important. In gonoral, howovor, tho decrecsos wore luss than usual for the timo of yoor.

Tho advence indox of employmont in manufacturing at January i was 182.4, a docline of 1.6 por cont from Docombor, but was 6.7 por cont highor than at January 1 last yoor. The carnings of pursons omployod by tho co-oporating manufacturers avoraged $\$ 46.66$ as comparod with $\$ 43.51$ at Ducumber 1 , and $\$ 43.26$ at Januery 1, 1950. (3)

DEYARTMLTT BTURE SALES 12 PLR CINT HIGHER IV WHFK

Depertment store salcs rose 12 pur cont during tho wook onding liarch 10 as compared with tho sario wook last yoer, according to pruliminary figures. All provincos sharoci in the rise excopt tho Prairics. Salcs in quobec advancud 31 por cont, Ontario 23 por cont, the Maritimos uight pur cont, and British columbia ono por cont, whilu in Saskatchowan selus wore 24 pur cent lower, Alberta five pur cont, and Manitoba four por cent.

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| (106 Common Stocks) | 159.5 | 166.2 | 168.6 |
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| 32 Indusiricls .. | 161.5 | 168.3 | 170.2 |
| 16 Utilitios | 155.9 | 162.0 | 165.7 |
| 8 Banks | 148.1 | 154.0 | 159.4 |
| ining Stock Fricu Indux |  |  |  |
| (30 stocks) | 88.1 | 103.5 | 106.2 |
| 25 Golds | 70.1 | 73.6 | 76.1 |
| 5 Basu liotals | 162.1 | 171.8 | 175.1 |

 A A IIGABCR LEVEL IN JANUARY

The ofeneral wholesale price index number, on the new base, $1935-39=100$, rose in January this year to 23\%.8 from 226.4 in the proceding month and 199.9 in the corresponding month last year. Increases over the preceding month were recorded in each of the eight main sub-group indexes. Largest gain of 14.6 points wes shown in textile prodicts, followud by anirial products with an advance of 13.3 points, and wood products with a rise of 10.7 points.

Domestic raw wool, imported raw wool, worsted yarns and wool cloth showed merked increases in the textile products group. There wore advances in all components of the animal products group axcept oges. Host pronounced gains were rocorded in hides and skins, unmanufactured loathor, steers, fresh neats, beef and voal carcass, and oils and fats. Lumber and timbor, fir, cedar, woodpulp and wrapping paper were aniong the gains in the wood, wood products and paper group.

Sub-group indozes wers as follows in January, those for Documber being in brackets: vegetablo products, 214.1 (209.6); animal products, 290.4 (277.1); textilo products, 293.8 (284.2); wood products, 284.5 (273.8); iron products, 196.4 (192.2); non-forrous metals, 174.7 (173.1); non-metallic ninorals, 167.3 (165.4); chomical products, 179.7 (172.9).

IThe index number of wholesale farm product prices for Januery whis 235.2, up 7.7 points over Docombur and 16.0 points aoove January last yuar. ino field products indox stood at 159.5 as compared with 156.6 in Docomber and 184.9 a yoar eurliur, whilu tio animal producte index was 310.9 against 298.4 in Docember and 253.5 in January, 1950. (i)

WHOLESAIE RRICLS OR GETERAL AID RESIUETIA BUILUNG MATLRIALS

Wholusalo prices of gonural builaing matorials and residontial building maturials rose to higher levels in January, according to price indoxus compilud by the Dorlinion Buruau of Statistics.

Tho Buroau's index of gonoral building matorials, on tho new baso, $1935-39=100$, rose to a now poak of 279.7 from 267.0 in Decombur and 229.1 a yoar varlier, and tho conposito wholesalo indux for rusidential building natorials was at a now high of 269.6 compared with 263.0 in Ducumber and 227.3 last year.

Thero wore advances ovur Decumbor in oi,ht of the nino sub-groups comprising the rosiduntial building materials index. That for conent, sand and gravol rose to 136.4 from 136.0; lumbor and products to 398.7 from 387.8 ; lath, plastor and insulation to 124.5 from 120.8; roofing material to 250.0 from 234.9 ; paint and glass to 193.6 from 182.1; plumbing and heating equipmont to 192.5 from 190.7; oloctrical oquipmunt to 197.6 from 190.5 ; and othor maturials to 195.2 fron 192.3. Tho indox for brick, tilu and stono was unchangod at 175.2. (1)

FOREIGN VEFICLI INTRIES
BLIGHILY IOWER IM FLBMUSYY Thaffic was lizhtor in tho oastern provincos and hoavior in tho West, particularly in British Columbia whore thore was a continuation of the sharp gain rocordad in Januery.

Entrios werc as follows by areas in February, totals for the same month last yoar beins in brackots: Nowfoundland, 31 (19); Nova Scotia, 2 (-); Now Brunswick, $2,785(3,587)$; Qucboc, $7,710(8,529)$; Ontario, $18,687(19,432)$; Manitoba, 623 (357) ; Saskatchewan, 127 (52); Mlburta, 585 (4ól); British Columbic, 8,310 (6,551);

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PRODUUTPIOF OF EUCTRIC ENERGX
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Consumption of primery powor in January roso to $4,366,801,000$ kilowatt hours from 4,239,879,000 in the procuding month and 3,783,224,000 a your onrlior. Gross oxports to the United Stetos cmountod to $172,499,000$ kilowatt hours compered with 177,996,000 in Docombor and 128,075,000 in Jonuary, 1950.

Output was as follows by provinces in Jenuary, totals for the same month last yocr boing in brackots (figuros in thousends): Nowfoundland, $10,760(8,836)$ kilowatt hours; Frinco Edward Island, 2,084 ( 1,870 ); Nova Scotia, 76, 216 (66,683); Now Brunswick, $66,072(65,714)$; Quobuc, $2,463,305(2,110,596)$; Ontario, $1,351,426(1,063,050)$; Menitoba, 251,341 (227,945); Sesketchewen, 86,035 (82,095); Alborta, 86,927 (77,735); British Columbin, $388,976(376,465)$. (5)

SIOCHS AND MARETINGS OS WFAT AND COARSL GRAINS

Froduction of ulectric onergy by contral elcetric stations roachud a new all-timo monthly poak in January this yoar, oxccoding by two pur cont th
and $143,369,814$ on the corrosponding date last yoar. Deliverius from forms in the Prairio Provincos durine the wook totollod $1,340,074$ bushols against $1,631,772$ a yoar ocrlior, bringing tho total for the curront crop yoar to $264,687,868$ bushols compored with 254,105,001 in the same puriod a your ago.

Overscas oxport cluarnecs in the woek emountod to $2,456,918$ bushols as compared with $2,676,718$ in tho sanc wook last yorr, and in the cumulativo poriod totallod 83,845,843 bushols as against 101,797,004.

Tho following quantitios of coarso grains woro also delivered from farms in tho Prairio Provinces curing the wook onding march 8 , totals for the samo dato last yoar being in brickets: oats, $573,941(413,713)$ bushols; berloy, 544, 142 (198,553); ryu, 24, 23! (53,521); flcxsuod, 11,971 (4, 709). (Mon. 2)

STOCKS OF CREATERY BUTHER II NIIE CITI S OF CANADA

Stocks of cremmery buttor in nino cities of Cannde on Mrech 16 exnounted to $., 246,000$ pounds as comperod with 21,222,000 on the corresponding dato last yocr. Hold- ings wore as follows by citios, 1950 figures in brackots -- thousands onittod: Quebuc, 366 (367) pounds; Montrcal, 3,213 (2,753); Toronto, 887 (5,647); Winnipug, 672 (7,829); Regina, 93 (610); Saskatoon, 122 (231); Iamonton, 414 (2,121); Calgnry, 149 (608); Vancouver, $330(1,056)$.

VAIUE OF CANADA'S HRUIT CROE FIVE PER CITTT LOWER IN 1950

Cance's commercial fruit crop declinod in value in 1950 for the third successive year, the proliminory estimato for the year amounting to $\$ 40,877,000$ as compared with $43,152,000$ in 1949 , a docrease of fiva per cont. Avorage pricos for apples, pluns, strawburrios, and loganberrios wore somewhat highor than in 1949, whilo panchos, apricots, chorries and grapos woro lowor.

The value of tho apple crop fell to $819,616,000$ from $\$ 19,684,000$ in 1949 , poars to $62,039,000$ from $\$ 2,436,000$, plums and prunos to $\$ 1,300,000$ from $\$ 1,387,000$, peachos to $2,696,000$ from . $4,987,000$, apricots to 877,000 from $\$ 310,000$, and chorrios to $\$ 2,201,000$ Iror: $\$ 3,436,000$.

Strawborrios wore up in value to $6,562,000$ from $\$ 5,662,000$, rasyberrios to \$2,692,000 from $\psi 2,614,000$, loganburries to $\$ 143,000$ from $\$ 124,000$, and grapes to $\$ 3,551,000$ from $\$ 2,012,000$.

Tho crop in British Columbic was down in value to $20,431,000$ from $\$ 23,300,000$, Quobuc to $\$ 3,852,000$ from $\$ 4,108,000$, Nova Scotic to $\$ 1,418,000$ from $\$ 2,515,000$, and Now Brunswick to $\$ 570,000$ froil $\$ 584,000$. In Ontario the value was highor ot \$14,606,000 as comparod with 12,645,000 in 1949. (Hom. 3)

## PRODUCTIOH OF OIIS AND FAIS

 yoar, but thore wore doclinus inco according to figuros roloascd by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.Production of mergerino in 1950 , ot $94,032,000$ pounds, was 27 per cont abovo the 1949 total of $73,958,000$ pounds. Production of this commodity was just gotting undor myy in the first quartor of 1949 , but a comparison of tho last throo quarters of that yoar with the sime puriod of 1950 indicatcs a rise of noarly sovon por cont.

Production of shortaning ir 1950 amountod to $126,538,000$ pounds, an incroase of nine por cent over the 115,911,000 pounds recordod for 1949 , and the output of lerd totalicd $80,461,000$ pounds, an incruaso of 14 per cont ovor $70,396,000$.

Coconut oil production, at $12,523,000$ pounds was down four por cent from the 1949 figure of $13,021,000$, and the trond in salnd and cooking oil was along similar linos vith production at $25,680,000$ pnunds, a docline of throc pot cont from 26,532,000 pounds in 1949.

Ediblo tallow, at 19,578,000 pounds, was 12 pur cont bolow the 22,139,000 pounds shown for 1949 and inudible tallow at $65,722,000$ pounds, was two por cont under tho $66,916,000$ pounds roported for $19 \div 9$. (ifiom. 4)

## CPUSHITGS OP TAG TABLE OIL SEEDS

Crushings of flexsood in 1950 amounted to 247,474,000 pounds, a ducruase of 10 por cont from tho procoding yoar's totol of $274,231,000$ pounds. Production of linsocd oil totallod $85,120,000$ pounds, 11 pur cont below the 1949 output of $95,419,000$ pounds, and tino output of oilcako and moal smounted to $148,368,000$ pounds, a doclino of. 11 por cont from $166,975,000$ pounds.

Crushings of soyboans in 1950 wore much highor than in 1949, amounting to $338,869,000$ pounds as compared with $270,438,000$, a rise of 25 per cent. Oil production, et 56,931,000 pounds, zose 19 per cont ovor the 1949 totel of 45,963,000 , and calio and monl production, at $26 \%, 063,000$ pounds, was 28 por cent highor than tho 210,627,000 in 1949. (Micm. 4)

PRODUCTION: AND EXPORTS OF COAL LDUER INT F'RBRUARY; IMRORTS SHARELY HIGILER

Production of coel in Fubruary was 7.6 por cont lowor than in the same month last year, while impcrts were sharply highor, according to proliminery riguros. The month's output amountod to $1,640,000$ tons as compared with $1,775,859$ in Februsiry lest yoar, while imports totallud 907,661 tons neninst 361,051. Exports in the month aggrogatod 13,450 tons compared with 37,636 in February, 1950.

Production in Alberte in Fobruary declind to 695,000 tons from 765,566 a year unclier, Nova Seatia to 525,000 tons from 549,887, Snskatchewan to 230,000 tons from 251,401, and British Columbia to 137,000 tons from 160,029 . Output in Now Brunswick rose to 53,000 tons from 48,976 . (6)

SIPMENS OF PRDARY SHAPES HIGAER II DEMMER AND FULI YEAR 1950

Whipments of primary shapes by Canadien steal nilles, oxclusive of producers' interchange, were highor in Docembor and the full yoar 19:) than in the corrusponding poriods of 1949. Ducumbor shipments amounted to 250255 tons compared with 234, 284 a yoar corlicr, raising the oumule tive total to $1,832,3 \%$ re tull smam ?.708.191 in 29.9.
bogntor shipments includud 22,462 tons of sumi-finished shapos, 23,644 tons of st.ucturals, 10,557 tons of platos, 15,456 tons of rails, 7,981 tons of tic platesand tack maturici, 49,05 tons oi hot rollod bars, 21,740 tons of pipos and tulos, $2 \mathrm{i}, 360$ tons of wire rods, 21,436 tons of black shects, 7,943 tons of gailvani:od sh:ots, 9,581 tons of castings, and 14,665 tons of othar rollod products. (7)

PRODUCTIOI OF IG IROIT AND STEEL IITCHR II JANUARY

Production of pie iron, furro-alloys and stocl ingots and castings מovod to higher luvels in January. Tho nonth's output of pig iron rose to 197,025 not tons from 193,42 in January lnst yoer, stool ingots and castings to 309,653 not tons from 28\%,9.7, and forro-alloys moro than doublod at 23,079 tons compered with 9,961. (14.1.5)

PRODUCTI ON AND DORESTIC SALTES OF AUFHMLIF FLOUR TILSS

Production and domastic salos of asphalt floor tiles odvancud in Fobruary ovor tho sumu month last yorr. The month's output amountod to 1,511,775 square foot as compared with $1,434,843$ in Fcbrucry last yonr, whilo domostic solos totallod 1,465,904 squaro foot against 1,105,510. (Fiem. 6)

PRODUCTION AMD DUIRESITC SATES OF RIGID INTUU TING BOARD

Production and domostic salos of rigid insulating boord wes highor in Februnry than in the corrosponding month of 1950. Output in the month rose to 22,124,226 square foet from $14,634,355$ in Fubruery last year, nend salcs advancod to $21,199,472$ square foot from 13, 830,787. (ivon, 7)

## CARLOADINGS OIT CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Carloadings on Caredinn reilwoys during the wook
onded iverch 10 amountod to 74,882 cars as compared with 71,189 in the same wook last yoar, sn increaso of fite por cont. Tho gain was ontiroly in the ocstorn division wharo total loadings for the wook aggregntod 54,568 cirs, an advanco of 7,363 cers over a yoar oarlicr. Vostorn volume foll from 23,984 cors to 20,314 , duc to large declinas in grnin, coal and crude oil. During tho first 10 wooks of this yenr, 738,492 cers woro locdod, a riso of 10 per cont over last yoar's corresponding total of 671,516 cors. (8)

SPANDING ON NOTION EICTURES SET NEW RECOW IN 1949

Exponditures by Cenedinns on motion picturo thoatro ontorteinmont in 1949 -- including Nowfoundland for tho first time -- rusched a rucord total of $\$ 91,176,568$, an incroase of nino por cont ovor tho procuding yonis figuro of $83,283,436$. Excluding Newfoundlnd, ngrugato ruceipts wore $90,261,601$.

Of the gross rocuipts in 1949 , tho first full yoar in which thoro was no Fudoral amusemont tex, $12,616,789$ was colloctod in taxus by thontros as comparod with $\$ 13,626,188$ in 1948. Not rucoipts wuro up to $178,559,779$ from $\$ 69,547,248$, or by 12 por cont. Attondence at thoatros continuod to rise, numboring 232,998, 545 against 222,459,224.

Canndians spont on avorago or 6.89 pur porson on movios in 1969 comparod with expenditures of $\$ 6.50$ in 1948. Irovincial averages rangod from $\$ 2.69$ in Nowfoundind to 8.94 in Onterio. Pcr copita oxponditurus rosu in all provincos oxcopt Princo Edward Island and Nuw Brunswick.

Highor roceipts werc shown for all provincas, not rocolpts in Ontario rising oight por cont, and incruasos renging butwoon 14 por cont and 20 por cont buing rocorded for Nova Scotia, Queboc and the Prairic Provincus. Princo Edward Island, Now Brunswick and British Columbia showod only minor gains in rocoipts. Paid admissions in Ontario wore threo por cunt highor, and rangod botwoon four per cont and oight por cont in Nova Scotic, Queboc and tho Prairios. Admissions in Now Brunswick and British Columbia onch doclined two por cont, and wore unchengod in Prince Edward Island. (9)

RELLIASED DURING THE WEEK -. (Tho numburs in this list corruspond with those at the ond of nows itums, indicoting tho ruport on which tin itom is basud).

Fieports and Bulletins

1. Monthly Summary of Forcign Trade, Januery (10 conts).
2. Monthly sunmury of Imporis for Consumption, Jonury ( 20 conts).
3. Advance Statoment on Employment and Wookly Payrolls, Janu:ry 1 ( 10 conts).
4. Pricus and frice Induxes, Janury ( 25 conts).
5. Contral Eloctric Stations, Jnnurry ( 10 cunts).
6. Prelininery Roport on Coci Froduction, Fobrucry (10 conts).
7. Frinary Iron and Stiel, Decimbor ( 25 cunts).
8. Cosloadings on Conedirn Roilways - wookly (10 conts).
9. Theatros, 1949 (30 cunts).
10. Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, Octobor-Docurabor ( $\$ 1.00$ por yoar).
11. Trado of Canada: Exports, Jenunry, 1951 -- Dotailod Roport -- (50 cents).
12. Iradu of Cenada: Articlos Iriported from Each Country, Calonder Yorr, 1950 -- Dotailud Roport -- (50 conts).

Menoranda

1. Volume of Highway Traffic Entering Canad on Trovollor's Vehiclo Furnits, Fobruary (10 conts).
2. Grain Statistics Wookly (10 conts).
3. Volue of Fruit Production, 1950 ( 10 conts).
4. Oils and Fe.ts, Documbor (io cunts).
5. Production of Pig Iron end Stecl, Janunry (10 conts).
6. Asphelt Floor Tiles, Fobruery ( 10 cunts).
7. Rigid Insulating Bosrd Industry, Fubrunry (10 conts).
8. Oils and Fots, Jenuary-June, 1950 (10 conts).
9. Oils and Fets, July (10 conts).
10. Oils and Fets, August (10 conts).
11. Oils and Fats, Soptambur (10 conts).
12. Oils and Fats, Octobar (10 cents).
13. Oils and Fats, Novembur (10 cents).
