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Prices: Between May and June, consumer price indexes advanced in all ten regional cities and city combinations, with increases ranging from 0.1% in Montreal to 0.8% in Edmonton-Calgary. (page 2)

External Trade: The value of domestic exports plus re-exports to the United Kingdom came to \$91.7 million in June, compared to \$104.6 million, in June 1967. (page 5)

Index of Industrial Production: The May index of industrial production (1961 weight and reference base) advanced to 158.1, a gain of 0.8% from the April level of 156.8. (page 6)

Transportation: The average number of persons engaged in railway operations, exclusive of express, telecommunications, highway transport (conducted by railways) and other operations, such as hotels, during 1967 declined slightly to 130,187. (page 7)

Labour: Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit, both regular and seasonal, numbered 657,000 on March 29, in comparison with 659,000 on February 29 and 544,000 one year ago. (page 8)

Construction: Building permits issued during March numbered 15,138 (10,093 in March 1967). (page 8)

Manufacturing: Manufacturers' shipments were estimated at \$3,459.0 million, 5.5% above the revised estimate of \$3,279.8 million in April and 6.0% higher than the May 1967 estimate of \$3,263.1 million. (page 8)

Energy: Net generation of electric energy increased 4.1% to 14,062,272 thousand Kwh. in May from 13,502,307 thousand Kwh. in May 1967. (page 12)

Merchandising: Sales of new motor vehicles during May increased by 1.7% to 374,329 units from the revised 1967 month figure of 367,909. (page 12)

Theatres: Receipts from admissions (excluding taxes) of approximately 75% of all regular and auditorium theatres operating in Canada totalled \$90,891,276 in 1967, an increase of 9.6% over 1966. (page 14)

Census: In 1966, there were 4,526,266 families enumerated, of which 71.1% or 3,216,686 had unmarried children under 25 years of age living at home. (page 14)

Travel: Non-resident vehicles entering Canada from the United States numbered 799,000 in April, up 10.6% from the 722,600 in April 1967. (page 14)

Agriculture and Food: Production of creamery butter during June amounted to 42,527,000 pounds, 5% lower than the June 1967 production of 44,869,000 pounds. (page 15)

1. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities Between May and June, consumer price indexes advanced in all ten regional cities and city combinations, with increases ranging from 0.1% in Montreal to 0.8% in Edmonton-Calgary.

Food and housing indexes advanced in all regional cities except the following: in Montreal, food prices declined by 0.8%, while in Vancouver, the housing index dipped by 0.1%. The clothing index rose in all regional cities except Montreal where it remained unchanged. Indexes for transportation, health and personal care, and recreation and reading each registered mixed movements, while tobacco and alcohol components did not change.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

at the beginning of June 1968(1)

(Base 1949=100)

	All-Items		Group Indexes -						
	June 1968	May 1968	Food	Housing	Cloth- ing	Trans- port- ation	Health & Personal Care	Recre- ation & Reading	Tobacco and Alcohol
St. John's(2)	135.5	135.0	129.7	124.4	134.3	132.9	194.2	160.2	139.2
Halifax	146.7	145.7	145.2	143.0	144.2	146.4	203.8	193.6	139.8
Saint John	150.0	149.3	149.4	141.4	147.6	161.5	217.9	179.8	139.7
Montreal	152.2	152.0	154.0	148.1	127.2	186.2	199.7	178.8	146.5
Ottawa	153.6	153.0	152.4	147.3	140.5	178.6	207.9	172.9	152.8
Toronto	156.2	155.5	148.4	157.5	143.9	160.6	194.8	215.5	149.4
Winnipeg	149.9	149.4	149.8	137.6	151.2	152.2	213.7	169.7	154.5
Saskatoon-Regina	145.1	144.5	147.6	137.7	150.5	147.6	170.0	169.2	140.5
Edmonton-Calgary	145.6	144.5	141.7	140.4	146.5	149.0	205.4	167.5	132.1
Vancouver	148.3	148.0	145.1	149.0	140.2	157.9	181.0	166.5	135.7

(1) All-Items Indexes for June and May and June group index detail are shown in the above table. These indexes show changes in retail prices of goods and services in each city. They do not indicate whether it costs more or less to live in one city than another.

(2) Index on the base June 1951=100

St. John's The all-items index rose by 0.4% from the preceding month. The food index advanced by 0.7% as higher prices for most bakery and cereal products, and for fresh produce outweighed lower quotations for poultry and some beef products. Marked increases in the price of children's footwear, together with lesser increases in the price of women's shoes and other apparel, contributed to a 1.0% rise in the clothing index. An advance of 0.7% in the transportation component reflected higher prices for rail travel and for automobile servicing. The housing index edged up by 0.1%, while the health and personal care index dipped by a similar amount. Both the recreation and reading and the tobacco and alcohol indexes registered no movements.

Halifax Higher food and housing prices were largely responsible for a 0.7% rise in the all-items index. The food component advanced by 1.2% in response to increased quotations for many beef and pork products and most fresh fruits and vegetables. Increased rents, and higher prices for fuel oil, furniture, and hardware items were reflected in a 1.0% increase in the housing index. The indexes for clothing and for health and personal care crept up by 0.2% and 0.1% respectively, while the recreation and reading component moved up by 0.3% in response to higher sporting goods prices. The transportation index dipped by 0.1% and the tobacco and alcohol index remained unchanged from the previous month.

Saint John The all-items index advanced by 0.5%. A rise of 0.9% in the food index was mainly attributable to higher prices for poultry, fats and oils, canned fruits and juices, and some produce items. Increased rents and fuel oil prices contributed to an upswing of 0.6% in the housing index. Higher prices for men's and women's suits, children's wear, and women's street shoes resulted in a rise of 0.8% in the clothing index. The components for health and personal care and for recreation and reading each edged up fractionally, while the transportation index declined by 0.2%.

Montreal The all-items index edged up by 0.1% during June. The food index dropped by 0.8% reflecting lower prices for most beef products, bakery items, sugar, eggs, butter and some fresh vegetables. Higher rents and increased household operation costs contributed to a rise of 1.4% in the housing index. Fractional advances were registered in the transportation index and the health and personal care index, while the three remaining components remained unchanged from the preceding month.

Ottawa An upward movement of 0.4% was registered in the all-items index. The food and clothing components each advanced by 0.4%, while increased rents and higher prices for fuel oil and textiles contributed to a 0.6% rise in the housing index. An advance of 0.5% in the transportation index was attributable to increased inter-urban train and bus fares. The recreation and reading component edged up by 0.1%, and no change was recorded in the indexes for health and personal care and for tobacco and alcohol.

Toronto The all-items index moved up by 0.5% from the preceding month. Higher quotations for most beef and pork products, bread, apples, potatoes, tea, and coffee contributed to a 1.1% rise in the food index. The indexes for housing and for transportation each advanced by 0.4%, reflecting higher rents, and increased inter-urban train and bus fares respectively. The clothing component moved up by 0.3%, while the health and personal care index dropped by a similar amount. No changes were registered in the remaining two index components.

Winnipeg The all-items index moved up by 0.3%, reflecting increases in all main components except that for tobacco and alcohol which remained unchanged from the preceding month. The indexes for food, transportation and recreation and reading each advanced by 0.3%, while lesser increases were registered in the housing and the clothing components. Higher prices for men's haircuts and some toiletries were responsible for a 1.6% advance in the health and personal care index.

Saskatoon-Regina The all-items index advanced by 0.4% from the preceding month. Higher prices for poultry, milk, potatoes and canned fruits and juices contributed to an increase of 0.5% in the food index. The housing index also moved up by 0.5% in response to increased rents and household operation costs, while lesser advances were registered in the clothing and transportation indexes. Higher prices for sporting goods and bicycles contributed to an advance of 0.6% in the recreation and reading index. The health and personal care index dipped by 0.1%, while the tobacco and alcohol component remained unchanged from the preceding month.

Edmonton-Calgary The all-items index rose by 0.8% over the preceding month. Higher prices for most beef and pork products, chicken, eggs and some produce items contributed to an advance of 1.4% in the food index. The housing index moved up by 0.4% in response to increased rents and higher prices for household supplies and services. Increased gasoline prices and higher inter-urban bus and train fares advanced the transportation index by 1.5%. The clothing index and the recreation and reading index each edged up by 0.1%, while the health and personal care and the tobacco and alcohol components retained their May levels.

Vancouver An upward movement of 0.2% was registered in the all-items index. The clothing component advanced by 0.5% in response to higher prices for many items of women's and children's apparel as well as ladies' footwear. Increased interurban bus and train fares contributed to a rise of 0.4% in the transportation index. Lesser increases were registered in the food and the health and personal care indexes, while fractional declines occurred in the housing and the recreation and reading indexes.

2. Weekly Security Price Indexes

	Number Stocks Priced	July 11/68 This week	July 4/68 Week ago	June 13/68 Month ago
(1956=100)				
<b>Investors Price Index</b>				
Total index .....	114	183.2	181.1	174.0
Industrials .....	80	191.2	188.7	182.7
Utilities .....	20	166.9	166.3	158.0
Finance(1) .....	14	165.7	163.2	152.3
Banks .....	6	175.6	173.9	162.8
<b>Mining Stocks Price Index</b>				
Total index .....	24	104.5	105.9	111.6
Golds .....	13	147.5	152.5	164.8
Base metals .....	11	81.0	80.4	82.5
<b>Supplementary Indexes</b>				
Uraniums (2) .....	4	276.8	269.1	262.1
Primary oils and gas ...	6	214.5	205.1	214.6

(1) Composed of Banks, and Investment and loan.

(2) Revision of this index has reduced the number of stocks priced.

3.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-1939=100)

	June 1968	May 1968	June 1967	May 1967	% Change	
					June/68	June/67
					May/68	May/67
<u>General Wholesale Index</u> .....	270.3	268.7	264.1	263.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products .....	230.9	229.0	233.7	233.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Animal Products .....	294.4	289.3	295.1	293.2	+ 1.8	+ 0.6
Textile Products .....	255.8	255.4	252.8	252.9	+ 0.2	(1)
Wood Products .....	364.9	364.0	343.8	344.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Iron Products .....	276.6	276.6	273.3	273.7	-	- 0.1
Non-ferrous Metals .....	259.1	257.8	236.0	235.9	+ 0.5	(1)
Non-metallic Minerals .....	206.3	206.1	198.9	198.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Chemical Products .....	215.6	214.3	212.4	208.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Iron and Non-ferrous Metals (excluding gold) .....	320.0	319.0	300.6	300.7	+ 0.3	(1)
Raw and Partly Mfg. Goods .....	250.9	249.2	246.1	246.2	+ 0.7	(1)
Fully and Chiefly Mfg. Goods ....	281.1	279.5	274.2	273.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.3

\* These indexes are preliminary.  
(1) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.

E X T E R N A L T R A D E

4. Preliminary Statement of Total Canadian Exports - June 1968  
(Domestic Exports plus Re-Exports)

Month of June	Value in Millions		Percentage Change 1967 - 1968
	1967	1968	
United Kingdom .....	104.6	91.7	- 12.3
Other Commonwealth and Preferential .....	75.4	58.4	- 22.5
United States .....	632.2	762.8	+ 20.7
Others .....	221.4	206.9	- 6.5
Total Commonwealth and Preferential .....	180.1	150.1	- 16.7
Total Others .....	853.6	969.7	+ 13.6
Grand Total .....	1,033.7	1,119.8	+ 8.3
<u>January - June</u>			
United Kingdom .....	593.1	613.3	+ 3.4
Other Commonwealth and Preferential .....	357.1	290.9	- 18.5
United States .....	3,521.2	4,415.5	+ 25.4
Others .....	1,151.7	1,192.2	+ 3.5
Total Commonwealth and Preferential .....	950.1	904.2	- 4.8
Total Others .....	4,672.9	5,607.7	+ 20.0
Grand Total .....	5,623.1	6,511.9	+ 15.8

NOTE Figures may not add due to rounding.

5. Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade - June 1968

Month of June	<u>Total Exports</u>		<u>Imports</u>		<u>Trade Balance</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>		
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	<u>1967 to 1968</u>		
	Millions of Dollars						<u>Total</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Imports</u>
							%	%	
United Kingdom .....	104.6	91.7	67.3	51.7	+ 37.3	+ 40.0	- 12.3	- 23.2	
Other Commonwealth and Preferential ....	75.4	58.4	35.8	33.4	+ 39.6	+ 24.9	- 22.5	- 6.7	
United States .....	632.2	762.8	711.1	734.0	- 78.9	+ 28.9	+ 20.7	+ 3.2	
Others .....	221.4	206.9	163.2	160.4	+ 58.2	+ 46.5	- 6.5	- 1.7	
Total Commonwealth and Preferential ...	180.1	150.1	103.1	85.2	+ 77.0	+ 64.9	- 16.7	- 17.4	
Total Others .....	853.6	969.7	874.3	894.3	- 20.7	+ 75.4	+ 13.6	+ 2.3	
Grand Total .....	1,033.7	1,119.8	977.4	979.5	+ 56.3	+140.3	+ 8.3	+ 0.2	
<u>January - June</u>									
United Kingdom .....	593.1	613.3	342.9	338.7	+250.2	+274.6	+ 3.4	- 1.2	
Other Commonwealth and Preferential ....	357.1	290.9	191.4	187.5	+165.7	+103.3	- 18.5	- 2.0	
United States .....	3,521.2	4,415.5	4,061.4	4,497.1	-540.2	- 81.6	+ 25.4	+ 10.7	
Others .....	1,151.7	1,192.2	871.7	982.4	+280.0	+209.8	+ 3.5	+ 12.7	
Total Commonwealth and Preferential ...	950.1	904.2	534.3	526.3	+415.8	+377.9	- 4.8	- 1.5	
Total Others .....	4,672.9	5,607.7	4,933.1	5,479.5	-260.2	+128.2	+ 20.0	+ 11.1	
Grand Total .....	5,623.1	6,511.9	5,467.4	6,005.8	+155.7	+506.1	+ 15.8	+ 9.8	

- NOTES 1. Data for 1967 reflect adjustments made in import statistics to correct distortions caused by disruptions in document receipts.  
2. Export and import values for 1968 are preliminary estimates and may not add due to rounding.

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

6. Index of Industrial Production The May index of industrial production advanced 1961 Weight and Reference Base to 158.1, a gain of 0.8% from the April level of 156.8. Gains of 0.9% in manufacturing and 2.1% in electric power, gas and water utilities more than offset the 0.6% decline in mining. Within manufacturing the advance was entirely due to the 2.6% increase in durables as non-durables declined by 0.8%.

With the exception of the machinery industries, where production was adversely affected by a strike in agricultural implements, all of the durables' major group shared in the gain, rising by amounts ranging from marginal to 8%. The bulk of the gain was due to the better than 8% gain in transportation equipment. Virtually all of this was due to the 16% advance in motor vehicles as the industry recovered from labour disputes in April. The wood industries rose by 5%, due largely to a better than 7% increase in sawmills and planing mills which was in part attributable to the settlement of strikes in British Columbia.

In non-durables, (-0.8%), gains of from 1 to 4% to 7 major groups were more than offset by declines ranging from marginal to 6% in the remaining 5. The major factor in the non-durables decline was the 5% decline in foods and beverages. This in turn was largely due to the 29% drop in distilleries, where production was adversely affected by labour disputes. Production in the rubber industries, which fell by 6%, was also adversely affected by labour disputes.

In mining, (-0.6%), a fractional gain in metals was more than offset by declines in mineral fuels and non-metals of 3% and 1% respectively. The decline in fuels was entirely due to the 3% drop in crude petroleum and natural gas as coal moved upwards by 2%.

In utilities, (+2.1%), virtually all the gain was due to gas distribution, which rose by 14%.

TRANSPORTATION

7. Railway Employment The average number of persons engaged in railway operations, exclusive of express, telecommunications, highway transport (conducted by railways) and other operations (such as hotels) during 1967 declined slightly to 130,187, while total compensation at \$831,901,989 was 9.6% above the preceding year, according to an advance release of data to be contained in the Annual D.B.S. report entitled, "Railway Transport - Part VI".

The table below presents a breakdown of employees and compensation, by functional total, for C.N.R., C.P.R. and all railways.

	C.N.R.	C.P.R.	All Railways
<u>Employees</u>		- number -	
General .....	10,601	6,183	17,774
Road Maintenance .....	15,012	7,670	25,921
Equipment Maintenance .....	17,600	11,600	31,096
Transportation .....	31,880	19,797	55,396
Total Railway .....	75,093	45,250	130,187
<u>Compensation</u>		- dollars -	
General .....	70,665,685	39,880,932	117,190,718
Road Maintenance .....	88,758,827	44,656,471	151,939,637
Equipment Maintenance .....	108,504,483	68,103,011	189,342,388
Transportation .....	218,139,861	128,264,384	373,429,246
Total Railway .....	486,068,856	280,904,798	831,901,989
Average Annual Wage .....	6,473	6,208	6,390
Average Hourly Wage .....	2.91	2.88	2.91

8. Carloadings In the final nine days of June (7 working days), revenue freight carloadings numbered 86,358 compared with 110,761 in the previous year (8 working days), a decrease of 22.0%. Commodities requiring fewer cars included: wheat, 4,685 cars (versus 11,772 in 1967); "other" grain, 1,309 (4,139); lumber, timber and plywood, 4,518 (5,618); pulpwood, 3,496 (4,589) and merchandise in less than carload lots, 4,241 (6,959). The principal commodity requiring more cars was iron ore, 16,226 (14,905). Receipts from both Canadian and United States rail connections declined slightly to 30,453 cars and piggyback loadings decreased 9.3% to 4,485.

During June, 322,250 cars of revenue freight were loaded, down 7.8% from 1967. Commodities reflecting reduced activity included: wheat, 21,574 (36,681 in 1967); "other" grain, 5,309 (10,758); grain products, 5,024 (6,316); fertilizers, 5,442 (6,743); and merchandise in less than carload lots, 16,477 (22,215). The principal commodities moving in more cars were iron ore, 52,924 (47,033) and manufactured iron and steel products, 7,834 (6,480). Receipts from connections during June increased 1.4% to 106,516 and cars loaded in piggyback service were down 2.3% to 15,102.

During the first half of 1968, 1,835,279 railway cars were loaded, down 3.0% from the previous year. Receipts from connections dropped 2.3% to 632,200, while piggyback loadings decreased slightly to 86,692 cars.

#### LABOUR

9. Unemployment Insurance Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit, both regular and seasonal, numbered 657,000 on March 29, 1968, in comparison with 659,000 on February 29, 1968 and 544,000 one year ago.

A total of 183,000 initial and renewal claims for benefit were received in local offices across Canada during March. This was 15,000 (8%) less than the 198,000 received in February and approximately the same number that was received during March 1967.

The average weekly estimate of the number of beneficiaries was 600,000 in March, 558,000 in February and 458,000 in March 1967. Benefit payments amounted to \$63.7 million in March, \$59.5 million in February and \$53.2 million in March 1967. Average weekly benefit payments for the three dates under consideration were \$26.55, \$26.67 and \$25.82 respectively.

#### CONSTRUCTION

10. Building Permits Building permits issued during March numbered 15,138 (10,093 in March 1967), of which 5,627 were single dwellings (3,998), 998 were double dwellings (901), 8,251 were apartments (5,008) and 262 were conversions (186). The value of residential construction came to \$179,644,000, (\$115,511,000 in 1967); that of industrial construction, \$40,328,000 (\$34,503,000); that of commercial construction, \$39,137,000 (\$52,342,000) and that of institutional and government construction, \$74,636,000 (\$51,577,000). Total residential and non-residential construction was valued at \$333,765,000 (\$253,933,000). During the cumulative period, 34,687 permits were issued (22,814 in the 1967 period) and the value of residential and non-residential construction reached, \$825,811,000 (\$625,799,000 in 1967).

#### MANUFACTURING

11. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders Manufacturers' shipments were estimated at \$3,459.0 million, 5.5% above the revised estimate of \$3,279.8 million in April and 6.0% higher than the May 1967 estimate of \$3,263.1 million, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the May issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report, "Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries. Seasonally adjusted shipments were 1.0% higher than the revised figure of the previous month.



Total inventory owned by manufacturers, estimated at \$6,629.6 million, decreased by 0.6% from the revised April estimate of \$6,671.3 million and also by 0.6% from the May 1967 estimate of \$6,669.8 million. Total inventory held, estimated at \$7,031.8 million, was down 0.6% from the revised previous month's estimate of \$7,076.1 million and 0.5% lower than the \$7,067.4 million estimate in May 1967. The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.92 in May, 2.03 in April and 2.04 in May 1967. The finished products to shipments ratio was 0.71 in May, 0.76 in April and 0.75 in May 1967. Seasonally adjusted total inventory held showed a decrease of 0.5% from the previous month with finished products decreasing by 0.9% while raw materials and goods in process decreased fractionally.

New orders in May were estimated at \$3,487.4 million, 7.3% higher than the revised April estimate of \$3,250.2 million and 9.1% higher than the \$3,196.9 million estimated in May 1967. Unfilled orders in May were 0.8% higher than the revised previous month figure and only fractionally higher than in May 1967. New and unfilled orders, seasonally adjusted, increased 3.6% and 1.4% respectively over the previous revised month figure.

The following table shows estimated value of shipments, inventories and orders in all manufacturing industries.

	May 1968 Preliminary	April 1968 Revised	March 1968	May 1967
	Millions of dollars			
Shipments .....	3,459.0	3,279.8	3,171.0	3,263.1
Shipments (Seasonally adjusted) ...	3,264.2	3,231.7	3,097.2	3,064.6
Inventory owned .....	6,629.6	6,671.3	6,725.8	6,669.8
Inventory owned (Seasonally adjusted) ...	6,606.8	6,624.3	6,654.4	6,646.3
Inventory held .....	7,031.8	7,076.1	7,144.2	7,067.4
Raw materials .....	2,676.7	2,680.0	2,746.6	2,686.3
Goods in process .....	1,899.6	1,908.9	1,923.2	1,923.6
Finished products .....	2,455.5	2,487.2	2,474.4	2,457.5
New orders .....	3,487.4	3,250.2	3,228.9	3,196.9
New orders (Seasonally adjusted) ...	3,317.4	3,202.5	3,077.5	3,023.7
Unfilled orders .....	3,792.9	3,764.4	3,794.0	3,788.1
Unfilled orders (Seasonally adjusted) ...	3,722.2	3,669.0	3,698.2	3,714.6

Provincial Shipments Higher May values in all provinces contributed to an overall increase over April of \$179.2 million in Canadian manufacturers' shipments that brought the total to \$3,459.0 million for the month and \$15,896.4 million in the first five months of 1968.

A \$100 million increase in Ontario shipments was mainly a result of higher shipments in the motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and accessories industries. This boost was accompanied by a seasonal increase in the pulp and paper industry's shipments in most provinces. There was a substantial seasonal increase across the country in the non-metallic mineral products industries shipments as well, reflecting the expected increase in the construction industry's activity in May.

A 17% increase in Newfoundland shipments was principally a result of higher May shipments in the pulp and paper and wood industries while the 21.5% increase in Saskatchewan shipments reflected greater activity in almost all groups of industries in that province.

Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	May 1968(p)	May 1967	% Change	April 1968(r)	January 1968(p)	- May 1967	% Change
	Millions of dollars			Millions of dollars			
Nfld. ....	13.1	14.2	-7.7	11.2	57.7	61.7	-6.5
N.S. ....	54.6	53.4	+2.2	53.7	257.4	238.3	+8.0
N.B. ....	49.2	47.0	+4.7	44.8	223.3	214.2	+4.2
Que. ....	888.3	845.7	+5.0	854.7	4,245.8	4,076.5	+4.2
Ont. ....	1,898.6	1,767.2	+7.4	1,797.9	8,546.4	8,128.0	+5.1
Man. ....	89.2	92.6	-3.7	82.8	412.5	410.5	+0.5
Sask. ....	40.3	40.3	-	33.2	175.0	172.2	+1.6
Alta ....	129.7	125.3	+3.5	123.5	598.9	572.2	+4.7
B.C. ....	291.7	273.9	+6.5	274.9	1,362.8	1,286.3	+5.9
CANADA(1)	3,459.0	3,263.1	+6.0	3,279.8	15,896.4	15,177.2	+4.7

(1) Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

(p) Preliminary.

(r) Revised.

12. Asbestos Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 129,009 tons in May, from 119,158 tons in May 1967. Shipments for the January-May period also increased to 558,329 tons from 499,158 in the 1967 period.

13. Pulpwood and Wood Residue

	May 1967	May 1968	% <sup>+</sup> %-
	cunits		
<u>Pulpwood &amp; Wood Residue</u>			
Produced (Roundwood) .....	1,189,459	1,199,678	+ 1%
Consumed (Roundwood and Wood Residue) .	1,268,170	1,890,327	+49%
Closing Inventory (Roundwood and Wood Residue) .....	9,658,945	10,339,930	+ 7%
<u>Wood Residue</u>			
Receipts .....	378,987	522,804	+38%

14. Veneers and Plywoods Veneers produced during May amounted to 167,538 thousand square feet, an increase of 5% over the May 1967 production of 158,817 thousand. Production for the year to date totalled 832,486 thousand square feet, compared to 808,666 thousand in the 1967 period. May plywood production decreased by 1% to 208,343 thousand square feet from 210,359 thousand in the 1967 month; however production for the five-month period increased to 952,432 thousand square feet from 947,161 thousand in 1967.

15. Steel Ingots and Pig Iron June production of steel ingots came to 920,018 tons, 18.0% above the June 1967 production of 779,975 tons but only 8.0% over the 1966 month production of 852,267 tons. Production for the year to date totalled 5,545,667 tons, 15.0% over the 4,824,494 tons for the 1967 period, but 8.2% above the 5,125,027 tons produced in the same six months in 1966.

Production of pig iron for June amounted to 706,663 tons, an increase of 28.2% from the 551,360 tons produced in June 1967 and 18.6% over the 596,093 tons produced in June 1966. Pig iron production for the half-year period totalled 4,259,953 tons, 26.1% above the 1967 figure of 3,377,277 tons and 14.9% above the 3,709,254 tons produced in the 1966 period.

16. Motor Vehicle Shipments Factory shipments of made-in-Canada motor vehicles for May numbered 132,113, an increase over last May's 100,087 while shipments for the year to date amounted to 473,178 (421,886 in the 1967 period). Of the May shipments, 102,920 were automobiles and 29,193 were commercial vehicles (including coaches or buses). For the January-May period, the number of automobiles was 358,426 and that of commercial vehicles was 114,752.

17. Motor Vehicle Production June production of motor vehicles came to 114,374 units, an increase over the 102,472 units produced in June 1967. Of this total, 89,368 were automobiles (76,977 in 1967) and 25,006 were commercial vehicles (25,495). Production for the year to date totalled 598,411 vehicles (527,070 in the 1967 period), of which 457,330 were automobiles (394,369) and 141,081 were commercial vehicles (132,701).

18. Electric Storage Batteries Factory sales of electric storage batteries in May numbered 128,848 for initial installation purposes (100,669 in May 1967) and 122,239 for replacement purposes (127,609). Sales for the five months ended May amounted to 508,423 for initial installation (436,915 in 1967) and 759,249 for replacement (790,612).

19. Production and Consumption of Rubber

Periodicity	Production of Rubber				Consumption of Rubber			
	Natural rubber	Synthetic rubber	Reclaimed rubber	Total	Natural rubber	Synthetic rubber	Reclaimed rubber	Total
'000 lb.								
Month of:								
May 1968 ...	-	41,340	1,772	43,112	7,499	17,410	2,729	27,638
May 1967 ...	-	39,867	2,646	42,513	8,242	19,874	3,553	31,669
% change ...	-	+ 3.7	-33.0	+ 1.4	- 9.0	-12.4	-23.2	-12.7
5 months ended:								
May 1968 ...	-	190,298	14,430	204,728	44,398	100,096	16,240	160,734
May 1967 ...	-	186,956	11,998	198,954	41,551	98,101	17,243	156,895
% change ...	-	+ 1.8	+20.3	+ 2.9	+ 6.9	+ 2.0	- 5.8	+ 2.4

20. Steel Ingots Steel ingot production for the week ended July 13 totalled 208,249 tons, an increase of 7.9% from the preceding week's total of 192,924 tons. The comparable week's total of 1967 was 177,816 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1957-1959 of 96,108 tons equalling 100 was 217 during the current week, 201 a week earlier and 185 one year ago.

21. Preliminary Electric Energy Statistics Net generation of electric energy increased 4.1% to 14,062,272 thousand Kwh. in May 1968 from 13,502,307 thousand Kwh. in May 1967. For the third consecutive month the small increase in generation was caused by a decline in energy consumption in Quebec.
22. Natural Gas Pipe Line Mileage Total mileage of all natural gas pipe lines in 1965, including lines operated by producing and gas processing companies amounted to 44,072.9 miles, up 2,211.1 miles over 1964. Gathering pipe lines totalled 5,207.7 miles (up 288.2); transmission pipe lines increased to 14,206.1 miles (up 895.4); and distribution pipe lines increased to 24,661.1 miles (up 1,027.5).

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23. New Motor Vehicle Sales Sales of new motor vehicles during May increased by 1.7% to 374,329 units from the revised 1967 month figure of 367,909. Of this total, passenger vehicles increased by 2.2% to 313,093 from 306,243 and commercial vehicles dropped by 0.7% to 61,236 from 61,666. The retail value of vehicles sold also rose by 4.7% to \$1,317,855,000 from \$1,258,105,000 in May 1967, with the value of sales of passenger vehicles increasing by 6.7% to \$1,057,162,000 from \$991,076,000 but that of commercial vehicles decreasing by 2.4% to \$260,693,000 from \$267,029,000.
24. Department Store Sales During the week ended June 22, department store sales rose in Canada by 9.0% over the corresponding week of the previous year, with regional changes as follows: Atlantic Provinces, +0.2%; Quebec, +17.2%; Ontario, +4.4%; Manitoba, +11.2%; Saskatchewan, +9.4%; Alberta, +21.6% and British Columbia, +3.8%.
25. Steel Warehousing Sales of firms considered to account for approximately 90% of the steel warehousing business were as follows for the month of April, with the April 1967 figures in brackets: concrete reinforcing bars, 7,647 tons(6,092); other hot rolled bars, 12,297(11,961); wire rods, 248(209); plates, 17,543 (21,617); sheet and strip, hot rolled 13,148 (22,732); galvanized sheet and strip, terneplate, 10,232 (8,354); heavy structural beams, 9,777 (9,069); bar size structural shapes, 6,271 (5,777); and other structural shapes, 7,353 (8,342).
26. Credit Statistics Estimates of balances outstanding at the end of March compared to March of last year for selected credit holders showed higher balances outstanding for sales finance companies commercial goods, small loan companies cash loans and instalment credit, department stores and chartered banks personal loans fully secured and other loans. Lower balances were reported for sales finance companies consumer goods and for furniture, appliance and radio stores, while the balance for chartered banks personal loans for home improvement remained the same.

Balances outstanding in millions of dollars were, with the 1967 figures in brackets, as follows: sales finance companies consumer goods, \$1,111(\$1,142); sales finance companies commercial goods, \$657 (\$640); small loan companies cash loans, \$1,258 (\$1,114); small loan companies instalment credit, \$79 (\$72); department stores, \$536 (\$533); furniture, appliance and radio stores, \$203 (\$204); chartered banks personal loans fully secured, \$516 (\$500); personal loans for home improvement, \$74 (\$74); and personal other loans, \$3,054 (\$2,503).

27. Retail Trade, Chain and Independent Stores, by Kind of Business

Canada

May 1968

Kind of business	Chain store sales	Independent store sales	All stores	
			Sales	May 1968 May 1967
		\$'000		%
Grocery and combination stores .....	247,357	255,632	502,989	+15.4
All other food stores .....	5,673	70,986	76,660	+ 6.9
Department stores .....	185,837	-	185,837	+10.9
General merchandise stores .....	45,200	17,909	63,110	+ 6.1
General stores .....	7,033	71,031	78,064	+ 8.9
Variety stores .....	31,987	6,974	38,961	- 6.1
Motor vehicle dealers .....	7,249	420,152	427,401	- 0.3
Service stations and garages .....	10,254	196,265	206,518	+ 6.9
Men's clothing stores .....	5,869	24,061	29,930	+ 4.4
Women's clothing stores .....	12,750	26,518	39,268	+ 4.5
Family clothing stores .....	7,042	20,801	27,845	+ 7.4
Shoe stores .....	10,709	14,633	25,342	+ 6.2
Hardware stores .....	6,854	32,808	39,662	+ 7.8
Furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores .....	13,058	55,052	68,110	+ 4.4
Fuel dealers .....	3,235	23,377	26,612	- 9.7
Drug stores .....	8,301	51,417	59,718	+ 5.6
Jewellery stores .....	4,609	13,268	17,876	+ 3.4
All other stores .....	114,840	180,912	295,752	+ 4.4
<b>Total, all stores .....</b>	<b>727,857</b>	<b>1,481,800</b>	<b>2,209,657</b>	<b>+ 6.5</b>

Retail Trade, Chain and Independent Stores, by Province

Newfoundland .....	10,673	29,054	39,727	+ 1.9
Prince Edward Island .....	2,116	7,540	9,656	+ 5.1
Nova Scotia .....	21,446	56,298	77,743	+11.1
New Brunswick .....	20,504	39,741	60,244	+13.3
Quebec .....	160,206	429,410	589,616	+ 7.7
Ontario .....	304,571	528,506	833,077	+ 8.0
Manitoba .....	34,106	63,660	97,766	-19.1
Saskatchewan .....	24,204	67,434	91,638	+ 0.3
Alberta .....	58,270	116,921	175,191	+ 9.4
British Columbia(1) .....	91,761	143,237	234,998	+10.9

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

28. Motion Picture Theatres The 1967 figures contained in the following table are estimates based on reports submitted by about 75% of all regular and auditorium theatres operating in Canada.

Province	Number of theatres	Salaries and wages(1)	Seating capacity	Number of paid admissions	Receipts from admissions (excluding taxes)		Amusement taxes
					Amount	% Change 1967/66	
					\$		
Canada .....	No. 1,154	\$ 20,308,504	No. 653,128	No. 85,680,751	\$ 90,891,276	+ 9.6	\$ 6,457,731
Newfoundland .....	32	161,857	9,744	1,428,505	971,162	+20.3	86,660
Prince Edward Island .....	5	32,661	2,104	263,357	179,988	+ 2.0	15,081
Nova Scotia .....	45	636,701	25,837	3,319,786	2,550,641	+17.9	247,977
New Brunswick .....	32	370,056	16,823	2,112,101	1,654,469	+16.8	155,209
Quebec .....	321	4,924,933	185,123	21,197,092	24,083,057	+ 4.7	2,467,854
Ontario .....	293	8,308,299	215,323	32,612,227	36,803,595	+ 8.5	3,137,594
Manitoba .....	76	917,042	32,015	4,062,967	3,616,374	+ 8.0	237,274
Saskatchewan .....	111	766,390	44,090	4,158,779	3,232,049	+16.6	84,217
Alberta .....	123	1,387,675	56,453	6,955,479	6,782,433	+11.1	-
British Columbia(2)	116	2,802,890	65,616	9,570,458	11,017,508	+19.2	25,865

(1) Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.  
 (2) Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

C E N S U S

29. Children in Families A 1966 Census report on children in families is being released today by the Housing and Families Section.

The report shows that there were 4,526,266 families enumerated in 1966 of which 71.1% or 3,216,686 had unmarried children under 25 years of age living at home. The proportion of families with children in 1961 was just slightly lower at 70.7%, or 2,930,651 out of 4,147,444.

Between the two censuses, the proportion of children 6 years and younger dropped by around 4% from 34.2% to 30.3%. A drop in the proportion of children in this age group occurred in all provinces and territories, but it was most pronounced in Alberta (-5.0%) and British Columbia (-4.7%).

On the other hand, the average number of children per family remained the same at 1.9% over the two censuses. There were slight increases in the provinces from Ontario west and in the territories, but a small drop in Newfoundland.

T R A V E L

30. Travel Between Canada and the United States Non-resident vehicles entering Canada from the United States numbered 799,000 in April, up 10.6% from the 722,600 in April 1967. The number of vehicles entering and leaving the same day rose by 8.2% and that of vehicles staying one or more nights increased by 19.6%. During the cumulative period, entries totalled 2,741,900, a 14.0% rise over the 2,406,200 entering in the 1967 period, with vehicles entering and leaving the same day increasing by 24.5% but those staying one or more nights in Canada decreasing by 22.1%.

Non-immigrants entering Canada by plane, through bus, rail and boat from the United States amounted to 115,800 in April, a decrease of 2.9% from the 119,200 in April 1967. The decline could be attributed to a decrease of 27.2% in entries by bus; entries by the other means of transportation increased. During the January-April period, 401,100 travellers entered Canada from the United States by the above means of transportation, an increase of 7.7% over the 372,500 entries in the same period of 1967.

Canadian vehicles returning to Canada from the United States in April increased by 5.3% to 920,600 from 873,900 in the 1967 month. Although Easter fell in April, the number of entries in Ontario declined by 9.4%. This decline no doubt is attributable to the reduction of international travel, mainly in southern Ontario, during the unrest in the United States. During the January-April period a total of 3,171,800 Canadian vehicles returned from the United States, an increase of 0.8% over the 3,148,100 returning in the 1967 period.

Re-entries into Canada from the United States by plane, through bus, rail and boat numbered 149,200 in April, 11.6% above the 133,700 in April 1967. Re-entries for the cumulative period totalled 554,600, a rise of 10.0% over the 504,300 returning in the 1967 period.

#### AGRICULTURE & FOOD

31. Dairy Factory Production Production of creamery butter during June amounted to 42,527,000 pounds, 5% lower than the June 1967 production of 44,869,000 pounds. Production for the January-June period decreased by 3% to 145,157,000 pounds from 150,145,000 in 1967. Cheddar cheese production, on the other hand, was up by 2% in June to 23,549,000 pounds from 23,021,000 in the 1967 month. However cumulative production fell by 2% to 71,878,000 pounds from 73,192,000 pounds in the 1967 period.
32. Stocks of Dairy and Poultry Products Cold storage holdings of creamery butter dropped 15.2% on July 1 to 42,244,000 pounds from 49,803,000 pounds at July 1, 1967. Stocks of cheddar cheese were up 9.4% to 83,995,000 pounds this year from 76,804,000 pounds while skim milk powder stocks soared 234.1% to 187,634,000 pounds from 56,160,000 pounds on July 1, 1967. Evaporated whole milk stocks were up 10.8% to 37,583,000 pounds from 33,918,000.
33. Stocks of Meat Stocks of meat in cold storage at July 1 were as follows: frozen, 60,459,000 pounds (75,239,000 at July 1, 1967); fresh, 24,703,000 pounds (26,049,000); cured, 7,806,000 pounds (8,213,000); total, 92,968,000 pounds (109,501,000).
34. Barley Malt and Hops Use of barley malt and hops in the production of beer during May amounted to: barley malt, 52,613,221 lb; hops, 371,885 lb.
35. Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products The index of farm prices of agricultural products (1935-39=100), excluding Newfoundland, is estimated at 295.0 for May, 2.7 points above the April level of 292.3. Although poultry product prices declined between the middle of April and the middle of May, higher prices were recorded for livestock and potatoes.
36. Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables Stocks of fruit, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on July 1, 1968 totalled 30,459,000 pounds as compared with last year's corresponding total of 41,623,000 pounds, while holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine totalled 45,561,000 pounds compared to 39,776,000 pounds.

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AGRICULTURE & FOOD (concluded)

Production and Sales	Unit	1966					1967				
		No. reporting	Canada	Maritimes Quebec Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	No. reporting	Canada	Maritimes Quebec Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
(\$'000)											
Total area of mushroom bed .....	sq.ft.	91	3,930	2,627	250	1,053	89	4,358	2,905	204	1,249
Total area harvested .....	"	91	9,277	6,811	414	2,052	89	9,575	7,246	296	2,033
Total production mushrooms .....	lb.	91	19,059	15,419	940	2,700	88	23,549	17,876	1,022	4,651
Quantity sold fresh .....	"	52	7,300	5,923	391	986	52	9,204	7,049	*	2,155(1)
Value of fresh sales .....	\$	52	3,491	2,798	226	467	52	4,833	3,670	*	1,163
Quantity sold to processors .....	lb.	69	7,087	4,869	504	1,714	71	9,358	5,844	*	3,514(1)
Value of processor's sales .....	\$	69	2,699	1,760	202	737	71	3,754	2,275	*	1,479
Processed by growers .....	lb.	6	4,672	4,628	44	*	4	4,987	*	*	*
Value of growers processed crop .....	\$	6	1,755	1,732	23	*	4	1,894	*	*	*
Total value of crop .....	\$		7,945	6,290	451	1,204		10,481			
Value of investment \$'000											
Land .....		87	4,198	3,324	43	831	83	3,632	2,991	46	595
Building for packing & processing .....		83	4,858	3,754	474	630	81	3,897	2,998	376	523
Other buildings .....		44	604	466	42	96	42	566	465	38	63
Heating equipment .....		85	489	308	67	114	83	565	428	58	79
Cooling equipment .....		59	472	428	19	25	66	264	223	14	27
Processing & packing equipment .....		19	149	138	6	5	79	150	138	(2)	12
Other machinery .....		84	1,424	1,091	152	181	16	1,098	779	125	194
Total investment .....			12,194	9,509	803	1,882		10,172	8,022	657	1,493
Labour											
Total number of employees peak period ....		77	1,226	880	87	259	78	1,275	973	71	231
Total number of employees slack period ...		63	800	659	54	87	64	840	726	47	67
Average hourly rate experienced staff ....		79	\$1.49	\$1.44	\$1.37	\$1.53	78	\$1.57	\$1.62	\$1.45	\$1.58

\* Less than three firms reporting.

(1) Includes Prairies.

(2) Included in other machinery.



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