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HIGHLIGHTSOFTHIS ISSUE

Population: First release of preliminary population figures of the 1956 Census, covering 492 smaller cities, towns and villages, indicate a marked rise since 1951 in urban population. Out of 31 cities and towns listed with population of 5,000 and over, all but three had gains, most of them substantial, while of the others all but 87 (mainly small villages) also had population gains.
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Merchandising: Total Canadian retail store sales in the first half of this year are estimated to have reached $\$ 6,420,212,000$, over $7.5 \%$ larger than in last year's first six months. Istimated sales were larger in all provinces and for all trades ... More new passenger cars were sold in the first half of this year than in any other similar period, the sales value being also a record, of course. Commercial vehicle sales were up from last year's low level but still below several bigger earlier years.
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Food \& Agriculture: Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains at the end of the 1955-56 crop year were estimated at 768.4 million bushels, about 11\% larger than a year earlier and 95\% larger than the 1946-55 average. Wheat stocks accounted for 527.5 million bushels, up from 499.7 million at July 31 last year. Other main increases were in oats and barley ... Cold storage stocks of meat and fish at July 31 were larger than a year earlier ... Sea-fish landings to the end of June this year were up $34 \%$ in quantity and $22 \%$ in value, with gains in each on both coasts.
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Manufacturing: New records were set by Canadian manufacturing industries last year in total value of shipments, salaries and wages, and cost of materials, but number of employees was below 1953.
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Electric Power: Total output of Canada's central electric stations was substantially larger in the first half of this year than last, although production in Quebec - largest producer - was considerably lower. (Page 12)

Labour: Employment during July was at a record peak, with the number of persons with jobs estimated at 5,789,000 and the number without jobs and seeking work placed at only 102,000 ,
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Pirst Helease of Population Figures of The 1956 Census

First figures of the 1956 Census were released August 20 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in a bulletin giving preliminary totals of the population at June 1 of some 500 cities, towns and incorporated villages.

Covering centres in every province, but including mostly the smaller cities and towns, the figures indicate a distinct rise in Canada's urban population during the last 5 years. Out of 31 cities and towns with a population of 5,000 and over, all except 3 gained in population size since 1951 and some had particularly large gains. Of the other smaller centres, only 87 declined in population and small villages accounted for most of these decreases.

Among the larger urban centres for which population figures are listed, the population of Kitchener increased to 59,209 from 44, 867 in 1951; Victoria to 52,935 from 51,331; Kingston to 47,989 from 36,870; Fort William to 39,019 from 34,947; Sault Ste. Marie to 37,073 from 32,452; Lethbridge to 31,120 from from 22,947; St. Boniface to 28,636 from 26,342; Brandon to 24,579 from 20,598; St. Jean to 24,175 from 19,305; Dartmouth to 20,004 from 15,037; Thetford Mines to 19,316 from 15,095; Eastview to 19,019 from 13,799; St. Thomas to 18,993 from 18,173; Rouyn to 16, 819 from 14,633; Sorel to 16,342 from 14,961; Waterloo to 16,273 from 11,991; Welland to 15,935 from 15,382; Jasper Place to 15,851 from 9,139; and Rimouski to 14,322 from 11,565. There was a small decline in Timmins proper to 27,347 from 27,743.

Following are the preliminary 1956 population totals for the remaining centres with population 5,000 and over listed in the bulletin with 1951 Census figures shown in brackets, arranged by provinces from east to west: New Waterford, 10,231 (10,423); Stellarton, 5,377 (5,575); Giffard, 9,507 (8,097); Grand Mere, 13,909 (11, 089); Magog, 12,638 (12,423); Coaticook, 6,444 (6,341); Kenogami, 11,232 ( 9,895 ); Malartic, 6,762 (5,983); Mont-Laurier, 5,449 (4,701); Quebec West, 7,911 (7,295); Pointe-Gatineau, 6,144 (3,874).

Population totals in this preliminary release are subject to revision. In this connection, the bulletin points out that anyone who has reason to believe that he or she has been omitted from the Census should notify the Bureau, which will then make an investigation to correct any omissions. (1)

More Births, Deaths And Marriages In July, 7 Months

Larger numbers of births, deaths and marriages were registered in Canada in July and the first 7 months of this year than a year earlier. Births increased a year ago, deaths to 10,538 from 10,206 , and marin July to 39,845 from 37,298 a year ago, deaths to 10,538 from 10,206, 258,666
riages to 14,930 from 13,942. In the January-July period there were births versus 256,767 a year ago, 79,540 deaths versus 75,597, and 63,863 marriages versus 60,782 .

Ontario accounted for most of the rise in births both in July and the seven months, with increases from 10,866 to 13,154 and from 82,074 to 84,550 , respectively. Similarly, quebec was mainly responsible in both periods for the larger total number of marriages, with increases from 3,404 to 4,499 and from 12,935 to 16,066. The number of deaths was larger in July in all provinces except Newfoundland and Quebec and in the seven months in all except Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Alberta.
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Advertising Agencies, Billings \& Gross Revenue Higher In 1955

Advertising, placed and other services rendered by Canadian advertising agencies increased $13.5 \%$ in 1955 to a record high total of $\$ 177,240,000 \mathrm{com}-$ pared to the previous peak of $\$ 156,163,000$ in 1954 , according to the Bureau's annual report on advertising agencies. Gross revenue rose nearly $13 \%$ to $\$ 27,690,000$ from $\$ 24,579,000$ and net revenue (before taxes) $19 \%$ to $\$ 2,772,000$ from $\$ 2,338,000$.

Number of agencies increased to 104 from 91, comissionable bilings to $\$ 174,-$ 925,000 from $\$ 154,467,000$, market surveys and other research to $\$ 391,000$ from $\$ 328,000$, and "other" fees to $\$ 1,925,000$ from $\$ 1,368,000$. Gross revenue on commissionable billings rose to $\$ 26,469,000$ from $\$ 23,230,000$, but that from market surveys, other research and "other" fees fell to $\$ 1,221,000$ from $\$ 2,350,000$. (3)

## MERCHANDISING

## Department Store Sales

Department store sales increased $10.2 \%$ in July as compared with the corresponding month last year, according to the Bureau's monthly preliminary release. All provinces except Manitoba shared in the sales gain. The rise in the Atlantic Provinces was $13.8 \%$, Quebec $9 \%$, Ontario $13.6 \%$, Saskatchewan 9.7\%, Alberta $14.7 \%$, and British Columbia $9.1 \%$. The drop in Manitoba was $2 \%$ 。

Sales declined $2.3 \%$ during the week ending August 11 as compared with a year earlier, declines of $6.3 \%$ in Quebec, $11.6 \%$ in Ontario and $7.8 \%$ in Manitoba more than offsetting increases of $13.4 \%$ in the Atlantic Provinces, $20.8 \%$ in Saskatchewan, $4.7 \%$ in Alberta and $4.6 \%$ in British Columbia.

Retail Sales Up Some 8\% In June And Half-Year

Sales of Canada's retail establishments were up $8.2 \%$ in value in June as compared with a year earlier. There were increases of $4.7 \%$ in January, $8.2 \%$ in February, $14.1 \%$ in March, $0.5 \%$ in April and $10.1 \%$ in May. The overall result was a rise in the half-year period of $7.6 \%$. Dollar sales were $\$ 1,286,728,000$ in June versus $\$ 1,189,241,000$ a year earlier and $\$ 6,420,212,000$ in the half-year period versus $\$ 5,968,722,000$.

All provinces shared in the increased sales both in June and the six months. Except for a small decline in June in jewellery store sales, all trades had larger sales totals in both periods.

Variety stores showed the largest percentage gain during June of $18.1 \%$, followed by shoe stores with a rise of $15.6 \%$, furniture, appliance and radio stores $15.1 \%$, family clothing stores $14.4 \%$, and grocery and combination stores $13.8 \%$. Motor vehicle dealers, which had shown large sales increases in the first five months of the year, had a sales gain of only $1 \%$ in June.

Fuel dealers topped the trades in size of sales gain in the half-year period with a rise of $16.2 \%$, lumber and building material dealers next with $13.9 \%$, variety stores $10.5 \%$, department stores $9.7 \%$, furniture, appliance and radio $9.2 \%$, and grocery and combination stores $7.6 \%$.

June sales increases were as follows by provinces, half-year gains being in brackets: Atlantic Provinces, $9.4 \%(6.6 \%$ ), Quebec, $7.7 \%$ ( $9.1 \%$ ) ; Ontario, $8 \%$ ( $6.3 \%$ ) ; Manitoba, $6.6 \% ~(3.2 \%)$; Saskatchewan, $8.6 \%$ ( $6.7 \%$ ); Alberta, $11.5 \%$ ( $10.1 \%$ ); and British Columbia, $7.3 \%(10.3 \%)$. (4)

Record Number of New Passenger Cars Sold In First Half of 1956

More new passenger cars were sold in Canada in the first half of 1956 than in any other similar period. The 229,041 units sold exceeded last year's first-half total of 215,035 by $6.5 \%$. The retail valued reached $\$ 637,643,-$ 000 , an increase of $13.8 \%$ over last year's $\$ 560,276,000$. During the same period the sales of commercial vehicles rose to 46,206 units from 38,144 and the value to $\$ 167,207,000$ from $\$ 109,426,000$ a year earlier.

June sales of new passenger cars also established new highs for the month both in number and value. The 48,874 vehicles with a retail value of $\$ 134,787,=$ 000 were up from last year's 45,923 units sold for $\$ 119,516,000$. Comercial vehicle sales reached a high record value for the month at $\$ 34,270,000(\$ 26,490,=$ 000 a year ago), and the number of units sold rose to 9,484 from 8,990 but were exceeded both in June 1950 and 1953.

In the first half of this year 91,050 new passenger car sales were financed for $\$ 196,518,000$, exceeding last year's half-year financi..g by $18.3 \%$ in number and $33.9 \%$ in amount. More new passenger cars were financed for a greater amount in June $(20,491$ units for $\$ 44,958,000)$ than in any other June, comparing with 18,960 units financed for $\$ 36,245,000$ in June last year.

Used passenger vehicles financed in the first half of 1956 numbered 189,810 with a financed value of $\$ 167,624,000$, sharply above last year's 179,568 units financed for $\$ 149,043,000$. The amount of financing in June $\{35,981,000$ versus $\$ 34,137,000$ a year ago, was the highest on record for that month, but the number financed at 40,892 units was below last year's 41, 113 .

Financing of used commercial vehicles in the first half of this year fell to 27,582 units from 28,529 a year ago, but the financed value increased to $\$ 24,919,000$ from $\$ 23,992,000$. June's financing of used commercial vehicles decined to 5,548 units financed for $\$ 5,050,000$ from 6,170 units financed for $\$ 5,281,000$. (5)

## FOOD \& AGRICULTURE

Poultry Population Total number of poultry on Canadian farms at June 1 , exRose 3\% At June 1 cluding Newfoundland, was estimated at $68,440,000$ birds, an increase of $2,226,000$ or $3 \%$ from last year's corresponding total of $66,214,000$. All provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario reported increases ranging from $3 \%$ in Prince Edward Island to $11 \%$ in British Columbia. The decrease in New Brunswick was $1 \%$, while that of Ontario was $5 \%$.

Number of hens and chickens rose $3 \%$ at June 1 to $63,680,000$ birds from $62,045,000$ a year ago with decreases in New Brunswick and Ontario more than counterbalanced by increases in the remaining provinces. The turkey population rose $20 \%$ to $4,014,000$ birds from 3,337,000 with New Brunswick registering the only decline.

Number of geese fell $9 \%$ to 326,000 from 357,000 with lower numbers in all provinces except Quebec and Ontario, where the totals were unchanged from last year. Ducks dropped $21 \%$ in number to 420,000 from 535,000 , all provinces except New Brunswick reporting decreases. (6)

Shorn Wool Production Declined 1 1\% In 1956

Farm wool clip in Canada, excluding Newfoundland, declined $1.1 \%$ in 1956 to $6,372,000$ pounds from 6,446,000 in 1955, according to the Bureau's annual wool survey. Number of sheep shorn fell to 874,000 from 875,200 and the average weight of fleeces to 7.3 pounds from 7.4. Production of shorn wool was unchanged in Prince 4 dward Island, ( 135,000 pounds) and Manitoba (177,000); lower in Nova Scotia (295,000 versus 309,000 ), Ontario ( $1,528,000$ versus $1,578,000$ ), Alberta ( $1,849,000$ versus $1,925,000$ ), and British Columb a (334,000 versus 348,000) ; and higher in New Brunswick (224,000 versus 216,000 ), Quebec ( $1,163,000$ versus $1,136,000$ ), and Saskatchewan ( 667,000 versus 622,000). (7)

Creamery Butter Stocks In Mine Cities Slightly Smaller

Stocks of creamery butter in nine cities of Canada on August 16 amounted to $72,072,000$ pounds, about $2 \%$ smaller than last year's $73,816,000$ pounds.

Holdings were as follows by cities (in thousands): Quebec, 5,144 pounds (4,966); Montreal, 38,309 (34,880); Toronto, 6,557 (9, 791); Winnipeg, 16,452 (17,727); Regina, $1,004(1,489)$; .askatoon, 1,116 ( 884 ) ; Edmonton, $1,372(2,398)$; Calgary, 827 (610); and Vancouver, 1,291 (1,071).

Meat Stocks Laiger On August 1
Stocks of meat in cold storage on August 1 were $10.5 \%$ larger at $70,671,000$ pounds than last year's corresponding total of $63,958,000$ pounds. Holdings of frozen meat were $39,264,000$ pounds ( 3 , 012,000 a year ago); fresh meat, 18,383,000 (17,136,000); and cured meat, $13,024,000(13,810,000)$. (8)

Stocks of Frozen Fruit Stocks of fruit, frozen and in preservatives, were And Vegetables On August 1 smaller on August 1 at $31,947,000$ pounds ersus 34, *23,000 a year earlier but the holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, were larger at $20,540,000$ pounds versus $18,977,000$.

Production Of Carbonated Beverages Production of carbonated beverages declined to $13,226,955$ gallons in Juiy from last year's cor-esponding total of $15,66^{\prime} 7,829$ gallons. In the first seven months of this year the output was moderately higher at $69,398,773$ gallons as compared with $68,243,820$. (10)

## Dry Skim Milk Powder Packed For Retail

Dry skim milk powder packed for retail in consumer-size packages increased toi $10,209,242$ punds in 1955 from the preceding year's total of $8,124,881$, according to a special statement released by DBS Pack in the first quarter this year was $2,599,314$ pounds, rising to $3,430,587$ pounds in the seconct quarter.

Stocks Of Fish $23 \%$ Larger
Cold storage holdings of fish at the end of July amounted to $58,652,000$ pounds, $23 \%$ larger than last year's $47,793,000$ pounds. Holdings of cod weighed $13,200,000$ pounds $(11,529,000$ a year earlier); haddock, $4,919,000(5,159,000)$; halibut, $9,318,000(11,716,000)$; salmon, 4,854,000 (3,491,000); sea herring, 835,000 (852,000); other sos fish, $20,933,000(9,264,000)$; and inland fish, 4,593,000 (5,782,000). (11)

Visible Supplies of Wheat Smaller Than Last Year

Visible supplies of Canadian wheat at the end of the first week of the new crop year amounted to $364,471,000$ bushels versus $360,014,000$ a week earlier and $379,614,-$ 000 a year ago. Overseas export clearances during the week totalled 7,493,000 bushels, slightly larger than last year's 7,462,000 bushels. Prairie farmers marketed $13,459,000$ bushels of wheat during the week versus $16,298,000$ in the July 21-31 period. (12)

Stocks of Canadian Grain At July 31
Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions at July 31, 1956 were estimated at 768.4 miliion bushels, about $11 \%$ above last year's 694.9 mililon, and some $95 \%$ above the ten-year (1946-55) average of 394.2 million. This year's July 31 stocks, in miliion of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1946-55 averages in brackets were estimated as follows: wheat, $527.5(499.7,234.3)$; oats, $116.0(84.0,85.8)$; barley, $107.5(91.5,62.2)$; rye, $15.0(18.5,8.6)$; flaxseed, $2.3(1.2,3.3)$.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31,1956 were estimated at 527.5 million bushels compared with last year's 499.7 million and the record 601.7 million in 1954. An estimated 165.2 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, while 226.4 million of the offfarm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 51.2 million and 25.5 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in the Fort WilliamPort Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks, estimated at 15.0 million bushels were down $19 \%$ from last year's 18.5 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July 31 stocks of oats, estimated at 116.0 million bushels, were well above those of last year and also above the ten-year average of 85.8 million. Barley stocks at 107.5 million bushels were up $18 \%$ from 1955 and well above the ten-year average of 62.2 million. Stocks of flaxseed at 2.3 million bushels were above 1955 stocks but were lower than the ten-year average of 3.3 million.

Farm Stocks Farm held stocks of wheat, oats and barley at July 31, 1956 were above last year's and the ten-year average. Farm stocks of rye were below last year's but above the ten-year average, while stocks of flaxseed were less than those of 1955 but larger than the ten-year average. This year s stocks on farms, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages in brackets, were as follows: wheat, 165.2 ( $100.9,59.9$ ); oats, 71.2 ( $53.4,58.2$ ); barley, 50.5 (42.3. 29.4); rye, 9.1 ( $10.2,3.5$ ); flaxseed, 0.4 ( $0.3,0.5$ ) Although this year's farm-held stocks of wheat were the third largest on record, they were well below the record 214.9 million bushels in 1954 and the 190.2 million in 1943. Farm stocks of barley were second only to the record stocks of 1954, although they were only a little more than half the 1954 total

Approximately $95 \%$ of this year's farm-held grain stocks was located in the Prairie Provinces. For the individual grains, the percentage held on Prairie farms varied from 84 for oats to 100 for flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, $3.0,100.0$, and 60.0 ; oats, $8.0,32.0$, and 20.0 ; barley, $4.0,25.0$, and 20.0 ; rye, $0.4,5.8$, and 2.8 . Farm stocks of flaxseed in these three provinces respectively, in thousands of bushels, were 40,300 and 100. (13)

Supplies and Exports of Wheat In Major Producing Countries

Supplies of wheat remaining on or about July 1 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to $1,813,800,000$ bushels, about $0.5 \%$ greater than the $1,805,-$ 300,000 bushels available a year ago.

July supplies were held as follows: United States, $1,030,400,000$ bushels (1,025,600,000 a year earlier) ; Canada, $553,300,000$ ( $519,600,000$ ); Australia, $150,000,000(127,300,000)$; and Argentina, $80,100,000(132,800,000)$. Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions and apply only to old-crop wheat.

Total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries for the first eleven nonths (August-June) of the current Canadian crop year increased $14 \%$ to $790,800,000$ bushels from 696,700,000 during last year's comparable period. Current crop-year wheat shipments to the end of June were the second largest for any year in the comparable series beginning 1950-51, being exceeded only by the $1951-52$ total of $869,500,000$ bushels.

August-June shipments of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from Canada, the United States and Australia were larger than last year, while Argentina "s shipments were smaller. Shipments from Canada amounted to 280,500,000 bushes1 (23l, 900,000 a year earlier); United States, $310,600,000(253,200,000)$; Argentina, $103,400,000(123,000,000)$; and Australia, $96,300,000(88,600,000)$.

Canadian wheat supplies for the crop year 1955-56, consisting of the August 1 carryover of $499,700,000$ bushels and the 1955 crop of $494,100,000$, amounted to $993,800,000$ bushels, about $9 \%$ above the $1954-55$ total of 910,600 ,000 bushels. After deducting an estimated $160,000,000$ bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some $833,800,000$ bushels were available for export and for carryover during the crop year as against 751,500,000 available during the 1954-55 crop year (14)

Value of Fruit Production Due to a substantial decrease in the receipts from Dropped $\$ 8,500,000$ In 1955 the sales of apples, the total farm value of commercial fruit production declined to $\$ 39,634,000$ in 1955 from $1954^{\prime}$ s total of $\$ 48,098,000$, a decrease of $\$ 8,464,000$ or $13.4 \%$. Farm receipts from the sale of tender tree fruits were almost $\$ 1,000,000$ higher, but in the case of apples a heavier production than average was combined with sharply lower prices. Revenue was lower from berries, except grapes and loganberries, although prices were generally close to those of a year earlier.

All provinces reported decreased values in the year, with Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec reporting the largest rates of decline. The apple crop at $19,142,000$ bushels was second only to the peak total of $19,300,000$ recorded in 1946. Lower receipts for apples, plums and prunes, sweet cherries, strawberries, raspberries, grapes and blueberries more than counterbalanced increased receipts of pears, peaches, apricots, sour cherries and loganberries.

Fruit-crop values were as follows by provinces (in thousands): Ontario, \$18, 935 ( $\$ 21,896$ ) ; British Columbia, $\$ 12,326$ ( $\$ 13,736$ ); Quebec, $\$ 5,442(\$ 8,114)$; Nova Scotia, $\$ 1,856$ ( $\$ 3,032$ ); New Brunswick, $\$ 849$ ( $\$ 998$ ); Prince Edward Island, \$188 (\$197); and Newfoundland, \$38 (\$125). (15)

Landings Of Sea-Fish 34\% Larger \& $22 \%$ More Valuable in 6 Months

Landings of sea-fish were $34 \%$ larger and $22 \%$ more valuable in the first six months of this year than last. Larger catches of Atlantic sod, haddock and lobster, and of Pacific herring more than compensated for smaller landings of Atlantic herring and Pacific halibe.

The half-year catch on both coasts weighed $892,534,000$ pounds and was worth $\$ 35,820,000$ to the fishermen as compared with $665,242,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 29$ 443,000 a year earlier. The Atlantic catch weighed $523,739,000$ pounds (505,907, 000 in 1955) and was worth $\$ 25,417,000(\$ 23,793,000)$. The half-year's catch on the Pacific weighed $368,795,000$ pounds $(159,335,000$ in 1955) and was worth $\$ 10,-$ 403,000 (\$5,650,000).

The catch on both coasts in June amounted to $219,666,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 11,712,000$ versus $183,078,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 9,378,000$ a year ago. The month's catch in Atlantic waters in June weighed $196,453,000$ pounds $(169,908,000$ in 1955) and was worth $\$ 8,549,000(\$ 7,562,000)$. On the Pacific June's catch weighed $23,213,000$ pounds $(13,170,000)$ and was worth $\$ 3,163,000(\$ 1,816,000)$.

The half-year catch in Newfoundland amounted to $169,330,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 4,946,000$ versus $147,233,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 4,651,000$. Nova Scotia's catch in the six months amounted to $198,946,000$ pounds, little changed from last year's $198,868,000$ but the landed value rose to $\$ 13,319,000$ from $\$ 13,145,000$. The catch in New Brunswick weighed $77,537,000$ pounds versus $69,990,000$ and was worth $\$ 3,084,000$ versus $\$ 2,416,000$. Landings in Prince Edward Island amounted to $16,054,000$ pounds valued at $\$ 2,284,000$ versus $15,620,000$ pounds worth $\$ 2$, 091,000.

Quebec's catch in the half-year period weighed $61,872,000$ pounds versus $74,196,000$ and was worth $\$ 1,784,000$ versus $\$ 1,490,000$. The Ontario catch in the five months ended May (latest available) weighed $14,553,000$ pounds versus $11,-$ 951,000 and was worth $\$ 1,586,000$ versus $\$ 1,588,000$. In Manitoba the catch in the six months amounted to $9,728,000$ pounds versus $9,348,000$ and was worth $\$ 1,007,000$ versus $\$ 876,000$. The six-month catch in the Northwest Territories weighed $3,010,000$ pounds versus $3,733,000$ and was valued at $\$ 347,000$ versus $\$ 411,000$. (16)

MANUFACTURING
Production Of Leather \& Stocks Of Hides \& Skins

Production of cattle sole leather, upper leather and glove and garment leather increased in June was compared with a year earlier but output of calf and kip skin upper leather and horse glove and garment leather declined.

The month's output of cattle sole leather amounted to $1,242,505$ pounds ( $1,-$ 104,522 a year earlier) upper leather $5,313,978$ square feet $(4,939,701)$, and glove and garment leather 860,064 square feet $(765,513)$. Output of calf and kip skin upper leather amounted to 794,909 square feet $(912,347)$, and of horse glove and garment leather 102,557 square feet $(182,487)$.

End-of-June stocks of raw hides and skins held by tanners, packers and dealers were: cattle hides, 540,247 ( 512,632 a year earlier); calf and kip skins, 646,247 ( 428,837 ) ; goat and kid skins, $31,613(12,509)$; horse hides, 9,559 ( $29,-$ 530); and sheep and lamb skins 40,506 dozen ( 44,651 dozen). (17)

New High Records Set by Canada ${ }^{\circ}$ s Manufacturing Industries In 1955

Canada $s$ manufacturing industries broke new ground last year, setting all-time high records in the value of shipments, salaries and wages paid to employees, and cost of materials and supplies used, according to advance estimates released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Number of employees was larger than in 1954 but slightly below the peak numbers employed in 1953. All provinces and all main industry groups shared in the general advance over 1954.

The factory value of shipments soared $11 \%$ to $\$ 19,544,602,000$ in 1955 from $\$ 17,554,527,000$ in 1954, employees to $1,287,500$ from $1,267,966$, salaries and wages to $\$ 4,153,079,000$ from $\$ 3,896,688,000$ and material costs to $\$ 10,299,006,-$ 000 from $\$ 9,241,857,000$.

Value of shipments of the top ten manufacturing groups was as follows: foods and beverages -- by far the largest -- \$3,593,442,000 (\$3,562,547,000 in 1954); iron and steel products, $\$ 2,251,227,000(\$ 1,954,231,000)$; transportation equipment, $\$ 1,977,202,000(\$ 1,713,963,000)$; paper products, $\$ 1,751,892,000(\$ 1,630,-$ $163,000)$; non-ferrous metal products, $\$ 1,605,103,000(\$ 1,263,775,000)$; wood products, $\$ 1,389,531,000(\$ 1,205,960,000)$; products of petroleum and coal, $\$ 1,166,975,000(\$ 1,020,911,000)$; chemicals and allied products, $\$ 1,049,448,000$ ( $\$ 935,725,000$ ); electrical apparatus and supplies, $\$ 974,453,000(\$ 863,942,000)$; and textiles, $\$ 735,033,000(\$ 640,870,000)$.

Ontario accounted for almost one-half the national value of shipments in 1955 with an estimated $\$ 9,646,699,000$ versus $\$ 8,533,167,000$ in 1954 , followed by Quebec with $\$ 5,951,397,000$ versus $\$ 5,395,786,000$, and British Columbia with $\$ 1$, $=$ $645,959,000$ versu: $\$ 1,474,156,000$.

Estimated shipment values for the other provinces were as follows in order of value size: Alberta, $\$ 647,529,000(\$ 575,278,000$ in 1954 ); Manitoba, $\$ 590,-$ $546,000(\$ 571,409,000)$; Nova Scot1a, $\$ 325,188,000(\$ 300,0 / 3,000)$; Saskatchewan ${ }_{2}$ $\$ 297,661,000(\$ 280,734,000)$; New Brunswick, $\$ 296,691,000(\$ 287,350,000)$; Newfoundland, $\$ 113,996,000(\$ 109,568,000)$; Prince Edward Island, $\$ 23,932,000$ ( $\$ 23$, $470,000)$; and Yukon and Northwest Territories, $\$ 5,004,000(\$ 3,536,000)$.

Production and Shipments Of Iron Castings And Cast Iron Pipe And Fittings Increased
half of this year as compared with 1955 from 80,293 a year earlier and to 536,853 tons in the half-year from 444,384 . Shipments moved up to 68,698 tons in June 64,725 and to 372,817 tons in the six months from $308,884+$ (22)

Steel Wire Production Production of steel wire, wire rope and nails, tacks Up In June or Half-Year and staples increased in June and the first half of this year from a year ago, according to DBS. Output of wire fencing fell slightly in the month but rose in the six months.

Production of steel wire climbed $21 \%$ in the half-year to 234,063 tons compared to 193,366 tons a year ago, while that of wire fencing rose $9.5 \%$ to 12,089 tons from 11,037 , wire rope, $51 \%$ to 20,818 tons from 13,816 , and nails, tacks and staples, $26 \%$ to 53,027 tons from 42,051 . Output in June ( 1955 totals in brackets) was: steel wire, 38,120 tons ( 36,246 ); wire fencing, 1,992 ( 2,065 ); wire rope, 3,497 (2,709); and nails, tacks and staples, 8,315 (8,272). (23)

Consumption of Rubber Declined In June

Consumption of natural, synthetic and reclaim rubber declined in June to 9,157 tons from the preceding month ${ }^{8}$ s 9,776 tons but month-end stocks rose to 14,898 tons form 14,207. Domestic production of synthetic and reclaim rubber was slightly higher at 10,838 tons versus 10,989 . (18)

## Tax-Paid Withdrawals of Cigarettes Increased 8.9\% In First Half Cf 1956

Tax-paid withdrawals of cigarettes for consumption in Canada, as indicated by the sale of excise revenue stamps, increased $8.9 \%$ in the first six months of 1956 to $13,439,280,000$ from $12,336,718,=$ 000 in last year's corresponding period. Tax-paid withdrawals of cigars also rose $6.1 \%$ to $125,556,000$ from $118,381,000$ and snuff $0.5 \%$ to 421,000 pounds from 419,000, but cut tobacco declined $10.6 \%$ to $11,443,000$ pounds from 12,797, 000 , plug $18 \%$ to 677,000 pounds from 825,000 , and raw leaf $9.5 \%$ to 484,000 pounds from 535,000.

Stocks of unmanufactured tobacco at the end of June declined to $187,570,-$ 265 pounds from $202,793,120$ a year earlier, with flue-cured falling to 160 , 007,369 pounds from $178,425,254$ and "other" to 659,783 from 674,261 . On the other hand, stocks of burley increased to $7,733,439$ pounds from $7,704,770$, air and fire-cured dark to $2,770,888$ from $2,260,504$, cigar to $14,549,359$ from $12,125,960$ and pipe to $1,849,427$ from $1,602,371$. (19)

Tobacco \& Tobacco Products Industry Value of factory shipments of the tobacco products industry, excluding excise duties and taxes, increased $6.8 \%$ in 1955 to a new high of $\$ 162,383,000$ from the previous record of $\$ 152,034,000$ set in 1954 , DBS reports in its annual report on the tobacco and tobacco products industries. Excise duties and taxes increased in the year to $\$ 254,271,000$ from $\$ 237,716,000$, raising the total value of shipments to $\$ 416,653,000$ from $\$ 389,750,000$.

Selling value of cigars (including excise duties and taxes) rose to $\$ 19,360,000$ in 1955 from $\$ 17,926,000$ a year earlier, cigarettes to $\$ 332,012,000$ from $\$ 303,682,000$, but sales of chewing tobacco fell to $\$ 3,042,000$ from $\$ 3$, 260,000 , smoking tobacco to $\$ 59,999,000$ from $\$ 62,604,000$, and snuff to $\$ 2$, 194,000 from \$2,211,000.

Value of production in the tobacco processing and packing industry rose to $88,551,000$ in the year (a record high) from $\$ 73,307,000$ in the previous year. Value of all kinds of processed leaf increased with flue-cured bright rising to $\$ 83,639,000$ from $\$ 69,982,000$, burley to $\$ 1,619,000$ from $\$ 622,000$, air and fire-cured dark to $\$ 316,000$ from $\$ 58,000$, cigar leaf to $\$ 2,770,000$ from $\$ 2$, 478,000 , and pipe varieties to $\$ 208,000$ from $\$ 168,000$. (20)

Sash, Door And Planing Factory shipments of the sash, door and planing Mills Industry In 1954 mills industry declined $0.4 \%$ in value in 1954 to $\$ 200,200,000$ from $1953^{\prime}$ s record high total of $\$ 200,-$ 929,000 , DBS reports in its annual review of the industry. Number of employees fell $4.2 \%$ to 19,386 from 20,241 , salary and wage payments, $1.5 \%$ to $\$ 47,398,000$ from $\$ 48,119,000$, and cost of materials to $\$ 119,759,000$ from $\$ 120,989,000$.

Principal products of the industry in 1954 were: sash doors and other millwork valued at $\$ 63,089,000$ compared to $\$ 62,370,000 ;$ planed lumber, $\$ 85,189,000$ versus $\$ 82,544,000$; and matched lumber (other than hardwood $\mathfrak{f l o o r i n g}$; , $\$ 13,-$ 792,000 versus $\$ 16,393,000$. Other products included: mouldings, $\$ 9,324,000$ ( $\$ 8,773,000$ ) ; prefabricated houses, $\$ 5,439,000$ ( $\$ 7,051,000$ ); wooden furniture, $\$ 2,564,000(\$ 2,055,000)$; boxes and containers, $\$ 596,000(\$ 557,000)$; box shooks, $\$ 555,000(\$ 451,000) ;$ and al1 "other" products, $\$ 12,860,000(\$ 13,356,000)$. (21)

Hosiery \& Knitted Goods Industries Value of factary shipments of the combined hosiery and knitted goods industries declined in 1954 for the third consecutive year, falling $6.2 \%$ to $\$ 150,819,000$ from $\$ 160,792,000$ in 1953 and $11.3 \%$ from $1951^{\prime}$ s record total of $\$ 169,720,000$, according to the Bureau's annual report on the hosiery and knitted goods industries. Number of establishments increased by 3 in 1954 to 297, but employees fell to 21,622 from 24,413 , salaries and wages to $\$ 47,578,000$ from $\$ 52,421,000$, and cost of materials to $\$ 70,119,000$ from $\$ 77,704,000$.

Factory shipments of all principal products were lower in value in 1954 than a year earlier. Shipments of hosiery (full-fashioned and seamless) declined in value to $\$ 59,012,000$ from $\$ 64,240,000$, underwear (combination and separate) to $\$ 25,837,000$ from $\$ 28,479,000$, underslips (knitted and woven) to $\$ 1,881,000$ from $\$ 2,377,000$, knitted outerwear (sweaters, cardigans, pullovers, etc.) to $\$ 39,605,000$ from $\$ 39,924,000$, gloves and mittens (knitted and fabric) to $\$ 1,722,000$ from $\$ 1,766,000$, yarns of all kinds for sale or transfer to $\$ 2,234,000$ from $\$ 2,630,000$, and al1 "other" products to $\$ 19,605,000$ from $\$ 20$, 174,000. Receipts from custom processing were also lower at $\$ 923,000$ compared to the previous year"s $\$ 1,202,000$. (24)

Increase In Proportion Of Incorporated Companies In 1954

The proportion of incorporated companies in the manufacturing industries of Canada continues to rise, according to the Bureau's 1954 report on type of ownership. The proportion of individual ownerships and partnerships moved down from 1953 but co-operatives remained unchanged. Incorporated companies included $39.5 \%$ of all manufacturing firms in 1954 versus $38.2 \%$ in 1953 , while individually-owned concerns included $43.6 \%$ of firms versus $44.4 \%$, partnerships $14.3 \%$ versus $14.8 \%$, and co-operatives $2.5 \%$ for both years.

Type of ownership varies widely among the different manufacturing industries. In 1954 the proportion of incorporated establishments ranged from $19.6 \%$ for wood products to $95.7 \%$ for products of petroleum and coal. Among individuallyowned concerns the range was from $1.7 \%$ for products of petroleum and coal to $61.5 \%$ for wood products. In partnerships the range was from $0.9 \%$ for products of petroleum and coal to $18.8 \%$ for clothing and $18.7 \%$ for wood products. The food and beverages group had the largest proportion of co-operatives at $11 \%$.

Individual ownerships formed the largest group in Newfoundland ( $50.7 \%$ ), Prince Edward Island (47.1\%), Nova Scotia ( $53.9 \%$ ), New Brunswick ( $53.8 \%$ ), Quebec ( $48.3 \%$ ), Saskatchewan ( $54.7 \%$ ), Alberta ( $49.3 \%$ ), and the Northwest Territories ( $45.2 \%$ ). Incorporated companies formed the largest group in Ontario ( $46.4 \%$ ), Manitoba (43.4), and British Columbia (42.1\%). Among the provinces, Newfoundland had the largest proportion of partnerships (31.8\%), and Prince Edward Island the largest proportion of co-operatives (6.3\%). (25)

## PUBLICUTILITIES

Consumption Of Chemicals In Municipal Waterworks

Municipal waterworks across Canada used more of most chemicals in 1955 than in the preceding year, according to the Bureau ${ }^{0}$ s annual report. Consumption of some of the principal chemicals was as follows: aluminum sulphate (filter alum), $19,152,244$ pounds $(18,569,226$ in 1954); lime, $15,392,713(14,038,887)$; salt, $7,040,580(6,026,440)$; chlorine, $3,282,167(2,975,292)$; sodium carbonate (soda ash) , $1,711,517(1,765,209)$; ammonium sulphate, $465,943(246,911)$; and liquid sulphur dioxide, 194,849 (202,084). (26)

Electric Power Production Up In June And Half-Year

Power production by cnetral electric stations increased to $6,732,643,000$ kilowatt hours in June from last year s corresponding total of 6,090,280,000 , boosting the half-year output to $39,148,501,000$ kilowatt hours from 38 , $248,132,000$ a year earlier. Output was higher in June in all provinces except Manitoba and in the half-year in all except New Brunswick and Quebec.

Consumption of primary power -. production plus imports less exports and secondary power -- jumped to $5,953,919,000$ kilowatt hours in June from 5,496,284,000 a year ago and to $35,603,526,000$ kilowatt hours in the half-year period from 33,662,939,000.

June production totals for the provinces were as follows (in thousands): Newfoundland, 83,839 kilowatt hours ( 66,859 in 1955); Prince Edward Island, $4,102(3,311)$; Nova Scotia, 113,124 (93,243); New Brunswick, 77, 196 (74,513); Quebec, 3,099,596 (2,939,562); Ontario, $2,360,963(1,992,511)$; Manitoba, $231,479(231,568)$; Saskatchewan, $115,085(105,707)$; A1berta, $148,163(125,554)$; British Columbia, $492,614(451,190)$; and Yukon and Northwest Territories, $6,482(6,262)$.

Provincial totals for the half-year period in thousands): Newfoundland, 518,371 kilowatt hours (187,677); Prince Edward Island, 22,743 (21,555); Nova Scotia, 652,719 (583,196) ; New Brunswick, 415, 254 (448,880); Quebec, 17,139,377 (18,195,348); Ontario, 13,704,009 (12, 708, 290); Manitoba, 1, 727, 379 (1,551, 545); Saskatchewan, 758,434 ( 699,099 ) ; Alberta, 974,359 ( 723,601 ); British Columbia, $3,189,666(2,993,343)$; and Yukon and Northwest Territories, $46,190(44,726)$. (27)

PRICES


## Security Price Indexes

Investots ${ }^{\dagger}$ Price Index
Total conmon stocks
August 16

Indus
Industrials...................... 311.2
Unilities......................... 217.1
Banks........................... 296.3
Mining Stock Price Index
Total mining stocks............ 148.3
Golds ....................... 80.7
Base Metals $\qquad$
303.0
$\frac{\text { August } 9}{1935-39=100}$
$297.8 \quad 284.1$
$315.9 \quad 300.6$
$219.0 \quad 209.5$
$298.2 \quad 290.4$
$149.4 \quad 146.2$
$80.1 \quad 80.7$
$308.2 \quad 296.1$

Revenue freight loaded on Canadian railways in the first week of Aurust climber $12.4 \%$ to $88,-$ 352 cars from last year's corresponding total of 78,626 , boosting loadings for the year to date $11.4 \%$ to 2,596,906 cars from 2,330,888. Receipts from connections rose $1.5 \%$ in the week to 30,989 cars from 30,541 and $9.3 \%$ in the January 1 - August 7 period to 1,062,014 cars from 971,461.

Commodities carried in greater volume in the week included: grain, 7,796 cars (versus 5,489 in 1955); grain products, 2,680 (2,168); iron ore, 9,795 ( 5,628 ); non-ferrous ores and concentrates, 3,402 ( 2,968 ); manufactured iron and steel products, 1,486 (747); and sand, gravel and crushed stone, 6,331 (5,675). (28)

Fewer Passencers Carried On Urban Transit Systems

Fewer passengers were carried by urban transit systems in May and the January-May period this year than last despite marked increases in numbers carried by chartered services and smaller increases in motor bus patronage. Revenues were higher in both periods than a year earlier.

Number of passengers carried in May was 100,295,498 versus 10,616,325 a year ago, bringing the January-May total to $507,877,732$ versus $522,194,611$. Revenues were $\$ 10,558,753$ in May versus $\$ 9,924,717$ last year and $\$ 53,171,250$ in the five months versus $\$ 50,703,536$.

Passengers carried on chartered service increased in the January-May period to 2,278,617 from 823,790 a year earlier and motor bus passengers to $250,632,248$ from 242,199,314. These gains were more than counterbalanced by decreases in passengers carried on electric cars to $153,154,033$ from 176,211,645 and on trolley bus to $101,812,834$ from 102,949,862. (29)

## Fewer Passengers Carried

 By Intercity \& Rural BusesFewer passengers were carried by intercity and rural bus lines in April than a year earlier. The 190 lines which reported carried 4,817,048 passengers versus 5,305,064 carried by 225 firms in April last year. In the January-April period 19,393,122 passengers were carried versus 21,410,303. Revenues dropped to $\$ 2,871,455$ in April from $\$ 3,009,623$ to $\$ 11,179,256$ in the four months from \$11,299,857. (30)

## Revenues, Expenses of Air Carriers Up One-Third In January

Operating revenues of Canadian air carriers in January were one-third larger this year than last at $\$ 10,131,492$ versus $\$ 7,591,646$ a year ago. At the same time operating expenses showed a rise of like size to $\$ 11,194,-$ 721 from $\$ 8,393,418$. The result was a larger operating loss this year of $1,063,-$ 229 versus $\$ 801,772$ a year ago.

All revenue and expense accounts, except revenue from "other" flying services which dropped to $\$ 125,131$ from $\$ 449,930$, registered increases over a year earlier. Passenger ticket sales advanced to $\$ 6,146,899$ from $\$ 5,035,060$, an increase of $22.1 \%$. Mail revenue increased slightly to $\$ 905,219$ from $\$ 904,143$; goods transported amounted to $\$ 567,946$ as against $\$ 490,855$; and receipts from excess baggage rose to $\$ 81,-$ 303 from $\# 54,924$. Total unit toll transportation revenues increased $35.3 \%$ to $\$ 9$,976,419 fram $\$ 7,372,931$.

Aircraft operation and maintenance expenses climbed to \$6,572,104 from \$4,454,289, ground operation maintenance to $\$ 2,731,483$ from $\$ 2,340,464$, traffic costs to部,189,002 from $\$ 1,008,900$, and general administration costs to $\$ 650,287$ from $\$ 542,-$ 270. (31)

Employment Reached All-Time High In July

The employment level which has been rising rapidly in recent months reached an all-time high during July, states the monthly joint news release by the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Although there was the usual strong influx of students and other seasonal workers into the labour force this development produced a tighter manpower situation than in any year since the Korean build-up of 1951.

At July 21 this year the number of persons with jobs was estimated at 5, 789,000 , some 142,000 more than in June and 201,000 more than in July 1955. The number of persons without jobs and seeking work declined by 15,000 to 102,000 , some 48,000 lower than in July 1955. Registrations for employment at NES offices continued to show a similar downward trend, numbering 179,259 on July 19 compared to 191,871 on June 21 and 211,280 a year ago. The Canadian labour force was estimated at 5,891,000 on July 21 against 5,764,000 on June 23 and 5,738,000 a year earlier.

Particularly strong demand for workers during the month came from the farming, forestry, construction and tourist industries. Shortages of workers for these industries, but especially of farm and forestry workers, were reported from many parts of the country. Country-wide shortages continued to be evident among many professional and technical occupations.

In contrast to last month when almost all the increase in employment came from non-farm industries, two-thirds of the total increase in July came from increasing farm activity, most of which originated in the Prairie and Ontario regions where labour supplies were already short. As a result, 20 of the 21 local labour market areas classified in shortage were in these two regions.

At the beginning of August, classifications of local labour market areas were as follows (last year's figures in brackets): in shortage, 21 (1); in balance, 76 (94); and in moderate surplus, 12 (14).

LUMBER

Lumber Production At Near-hecord In 1954

Production of sawn lumber in Canada in 1954 amounted to 7,243,855,000 feet board measure, slightly under the alltime peak of $7,305,958,000$ board feet produced in the preceding year. Due to lower prices the total value at $\$ 482,912,000$, was $2.3 \%$ lower than in 1953 ( $\$ 494,386,000$ ) and $4.9 \%$ below the 1951 record ( $\$ 507,650,000$ )。

Gross value of all sawill products amounted to $\$ 572,186,000,1.5 \%$ less than the previous year's $550,694,000$. Net value, or value added by manufacture, totalled $\$ 263,629,000,2 \%$ lower than in 1953 ( $\$ 269,066,000$ ). Employment was $6.4 \%$ lower with 57,010 persons against 60,933 in 1953. Salaries and wages totalled $3139,572,000$, dow $1.8 \%$ from $\$ 142,131,000$, and the cost of materials and supplies used decreased $1.1 \%$ to $\$ 301,118,000$ from $\$ 304,585,000$. The number of mills fell to 7,696 from 8,194.

Output of wood shingles rose to $2,710,700$ squares in 1954 from 2,610,100 in 1953 and the value to $\$ 24,039,200$ from $\$ 19,897,900$. Output of sawn ties dropped to $4,665,300$ from $7,553,200$ and the value to $\$ 8,110,400$ from $\$ 14,408,200$, and wood laths fell to $140,655 \mathrm{M}$ from $155,595 \mathrm{M}$ and the value to $\$ 1,512,400$ from $\$ 1,-$ 686,600.

British Columbia led the provinces in the production of sawn lumber, accounting for slightly more than three-fifths ( $60.4 \%$ ) of the national total (55.4 in 1953). Quebec was next with $15.2 \%$ ( $16.4,4$ in 1953), followed by Ontario with $10 \%$ ( $11.3 \%$ ) Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon and Northwest Territories followed in that order.

Lumber production was as follows by provinces (in thousands): British Columbia, 4,378,695 board feet (4,045,724 in 1953); Guebec, 1,099,036 (1,200,598); Ontario, 721,742 (823,721); Alberta, 366,027 (400,822); Nova Scotia, 273,583 (295,868); New Brunswick, 227,365 (335,078); Saskatchewan, 85,663 (31,596); Manitoba, 44,963 (55,527) ; Newfoundland, 30,716 (48,922); Prince Edward Island, 8,827 (10,504); Yukon and Northwest Territories, 7,238 (7,598). (32)
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Vetal Bottle Caps
Factory shipments of metal buttle caps in 1954 vere valued at $\$ 11,134,000$, second only to the record $\$ 11,937,000$ in 1953 and more than twice the 194.5 value of $\$ 5, \ldots$ 189,000.

18\% Drop In Fruit Fruit crop value Crop Value In 1955 in 1955 was $39,-$ 600,000 , nearly $18 \%$ smaller than in 1954 and the low. est since 1951. Drop from 1954 was due to smaller receipts from the sale cf apples.

Less Snuff Canadian factories engaged in the manufact ure of tobacco and tobacco products shipped 838,300 pounds of snuff valued at $\$ 2,194,400$ in 1955, down slightly from the $853 ; 000$ pounds worth \$2,211,300 in 1954. All Canadian snuff is manufactured in Quebec factories.

Charges \& Convictions 0 Indictable offences

Nearly 35, 300 persons were charged with indictable offences in Canada in 1954, convictions being obtained against 30,800 ( $87.4 \%$ of the total). 4,216 persons ( $12 \%$ ) were acquitted and 52 persons were detained for insanity。

## Floor Coverings

More Axminster and Wilton carpets in rolls, including stair, were shipped from Canadian factories in 1954 than the previous year, but less Brussels, tapestry, etc. 1954 shipments of Axoninster coverings amounted to 501, 301 square Jards compared to 442,704 square yards; of Wilton to 563,018 against 390,306 and of Brussels, tapestry, etc. to 284,856 versus 408, 309 square yards in 1953.
hor Turkeys
Estimated number of turkeys on Canadian farms at the beginning of June this year was $4,014,000,20 \%$ more than at the same time last year.

Aluminum Doors Value of aluminum clad) shipped by Canadian manufacturers rose to $\$ 2,136,200$ in 1954 from $\$ 1,168,400$ the previous year. while the value of steel doors declined to $\$ 1,390,700$ from $\$ 2,144,800$.

Ownerships In Almost 44\% of all Manufacturing manufacturing establishments in Canada in 1954 were individual ownerships, 39.5\% were incorporated companies, 14.3\% were partnerships and 2.6\% were co-operatives.

More Ica Skates Canada exported Exported In 1955 288,300 pairs of ice skates in 1955, more than double the 118,600 pairs exported in 1954 and nearly four times the 63,500 pairs sent abroad in 1953.

Shorn Wool Farm wool clip in Canada this year(excluding Newfoundland) totalled 6,372,000 pounds greasy basis, about $1 \%$ less than the $6,446,000$ pounds produced in 1955. The number of sheep shorn was 874,000 compared to 875,200 in 1955.

Salt In Ontario Ontario continues as the leading producer of salt in Canada, its 6 plants accounting for $80 \%$ of the total output in 1955. Nova Scotia has the second largest production, followed by Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

