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Food \& Agriculture: Farm cash income in the third quarter/gof 1957 ias at an estimated $\$ 638$ million, $\$ 60$ million less than for the same. 1956 quarter. For the nine months ending September cash income amounted to $\$ 1,847^{\prime}$ million, about 3\% under the estimate for the previous year. The lower totals for both the quarter and three quarters were due mainly to reduced returns from cereal grains. Income from livestock and livestock products was higher both in the third quarter and cumulative period. Income was higher in the nine months in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, and lower in all the other provinces with the sharpest decrease in Saskatchewan.
(Pages $2 \& 3$ )

Labour: Labour income of paid workers in October reached an estimated $\$ 1$, $342,000,000$, over 5\% larger than for October 1956. For the ten months ending October, the estimated cumulative total was $\$ 12,751,000,000$, a larger rise of mcre than $8 \%$ over the comparable 1956 total. Estimated income for October was higher than a year earlier for all main industry groups except the primary industries group of agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping and mining, and for the ten months was higher for all.
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Transportation: Railway car loadings again dipped by $8.3 \%$ in the second week of December. The decline from the first of 128 t year averaged $8.1 \%$. Receipts from connections were down $6.5 \%$ in the cumulative period... Operating revenues of Canadian rallways declined $6.5 \%$ in September from a year earlier and operating expenses $1.2 \%$, reducing net income nearly threefifths.
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Manufacturing: Output of carbonated beverages was down in November but the eleven-month total was some $5.5 \%$ greater than in $1956 \ldots$ Rubber coneumption fell off 9\% in October, biggest decrease being in quantity used for tires and tubes ... November shipments of both mineral wool and rigid insulating board were larger than the previous year, in contrast to lower totals for the previous ten months.
(Pages 6 \& 7)

Foreign Trade: Final figurea on commodity imports in September, when the total value showed a small increase after decreases in June, July and Augast, reveal mixed trends among leading commodities in the month and nine months. Major decreases in the cumulative period were in farm implements and machinery, motor vehicles and parts, coal, rubber and products. Non-farm machinery, rolling-mill products, pipes, tubes and fittings, engines and boilers, crude petroleum, sugar, aluminum, plastics and products continued above the previous year.
(Рages 9 \& 10)

Za:m Cast. Income From Sale of narm Prodacts Lower this Year

Farm cast income from the sale of Earm p:oducte in the third querter of 1957 amounted to $\$ 638$ million, down $\$ 00$ million from the preceding yezt'e corresponding total of $\$ 698$ miliion. This decline can be att-ibuted targely to smaller grain marketings in the Pralrie Provinces; particularly in Saskatchewan. Income from the sale of livestock and livestock products was tigher in the third quarter of 1957 than a year zarlier but did not offset che smaller returns from grains.

Preliminary cash farm income estimate for the nine montins, Janusry Eriough Septerber, is $\$ 1,847$ million, about $3 \%$ smalier than the escimate of $\$ 1,311$ wil. lion Eor 1956. This lower estimate for the nine-month period can be acteibuted in the main to reduced returne Erom cereal grains. Compazed with a y緆 ago, smaller incc es in the second and third quarters more ther offset the nigher retuzns in the first quartor.

Farm cash income from the sale of field crops during the three months, July through September, was estimated ai $\$ 184$ miliion, down almost one-chitd from the estimate of $\$ 267$ million for the corresponding period in 1956. Althorgh prices averaged somewhat lower the major part of this decline was due co smaliex marketings of cereal grains (wheat, oats, barley and rye).

Wheat accounted for more than half or the reduction in income from fieli crops during the third quarter. Lower incomes from cereal grains were notei in each of the Prairie Provinces, with the greatest decline occurring in Sasketchewan. Sugar beets and flaxseed exercised a sustaining influence on farm income from field crops during this period. Income from sugar beets was substanEially higher but recurns from the sale of flaxseed were about the same as a yeaz ago.

Farm cash income derived from field crops over the nine months, January through September, is estimated at $\$ 618$ million, $\$ 87$ million less than the estimate of $\$ 705$ million for the corresponding 1956 period. As in the third cuarter. this lower estimate, can be attributed in the main to lower returns from cereal grains. Paritly offsetting the effects of the lower returns from grains were substantial increases in returns from hlaxseed, tobacco, sugar beets and participation payments on previous years' western grein crops.

Income from the sale of livestonk and livestock products in the thind graster was estimated at $\$ 412$ million, up $\$ 22$ milliton or $6 \%$ from the estimate of $\$ 390$ militon for the like 1956 periud. Poultry meat was the only major comodity in the 1 ivestock and livestock products group that returned less income to farmers in the chsrd quarter of 1957 than a year earlier; this decline can be atzabuted to lower prices which more than offset the efiects of higher marketings.

Returns from the sale of hogs accounted for the major portion of the trirdquarter increase in farm income from livestock and livestock products and was due to higher prices which more than offset the effects of lower marketings. Returns from dairy products and cattle accounted for the remainder of the increase. The combined effects of both higher prices and larger marketinge acsounted for the increased returns from dairy products. Larger cattle marketings more than offset lower average prices.

Over the nine months, January through September, farm income from livestock and livestock products was estimated at $\$ 1,096$ million compared with $\$ 1$, 073 million in the corresponding period of 1956. Increases were noted for all commodities except eggs and poultry. As in the third quarter, hogs accounted for the major portion of the increase in returns from livestock and livestock products, followed by dairy products and cattle.

January-September farm cash income by provinces (in thousands): Prince Edward Island, $\$ 17,056$ ( $\$ 18,408$ in 1956); Nova Scotia, $\$ 30,560(\$ 29,959)$; New Brinswick, $\$ 34,470(\$ 35,014)$; Quebec, $\$ 314,690(\$ 320,758)$; Ontario, $\$ 554,284$ ( $\$ 547,348$ ); Manitoba, $\$ 134,239$ ( $\$ 141,611$ ); Saskatchewan, $\$ 369,662(\$ 435,736)$; Albertas $\$ 312,392(\$ 309,351)$; and British Columbia, $\$ 80,102(\$ 72,801)$. (1)

## Wheat Export Clearances Larger Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat

 in the week ending December 11 amounted to 4,880,000 bushels, up $37 \%$ from the corresponding 1956 total of $3,556,000$ bushels. Clearances in the August 1 - December 11 period were $3.3 \%$ smaller than 1956 at 96,599,000 bushels versus 99,912,000. Prairie farmers marketed more wheat in the week at $8,776,000$ bushels compared to $5,493,000$ a year earlier, but less in the cumulative period at $94,848,000$ bushels versus $116,155,000$. Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in ali North American positions at December 11 totalled $369,517,000$ bushels, some $4.8 \%$ larger than the comparable 1956 total of 352 , $=$ 568,000 bushels.(2)

## November Sugar Situation

Receipts and meltings and sales of raw cane sugar were smaller in November and the first 11 months of 1957 than the previous year. Company-held stocks at the end of November were larger. Month's receipts of raw cane sugar were down to $118,338,000$ pounds from $206,320,000$ and meltings and sales to $118,598,000$ pounds from $134,236,000$. Eleven-month receipts fell to $1,225,176,000$ pounds from $1,361,621,000$ and meltings and sales to $1,240,408,000$ pounds from $1,270,061,000$. November 30 stocks were $203,541,000$ pounds versus $244,132,000$.

Less refined beet and cane sugar was manufactured and sold in November and the 11 months than in 1956. Month-end stocks were larger. Month's output of refined beet and cane sugar fell to $221,567,000$ poinds from 236,091,000 and sales to $117,423,000$ pounds from $157,799,000$. Eleven-month production fell to $1,422,945,000$ pounds from $1,434,050,000$ and sales to $1,391,982,000$ counds from $1,460,826,000$. Company stocks at the end of November were larger at $345,633,=$ 000 pounds versus $309,682,000$. (3)

Production Of Eggs Increased Production of eggs was larger in November, increasing to $40,100,000$ dozen from $37,200,000$ in the preceding month and $36,400,000$ in the corresponding month of 1956 . This brought the January-November total to $408,100,000$ dozen as compared with 364, 200,000 a year earlier. (4)

LABOUR

Labour Income Greater In October And Ten Months

Paid workers received an estimated $\$ 1,342,000,000$ in the form of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income in October, some $5.4 \%$ greater than $1956^{1} \mathrm{~s}$ October total of $\$ 1,273,000,000$. January-October labour income was up $8.3 \%$ to $\$ 12,751,000,000$ from the corresponding 1956 total of $\$ 11,771,000,000$. All industry groups reported increases from a year earlier in both periods except agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping and mining in the month.

October totals by industry group were as follows: agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping and mining, $\$ 98,000,000$ ( $\$ 104,000,000$ a year earlier); manufacturing, $\$ 401,000,000(\$ 394,000,000)$; construction, $\$ 116,000,000$ ( $\$ 114,000,-$ 000); utilities, transportation, communication, storage and trade, $\$ 346,000,000$ $(\$ 324,000,000)$; finance and services (including government), $\$ 335,000,000$ $(\$ 294,000,000)$; and supplementary labour income, $\$ 46,000,000(\$ 43,000,000)$.

January-October totals: agriculture, $\$ 908,000,000$ ( $\$ 855,000,000$ a year earlier); manufacturing, $\$ 3,971,000,000(\$ 3,751,000,000)$; construction, $\$ 962,-$ $000,000(\$ 923,000,000)$; utilities, $\$ 3,331,000,000(\$ 3,033,000,000)$; finance, $\$ 3,137,000,000(\$ 2,799,000,000)$; and supplementary 1 abour income, $\$ 442,000,000$ $(\$ 410,000,000)$. (5)

Hiring \& Separation Rates In Industry the payroli) covering the period March 1955 to February 1957 has been released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The figures relate to some 57,000 establishments and some $3,142,000$ employees. They are based upon information given to the Unemployment Insurance Commission by employers operating a single establishment with 10 or more employees and by all employers operating more than one establishment with any insured worker for all their employees.

The figures enable comparisons to be made between male and female turnover rates of different industries, between the figures for different months for the same industry, and between the figures for different regions for the same industry. In examining the rates for a particular industry it should be noted that where some of the persons who were discharged or left their employment and were engaged by other firms in the same industry, the net turnover rate for the industry will be less than where these persons were engaged by firms in another industry.
(6)

Fenefit lierlods Established, Terminated Under The Unemployment Insurance Act

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics hom released the 15 th ennual report dent. ing with benefit periods esc blished and terminated under the terms of the unemployment irsurance act, covering tre chlerdar year 1956. The basic data for this report were supplied to the Rureat by offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission

The number of workers covered by unemployment insurance at June 1.1936 when books were renewed was some $3,726,330$. The number who established reenlar benefit $(834,424)$ dropped $1.8 \%$ from 1955 and represented a lower percentage ( $22.3 \%$ ) of covered workers.

Those who established seasonal benefit, payabie from January 1 to April 21 1n 1956. at 255,696 , increased $2.3 \%$ over 1955, bu* accounted for a lower per centage of covered workers. Beneficiaries terminating regular benefit in i956 drew almost $\$ 213.61$ on the averafy, a decline of some $2 \%$ from $\$ 217.86$ paid in 1955. Seasonal beneficiaries drew almost $\$ 148.93$ on the average, a marked jncrease of $28.9 \%$ over the average payment for the previous year, largely accounted for by the increase in duration of benefit actually drawn. (7)

## TRANSPORTATION

## Loadings of Railway Freight Lower

Loadings of revenue freight on Canadian railways declined $8.3 \%$ during the seven days ending December 14 to 70,194 cars from 76,512 in the corresponding pertod of 1956. From the beginning of the year to December 14,1 oadings fell $8,1 \%$ to $3,906,198$ cars from $4,250,335$. Receipts from connections dropped $18.6 \%$ in the seven-day period to 27,821 cars from 34,186 and $6.5 \%$ in the cumulative period to $1,559,397$ cars from 1,667,896.

Main commodities for which fewer cars were loaded in the seven-day periad were coal, sand, gravel and crushed stone, "other" mine products, pulpwood, automobiles, trucks and parts, and 1.c.l. merchandise. Grain was the principral commodity moved in more cars (8)

Operating Revenues And Expenses Operating revenues of 22 class 1 and 2 railOf REilways lower In September ways declined $6.5 \%$ in September to $\$ 103,356,-$ 000 from $\$ 110,512,000$ in the corresponding month of 1956 and opsing expenses fell $1.2 \%$ to $\$ 101,336,000$ from $\$ 102,-a / t \mathrm{c}$ 535,000. The larger drop in revenues than in expenses resulted in a decrease? in net income to $\$ 2,019,000$ from $\$ 5,977,000$ a year earlier.

Revenue freight carried in August totalled $18,710,000$ tons which developed $6,481,673,000$ ton-miles for an average haul of 346 miles. This compares with $21,090,281$ tons, $7,420,509,000$ ton-miles and an average haul of 352 miles in August 1956. Revenue passengers numbered 2,231,767 in 1957, down from 2,367, * 379, while passenger miles rose to $339,796,000$ from $326,740,000$ for an average passenger journey of 152 miles as compared to 138 miles in the precediag year. (9)

Cargoes Unloaded In Coasting Trade At Customs Ports Up 17\%

Cargoes unloaded in coasting trade at Canadian customs ports aggregated $39,057,169$ tons in 1956, up $16.8 \%$ from $1955^{\circ} s$ total of $33,432,586$ tons, according to section three of the 1956 shipping report. Increases were recorded in all three coastal areas. Unlnadings rose over $26 \%$ in the Great Lakes area to $15,209,966$ tons from $12,048,616$ in the preceding year, $15.3 \%$ at Atlantic and Lower St. Lawrence River ports to $17,999,439$ tons from $15,605,352$ 。 and $1.2 \%$ at Pacific Coast ports to $5,847,764$ tons from 5, 778,618.

Commodities unloaded in greatest volume in coastal trade in 1956 were as follows, in thousands ( 1955 totals in brackets): wheat, 8,459 tons ( 6,164 ); petroleum oils and other petroleum products, 4,686 tons ( 4,019 ): pulpwood, 3,710 Lons ( 3,524 ); iron ore, 3,642 tons ( 2,263 ); barley, 2,458 tons ( 1,994 ): gasoline, 2,064 tons ( 1,717 ); logs, posts, poles and pilings, 1,886 tons ( 1,699 ) ; bituminous coal, 1,480 tons $(1,956)$; and sand, gravel and crushed stone, 1,401 tons $(1,202)$.

Out of a total $73,562,330$ tons handled in coastwise trade, vessels of United Kingdom registry carried $3,943,577$ tons or $10.1 \%$ of the total unloaded and $4,431,603$ tons or $12.8 \%$ of the total loaded. Vessels of British West Indies registry unloaded 403,973 tons and loaded 56,843 , while a very small per centage was carried in vessels of other foreign registry.

Vessel arrivals in the coasting trade numbered 88,640 in 1956 with an aggregate registered net tonnage of $75,220,366$ compared to 86,010 vessels and $67,228,840$ tons in 1955. Departures totalled 89,669 with a net tonnage of $76,-$ 857,713 compared to 85,190 vessels and $64,889,982$ tons in the preceding year. Of the total arrivals, 39,793 or $44.9 \%$ arrived loaded and the remaining 48,847 arrived in ballast. Of the departures, 36,868 or $41.1 \%$ cleared with cargo. (10)

## MANUFACTURING

Production Of Carbonated Beverages Down In November, Up In 11 Months

Production of carbonated beverages was $5.3 \%$ smaller in November than a year earlier at 9,151,901 gallons versus 9,661,894, but was nearly $15 \%$ greater than $1955^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$ comparable total of $7,962,125$ gallons. JanuaryNovember output climbed $5.5 \%$ to $118,226,209$ gallons from $112,020,736$ a year earlier and $10.1 \%$ from $1955^{\circ}$ s like total of $107,424,699$ gallons. (11)

Sales Of Pest Control Products groups shows sales of agricultural dusts and sprays valued at $\$ 7,066,851$, 11vestock treatments at $\$ 1,316,934$, herbicides at $\$ 6,450,423$, household and indus trial insecticides at $\$ 4,096,452$, and rodenticides at $\$ 344,123$. Since a number of changes were made in methods of reporting this year, these figures are not exactly comparable with earlier years. (12)

Consumption of Rubber
DNom 9\% Ir October

Consumption of rubther -- naturals synchetic and reclaimed -- decifeed $9 \%$ in October to $20,487,000$ pounces from the year earlier tozal of $22,501,000$ pounds. Consumption of natural rubber was down to $8,272,000$ pounds frow $9,3 \% 1,000$, synthette to $9,1.24,000$ pounds from $9,450,000$, and reclaimed to $3,091,000$ pounds trom 3,230,000.

Amount of all rubber used in October in the manufacture of tires and rubes feil to $13,822,000$ pounds from $15,290,000$ a year earlier, in wire and cabie co 654,000 pounds from 791,000, in footwear to $1.9959,000$ pounds from 2,03!,000, and in "other" products to $4,052,000$ pounds from 4,389,000. Natura? rubber consumed accounted for $40.4 \%$ of the month's total compared to $43.6 \%$ a year earlier, synthecic for $44.5 \%$ versus $42 \%$, and reclaimed for $15.1 \%$ against $14.4 \%$ 。 (13)

Fewer Ny Lon And Fine Cotton Dress Sinse.s Produced In Third Quarcer

Production of nylon dress shizts declined. in the thisd quarter of 1957 to 5,451 cosen
from 7,632 dozen in the 1956 third quarter and fine coston dress shirts to 137,224 dozen from 147,851 dozen.

Ovitput of men's and youths ${ }^{\circ}$ all-wool one-pant suits fell to $213,1 \%$ Erom 239,677 \& year earlier, but all-wool two-pant suits increased to 68,246 froa 61,605 and hoys' suits to 38,469 from 27,279. Production of men's and youths" all-wool pants and slacks climbed to 262,189 from 240,611.

Number of women's and misses' dresses producea fell to 2,438,678 frox 2, 550,864 , and women's and misses ${ }^{\circ}$ all-wool coats to 424,840 from 429,813. Out put of women 's and mısses ${ }^{\circ}$ cotion blouses increased to 86,417 dozen from 67,287 dozen. (14)

Shipments of Mineral Wool Sinipments of mineral wool were larger in November but smaller in the January-November period than a year earlier. November shipments comprised $21,685,819$ square feet of batics $(19,512,500$ a year earlier), and $1,333,146$ cubic feet of granulated, bulk or loose wool ( $1,253,054$ ). January-November shipments were: batts, 199,235,676 square feet $(225,279,282)$; and grawhlated, bulk or lonse wool, $9,791,364$ cubic feet $(10,394,780)$. (15)

Proluction \& Shipments of Bigla Insulating Ejard

Both production and domestic shipments of rigid insulating bvard were larger in November and the first 11 months of 1957 than 1956. Expore shipments were larger in November but smaller in the cumulative period. November total. : production, $29,772,132$ square $f$ eet ( $34,041,824$ a year earlier) ; domestic shipments, $28,662,374(30,077,034)$; and export shipments, $1,765,889(1,478,128)$. Elever-month totals: production, $324,259,505$ square feet $(356,907,816)$; domes $=$ tic shipments, $290,874,608(320,587,011) ;$ and export shipments, $19,420,918$ ( $23,180,547$ ). (16)

Dealers: Stocks of Non-Ferrous

Dealers' stocks of non-ferrous scrap metal at the end of the third quarter of 1957 were as follows, holdings at the beginning of the period being in brackets: aluminum, $3,617,639$ pounds ( $4,043,526$ ); copper, $11,260,077$ (11,434,912); magnesium, 28,390 (13,490); nickel, 325,871 (277,382), iead, 6,601, $366(9,187,528)$; and zinc, $4,788,729(4,127,558)$. (17)

Iron \& Steel Products
Irdustries In 195
Factory selling value of products made by Canada's iron and steel products industries increased $14.8 \%$ in 1955
to \$2,242,718,000 from \$1,954,231,000 in 1954, according to the Bureau's annual general review of the industries. Net value of pro dustion increased $12.9 \%$ to $\$ 1,225,067,000$ from $\$ 1,085,232,000$. Number of establishments rose to 2,894 from 2,801, employees to 181,700 from 173,698, saiaries and wages to $\$ 667,657,000$ from $\$ 605,527,000$, fuel and electricity costs to $\$ 54,744,000$ from $\$ 45,735,000$, and material costs to $\$ 1,005,247,000$ from $\$ 82.9$, 238,000.

Provincial factory selling values in order of size in 1955 were (in thousands): Ontario, $\$ 1,488,211(\$ 1,280,476$ in 1954); Quebec, $\$ 4,63,990(\$ 422,193)$; British Columbia and Yukon, $\$ 104,291$ ( $\$ 88,504$ ); Manitoba, $\$ 65,038$ ( $\$ 57,356$ ); Nova Scotia, $\$ 57,374$ ( $\$ 50,179$ ); Alberta, $\$ 40,553(\$ 34,294)$; New Brunswick, $\$ 11,517$ ( $\$ 10,4 i 6$ ): Suskatchewan, $\$ 7,219$ ( $\$ 7,457$ ); Newfoundland, $\$ 2,386$ ( $\$ 3,174$ ); and Prince Edward Island, \$139 (\$121). (18)

## PRICES

## Security Price Indexes

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Department Store Sales Up Department store sales in the week ending December $11_{4}$ were up 1. I\% compared to 1956's comparable
week's total, according to the Bureau's weekly release of preliminary figures. Gains were common to all provinces except Ontario, which reported a decline of 1.9\%. Increases were: Atlantic Provinces, 7.9\%; Quebec, 2\%; Manitoba, 1.1\% Saskatcrewan, 1.9\%; Alberta, 3.4\%; and British Columbia, 1.3\%.

Imports Siightly Higher In September And Nine Months

Following decreases in the three previous months. the value of Canada's commodity imports showed a small increase in September as compared with a year earlier. September's increase, coupled with gains in the January-May reriod, boosted purchases to a record nine-month total. Imports in Soptimber were valued at $\$ 445,300,000$ versus $\$ 437,700,000$, bringing the January-Saptember total to $\$ 4,300,700,000$ versus $\$ 4,239,2.00,000$.

Among major commodities, there were increased values both ir September and the January-September period for sugar and produets, cotton products, wool products, pipes, tubes and fittings, engines and boilers, plastics and produits, and aircraft and parts, but decreases for rubber and products, farm implements and machinery, automobiles and parts. Decreases in September but increeses in the nine-menth period were shown for fruits, iron ore, rolling-mill produnts, non-farm machinery, and crude petroleum.

Purchases from the United States were slightly lower in value in September at $\$ 309,262,000$ versus $\$ 309,899,000$, but slightly higher in the January..Soptem.. ber period at $\$ 3,101,569,000$ versus $\$ 3,098,502,000$. September's values were lower for four of the nine main comodity groups with the chief decline in iron and products. Four groups were lower in value in the nine months, declines being comparatively small; increases were largest among fibres and textiles, and non-metallic minerals.

Imports from the United Kingdom rose in September to $\$ 38,914,000$ firm $\$ 3,0$ 829,000 a year earlier and jn the nine-month period to $\$ 391,693,000$ from $\$ 362, \omega$ 290,000. Larger values were posted for six of the nine main groups in Septaber and for five of the nine in the cumulative period. The iron and producta group showed the largest gain in both periods.

Purchases from the rest of the Commonwealth rose in September to $\$ 21,428,-$ 000 from $\$ 21,259,000$ in the corresponding month of 1956 and in the JanuarySeptember period to $\$ 174,178,000$ from $\$ 162,402,000$. Values were higher bot in September and the January-September period for Jamaica and Australia but smaller for Malaya and Singapore. Values were higher in September but lower in the nine montiar for Gejlon, India and New Zsaland.

Imperts from Latin American sountries declined in September to $\$ 26,120,000$ from $\$ 28,397,000$, but the nine-month total increased to $\$ 290,100,000$ from $\$ 27.0-$ 565,000. Purchases were smaller in September tut larger in the January-Septimber period from Brazil and Venezuela, and larger in September but smaller in the nine months from Colombia and Mexico.

Imports from European countries rose in September to $\$ 29,298,000$ from ${ }^{\#} 26_{2}-$ 657,000 and in the January-September period to $\$ 231,230,000$ from $\$ 209,533,000$. With the main exception of Belgium and Luxembourg, increases were general for major sources of supply both in September and in the nine months.

Purchases from all other foreign countries rose in September to $\$ 15,901,-$ 000 from $\$ 14,750,000$ in the corresponding month of 1956 , but the January-September total fell to $\$ 105,129,000$ from $\$ 122,745,000$. Imports were larger both in September and the nine months from Japan and Arabia, and larger in September but smaller in the nine months from the Netherlands Antilles. (19\&20)

The following table shows the value of Canada's chief commodity imports in September and the January-September period, ranked according to size in the nine months, with comparative data for 1956:

$\frac{\text { September }}{1956}$| 1957 |
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| Machinery, non-farm | \$47,236 | \$44,600 | \$466,326 | \$500,767 |
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| Petroleum, crude | 24,864 | 22,934 | 197,830 | 230,278 |
| Automobile parts | 14,745 | 11,470 | 206,695 | 197,990 |
| Rolling-mill products | 19,149 | 17,921 | 171,583 | 179,923 |
| Farm implements \& machinery | 12,851 | 9,627 | 187,892 | 174,117 |
| Pipes, tubes \& fittings | 8,966 | 12,387 | 89,060 | 125,416 |
| Engines \& boilers | 10,197 | 10,485 | 97,570 | 109,880 |
| Automobile, freight \& passenger | 6,845 | 6,069 | 142,927 | 103,251 |
| Petroleum products | 12,942 | 15,875 | 109,000 | 102,760 |
| Fruits | 11,557 | 10,850 | 98,763 | 101,137 |
| Coal | 11,613 | 11,740 | 93,654 | 88,204 |
| Cotton products | 6,571 | 7,871 | 76,346 | 80,269 |
| Aircraft \& parts | 4,854 | 7,148 | 71,672 | 73,308 |
| Sugar \& products | 7,750 | 12,202 | 48,998 | 66,585 |
| Books \& printed matter | 6,854 | 7,112 | 57,667 | 62,838 |
| Canadian tourists' purchases | 8,683 | 9,097 | 56,666 | 59,445 |
| Wool products | 5,520 | 5,797 | 54,814 | 56,636 |
| Aluminum \& products | 6,106 | 10,536 | 49,722 | 55,522 |
| Rubber \& products | 5,924 | 5,437 | 57,725 | 54,957 |
| Coffee \& chicory | 5,287 | 5,893 | 54,182 | 53,906 |
| Plastics \& products | 4,839 | 5,520 | 49,100 | 53,875 |
| Iron ore. | 6,909 | 5,921 | 26,318 | 30,572 |

MINING
Production And Imports Of Dropping sharply from a year earlier, domestic Coal Sharply Lower This Year production of coal in November amounted to 1 ,342,000 tons versus $1,562,000$ a year earlier, bringing the January-November total to $11,883,000$ tons versus $13,415,000$. Landed imports dropped to $1,464,000$ tons in November from 2,270,000 and to 19, 434,000 tons in the eleven months from $21,932,000$.

January-November production was lower than a year earlier in all producing provinces: Nova Scotia, $5,187,000$ tons (5,334,000 last year); New Brunswick, 892,000 ( 902,000 ); Saskatchewan, $1,947,000(1,980,000)$; Alberta, 2, 823,000 (3, $=$ 829,000); and British Columbia and the Yukon, $1,034,000(1,371,000)$ (21)
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