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HIGHLIGHTS

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External Trade: Canada's comnodity imports in August had an estimated value of $\$ 389,100,000$, down $17 \%$ from $\$ 471,300,000$ a year earlier, while the value of total exports was down $5 \%$ to $\$ 16,000,000$ from $\$ 437,400,000$. There was thus an export surplus for the month of $\$ 26,900,000$ as against an import surplus of $\$ 33,900,000$ in 1957. For the eight months ending August, imports were down $12 \%$ at $\$ 3,392,600,000$ and exports up slightly at $\$ 3,218$,900,000 , the import balance of $\$ 173,700,000$ being sharply reduced from $\$ 638,200,000$. Most of the drop in imports, both in the month and eight months, was in purchases from the United States.
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Merchandising: Department store sales in August showed a small decline in dollar value from a year erlier, but the cumulative value for eight months was still over $3.5 \%$ above $1957 \ldots$ Chain store sales in the month were fractionally higher than last year as compared to a gain of $6.5 \%$ in the eight months. Grocery and combination store chains continued to gain with a month's increase of nearly $6 \%$, making an eight-month gain of $10 \%$. (Page 5)

Population: Canada's population rose an estimated 267,000 from January to August this year, considerably less than the record rise of 401,000 last year but not much below the gain of 274,000 for the 1356 period. The smaller increase than last year was due zhiefly to the drop in immigration. (Page 6)

Prices: The consumer price index rose between August and September from 125.2 to 125.6 , reaching a new peak. The nev figure compares with 123.3 at September 1 last year. All component indexes except clothing moved upward during August and all were higher than a year earlier... The Bureau's price index of 30 basic raw materials advanced fractionslly in the four weeks ending September 26. The general index of wholesale prices was also slightly higher for September than August after a small decline in August from July.
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Housing: Housing starts to the end of August this year were over $36 \%$ greater at 103,634 units then for the 1957 period, completions $19 \%$ greater at $80,-$ 675 units, and the number of units under construction at the end of August $24 \%$ greater at 94,889 than a year earlier. All provinces except Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunsivick had gains in all three comparisons.
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Agriculture: This year's wheat crop is forecast at $367,300,000$ bushels, down only $1 \%$ from the 1957 yield, on the basis of mid-September indications. Average ylelds are the same as last year, but acreage was smaller. (Page 13)

Commodity Trade In August Yielded Export Surplus

Canada's conmodity imports in August were down by more than $17 \%$ in value from August 1957, according to preliminary figures for the month released today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Total exports for August, as reported on September 23, showed a stialler deciine of $5 \%$ in the same comparison. The result was an export surplus in August trade, the first since December last year and the first for the month of August since 1953.

Imports from all countries in August had an estimated value of $\$ 389,100,000$ compared to $\$ 471,300,000$ in August last year, continuing the down-trend on a year-to-year comparison that has been unbroken since September 1957. Total exports for August amounted to $\$ 416,000,000$ against $\$ 437,400,000$ a year earlier. There was thus an export surplus of $\$ 26,900,000$ in the month as against an import surplus of $\$ 33,900,000$ last year.

For the eight months ending August, the aggregate value of imports this year was $\$ 3,392,600,000$, down $12 \%$ from $\$ 3,855,300,000$ last year. Total exports for the same period were valued at $\$ 3,218,900,000$, slightly above last year's value of $\$ 3,217,100,000$. The result was a reduced import balance of $\$ 173,700,-$ 000 for the eight-month period as compared to $\$ 638,200,000$ in 1957.

Imports from the United States in August fell nearly $20 \%$ to $\$ 256,700,000$ from $\$ 320,800,000$ a year earlier, accounting for almost four-fifths of the drop in the month's total imports. In the January-August period purchases from the United States were down to $\$ 2,362,600,000$ this year from $\$ ?, 787,500,000$ in 1957. Exports to the United States in August showed a smaller aecline to $\$ 240,700,000$ from $\$ 276,300,000$ last year, and in the eight months to $\$ 1,859,200,000$ from $\$ 1,-$ $922,900,000$. The import balance with the United States thus declined to $\$ 16,-$ 000,000 for August from $\$ 44,500,000$ a year earlier, and for the eight months to $\$ 503,400,000$ from $\$ 864,600,000$ last year.

Purchases from the United Kingdom also declined in August to $\$ 36,400,000$ from $\$ 47,200,000$ a year ago, but with a mixture of gains and small decreases in earlier months the eight-month total was almost unchanged at $\$ 351,100,000$ against $\$ 352,800,000$ in 1957. Total exports to the United Kingdom were down moderately in August to $\$ 63,700,000$ compared to $\$ 69,900,000$ last year, but for the eight months were up to $\$ 507,400,000$ against $\$ 480,200,000$. The export balance with the United Kingdora thus rose in August to $\$ 27,300,000$ from $\$ 22,-$ 700,000 a year earlier, and for the eight months to $\$ 156,300,000$ from $\$ 127$,400,000.

Imports from other Comomwealth countries increased in value to $\$ 22,800$, 000 in August from $\$ 20,800,000$ a year earlier, but for the eight months declined to $\$ 137,400,000$ compared to $\$ 153,000,050$. Total exports to these countries were also higher in August at $\$ 20,100,000$ against $\$ 16,700,000$ and in the cumulative period were up to $\$ 201,500,000$ from $\$ 150,500,000$ in 1957.

Purchases from all foreign countries other than the United States also declined in August to $\$ 73,200,000$ compared to $\$ 82,500,000$ a year earlier, and for the January-August period amounted to $\$ 541,500,000$ against $\$ 562,000,000$. Sales to these countries, on the other hand, rose in August to $\$ 91,500,000$ from $\$ 74,-$ 500,000 in August 1957, but for the eight months were lower at $\$ 650,700,000$ compared to $\$ 663,500,000$ last year.

The preliminary figures for August, with comparative figures for August last year, are sumarized in the table following.

|  | August |  | January-August |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1957 | 1958 | 1957 | 1958 |
|  |  | Mill | Dollars |  |
| Exports (domestic \& foreign) : |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom ............... | 69.9 | 63.7 | 480.2 | 507.4 |
| Other Commonwealth countries. | 16.7 | 20.1 | 150.5 | 201.6 |
| United States | 276.3 | 240.7 | 1,922.9 | 1,859.2 |
| All other countries | 74.5 | 91.5 | 663.5 | 650.7 |
| Totals. | 437.4 | 416.0 | 3,217.1 | 3,218.9 |
| Imports:* |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom ................ | 47.2 | 36.4 | 352.8 | 351.1 |
| Other Comonwealth countries. | 20.8 | 22.8 | 153.0 | 137.4 |
| United States | 320.8 | 256.7 | 2,787.5 | 2,362.6 |
| All other countries | 82.5 | 73.2 | 562.0 | 541.5 |
| Totals. | 471.3 | 389.1 | 3,855.3 | $\overline{3,392.6}$ |

*Estimate only for 1958 imports; subject to revision.
Domestic Exports Down 5\% In August; Canada's domestic exports to all counUp Slightly In January-August Period tries declined 5\% in August to \$408, 200, 000 from $\$ 428,700,000$ in August last year DBS reports in its regular monthly sumary. Total for the January-August period was $\$ 3,159,800,000$, narrowly above last year's $\$ 3,153,800,000$ for the same period.

Among major countries of destination there were reduced exports in August this year as compared with August last year to the United States, the United Kingdom and Latin American countries, but increased exports to the rest of the Comonwealth, European countries, and all "other" foreign countries.

Among chief comodities there were increases in August this year as compared with August last year in the exports of wheat, planks and boards, uranium ores and concentrates, aluminum and products, aircraft and parts, asbestos, ships and vessels, and cattle, but decreased exports of newsprint paper, nickel, copper and products, grains other than wheat, iron ore and crude petroleum.

Domestic exports to the United States declined to \$234,020,000 in August from $\$ 268,918,000$ in the corresponding month last year and the January-August total fell to $\$ 1,809,877,000$ from $\$ 1,873,291,000$ in last year's like period.

Except for the animals and animal products section, declines were posted for all main commodity groups in August as compared with August last year. In the January-August period, increases in the agricultural and vegetable products, animals and animal products, and non-ferrous metals and products groups were more than offset by declines in the other main commodity groups.

August exports to the United Kingdom fell to $\$ 63,456,000$ from $\$ 69,458,000$ in August last year, but January-August shipments rose to $\$ 503,760,000$ from $\$ 476,772,000$ in last year's comparable period. Comodity-group values were larger in August this year than last for non-ferrous metals and products, and miscellaneous commodities, but smaller for the other main groups. In the Jan-uary-August period, group values were larger than in the same period last year for all main groups except non-ferrous metals and products, iron and products, and fibres, textiles and products.

Increases were posted both in the month and eight-month period in the value of exports to the Union of South Africa, India and Australia, but decreases were recorded for both periods in exports to the West Indies Federation and New Zealand. Exports to Latin American countries dropped in August to $\$ 16,351,000$ from $\$ 19,033,000$ in August last year and in the January-August period to $\$ 122,125,000$ from $\$ 152,877,000$ in the same 1957 period, but shipments to European countries as a group rose in August to $\$ 52,445,000$ from $\$ 35,335,000$ in August last year and in the January-August period to $\$ 400,553$, 000 from $\$ 351,721,000$. Exports to all "other" foreign countries rose in August to $\$ 20,321,000$ from $\$ 18,097,000$ in August last year, but January-August exports to the group fell to $\$ 112,310,000$ from $\$ 137,329,000$ in last year's like period. (1)

Values of main comodity exports in August and January-August, for both 1958 and 1957, are given in the following table:

|  | Augu: t |  | J anuary-August |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1957 | 1958 | 1957 | 1958 |
|  |  | (Thous ands | dollars) |  |
| Newsprint paper | \$71,445 | \$55,054 | \$487,477 | \$450,475 |
| Wheat . | 32,581 | 44,689 | 240,666 | 308,471 |
| Wood pu p | 27,066 | 25,704 | 198,353 | 183,776 |
| Planks \& boards | 23,456 | 28,528 | 180,805 | 182,718 |
| Nickel | 21,045 | 17,544 | 167,001 | 171,224 |
| Uranium ores \& concentrates | 13,129 | 21,055 | 69,239 | 160,649 |
| Aluminum \& products | 13,471 | 26,072 | 158,570 | 150,556 |
| Copper \& products | 17,342 | 9,677 | 120,629 | 97,861 |
| Fish \& fishery products | 12,391 | 13,226 | 80,472 | 89,408 |
| Aircraft \& parts | 1,974 | 8,743 | 14,494 | 78,718 |
| Grains, other than wheat .. | 7,007 | 4,355 | 63,142 | 75,057 |
| Farm machinery \& implements | 5,119 | 5,927 | 53,398 | 71,724 |
| Iron ore | 34, 258 | 17,338 | 92,877 | 63,602 |
| Petroleum, crude | 11,550 | 9,487 | 107,043 | 55,655 |
| Asbestos | 8,325 | 9,533 | 66,022 | 55,243 |
| Cattle | 5,024 | 6,344 | 13,318 | 51,108 |
| Flour of wheat | 4,279 | 4,947 | 38,316 | 47,855 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5,105 | 4,933 | 38,118 | 39,091 |

Department Store Sales $0.3 \%$ Smaller In August

Sales by Canada's department stores in August were estimated at $\$ 98,204,000$, down $0.3 \%$ from last year's August total of $\$ 98,488,000$. January-August sales rose
$3.6 \%$ to $\$ 769,534,000$ from $\$ 743,058,000$ a year ago. July 31 stocks, at selling value, were $1.2 \%$ smaller than a year ago at $\$ 294,632,000$ versus $\$ 298,257,000$.

Sales were larger in August this year than last in four regions but smaller in three. August sales rose $2 \%$ in the Atlantic Provinces to $\$ 7,645,000$ from $\$ 7,495,000$ a year earlier, $0.3 \%$ in Ontario to $\$ 31,290,000$ from $\$ 31,011,000,5.6 \%$ in Manitoba to $\$ 8,733,000$ from $\$ 8,270,000$, and $2.3 \%$ in Alberta to $\$ 11,530,000$ from $\$ 11,271,000$. Month's sales fell $4.7 \%$ in Quebec to $\$ 15,832,000$ from $\$ 16$, $613,000,4.4 \%$ in Saskatchewan to $\$ 4,841,000$ from $\$ 5,064,000$, and $2.3 \%$ in British Columbia to $\$ 18,333,000$ from $\$ 18,764,000$.

Sales were larger in August this year as compared to last in 14 of the specified departments but smaller in 15 . Increases ranged from $7.3 \%$ in major appliances to $0.5 \%$ in toiletries, cosmetics and drugs, while decreases were between $8.5 \%$ in food and kindred products and $0.2 \%$ fin furniture and $0.1 \%$ in both smallwares and furs. (2)

Department Store Sales Smaller Department store sales in the week of September 27 this year were $2.5 \%$ below sales in last year's comparable week, DBS reports in a special statement. Declines of $7.1 \%$ in Quebec, $3.2 \%$ in Ontario, $1.2 \%$ in Manitoba and $12.4 \%$ in British Columbia more than offset increases of $5.2 \%$ in the Atlantic Provinces, $8.9 \%$ in Saskatchewan and $11 \%$ in Alberta.

Chain Store Sales Larger Chain store sales in August rose slightly ( $0.2 \%$ ) to $\$ 2.4,863,000$ from $\$ 254,353,000$ a year earlier, making the January-August total $6,5 \%$ greater than a year earlier at $\$ 1,903,337,000$ versus $\$ 1,786,483,000$. August 1 stocks (at cost) were up $4.1 \%$ from last year at \$371,875,000 against \$357,088,000.

Sales by grocery and combination store chains in August increased 5.9\% to $\$ 114,970,000$ from last year's like total of $\$ 108,602,000$, boosting JanuaryAugust sales $10 \%$ to $\$ 890,035,000$ from $\$ 808,916,000$ a year ago.

Of the remaining 10 chains, seven reported larger sales in August this year than last and 3 had smaller sales. Chains with greater sales in the month were: variety, $\$ 20,266,000$ ( $\$ 19,585,000$ a year earlier); family clothing, $\$ 3,342,000$ ( $\$ 3,265,000$ ); shoe, $\$ 5,102,000(\$ 4,868,000)$; hardware, $\$ 3,747,000(\$ 3,526,000)$; furniture, radio and appliaace, $\$ 11,220,000$ ( $\$ 10,662,000$ ) ; drug, $\$ 3,595,000$ ( $\$ 3,571,000$ ) ; and jewellery, $\$ 3,371,000(\$ 3,262,000)$.

August sales of men's clothing store chains declined to $\$ 1,607,000$ from $\$ 1,810,000$ a year earlier, women's clothing to $\$ 5,114,000$ from $\$ 5,326,000$, and lumber and bullding material dealers to $\$ 9,780,000$ from $\$ 10,752,000$. (3)

Canaua's Population Increased 267,000 In First 8 Months of 1958

Canada's population increased 267,000 in the first eight months of this year to an estimated $17,154,000$ at September 1 from $16,887,000$ at the start of the year, according to the Bureau's quarterly estimate. This year's January-August increase was considerably smaller than last year's record eight-month increase of 401,000 , but close to the 1956 rise of 274,000.

The slowing of the numerical growth in the nation's population so far this year as compared with last year's record was chiefly due to a drop in immigration. In the first six months of this year the number of immigrant arrivals was some 68,000 as against 182,000 in the first half of 1957.

Over the 12 months from September 1, 1957 to September 1, 1958, Canada's estimated population growth wes 409,000 (2.4\%), comparing with 552,000 ( $3.4 \%$ ) in the 1956-1957 period, $390,000(2.5 \%$ ) in the $1955-56$ period, $394,000(2.6 \%)$ in the $1954-55$ period, $443,000(3 \%)$ in the $1953-54$ period, and 398,000 in the 1952-53 period. The population growth was $1,073,000$ from the 1956 Census total of $16,081,000$ and $3,145,000$ from the 1951 Census count of $14,009,000$.

The table following shows the quarterly and half-year estimates of Canada's population from June 1,1951 to September 1 , 1958 (actual census totals for June 1, 1951 and June 1, 1956):

| Year | January 1 | March 1 | June 1 | July 1 | tember | December 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In Thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1951 |  |  | 14,009 | 14,050 | 14,129 | 14,242 |
| 1952 | 14,277 | 14,336 | 14,459 | 14,496 | 14,568 | 14,657 |
| 1953 | 14,682 | 14,730 | 14,845 | 14,886 | 14,966 | 15,074 |
| 1954 | 15,105 | 15,162 | 15,287 | 15,330 | 15,409 | 15,507 |
| 1955 | 15,535 | 15,587 | 15,698 | 15,736 | 15,803 | 15,893 |
| 1956 | 15,919 | 15,972 | 16,081 | 16,118 | 16,193 | 16,308 |
| 1957 | 16,344 | 16,420 | 16,589 | 16,650 | 16,745 | 16,860 |
| 1958 | 16,887 | 16,948 | 17,048 | 17,085 | 17,154 |  |

## MINING

Shipments of dry common salt in August fell to 82,978 tons from 99,343 a year ago, lowering the January- August total to 676,276 tons from 711,756 a year ago. Producers' usage and shipments of salt in brine in August rose to 52,423 tons from 44,854 , raising the eight-month total to 424,815 tons from 348,981 . Total salt and salt content of brine used and shipped fell in the month to 135,401 tons from 144,197 a year earlier, but rose in the eight months to $1,101,091$ tons from $1,060,737$. Producers' stocks at the end of August were smaller than a year ago at 36,032 tons versus 43,120.

Less Crude Petroleum More Natural Gas Produced In July

Production of crude petroleum was smaller in July this year than last, while output of natural gas was larger, according to advance DBS figures. July production of crude petroleum declined nearly $13 \%$ to $14,678,747$ barzels from last year's July total of $16,793,866$, while outprt of natural gas climbed $64 \%$ to $20,281,588 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feret from the year-earliet total of $12,389,608 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet.

## PRICES

Consumer Price Index Rose 0.3\% Between August And September

Cenada ${ }^{9}$ s consamer price index $(1949=100)$ rose $0.3 \%$ between August and September this year from 125.2 to 125.6 . A $0.7 \%$ advance in the other commodities and services group accounted for half of the increase in the total index, and upward movements of $0.2 \%$ registered by food, shelter and household operation groups contributed the remainder. The clothing index was down fractionally.

Largely as a result of increases in street car and bus fares, the other commodities and services index moved from 130.6 to 131.5 . A $2 \%$ rise in hospital rates resulted from increases in cities of Ontario and Quebec and somewhat higher prices were reported for gasoline, automobile repairs and magazine subscription rates. Some further price decreases took place on 1958 models of new passenger cars, and battery prices were also lower.

The food index increased slightly from 122.6 to 122.9 . A substantial increase occurred in egg prices, and lesser increases for bread, citrus fruits, canned juices and some canned fruits and vegetables. Apples and fresh vegetables, particularly tomatces, experienced sharp seasonal declines. Beef prices eased slightly and pork prices were off quite sharply.

The shelter index zose from 139.1 to 139.4 with home-ownership up more than the rent component. An increase in the household operation index, from 120.5 to 120.8 , resulted from higher prices for a wide variety of items; scap flakes and detergents, telephone and laundry rates, shoe repairs, coal and utensils. Some items of furniture, floor coverings and textiles were up from August sale prices.

The clothing index was down slightly from 109.6 to 109.5 almost entirely as a result of sale prices for such items as men's topcoats, women's spring coats, boys' sport and T-shirts. Most clothing items showed no price movement.

|  | Total <br> Index | Food | Shelter | Clothing | Household Operation | Other Commodities \& Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 1958 | 125.6 | 122.9 | 139.4 | 109.5 | 120.8 | 131.5 |
| August 1958 | 125.2 | 122.5 | 139.1 | 109.6 | 120.5 | 130.6 |
| September 1957 | 123.3 | 121.9 | 135.6 | 108.3 | 119.8 | 127.1 |

Raw Materials Indexes Up The index of 30 basic industrial raw materials (1935$39=100$ ) moved up fractionally over the four weeks August 29 to September 26, from 228.9 to 229.4. Offsetting price changes were for the most part moderate, a few small advances resulting from the further weakening of the Canadian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Steers showed a significant increase, followed by smaller advances for copper, raw cotton, raw rubber, rayon yarn, beef hides, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. On the downside were modest deciines for sisal, tin, raw wool, hogs, linseed oil, oats, raw sugar and wheat. Underlying the small net decrease for tin, the week-toweek movement showed a sharp break in the third week when Russian tin offerings forced withdrawal of world market price support, followed by smart recovery in the final week as Russia shifted to the buying side.

Canadlan farm products at terminal markets rose $1.2 \%$ from 210.0 to 212.5 in the four weeks under review. Strength in animal products, for which the index advanced $2.3 \%$ from 264.0 to 270.1 , reflected higher prices for steers and calves, and on western markets eggs, milk and lambs. Declines were registered by hogs and wool on both markets and for poiltry, lambs and eggs in the East. The field products index declined slightly from 156.0 to 154.8 as lower prices for eastern rye and potatoes and western flex and hay, were largely offset by advances for western rye and potatoes and eastern oats, corn, peas and barley. Regional indexes were both higher, the eastern rising from 226.6 to 229.5 and the western from 193.5 to 195.4 (5)

Wholesale Price Index Down Canada's general wholesale price index (1935-39 Slightly Between July \& August $=100$ ) declined slightly ( $0.1 \%$ ) between July and August to 226.8 from 227.0. I.adexes for four of the eight major groups were lower, three were higher and one was unchanged between the two dates. The general index was down $0.4 \%$ from last year's 227.6.

Lower prices for furs, poultry, fresh meats and livestock offset higher prices for eggs, hides and skins and leather to move the animal products index down $1.1 \%$ to 249.4 from 252.3 in July. This was the third successive monthly decline in this index. Lower prices for raw cotton and both domestic and imported raw wool were the main causes for a drop of $0.3 \%$ in the textile products index to 227.8 from 228.4 .

Higher prices for copper were mainly responsible for the first increase in the non-ferrous metals group since December last, as the index rose $0.9 \%$ to 164.2 from 162.8 in July. An advanze in prices for cedar and fir contributed most to an $0.7 \%$ gain in the wood products index to 297.9 from 295.8.

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials edged lower between July and August to 229.0 from 229.4 . Conmodities showing more important changes were raw sugar, linseed ofl, cottonseed oil, hogs and steers which decreased, and sisal, fir timber and beef hides which increased. The strength in fir timber prices reverses the trend to lower prices evident since 1956. The strengthened position of United States dollar in Canadian funds supported prices of items entering extermal trade.
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| September |
| :---: |
| 1957 |

\((1935-39=100) \xrightarrow{\substack{August <br>

\)|  September $\\ 1958$ |
| :---: |\(<br>

\hline}}\)
227.0
194.0
242.1
235.9
299.3
256.5
168.6
189.2
182.6
243.9
226.8
198.3
249.4
227.8
297.9
251.6
164.2
186.7
183.4
238.1
227.1
198.2
246.1
228.2
301.5
251.6
165.6
187.5
183.4
238.6

Security Price Indexes Higher The investors' index of 95 common stocks (1935$39=100$ ) continued in September the gradual though firm upward trend apparent throughout the year. Between August 28 and September 25 it advanced $2 \%$ from 252.2 to 257.3 , the 1958 high to-date, for a total increase of $18.7 \%$ from 216.7 for January 16. In 1957 the year's peak of 290.8 at June 13 was followed by a series of declines which had lowered the level $20.6 \%$ by September 26 to 231.0. For the comparable period in 1958 the index has advanced $7.1 \%$ from the June 12 figure of 240.2 . In the last four-week period, major groups recorded gains of $3.5 \%$ for 7 banks from 280.7 to $290.4,2 \%$ for 75 industrials from 262.1 to 267.3 , and $1.6 \%$ for 13 utilities from 196.8 to 199.9. Leading the sub-group advances were textiles and clothing, transportation, and machinery and equipment. Small losses were registered by telephone and power and traction sub-groups.

The index of 27 mining issues edged up slightly in the four-week period, from 105.8 to 106.5 as a $3.3 \%$ increase for 6 base metals from 178.2 to 184.1 overbal. anced the $2.2 \%$ decline for 21 gold stocks from 74.2 to 72.6 (5)

Security Price Indexes
Investors ${ }^{\circ}$ Price Index
Total common stocks ............. 260.7
Industrials ..................... 270.8
Utilities ....................... 199.6
Banks
300.4

Mining Stock Price Index
Total mining stocks .............
Golds ...............................
Base metals ......................
108.3
73.1
188.9

October 2
September 25 $(1935-39=100)$

September 4 253.6
257.3
263.4 196.9
286.8
267.3
199.9
290.4
106.5
106.4
72.6
74.8
184.1
178.6

Starts And Completions of New Dwellings At Record Levels In First Eight Months

Starts on the construction of new dwelling units in January-August this year were at an all-time high of 103,- 634 units, some $36.5 \%$ greater than $1957^{\circ}$ s like total of 75,937 and $14 \%$ larger than $1955^{\circ}$ s previous eight-month record of 90,849 units, according to advance DBS figures. Eight-month completions climbed more than $19 \%$ to a new peak of 80,675 unfts from last year 's comparable total of 67,633 and were $2.9 \%$ above 1956's preceding high of 78,407 .

August starts advanced $15 \%$ to 15,664 units from the year-earlier total of 13,578 and completions $50 \%$ to 12,707 units from 8,488 . Units in various stages of construction at August 31 numbered 94,889 , up $24 \%$ from last year's August 31 total of 76,623 units.

Both starts and completions were greater in January-August this year than last in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. More units were under construction at the end of August this year as compared to last in all except the Maritime Provinces.

The following table shows, by provinces, starts and completions during the eight-month period and the number of units under construction at August 31 for both 1957 and 1958.

|  | $\frac{\text { Started }- \text { Jan.-Aug. }}{1958} \frac{1957}{\text {. }}$ |  | Completed - Jan.-Aug. |  | Under Construction At August 31 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1958 | 1957 | 1958 | 1957 |
| Canada | 103,634 | 75,937 | 80,675 | 67,633 | 94,889 | 76,623 |
| Nfld. ... | 992 | 686 | 870 | 782 | 3,224 | 3,049 |
| P.E.I. ..... | 53 | 105 | 39 | 78 | 67 | 103 |
| N.S. | 1,465 | 1,682 | 1,271 | 1,315 | 1,743 | 1,991 |
| N.B. | 1,697 | 1,886 | 1,825 | 1,643 | 1,625 | 1,833 |
| Que. | 28,207 | 21,766 | 21,607 | 19,224 | 23,046 | 18,539 |
| Ont. | 41,342 | 28,491 | 32,895 | 26,191 | 38,068 | 29,628 |
| Man. | 4,005 | 2,434 | 3,046 | 2,252 | 3,121 | 2,476 |
| Sask. | 3,314 | 2,816 | 2,374 | 2,095 | 3,276 | 3,150 |
| Alta. | 9,987 | 6,550 | 6,978 | 5,691 | 9,203 | 5,667 |
| B.C. | 12,572 | 9,521 | 9,770 | 8,362 | 11,516 | 10,187 |

Note: On the basis of data obtained from the October 1957 survey, the 1957 figures for starts were revised. The revision for Canada amounted to an increase of 1,547 units. The "under construction" figures were also affected by this amount. The 1958 fitures are subject to a similar revision after the October survey is carried out.

Labour income in the form of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income is estimated at $\$ 1,335$ million in July, down $1.3 \%$ from June's revised total of $\$ 1,352$ million, but up $1.8 \%$ from the year-earlier total of $\$ 1,312$ million. This brought the January-July total to $\$ 8,959$ million, $2.6 \%$ larger than last year ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{s} \$ 8,729$ million.

As compared with June, normal seasonal influences were operative in several industries but most notably in educational services where a sharp drop in income payments accompanied the temporary withdrawal of a substantial number of teachers from the labour force. However, when adjustments are made to eliminate the effects of seasonal influences the resulting "deseasonslized" total of $\$ 1$, 317 million for July represented an increase of $0.4 \%$ over the preceding month. This compares with a decline of $\$ 4$ million from May to June which was preceded by three successive increases of roughly $\$ 10$ million per month.

There were some offsetting movements from June to July in the components of the seasonally adjusted total. Declines were recorded in a number of primary producing industries and in construction. Gains in manufacturing and trade, which together account for $44 \%$ of the total, were chiefly responsible for the net increase. (7)

August Labour Force Supplement The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released a supplement to the August Labour Force bulletin. It presents revised statistics comparable to those in the regular August Labour Force bulletin for the period August 1951 to August 1958, and also revised figures for the weeks ended July 19, 1958 and August 24, 1957

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electric And Gas Meter Registrations In 1957

Number of meters reported in service by companies engaged in the sale of electricity in Canada at the end of 1957 rose $3.9 \%$ to $4,748,636$ from 1956's year-end figure of 4,571,391, and gas meters in service rose $6.4 \%$ to $1,016,079$ from 955, 034 , according to the Bureau's second annual report on electric and gas meter registrations.

At the end of 1957, the number of meters employed in measuring electricity consumption at urban domestic rates increased to $3,037,793$ from 2,917,108 a year earlier, at urban commercial rates to 423,018 from 417,239 , and at urban power rates to 97,770 from 95,997. Meters in rural service were: domestic, 696,171 ( 664,318 a year earlier); farm, 392,432 ( 379,628 ) ; commercial, 90,817 ( 87,479 ); and power, $10,635(9,622)$.

Meters in natural gas service advanced more than $57 \%$ to 943,783 at the end of 1957 compared to 599,633 at the end of 1956 , reflecting the rapid rate of conversion in 1957 from manufactured to natural gas. Meters in manufactured gas service dropped to 67,726 from 350,558 a year earlier and 610,096 at the end of 1950 (the peak year of concentration).
(8)

Less Freight Locked Through Canadian Canals In July

Freight cleared through Canadian canals in July amounted to $4,932,300$ tons, down $11 \%$ from the July 1957 total of $5,533,000$ tons. Less freight traffic was reported on the Welland, St. Lawrence and Sault Ste. Marie canals as well as on four of the smaller canals.

Freight locked through the Canadian Saulc Ste. Marie system declined in July to 169,400 tons from 226,000 a year earlier, due mainly to smaller eastbound shipments of wheat and west-bound shipments of bituminous coal. Freight carried through the Welland Ship canal dropped to $3,061,800$ tons from $3,308,900$, decreased traffic in bituminous coal, iron ore, fuel oil and flaxseed more than offsetting increased traffic in wheat and barley. Month's clearances through the St. Lawrence system fell to $1,647,300$ tons from $1,850,500$, lower shipments of bituminous coal, iron ore and £laxseed counterbalancing higher shipments of wheat and barley. (9)

## More Passengers Less Cargo Transported By Canadian Air Carriers In April

Canada's air carriers transported $1.8 \%$ more revenue passengers but $40 \%$ less revenue cargo in April this year than last. Operating revenues fell $5.2 \%$ to $\$ 13,753,000$ from $\$ 14,504,000$ in April last year, while operating expenses rose $1.9 \%$ to $\$ 14,572,000$ from $\$ 14,305,000$. This resulted in an operating deficit for the month of $\$ 819,000$ compared to last year's operating income of $\$ 199,000$. (10)

Part II Of Annual Shipping Report For 1957 Released

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released part II of the annual shipping report for the year 1957. It contains statistical data on cargos loaded and unloaded at Canadian ports by ports and commodities, number and registered net tonnage of vessels and tons of cargo carried by vessels arrived at and departed from Canadian ports in international seaborne shipping by ports and by geographical area and registry of vessel, and number and gross tons of tugs and number and registered net tonnage of fishing vessels departed from Canadian ports. (11)

FOOD \& AGRICULTURE

Overseas Export Cleerances Of Canadian Wheat Sharply Smaller

Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat in the week ending September 24 amounted to 2,200,000 bushels, sharply below last year's comparable total of 5,645,000 bushels. Clearances in the August 1 - September 24 period were down $18.5 \%$ to $33,161,000$ bushels from $40,698,000$ bushels a year ago.

Week's wheat marketings by Prairie farmers were $18 \%$ smaller this year than last at $3,407,000$ bushels versus $4,142,000$, making the cumulative total $9.1 \%$ less than a year ago at $23,818,000$ bushels against $26,204,000$. Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in Canada at September 24 amounted to $387,568,000$ bushels, virtisally unchanged from the week-earlier total of 388,023,000 bushels and only $0.5 \%$ greater than the year-earlier total of $385,583,000$ bushels. (12)

September Forecast Of Production Of Canada's Principal Field Ciops

On the basis of yields Indicated at September 15, production of the five major grains this year, with 1057 totals in brackets, is as follows: all wheat, $367,300,000$ bushels $(370,500,000)$; oats, $403,200,000$ $(380,600,000)$; barley, $243,900,000(216,000,000)$; all rye, $8,300,000(8,500, \cdots$ 000); and flaxseed, $23,400,000(19,200,000)$.

Harvesting conditions across most of Canada were generally satisfactory and the bulk of the crop has been taken off in good condition. In some areas in eastern Canada, however, and in some more northerly areas in the Prairie Provinces, wet weather has held up operacions and caused some deterioration in quality. Yields in the Prairie Provinces, based on threshing returns, are turning out substantially better than expected in August, and are remarkably good considering the dry growing season. In Ontario, as was indicated in August, record yields are estimated for wheat, oats, barley, rye and mixed grains.

Average yields per acre for the 19 crops included in the current estimate, are expected to equal or exceed those of 1957 except for buckwheat, soybeans, potatoes, rapeseed, tame hay and fodder corn. Full realization of the present yield forecast is dependent on the existence of favourable weather conditions throughout the remainder of the harvesting season.

Canada's 1958 wheat crop, now forecast at $367,300,000$ bushels, is $1 \%$ below last year's estimate of $370,500,000$ but $25 \%$ below the ten-year average of $489,-$ 800,000 and is the smallest since the rust year of 1954. The decrease in production compared with last year is due entirely to a decrease in acreage since average yields at 17.6 bushels per acre are the same. (13)

Exports Of Coarse Grains Combined exports of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed Slightly Smaller In Year (including exports of rolled oats and oatmeal, malt and pot and pearl barley in terms of grain equivalent) amounted to some $125,600,000$ bushels during the crop year 1957-58, slightly below the comparable 1956-57 total of $127,200,000$ bushels, but exceeding by $23 \%$ the 10 -year ( $1946-47-1955-56$ ) average of $102,900,000$ bushels. Oats was the only one of the four grains exported in greater volume than in 1956-57, while most of the decrease occurred in overseas shipments of flaxseed.

Canada's 1957-58 exports of oats at $25,900,000$ bushels showed a $41 \%$ increase over the 1956-57 total of $18,300,000$. Almost half of this increase occurred in the overseas trade which climbed to $4,300,000$ bushels in contrast to only 700,000 bushels the previous year. The United States was again the major oats importer with purchases amounting to $21,600,000$ bushels. Shipments amounting to $3,900,000$ bushels went to the United Kingdom and accounted for the bulk of the overseas movement of Canadian oats.

Exports of barley as grain in 1957-58 at 75,100,000 bushels were little changed from the 1956-57 level of $76,900,000$ bushels. The three leading importers of Canadian barley in 1955-57 again accounted for the bulk of our export barley trade.

Exports of Canadian rye in the crop year 1957-58, at $5,400,000$ bushels, showed relatively no chaage from 1956-57. Shipments to the United States at $3,200,000$ bushels declined by $1,200,000$ bushels, while a corresponding increase occurred in overseas clearances. Shipments of Canadian flaxseed to overseas destinations declined sharply from the 1956-57 record level of $21,600,000$ bushels to a total of $13,700,000$ in 1957-58. The United Kingdom was again the leading market, receiving shipments amounting to 4,300,000 bushels. (14)
More Butter \& Cheese Less Eggs
In Cold Storage At October 1

Cold starage holdings of creamery butter and cheddar cheese in nine cities of Canada were larger on October 1 this year than last, while stocks of eggs were smaller. October 1 creamery butter stocks rose to 63,323 , 000 pounds from the year-earlier total of $54,551,000$ and cheddar cheese to $27,-$ 439,000 pounds from $24,525,000$, but holdings of cold storage eggs fell to 42,000 cases from 145,000.

October 1 creamery butter stocks by city were: Quebec, 6,797,000 pounds $(5,621,000$ a year ago); Montreal, $32,472,000(30,198,000)$; Toronto, 3,826,000 ( $2,770,000$ ); Winnipeg, $10,517,000(6,588,000)$; Regina, $1,544,000(821,000)$; Saskatoon, 1,404,000 (908,000); Edmonton, 3,329,000 (2,924,000); Calgary, 1,$144,000(2,192,000)$; and Vancouver, $2,290,000(2,529,000)$. (15)

Egg Production Greater Net egg production in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) in August rose $4.8 \%$ to $33,973,000$ dozen from last
year's August total of $32,404,000$ dozen, making January-August production $1.2 \%$ greater than a year ago at $299,075,000$ dozen versus $295,404,000$ dozen.

August net egg production was larger this year than last in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. Totals were: Prince Edward Island, 421,000 dozen (454,000 a year earlier); Nova Scotia, 1,630,000 (1,593,000); New Brunswick, 613,000 (563,000); Quebec, 5,139,000 (5,079,000); Ontario, 15,275,000 (14,484,000); Manitoba, 2,749,000 (2,014,000); Saskatchewan, 2,397,$000(2,254,000)$; Alberta, $3,115,000(3,034,000)$; and British Columbia, 2,634,$000(2,929,000)$.

January-August production was greater this year than last in Ontario and the Prairle Provinces but smaller in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia. Totals: Prince Edward Island, 4,203,000 dozen (4,289,000 a year ago) ; Nova Scotia, $12,625,000(12,844,000)$; New Brunswick, 5, 621,000 (5,763,000) ; Quebec, $38,769,000(43,054,000)$; Ontario, $125,390,000(121,554,000)$; Manitoba $26,918,000(23,258,000)$; Saskatchewan, $29,362,000(28,607,000)$; Alberta, 32,623,000 ( $: 403,000$ ) ; and British Columbias 23,564,000 (23,632,000). (16)
$\frac{\text { Catch Of Sea-Fish Smaller }}{\text { But Value Larger In August }}$

Landings of sea fish and shellfish in August declined almost $28 \%$ to $2 \%, 853,000$ pounds from last year's August total of $333,560,000$, but due to record earnings by British Columbia fishermen the month's value climbed nearly $24 \%$ to $\$ 20,173,000$ from $\$ 16,323,000$, DBS reports in an advance statement. Janu-ary-August landings fell $15 \%$ to $1,171,366,000$ pounds from the year-earlier total of $1,375,776,000$, but the landed value locreased $11 \%$ to $\$ 69,822,000$ from $\$ 62,-$ 646,000.

Total landings by British Columbia fishermen in August rose to 71,321,000 pounds from $66,778,000$ a year earlier and the landed value to $\$ 14,455,000$ from $\$ 8,541,000$. The steep rise in landings and landed value was due mainly to a substantially larger catch of sockeye salmon ( $30,576,000$ pounds versus 6,919,000) valued at $\$ 8,592,000$ against $\$ 1,951,000$.

Catch of sea fish and shellfish by Atlantic Coast fishermen dropped $37 \%$ to $169,32,000$ pounds from $266,782,000$ last year and the landed value $27 \%$ to $\$ 5,718,-$ 000 from $\$ 7,782,000$. The decline was due mainly to reduced landings, particularly in the cod fishery.

MANUFACTURING

## Weekly Steel Ingot Production

Production of steel ingots in the week ended October 4 amounted to 61,002 tons compared to 57,019 ton: a week earlier and 57,941 tons two weeks earlier, DBS reports in a special statement. Canada's steel mills operated at $53.6 \%$ of the annual rated capacity in the week versus $50.1 \%$ a week earlier and $51 \%$ two weeks earlier.

Motor Vehicle Shipments Down Sharply In August

August's factory shipments of Canadian-made motor vehicles slumped to the lowest point since the opening months of 1946. At 8,536 units, the month's shipments were down sharply from July's 25,969 units and last year's August total of 21, 125 units. Next lowest monthly shipments were in January and February 1946 when 8,495 units and 7,484 units were shipped. Smallest monthly total last year was September's 11,885 units. In this year's January-August period the shipments dropped about one-fifth to 251,458 units from 314,108 a year earlier.

Factory shipments of passenger cars dropped in August to 5,767 units from 17,268 in the corresponding month last year and eight-month shipments fell to 209,611 units from 260,339. Commercial vehicle shipments fell to 2,767 units in August from 3,855 and to 41,847 units in the January-August period from 53,769. (17)

Dealers' Stocks Of Non-Ferrous Scraf Metal At The End Of June

Dealers' stocks of non-ferrous scrap at the end of June this year were as follows, holdings at the beginning of the second quarter being in braisiets: aluminum, $2,474,648$ pounds $(2,966,225)$; copper, $10,226,127$ ( $11,072,-$ 065) ; magnesium, $23,142,(35,132)$; nickel, 436,044 ( 374,348 ); lead, $6,736,626$ (7, 375,375) ; and zinc, 4,758,153 (4,909,043).

## Asphalt Roofing Shipments

Shipments of asphalt shingles and tar and asphalt felts were greater in August and January-August this year than last. Shipments of smooth-surfaced roll roofing, mineral-surfaced roll roofing and roll-type sidings were smaller in the month but larger in the eight months as compared to last year's corresponding periods.

August shipments were: asphalt shingles, 333,208 squares ( 312,447 squares a year earlier); smooth-surfaced roll roofing, 86,105 squares $(98,399)$; mineralsurfaced roll roofing, 90,513 squares ( 96,146 ); roll-type sidings, 24,083 squares $(26,230)$; and tar and asphalt felts, 6,359 tons $(5,849)$. (19)

Production And Shipments 0f Floor Tiles Production of asphalt floor tiles in August rose to $1,843,226$ square feet from 1,783,793 a year earlier, but declined in January-August to 13,224,099 square feet from 14,860,794 a year ago. Month's output of vinyl-asbestos floor tiles increased to $2,637,834$ square feet from $2,066,315$, boosting the eightmonth total to $17,440,746$ square feet from $13,843,758$.

August domestic shipments of asphalt floor tiles rose to $1,837,975$ square feet from 1,813,937 in August last year, but January-August shipments were still below last year at $13,213,500$ square feet versus $14,076,254$. Month's domestic shipments of vinyl-asbestos floor tiles climbed to $3,050,285$ square feet from $2,065,901$, raising the eight-month total to $17,100,479$ square feet from 12,903,270. (20)

Producers' Sales of Products Made Producers' sales of products made from CaFrom Canadian Clays Up In Half Year nadian clays increased more than $18 \%$ in the first six months of this year to \$17, 621,000 from the like 1957 total of $\$ 14,885,000$. June sales were up to $\$ 4,074$, 000 from \$3,414,000 a year earlier.

January-June sales of building brick increased in value to $\$ 11,457,000$ from $\$ 9,267,000$ a year ago, drain tile to $\$ 1,262,000$ from $\$ 1,031,000$ and sewer pipe to $\$ 2,039,000$ from $\$ 1,551,000$. Half-year sales of structural tile declined to $\$ 1,655,000$ from $\$ 1,797,000$ in last year's first half, fireclay blocks and shapes to $\$ 136,000$ from $\$ 159,000$, pottery to $\$ 271,000$ from $\$ 273,000$, and other clay products to $\$ 802,000$ from $\$ 807,000$. (21)

Factory Sales Of Electric Storage Batteries Smaller

Factory sales of electric storage batteries by firms which normally account for $95 \%$ of total Canadian production declined $23 \%$ in August to $\$ 1,998$, 000 from $\$ 2,597,000$ a year earlier,
921,000 from $\$ 19,593,000$ a year ago.

August sales of batteries used for starting or ignition of internal combustion engines dropped to $\$ 1,543,000$ from last year's comparable total of $\$ 2,145,000$, for $£$ arm lighting plants to $\$ 28,000$ from $\$ 35,000$, and for railway service to $\$ 107,000$ from $\$ 109,000$. Sales of batteries used for direct motive power rose to $\$ 117,000$ from $\$ 111,000$, for all other purposes to $\$ 163,000$ from $\$ 162,000$ and parts and supplies to $\$ 41,000$ from $\$ 35,000$. (22)

More Crude Oil Consumed In 1 igust Less In 8 Months

Consumption of crude oil by Canada's refineries in August rose to $21,988,129$ barrels from last year's August total of $21,548,862$ barrels, but, due to declines in earlier months, January-August consumption fell to 157 , 264,273 barrels from $161,892,247$ a year ago. Consumption of domestic crude oil in the month increased to $11,625,847$ barrels from $11,615,597$ a year earlier and imported crude to $10,362,282$ barrels from $9,933,265$ while eight-month consumption of domestic crude dropped to $87,752,655$ barrels from $88,154,28$ 个 and imported crude to $69,511,618$ barrels from $73,737,959$. Receipts are fosecast at $18,028,615$ barrels in September, $21,368, \varepsilon 20$ in October, $20,864,485$ in November and $20,917,423$ in December. (23)

Flour Milling Industry Value of factory shipments from Canada's flour milling industry declined $7.8 \%$ in 1957 to $\$ 204,376,000$ from the 1956 total of $\$ 221,770,000$, according to the Bureau's annual industry report. Number of establishments fell to 73 from 76 in 1956, employees to 4,417 from 4,572 and material costs to $\$ 168,635,000$ from $\$ 187,100,000$. Salaries and wages rose to $\$ 15,214,000$ from $\$ 15,103,000$ and value added by manufacture to $\$ 34,189,000$ from $\$ 33,071,000$.

Shipments of enriched and non-enriched flour dropped in 1957 to $\$ 157,493,-$ 000 from $\$ 167,911,000$ in 1956, bran, shorts and middlings to $\$ 26,791,000$ from $\$ 31,353,000$, rolled oats to $\$ 7,401,000$ from $\$ 7,445,000$, and prepared cake mix es to $\$ 3,829,000$ from $\$ 5,715,000$.

Value of shipments from plants in Quebec increased in 1957 to $\$ 38,500,000$ from $\$ 34,353,000$ a year earli but declined from a year earlier in all other provinces. Totals were: Ontario, $\$ 79,711,000$ ( $\$ 87,497,000$ in 1956 ; Manitoba, $\$ 20,262,000(\$ 25,142,000)$; Alberta, $\$ 26,518,000(\$ 32,368,000)$; and Saskatchewan and British Columbia combined, $\$ 39,385,000$ ( $\$ 42,409,000$ ). (24)

## Hosiery \& Knitted Goods Industries

Value of factory shipments from the combined hosiery and knitted goods industries increased in 1956 to $\$ 165,150,000$ from 1955's total of $\$ 155,187,000$, according to the Bureau's annual industry report. Establishments fell to 286 from 296 in 1955, but employees rose to $21,913 \mathrm{fr} 21,658$, salaries and wages to $\$ 49,638,000$ from $\$ 47,208,000$, material costs to $\$ 83,926,000$ from $\$ 75,706$, 000 , and value added by manufacture to $\$ 81,159,000$ from $\$ 77,466,000$.

Factory shipments of full-fashioned and seamless hosiery climbed in value in 1956 to $\$ 58,935,000$ from $\$ 57,502,000$ in the preceding year, underwear (combination and separate) to $\$ 31,520,000$ from $\$ 28,520,000$, knitted outerwear (sweaters, cardigans, pullovers, etc.) to $\$ 46,600,000$ from $\$ 42,210,000$, and all other products to $\$ 22,166,000$ from $\$ 19,897,000$. Shipments of underslips (knitted and woven) fell in value to $\$ 1,697,000$ from $\$ 1,900,000$ in 1955, gloves and mittens (knitted and fabric) to $\$ 1,144,000$ from $\$ 1,398,000$, yarns for sale or transfer (all kinds) to $\$ 1,895,000$ from $\$ 2,170,000$, and receipts from custom processing to $\$ 1,193,000$ from $\$ 1,588,000$. (25)

Dyeing And Finishing Of Iextil.e Goods Industry

Value of work performed by Canada's dyeing and finishing of textile goois industry increased $5.2 \%$ in 1956 to an all-time high total of $\$ 15,017,000$ from $\$ 14,281$, 000 in 1955, according to the Bureau's annin' industry report. The previous peak total was \$14,607,000 resched in 1952. Establishments in 1956 fell to 54 from 56 in 1955 and employees to 2,055 from 2,062, but salaries and wages rose to $\$ 6,131,000$ from $\$ 6,059,000$. Material costs advanced to $\$ 4,276,000$ from $\$ 2,-$ 121,000 unt value added by manufacture to $\$ 9,951+000$ from $\$ 9,496,000$.

Value of work perfomed in the industry in dreing and finishing textile fabrics declined to $\$ 8,987,000$ from $\$ 9,494,000$ in 1955, and dyeing and finishing of other products to $\$ 576,000$ from $\$ 585,000$. Value of printing and painting on textile fabrics increased to $\$ 2,238,000$ from $\$ 1,701,000$, dyeing, finishing and mercerizing of yarns to $\$ 834,000$ from $\$ 740,000$, ribberizing, mercerizing and waterpronfinf fabrics to $\$ 466,000$ from $\$ 310,000$, and bleaching, shrinking, sponging and 2.11 other work to $1,916,000$ from $1,51,000$. (26)

## Shipments Of Fabric Autc Accessories

Value of shimnent,s from 19 establishments engaged in the manufacture of fabric auto accessories fell $3.8 \%$ in 1956 to $\$ 13,701,000$ from 1955's record high total of \$14,237,000, according to DBS. Employees eased to 991 from 995 a year earlier and value added by manufacture to $\$ 4, \$ 42,000$ from $\$ 5,737,000$, but salaries and wages increased to $\$ 3,220,000$ from $\$ 3,014,000$ and material costs to $\$ 8,676,000$ from $\$ 8,615,000$. Products of the industry include such items as trim sets, glass run channel, seat and radiator covers and fender welts. In 1956 shipments of seat covers wore valued at $\$ 1,639,000$ and radiator and other covers were shjoped to tho valus of $\$ 28,000$. (27)

## Industry And Production Notes

The following advance releases give figures which have recently become available in the regular compilations of the Industry and Merchandising Division, and which will appear at a later date in regular publications.

Electrical Apparatus \& Supplios- Factory value of shipments by Canada's electrical apparatus and supplies industry grossed $\$ 1,075,255,000$ in 1957, 1.48 below the preceding year's peak of $\$ 1,090,194,000$. Number of establishments rose to 477 from 473. Employees fell to 81,198 from 83,296 but salaries and wa.ges rose to $\$ 321,390,000$ from $\$ 310,522,000$. Materials and supplies cost less at $\$ 496,388,000$ as compared with $\$ 558,250,000$.

Elec ric Lighting Fixtures- Electric lighting fixtures were shipped in 1957 to the factory value of $\$ 34,941,000$, some $5 \%$ larger than the preceding year's $\$ 33,223,000$. Shipments of commercial and industrial fixtures were vained at. \$21,284,000 (\$19,530,000 in 1956); residential, \$5,414,000 (\$6,015,000); strevt-lighting, $\$ 4,100,000(\$ 3,595,000)$; and other lighting fixtures, \$4, 143,00C (4, 083,000).

Pole Line Hardware- Shipments of pole line hardware were factory valued at $\$ 1 \overline{1,792,000}$ in 1957, slightly below the preceding year's \$11,888,000.

Metal Lath- Factory shipments of metal lath in 1957 amounted to 5,001,500 square yards valued at $\$ 2,083,000$ as compared with $5,543,700$ square yards valued at $\$ 2,174,000$ in the preceding year.

Chain Store Sales- Chain store sales reached a record $\$ 2,841,568,800$ in 1957, some 7\% larger than the preceding year's \$2,647,055,400. Accounting for nearly half the grand total, sales of grocery and combination stores rose to $\$ 1,241,725,400$ in 1957 from $\$ 1,096,330,100$ in 1956.

Leather Tanning- Gross value of shipments of Canadian tanneries in 1957 was $\$ 49,133,000$, a decrease of $5 \%$ from $\$ 51,858,000$ in the preceding year. Number of establishments fell to 51 from 53, employees to 3,874 from 3,973 , salary and wage payments to $\$ 12,437,000$ from $\$ 12,521,000$, and cost of materials to $\$ 29,657,000$ from $\$ 32,594,000$. Values of principal types of leather shipped: cattle and calf upper, including patent and enamelled shoe leather, \$27,878,000 ( $\$ 28,079,000$ in 1956); sole, $\$ 6,309,000(\$ 7,008,000)$; glove and garment, $\$ 4,-$ 057,000 $(\$ 5,134,000)$; and chrome splits, $\$ 2,386,000(\$ 2,604,000)$.

Plumbers' Brass Fittings- Shipments of plumbers' brass fittings in 1957 were factory valued at $\$ 14,258,000$, some $11 \%$ below the preceding year's $\$ 16,-$ 040,000.

Shipments of Valves- Factory shipments of valves in 1957 included the following: iron body, $\$ 10,624,000(\$ 10,894,000$ in 1956); steel, including alloy steel, $\$ 5,948,000(\$ 4,734,000)$; brass and bronze, $\$ 8,256,000(\$ 7,329,000)$; and radiator valves and traps, $\$ 766,000(\$ 654,000)$.

Shipments of Trailers- Close to 12,000 trailers of all types factory valued at $\$ 30,111,000$ were shipped by Canadian manufacturers in 1957.
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