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Labour: Canada's composite industrial employment index declined to 113.0 in the latter part of February from 113.7 in January, seasonal influences being partly responsible. The index was unchanged from a yedr earlier... Claims for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 766,900 at March 31, 4\% less than on February 27 and $11 \%$ below March 31, 1958 ... Canadian paid workers received an estimated $\$ 1,360.1$ million in February in the form of salaries and wages and supplementary labour income, up $0.7 \%$ from January's total of $\$ 1,351.0$ million and $6.5 \%$ from last year's February total of $\$ 1,-$ 277.1 million.
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Business: Number of commercial failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts decreased $6.5 \%$ in 1958 from the preceding year and their defaulted liabilities dropped nearly $25 \%$.
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External Trade: Final figures on imports for January show an increase of $3.7 \%$ from the same month last year.
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Merchandising: Department stores reported an increase of $13.7 \%$ in sales in the week of April 18 this year over last, with all regions sharing in the advance... Sales of new passenger cars and commercial vehicles in February advanced $17 \%$ over the same month last year, boosting January-February sales nearly $11 \%$... Wholesalers proper had sales in February estimated some $10 \%$ greater than in last year's like month. (Pages 6-7)

Transportation: Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada increased $8.1 \%$ in the seven days ended April 14 and $1.6 \%$ for the year to date ... Net deliveries of oil from Canada's pipe lines climbed $22 \%$ in February and $16 \%$ in the January-February period as compared to a year earlier.
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Manufacturing: Canada's steel mills operated at $94.6 \%$ of rated capacity in the week ended April 25 versus $92.9 \%$ a week earlier ... Shipments of Cana-dian-made passenger and commercial vehicles climbed $15.5 \%$ in March and $12.7 \%$ in the first quarter as compared with a year earlier. (Page 10)

Mining: Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines rose sharply in March ( $27 \%$ ), as compared to the same month last year, raising the first-quarter total 11\%.
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Employment And Weekly Earnings In February

Industrial employment in the latter part of February was slightly lower than in the corresponding period in January, DBS reports. The composite employment index $(1949=100)$ declined to 113.0 from 113.7 in January, seasonal influences being partly responsible. The index was unchanged from a year earlier. Average weekly wages and salaries increased to $\$ 73.09$ from $\$ 72.34$ in February and $\$ 70.02$ a year ago.

In manufacturing, the principal non-seasonal causes of employment change were layoff of workers from plants of aircraft manufacturers and their suppliers, and the return of employees of motor vehicle plants who had been on strike during the survey period in January. The Canada employment index for mining dropped $3 \%$ owing to layoff of workers in coal mines in Nova Scotia.

Provincial industrial employment indexes for February were: Newfoundland, 104.5 (111.6 for January); Prince Edward Island, 100.7 (101.8); Nova Scotia, 87.1 (93.9); New Brunswlck, 97.6 (98.3); Quebec, 111.2 (111.8); Ontario, 116.0 (116.6); Manitoba, 105.1 (105.9); Saskatchewan, 117.7 (118.5); Alberta, 145.1 (144.1); and British Columbia, 109.2 (108.0). (1)

Unemployment Insurance
Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered Claims And Benefit

766,900 at March 31 , $4 \%$ less than on February 27 and $11 \%$ below March 31, 1958, according to an advance sta- tement. Seasonal benefit claimants (included in these data) totalled 258,300 on March 31, an increase of $6 \%$ over February 27 and $10 \%$ higher than last year. Regular claimants (508,600 on March 31) were $8 \%$ fewer than on February 27 and 19\% lower than March 31, 1958.

Initial and renewal claims filed during March totalled 230, 100 an increase of $4 \%$ over February but a decrease of $9 \%$ from the intake of claims in March 1958. Claims considered under the seasonal benefit terms accounted for $47 \%$ of initial claims processed in March, compared with $45 \%$ in February and $44 \% 1 a s t$ March.

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 763,200 for March, compared to 673,400 for February and 802,200 for March 1958. Benefit payments amounted to $\$ 65.9$ million for March, $\$ 58.1$ million during February and \$72.4 million during March 1958. -

## Claimarts on last working day of month

Canada Nf1d. F.E. T. N.S.N.B. Oue. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C. (in thousands)

| Mar. 31, 1959 | 766.9 | 31.8 | 6.9 | 44.6 | 41.8 | 258.8 | 227.0 | 29.0 | 22.8 | 36.8 | 67.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Feb. 27, 1959 | 796.0 | 35.8 | 7.7 | 46.4 | 42.7 | 261.3 | 230.5 | 30.9 | 24.4 | 39.0 | 77.3 |
| Mar. 31,1958 | 859.6 | 37.8 | 6.7 | 44.2 | 46.1 | 280.0 | 251.3 | 35.9 | 25.2 | 43.7 | 88.9 |

Initial and renewal claims filed
Canada Nfld. P.E.I.N.S.N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllll}\text { Mar. } 1959 & 230.1 & 5.4 & 1.1 & 13.9 & 11.1 & 75.6 & 75.0 & 8.7 & 5.8 & 12.8 & 20.7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}\text { Feb. } 1959 & 220.9 & 7.5 & 0.9 & 12.0 & 9.3 & 71.2 & 71.6 & 8.5 & 5.6 & 11.5 & 22.9\end{array}$


Canada's paid workers recelved an estimated \$1,360.1 million in February in the form of wages and salaries and supplementary labour income, up $0.7 \%$ from January's total of $\$ 1,351.0$ million and $6.5 \%$ from last year's February total of $\$ 1,277.1$ million, according to advance figures. February's seasonally adjusted total was up $0.4 \%$ from a month earlier at $\$ 1,410.6$ million versus $\$ 1,405.2$ million.

February's labour income was greater this year than last in all regions. The Prairie Provinces had the biggest gain with $10.5 \%$, followed by British Columbia with $8.1 \%$, Ontario with $6.0 \%$, Quebec with $5.3 \%$, and the Atlantic Provinces with $4.1 \%$.

The table following contains regional figures for February this year and last and January this year on the unadjusted basis, together with data for January and February 1959 on the seasonally adjusted basis.

| Regions | Unadjusted |  |  |  |  | Seasonally <br> Adjusted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { February } \\ 1958 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | January 1959 | February 1959 | January 1958 | $\begin{gathered} \text { - February } \\ 1959 \end{gathered}$ | January 1959 | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1959 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (\$ mil110ns) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tic Region | 86.1 | 91.0 | 89.6 | 171.3 | 180.6 | 94.2 | 93.3 |
|  | 328.6 | 344.3 | 345.9 | 656.2 | 690.2 | 355.2 | 356.9 |
|  | 545.6 | 576.3 | 578.3 | 1,089.6 | 1,154.6 | 590.9 | 591.9 |
|  | 185.0 | 200.9 | 204.4 | 369.7 | 405.3 | 212.3 | 216.4 |
| Columbia | 126.9 | 133.4 | 137.2 | 248.5 | 270.6 | 146.9 | 147.4 |
| da | 1,277.1 | 1,351.0 | 1,360.1 | 2,544.9 | 2,711.1 | 1,405.2 | 1,410.6 |

Provincial Govermment Employment The following special statement on provincial government employment statistics has been prepared to meet a number of requests for this information. It will be carried at quarterly intervals in future issues of the Weekly Bullet́a...

The statistics in the table on page 4 are presented on the basis of "function" which is an analysis, by purpose, of the operations of governments. The analysis by function overcomes differences in the administrative structures of governments and permits study of their operations on a comparable basis. Since these functions are not affected by periodic changes in the administrative structure of governments, it is possible to develop a statistical series which, with minor exceptions, is consistent over an extended period of time. Also, with the elimination of differences in administrative establishment, it is possible to make meaningful comparisons between total provincial government expenditures on employment and similar expenditures by other levels of government.

Similar statistics are presented monthly for the Government of Canada in a publication entitled "Federal Government Employment". It should be noted that the table which follows contains data for mine provinces only, excluding employment of the provincial government of Quebec, and the territorial governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. A further explanation of the information shown may be obtained by writing to the Government Employment and Payrolls section of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Number of Employees at December 31, 1958 \& Their Gross Earnings
For the Period October 1 to December 31, 1958
For the Period October 1 to December 31, 1958

|  | Canada (1) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Earnings |
|  |  | \$ 1000 |
| Departmental Services (by function) : |  |  |
| General govern\%.4 | 10,883 | 10,315 |
| Protection of Persons \& Property: |  |  |
| Corrections | 4,039 | 3,619 |
| Other Protection of Persons \& Property | 8,856 | 8,406 |
| Transportation \& Communications | 37,672 | 22,850 |
| Health \& Social Welfare: |  |  |
| Health: |  |  |
| Hospital Care | 24,107 | 17,127 |
| Other Health | 4,559 | 3,918 |
| Social Welfare: |  |  |
| Aid to Aged Persons | 967 | 634 |
| Labour | 537 | 537 |
| Other Social Welfare | 2,168 | 1,800 |
| Recreational \& Cultural Services | 1,010 | 928 |
| Education: |  |  |
| Schools Operated by Local Authorities | 1,058 | 1,420 |
| Universities, Colleges \& other Schools (2) | 3,235 | 3,250 |
| Other Education | 1,349 | 1,178 |
| National Resources \& Primary Industries: |  |  |
| Fish \& Game | 515 | 2,501 |
| Forests | 9,277 | 5, ${ }^{3 \prime}$ |
| Lands: Settlement \& Agriculture | 3,475 | 2,637 |
| Minerals \& Mines | 945 | 1,001 |
| Other Natural Resources \& Primary Industries | 848 | 880 |
| Trade \& Industrial Development | 585 | 576 |
| Local Government Planning \& Development | 762 | 795 |
| Other Services | 336 | 334 |
| Total Departmental Services | 117,183 | 90,625 |
| Provincial Government Universities | 15,169 | 12,051 |
| Provincial Government Enterprises | 48,105 | 50,074 |
| Grand Total (3) | 180,457 | 152,750 |

(1) - Excluding Quebec; (2) - this function excludes Provincial Government Universities, which are listed separately; (3) - Provincial Departmental Services, Universities and Government Enterprises.

BUSINESS
Commercial Failures In 1958 Commercial failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts decreased $6.5 \%$ in 1958 to 2,070 from the preceding year's 2,213 and their defaulted liabilities dropped nearly $25 \%$ to $\$ 60,011,000$ from $\$ 79,862,000$. Average liability per failure thus fell to $\$ 29,000$ from $\$ 36,100$.

Failures of trading establishments declined $7.4 \%$ to 859 from 928 , with decreases in clothing and shoe stroes and furniture and appliance establishments, and increases in establishments selling automotive products and hardware and building materials. Insolvencies of manufacturing business dropped to 341 from 336, partly due to a decrease in failures of establishments producing foods and beverages. Insolvencies of construction establishments decreased to 345 from 372, and failures of transportation businesses to 89 from 109. Bankruptcies of "service" undertakings, however, advanced to 277 from 244

Estimated liabilities declined $35 \%$ in the construction sect, and also fell substantially in the trade division and in finance and public utilities. Manufacturing liabilities decreased slightly, while liabilities advanced in the services and transportation fields.

Number of business fallures in Quebec declined in 1958 to 1,331 from 1,359 and the estimated liabilities to $\$ 33,439,000$ from $\$ 37,266,000$. Bankruptcies in Ontario decreased to 534 from 630 and total estimated liabilities to $\$ 16,412$, 000 from $\$ 31,349,000$. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces declined to 99 from 113 and total liabilities to $\$ 4,050,000$ from $\$ 5,683,000$. Jn British Columbia the number of failures rose to 7 " ${ }^{\text {com }} 57$, while total liabilities fell to $\$ 2,455,000$ from $\$ 3,056,000$. The Atlantic Provinces showed a reverse trend, fallures declining to 34 from 54 and liabilities rising to $\$ 3,655,000$ from $\$ 2,508,000$. (2)

## EXTERNALTRADE

Canada's Commodity Imports In January

Final and detailed figures show that Canada's commodity imports from all countries in January were valued at $\$ 413,200,000$, a small decrease from the preliminary estimate published on February 24. The month's final figure was $3.7 \%$ above last year's corresponding total of $\$ 398,600,000$.

Among major supply sources there were larger imports in January this year than last in the United States, Comonwealth countries other than the United Kingdom, European countries, and all "other" foreign countries, and smaller imports from the United Kingdom and Latin American countries.

Commodity-wise, larger values were posted for automobiles and parts, farm implements and machinery, crude petroleum, coal, rubber and products, s, ahetic fibres and products, plastics and products, aluminum and products and smaller values for non-farm machinery, rolling-mill products, engines and boilers, aircraft and parts, and petroleum products.

Purchases from the United States in January were valued at $\$ 293,950,000$, slightly larger than last year 's like total of $\$ 288,637,000$, five of the nine main commodity groups increasing. Largest rise occurred in the iron and products arou fith smaller increases in agricultural and vegetable products, animals and animal products, wood, wood products and paper, and chemicals and allied products. Group value. were smaller for fibres and textiles, non-ferrous metals, non-metallic minerals, and miscellaneous commodities.

Imports from the United Kingdom declined in January to $\$ 35,022,006$ from $\$ 37,542,000$ in the same month last year, decreases in five groups offsetting increases in the other four. The two largest groups -- iron and products and fibres and textiles -- both were lower in value, as were agricultural and vegetable products, non-ferrous metals and products, and miscellaneous commodities. Animals and animal products, wood, wood products and paper, non metallic minerals and products, and chemicals and products moved up in value.

Imports from the rest of the Commonwealth rose in January to $\$ 14,317,000$ from $\$ 11,639,000$ in the corresponding month last year. Month's purchases were larger from countries of the West Indies Federation, India and Australia, and smaller from Malaya and Singapore and Fiji.

January's imports from Latin American countries declined narrowly to $\$ 28,229,000$ from $\$ 29,070,000$ in the corresponding month last year, decreases being posted for Brazil and Colombia and increases for Mexico and Venezuela. Purchases from European countries as a group rose in January to $\$ 22,998,000$ from $\$ 17,396,000$, increases being recorded for Belgium and Luxembourg, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy and the Netherlands and decreases for Sweden and Switzerland.

Imports from all "other" foreign countries were up in total in January to $\$ 18,320,000$ from $\$ 13,995,000$ in the corresponding month last year, larger values being registered for Arabia and Japan and a smaller total for the Netherlands Antilles.

Following were among the major individual commodity imports in January: non- Farm machinery, $\$ 38,166,000$ ( $\$ 42,385,000$ in January 1958); automobile parts, $\$ 37,260,000(\$ 22,336,000)$; crude petroleum, $\$ 24,846,000(\$ 23,124,000)$; freight and passenger automobiles, $\$ 17,817,000(\$ 12,378,000)$; farm machinery and implements, $\$ 15,534,000(\$ 12,246,000)$; engines and boilers, $\$ 10,070,000(\$ 12,89,000)$; rolling-mill products, $\$ 9,828,000(\$ 10,984,000)$; cotton products, $\$ 9,630,000$ $(\$ 9,559,000)$; fruits, $\$ 9,285,000(\$ 9,257,000)$; aircraft and parts, $\$ 8,997,000$ ( $\$ 10,290,000$ ) ; petroleum products, $\$ 8,640,000(\$ 9,136,000)$; books and printed matter, $\$ 7,453,000(\$ 6,958,000)$; plastics and products, $\$ 6,444,000(\$ 5,690,000)$; coal, $\$ 6,181,000(\$ 5,858,000)$; rubber and products, $\$ 6,038,000(\$ 5,438,000)$; synthetic fibres and products, $\$ 5,578,000(\$ 4,630,000)$; paper, $\$ 5,187,000$ $(\$ 5,291,000)$; wool products, $\$ 5,110,000(\$ 5,270,000)$; and vegetables, $\$ 4,625,-$ $000(\$ 5,032,000):(3 \& 4)$

MERCHANDISING
Department Store Sales Canada's department stores reported an increase of $13.7 \%$ in sales in the week of April 18 this year over last. All regions shared in the advance, with the gains in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia exceeding the national average. Increases were: Atlantic Provinces, 4.9\%; Quebec, 12.9\%; Ontario, $9.0 \%$; Manitoba, $14.5 \%$; Saskatchewan, $7.1 \%$; Alberta, $19.9 \%$; and British Columbia, $25.4 \%$.

New Motor Vehicle Sales Sales of new passenger cars and commercial vehicles in February advanced $17 \%$ to 37,037 units from 31,636 a year earlier, placing January-February sales $10.8 \%$ ahead of last year at 69,385 units versus 62,602 . Retail value of sales rose $20.6 \%$ in the month to $\$ 114,649,000$ from $\$ 95,032,000$, and $15.3 \%$ in the two months to $\$ 218,354,000$ from \$189,390,000.

Sales of British and European passenger and commercial vehicles, included in total sales, jumped $35.3 \%$ in February to 7,053 units from 5,213 , and $35.8 \%$ in January-February to 12,258 units from 9,025. Value of these sales climbed $41 \%$ in the month to $\$ 14,303,000$ from $\$ 10,147,000$, and $40.6 \%$ in the two months to $\$ 24,694,000$ from $\$ 17,557,000$ 。

Total sales of new passenger cars in February numbered 31,270 units valued at $\$ 95,013,000$ against 27,462 units worth $\$ 80,308,000$ a year earlier, while commercial vehicle sales totalled 5,767 units valued at $\$ 19,636,000$ against 4,174 units worth $\$ 14,724,000$. Total sales of new passenger cars in January-February amounted to 58,767 units valued at $\$ 179,563,000$ versus 53,952 units worth $\$ 159$, 598,000 , and commercial vehicle sales totalled 10,618 unfts valued at $\$ 38,791,-$ 000 against 8,650 units worth $\$ 29,792,000$.

New British and European passenger cars sold in February totalled 6,385 units valued at $\$ 12,901,000$ compared to 4,869 units worth $\$ 9,421,000$ a year earlier, and commercial vehicle sales amounted to 668 units valued at $\$ 1,402,-$ 000 versus 344 units worth $\$ 726,000$. Two-month sales of passenger vehicles aggregated 11,146 units valued at $\$ 22,365,000$ versus 8,361 units worth $\$ 16,144,-$ 000 , and commercial vehicle sales totalled 1,112 units valued at $\$ 2,329,000$ versus 664 units worth $\$ 1,413,000$.

Financing of new passenger and commercial vehicles covered the sales of 11,186 units in February involving $\$ 28,418,000$ as compared to 10,797 units financed for $\$ 25,271,000$ a year earlier. In the January-February period the sales of 20,896 units were financed for $\$ 53,388,000$ versus 22,870 units financed for $\$ 54,13$, 000 in last year's like two months.

Financed sales of used passenger and commercial vehicles in February numbered 23,647 units and were financed for a total of $\$ 26,016,000$ against 24,249 units for $\$ 24,838,000$ a year ago. Two-month financed sales amounted to 42,278 units involving $\$ 46,573,000$ versus 41,96 units involving $\$ 49,671,000$. (5)

Wholesale Trade In February Canada's sholesalers proper had sales estimated at $\$ 616,919,000$ in February, some $10 \%$ greater than 1ast year's February total of $\$ 560,117,000$. January-February sales were $9.3 \%$ larger than a year ago at $\$ 1,209,861,000$ versus $\$ 1,107,316,000$.

Fourteen of the 17 specified trades reported increased sales in February this year over last, with gains ranging between $30.7 \%$ for farm machinery and $0.6 \%$ for newsprint, paper and paper products. (6)

## TRANSPORTATION

Carloadings Greater Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on 1ines in Canada increased $8.1 \%$ in the seven days ended April 14 to 71,526 from 66,196 a year earlier, raising the January 1-April 14 total $1.6 \%$ to 967,104 from 952,180 in the corresponding 1958 period. Receipts from connections rose $4 \%$ in the seven-day period to 28,054 cars from 26,983 , but fell $4.5 \%$ in the cumulative period to 411,554 cars from $430,735$.

Flat cars loaded in piggyback services in the seven days ended April 14 numbered 2,887 (2,223 loaded in the East and 664 in the West), placing loadings since the first of year to April 14 at 30,478 ( 25,211 in the East and 5,267 in the West).

Principal commodities moved in greater volume in the seven-day period included: wheat, 5,651 cars ( 4,236 a year earlier); coal, 3,037 (2,336); iron ore, 1,630 (979); crude gypsum, 1,430 (495); lumber, timber and plywood, 4, 426 $(3,296)$; and miscellaneous carload comodities, $7,063(5,237)$. Loaded in reduced volume: building sand, gravel and crushed stone, $2,387(3,034)$; and 1.c.1. merchandise, 11,061 ( 12,754 ). (7)

Railway Operating Revenues And Expenses In January

Railway operating revenues in January rose $1.8 \%$ to $\$ 89,690,000$ from $\$ 88,098,000$ a year earlier and operating expenses $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 93,378,000$ from $\$ 92$,936,000 , resulting in a net operating loss of $\$ 3,687,000$ compared to a loss of $\$ 4,838,000$ in the same month of 1958 .

Rail operating revenues, comprising railway, express, commercial communications, and highway transport (rail) services in January increased $2.2 \%$ to $\$ 97,515,000$ from $\$ 95,371,000$ a year ago, and operating expenses $1.1 \%$ to $\$ 100$, 856,000 from $\$ 99,768,000$. The resulting net rail operating deficit amounted to $\$ 3,341,000$ versus $\$ 4,397,000$ a year earlier. (8)

Net Pipe-Line Oil Deliveries Greater In February \& 2 Months

Net deliveries of oil from Canadian pipe 1 ines in February climbed $22 \%$ to $27,692,612$ barrels from 22,775,354 a year earlier, making the January-February total $16 \%$ larger than a year ago at $55,852,381$ barrels versus 48,008,244.

January-February deliveries were greater for all provinces except British Columbia. Totals: British Columbia, 5,378,262 barrels (6,125,072 a year ago) ; Alberta, $4,036,062(2,361,182)$; Saskatchewan, $3,563,946(2,786,375)$; Manitoba, $18,308,766(15,287,945)$; Ontario, $9,238,104(7,893,107)$; and Quebec, 15,327,241 ( $13,554,563$ ). Included in Manitoba deliveries were $16,306,866$ barrels (13,224,394 a year earlier) transferred to the Lakehea. Pipe Line Company at Gretna, the bulk of which moved through the United States destined to refineries in Ontario. (9)

PRICES
Security Price Indexes

|  | April 23 | April 16 | March 26 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Investors ${ }^{\text {P }}$ Price Index |  | 1935-39 $=100$ |  |
| Total coumon stocks | 265.9 | 266.2 | 268.0 |
| Industrials | 271.4 | 272.6 | 275.3 |
| Utilities | 200.9 | 200.8 | 200.7 |
| Banks | 361.3 | 354.4 | 350.7 |
| Mining Stock Price Index |  |  |  |
| Total mining stocks | 119.1 | 120.8 | 125.6 |
| Golds | 84.4 | 85.7 | 88.1 |
| Base metals | 198.4 | 201.2 | 211.5 |

Exports \& Supplies Of Canadian Wheat

Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat in the week of ended April 15 dropped 38\% to 4,071,000 bushels from 6,563,000 a year earlier, leaving the August 1 - April 15 total $5.3 \%$ behind a year ago at $165,824,000$ bushels versus $175,157,000$. Visible supplies in Canadian positions at April 15 aggregated 375,857,000 bushels, up $0.4 \%$ from the week-earlier total of $374,339,000$ and $5.8 \%$ from the year-earlier total of $355,159,000$. (10)

## Milk Production Greater

Production of milk in March is placed 1.5\% above a year earlier at $1,168,000,000$ pounds, according to preliminary indications, making the January-March total $2.2 \%$ greater than a year ago at $3,149,000,000$ pounds. February output rose $3.3 \%$ to $945,676,000$ pounds from 915,676,000 a year earlier, according to revised figures.

February production was larger than a year earlier in all provinces except New Brunswick and Quebec. Totals: Prince Edward Island, 8,767,000 pounds (8,632,000 a year earlier) ; Nova Scotia, $26,440,000$ ( $26,087,000$ ) ; New Brunswick, $22,968,000(23,193,000)$; Quebec, $215,254,000(220,840,000)$; Ontario, $358,906,-$ 000 (334,854,000); Manitoba, 73,756,000 (70,135,000); Saskatchewan, 84,386,000 ( $82,794,000$ ) ; Alberta, $91,032,000(90,435,000)$; and British Columbia, 48,643,$000(46,834,000)$. (11)

9-City Creamery Butter Stocks of creamery butter in nine cities of Canada Stocks Larger At April 23 at April 23 amounted to $35,650,000$ pounds, up sharply (77\%) from last year's comparable total of $20,195,000$ pounds. Holdings were larger than a year earlier in all cities except Quebec. Totals: Quebec, $1,992,000$ pounds (3,140,000 a year ago) ; Montreal, $16,762,000(11,871,000)$; Toronto, $4,668,000(1,122,000)$; Winnipeg, $9,-$ $011,000(1,818,000)$; Regina, $814,000(289,000)$; Saskatoon, 369,000 (311,000); Edmonton, 651,000 (532,000); Calgary, 241,000 (220,000); and Vancouver, 1,142,$000(892,000)$.

## Stocks Of Canned Fruit \& Vegetables

Stocks of canned fruit and vegetables held by canners at the end of February were smaller than a month earlier. Month-end stocks of canned fruit were: apples (solid pack) 209,000 cases (245,000 at January 31); apple juice, 1,071,000 ( $1,165,000$ ) ; apple sauce, 355,000 ( 421,000 ); apricots, 101,000 (113,000); cherries, $186,000(214,000)$; peaches, $1,133,000(1,274,000)$; Bartlett pears, $289,000(331,000)$; Kieffer pears, 279,000 (335,000); plums, 228,000 (251,000); raspberries, 68,000 (69,000); and strawberries, 31,000 (44,000).

End-of-February stocks of canned vegetables: asparagus, 61,000 cases ( 85,000 a month earlier) ; green beans, 738,000 ( 842,000 ); wax beans, 745,000 ( 859,000 ) ; beets, $378,000(418,000)$; whole-kernel corn, $1,018,000(1,090,000)$; cream-style corn, $1,562,000(1,825,000)$; peas, $2,581,000(2,900,000)$; tomatoes, 765,000 ( 851,000 ); and tomato juice, $3,162,000(3,570,000)$.

Weekly Steel Ingot Output
Production of steel ingots in the week ended April 25 increased $1.8 \%$ to 114,826 tons from 112,822 a week earlier and $7.2 \%$ from 107,133 tons two weeks earlier. Canada's steel mills operated at $94.6 \%$ of the rated cacacity in the week compared to $92.9 \%$ a week earlier and $86.6 \%$ two weeks earlier.

Net Shipments of Rolled Carbon Stee 1 Products Up In February

Net shipments of rolled carbon stee 1 products in February increased $11.4 \%$ to 311,590 tons from 279,825 a year earlier. Disposition of shipments to the principal consuming industries in February were: building construction, 54,486 tons ( 36,388 a year earlier); pipes and tubes, 48,102 (37,469) ; merchant trade products, 38,644 ( 27,888 ); rallway operating, 36,506 ( 43,190 ); wholesalers and warehouses, 34,707 ( 22,183 ); container industry, 27,515 (26,010); pressing, forming and stamping, 17,761 (12,507); automotive industries, $16,690(7,202)$; machinery and tools, $14,217(13,324)$; and agricultural implement and equipment manufacturers, 10,562 (4,981). (12)

Motor Vehicle Shipments In March \& First Quarter

Shipments of Canadian-made passenger and commercial vehicles climbed $15.6 \%$ in March to 41,660 units from

36,024 a year earlier, raising the January-March total $12.7 \%$ to 112,281 units from 99,652 a year ago. Shipments of vehicles imported from the United States advanced in the month to 2,489 units from 1,780 , and in the three months to 7,009 units from 5,484.

March shipments of passenger cars rose to 34,312 units from 30,164 a year earlier and comercial vehicles to 7,348 units from 5,860. January-March passenger car shipments increased to 95,083 units from 84,584 and commercial vehicles to 17,198 units from 15,068 .

Shipments of Cmadian-made passenger cars for sale in Canada climbed in March to 33,036 units from 27,964, placing January-March shipments ahead of last year at 91,827 units versus 77,074. Commercial vehicles shipped for sale in Canada advanced in the month to 6,959 units from 5,186 , making the threemonth total larger than a year ago at 16,624 units versus 13,060 .

Shipments of passenger cars intended for export declined in March to 1,276 units from 2,200 a year earlier and in the quarter to 3,256 units from 7,510, and shipments of commercial vehicles fell in March to 389 units from 674 and in the three months to 574 units from 2,008. (13)

Coke Output In February Production of coke in February increased to 295, 160 tons from 276,071 a year earlier, while landed imports decreased to 14,889 tons from 24,281 , and exports to 8,872 tons from 11,589. Coke avallable for consumption rose in the month to 301,177 tons from 288,763. January-February coke output rose to 599,570 tons from 580,746 a year ago, and the amount available for consumption to 611,583 tons from 608,015 , while landed imports fell to 31,935 tons from 52,921 , and exports to 19,922 tons from 25,652. (14)

Consumption of natural, synthetic and reclaim rubber in February increased sharply ( $45 \%$ ) to $23,223,000$ pounds from last year's corresponding total of $15,960,000$. Natural rubber consumed rose to $8,301,000$ pounds from 5,558,000 a year earlier, synthetic to $11,588,000$ pounds from $7,837,000$, and reclaim to $3,334,000$ pounds from $2,565,000$. Natural rubber consumed in the month accounted for $35,7 \%$ of total consumption compared to $34.8 \%$ a year earlier, synthetic for $49.9 \%$ versus $49.1 \%$; and reclaim for $14.4 \%$ against $16.1 \%$.

Total rubber consumed in the manufacture of tires and tubes in February advanced to $16,080,000$ pounds from $10,090,000$ a year earlier, in footwear to $2,112,000$ pounds from 1,780,000 and in "other" products to $4,497,000$ pounds from 3,559,000. Consumptdon of rubber in the output of wire and cable was practically unchanged from a year ago at 534,000 pounds versus 531,000 . (15)

## Shipments Of Gypsum Products

Shipments of gypsum wallboard and lath were greater in March this year than last, but those of gypsum sheathing and plasters were smaller. January-March shipments were greater than a year ago for wallboard but smaller for the other products.

March shipments were: wallboard, $29,208,435$ square feet $(26,197,496$ a year earlier); lath, $26,202,663$ square feet ( $24,104,645$ ); sheathing, 530,418 square feet ( 676,084 ) ; and plasters, 21,391 tons $(22,088)$.

First quarter shipments: wallboard, $77,012,400$ square feet ( $72,502,632$ a year ago) ; lath, $72,702,191$ square feet ( $75,622,459$ ); sheathing, $1,296,378$ square feet $(1,645,252)$; and plasters, 61,149 tons $(63,481)$. (16)

Hard Board Shipments Shipments of all types of hard board rose $24 \%$ in March to $23,855,600$ square feet from $19,229,520$ a year earlier and $29 \%$ in January-March to $67,390,736$ square feet from 52,061,089 a year ago. Shipments were greater in March and the quarter for all types. March totals: not tempered or treated, $8,570,683$ square feet (7,593,857 a year earlier); tempered or treated, $4,16,723$ square feet $(3,018,867)$; and semi-hard board, $11,120,194$ square feet $(8,616,796)$. First quarter totals: not tempeed or treated, $23,562,833$ square feet ( $21,189,119$ a year ago); tempeed or treated, $12,571,220$ square feet ( $7,500,120$ ); and semi-hard board, $31,256,683$ square feet $(23,362,850)$. (17)

Leather Footwear Outpat Greater Production of leather footwear in January this year rose $4.9 \%$ to $3,615,327$ pairs from 3,445,758 in January last year, all size groups except babies ${ }^{\text { }}$ and infants' showing increased output. Totals by size groups: men's, 806,899 pairs ( 737,421 a year earlier) ; boys', 135,051 ( 125,432 ); youths ${ }^{1}, 76,207(23,099)$; women ${ }^{1}$ s and growing girls', $1,688,950(1,673,356)$; misses ${ }^{1}$, 361,344 (350,721); children's and little gents', 280,709 (262,223); and babies' and infants', 266,167 (273,506). (18)

## Sugar Production Larger

Production of refined beet and cane sugar increased $17 \%$ in this year's first quarter to $278,417,000$ pounds from last year's like total of $237,548,000$ and sales $3.4 \%$ to $332,336,-$ 000 pounds from 321,343,000. March output fell to $54,450,000$ pounds from 55,831,000 , but sales advanced to $119,962,000$ pounds from $115,588,000$. End-ofMarch stocks held by manufacturers were $25.5 \%$ greater than a year ago at 320 , 471,000 pounds versus $255,242,000$.

January-March receipts of raw cane sugar jumped $35 \%$ to $142,531,000$ pounds from 105,770,000 a year ago and meltings and sales $16.5 \%$ to $275,784,000$ pounds from 236,804,000. March receipts climbed steeply to $46,637,000$ pounds from 9,970,000 a year earlier, but meltings and sales dropped to $48,407,000$ pounds from 50,119,000. March 31 stocks in companies ${ }^{2}$ hands were $31 \%$ larger than a year ago at $132,124,000$ pounds versus $100,719,000$. (19)

## Bridge Building \& Structural St.eel

 Industry Had Record Year In 1957Canada ${ }^{\text { }}$ s bridge building and structural steel industry made products with a gross selling value of $\$ 231,450,000$ in 1957 , $13 \%$ above $1956^{\circ}$ s previous al1-time high of $\$ 204,712,000$. Establishments increased to 58 from 51 in 1956, emplayees to 15,974 from 13,707, salaries and wages to $\$ 70,956,000$ from $\$ 58,440,000$, cost of materials used to $\$ 117,062,000$ from $\$ 103,230,000$, and valued added by manufacture to $\$ 112,320,000$ from $\$ 99,-$ 729,000.

Value of structural work in 1957 advanced to $\$ 181,099,000$ from $\$ 156,717,-$ 000 in 1956, comprising buildings at $\$ 125,082,000$ versus $\$ 107,544,000$, bridges at $\$ 27,737,000$ versus $\$ 26,716,000$, transmission towers at $\$ 10,191,000$ versus $\$ 6,029,000$, and all "other" structures at $\$ 18,090,000$ versus $\$ 16,428,000$. Value of plate and tank work, including tanks, hoppers and digesters amounted to $\$ 13,017,000$ versus $\$ 14,403,000$ in the preceding year, mechanical work, including cranes, trolleys, boilers and machinery at $\$ 10,154,000$ versus $\$ 7,425, \ldots$ 000 , and "other" products, including barges, reinforcing steel, and castings at $\$ 14,977,000$ versus $\$ 21,770,000$. (20)

Heating \& Cooking Apparatus Industry Value of factory shipments by the 118 establishments comprising Canada's heating and cooking apparatus industry in 1957 (117 in 1956) declined 3.7\% to $\$ 119,332,000$ from 1956 's record total of $\$ 123,626,000$. Employees dec1ined to 8,879 from 9,438 in the preceding year, salaries and wages to $\$ 32,162,000$ from $\$ 33,371,000$, cost of materials to $\$ 59,963,000$ from $\$ 65,663,000$, and value added by manufacture to $\$ 57,563,000$ from $\$ 60,118,000$.

Production in 1957 of the major items from all industries was: power-type oil burners, $\$ 7,656,000$ ( $\$ 10,626,000$ in 1956); domestic water-tank heaters, $\$ 8,180,000(\$ 8,140,000)$; furnace blowers, $\$ 2,029,000(\$ 1,907,000)$; mechanical stokers, $\$ 1,104,000(\$ 1,374,000)$; unit heaters, $\$ 6,561,000(\$ 5,452,000)$; air registers and grills, $\$ 2,838,000(\$ 2,461,000)$; heating radiators, $\$ 10,887,000$ ( $\$ 11,041,000$ ) ; warm air furnaces, $\$ 27,638,000(\$ 25,851,000)$; and heating and power boilers, $\$ 23,873,000(\$ 27,554,000)$. (21)

## Leather Footwear Industry

Factory shipments from the 253 establishments com－ prising Canada＇s leather footwear industry in 1957 （259 in 1956）increased $4 \%$ in value to an all－time high of $\$ 142,163,000$ from $\$ 136,682,000$ in the preceding year．Employees rose to 20 ， and wages to $\$ 49,140,000$ from $\$ 46,395,000$ ，cost of materials to $\$ 69,907,000$ from $\$ 66,901,000$ ，and value added by manufacture to $\$ 73,040,000$ from $\$ 69,993,000$ ．

Shipments in 1957 included：boots and shoes with leather or fabric uppers （except felt）：$\$ 130,334,000(\$ 124,536,000$ in 1956）；slippers－housewear （except felt and Indian），$\$ 6,267,000(\$ 5,923,000)$ ；felt footwear，$\$ 1,137,000$ （ $\$ 1,126,000$ ）；and Indian slippers，$\$ 2,990,000(\$ 3,418,000)$（22）

Sporting Goods Industry
Value of factory shipments from Canada ${ }^{0}$ s sporting goods industry reached a record total of $\$ 16,407,000$ in 1957，an increase of close to $6 \%$ over the preceding year＇s $\$ 15,528,000$ ．Ship－ ments of sporting goods from all industries climbed some $14 \%$ to $\$ 20,021,000$ from \＄17，623，000．

Values of some of the major items shipped by all producers in 1957 were factory valued as follows：billiard and bowling supplies，$\$ 2,679,000$（ $\$ 1,991,-$ 000 in 1956）；fishing rods and other tackle，$\$ 2,772,000(\$ 2,585,000)$ ；ice skates，$\$ 2,272,000(\$ 2,622,000)$ ；golf clubs，$\$ 1,704,000(\$ 1,459,000)$ ；hockey sticks，$\$ 1,666,000$（ $\$ 1,636,000$ ）；and toboggans，$\$ 872,000$（ $\$ 613,000$ ）．（23）

Fur Goods \＆Fur Dressing Industries
Shipments from 540 plants comprising Canada＇s fur goods and fur dressing in－ dustries were factory valued at $\$ 62,188,000$ in 1957 ，an increase of $2 \%$ over the preceding year＇s $\$ 61,126,000$ for 522 plants．Number of employees rose to 4,736 from 4，651 in 1956 and salaries and wages to $\$ 15,034,000$ from $\$ 14,166,000$ 。 Cost of materials and supplies declined to $\$ 38,989,000$ from $\$ 39,045,000$ 。

Accounting for a large part of the industry total，shipments of women＇s fur coats，boleros and jackets were factory valued at $\$ 47,686,000$ versus $\$ 47$ ，－ 169,000 in 1956．Fur capes were shipped to the value of $\$ 2,863,000(\$ 2,452,000$ in 1956）；fur trimming，$\$ 1,845,000(\$ 1,787,000)$ ；and dressed skins，$\$ 1,447,000$ （ $\$ 1,933,000$ ）。（24）

Rooftrigg Paper Industry
Factory shipments from establishments comprising Cana－ da＇s roofing paper industry in 1957 totalled $\$ 40,935,-$ 000 ，a decrease of about $2 \%$ from the preceding year ${ }^{\circ} \$ \$ 41,675,000$ ．There were 25 establishments in both years．These employed 2,491 persons in 1957 （ 2,463 in 1956），paid $\$ 9,663,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 9,112,000)$ ，and $\$ 21,304,000$ for materials and supplies（ $\$ 22,439,000$ ）。（25）

Factory shipments by 27 establishments comprising Canada's hardwood flooring industry were valued at $\$ 15,509,000$, down $21.8 \%$ from the preceding year's all-time peak of $\$ 19,818,000$. Shipments of hardwood flooring were valued at $\$ 12,322,000$ ( $\$ 14,726,000$ in 1956); other products, including matched and planed lumber, mouldings, and sash, doors and other mill-work accounted for the remainder. Birch, red oak and maple were the principal kinds of hardwood flooring produced. (26)

Petroleum \& Coal Products Value of shipments from 107 plants engaged in the manufacture of products of petroleum and coal increased almost $19 \%$ in 1956 to a record $\$ 1,377,226,000$ from the preceding year's $\$ 1,160,824,000$. Number of employees rose to 17,685 from 17,486 , salaries and wages to $\$ 81,680,000$ from $\$ 72,437,000$, and cost of materials and supplies to $\$ 837,627,000$ from $\$ 704,385,000$.

Values for 1956 of some of the major products made for sale by these plants were as follows ( 1955 figures in brackets): motor gasoline, $\$ 548,717,000$ ( $\$ 491,-$ 186,000 ) ; light fuel oil, $\$ 195,625,000(\$ 148,084,000)$; heavy fuel oil, $\$ 126,283,-$ $000(\$ 92,209,000)$; diesel fuel, $\$ 106,583,000(\$ 77,177,000)$; Kerosene and stove oil, $\$ 64,840,000(\$ 63,600,000)$; lubricating oil, $\$ 67,369,000(\$ 45,303,000)$.

Medicinal \& Pharmaceutical Preparations Industry

Factory shipments by the 207 establishments that were engaged chiefly in the manufacture of patent and proprietary medicines and similar commodities in Canada in $195 \%$ ( 212 in 1956) were valued at an all-time high of $\$ 140,093,000$, up 14\% from 1956's previous record total of $\$ 122,592,000$. These establishments employed 8,146 persons in 1957 (7,801 in 1956), paid them $\$ 28,656,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 25,953,000)$, and spent $\$ 42,337,000$ for materials $(\$ 38,009,000)$.

Total Canadian output of medicinals, pharmaceuticals and biologicals, from all industries, amounted to $\$ 126,297,000$ in 1957 compared to $\$ 110,002,000$ in 1. $\quad \$ 100,878,000$ in 1955.

Onłario had 91 establishments in 1957 ( 94 in 1956) with shipments valued at $\$ 74,871,000(\$ 62,579,000)$, accounting for $53 \%$ of the national total ( $51 \%$ ), followed by Quebec with 88 plants (92) and shipments worth $\$ 62,921,000$ ( $\$ 57$, 691,000 ), accounting for $45 \%$ of the total (47\%). (28)

Miscellaneous Non-Ferrous Metal Products Indestry

Factory value of shipments from Canada's miscellaneous non-ferrous metal products industry advanced $28 \%$ in 1957 to a record $\$ 19,263,000$ from $\$ 15,048,000$ in 1956. Establishments increased to 34 from 30 in 1956, employees to 1,341 from 1,103, salaries and wages to $\$ 5,384,000$ from $\$ 4,422,000$, cost of materials to $\$ 9,983,000$ from $\$ 7,335,000$, and value added by manufacture to $\$ 9,268,000$ from $\$ 7,854,000$. These establishments are engaged chiefly in the manufacture of such products as electroplating supplies, weatherstrip, railway and marine lanterns, window screens, name plates, and metallic packing. (29)

Non-Ferrous Metal Gross value of production for the six industries in the Products Industries non-ferrous metal products industries rose $14.5 \%$ in 1956 to an all-time high of $\$ 1,862,156,000$ from 1955's previous record of $\$ 1,626,981,000$. All of the industries registered gains from a year earlier, as follows: aluminum products, $\$ 90,471,000$ ( $\$ 79,840,000$ in 1955); brass and copper products, $\$ 244,096,000$ ( $\$ 216,500,000$ ) ; jewellery and silverware, $\$ 53,461,000(\$ 48,016,000)$; white metal products, $\$ 62,1000(\$ 62,505,000)$; miscellaneous non-ferrous metal products, $\$ 15,048,000(\$ 8,403,000)$; and nonferrous metal smelting and refining, $\$ 1,396,565,000(\$ 1,211,716,000)$.

Establishments in the group numbered 581 " 5 compared to 580 in 1955, employing 56,071 persons versus 53,311 , and paying them $\$ 220,370,000$ in salaries and wages against $\$ 201,110,000$. They spent $\$ 1,128,962,000$ for materials compared to $\$ 974,792,000$ and added $\$ 667,853,000$ by manufacture versus $\$ 590,944,000$. (30)

Miscellaneous Iron And Steel Products Industry

Factory shipments from 383 plants comprising the miscellaneous iron and steel products industry in 1957 were valued at $\$ 132,448,000$, an increase of $6 \%$ over the preceding year's $\$ 124,764,000$. Number of employees rose to 11,501 from 11, 449 in 1956 , salaries and wages to $\$ 41,614,000$ from $\$ 41,022,000$, and cost of materials and supplies to $\$ 55,892,000$ from $\$ 53,894,000$. Factory shipments of some major products were as follows: brass, bronze, iron, steel and aluminum architectural work, $\$ 25,340,000(\$ 20,891,000)$; steel forgings, $\$ 23,586,000$ ( $\$ 22,539,000$ ) ; and sanitaryware (bath tubs, sinks, wash basins), \$13,779,000 ( $\$ 15,260,000$ ). (31)

## M I N IN G

Production Of Leading Minerals
$\left(\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right)$ was greater in February this year than last, while output of coal, copper, gold, nickel, silver, and zinc was smaller.

Minerals with larger output in February were: asbestos, 60,084 tons (53,949 a year earlier) ; cement, 209,242 tons (183,123) ; clay products, $\$ 2,021,751$ ( $\$ 1,392,901$ ) ; gypsum, 235,991 tons ( 211,064 ); iron ore, 237,904 tons ( 79,005 ); lead, 15,923 tons ( 14,908 ); lime, 127,221 tons ( 122,501 ); salt, 297,970 tons ( 144,610 ) ; and uranium, $2,496,145$ pounds $(1,493,715)$.

Minerals with smaller totals: coal, 916,147 tons ( $1,172,251$ ) ; copper 28, 016 tons ( 30,668 ): gold 358,082 fine ounces $(358,435)$; nicke1, 12,642 tons ( $15,-$ 896) ; silver, $2,264,903$ fine ounces ( $2,294,655$ ); and zinc, 29,790 tons ( 33,995 ). (32)

Production \& Landed Imports Of Coal Smaller In First Quarter

Production of asbestos, cement, clay products, gypsum, iron ore, lead, lime, salt, and uranium

Gold Production In February Production of gold in February eased to 358,082 fine ounces from 358,435 a year earlier, leaving January-February output virtually unchanged from a year ago at 734,168 fine ounces versus 734,847. Output was larger in both periods this year than last in Quebec, Ontario, and the Northwest Territories, but smaller in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, Prairie Provinces, and British Columbia.

February production was: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, 763 fine ounces (839 a year earlier) ; Quebec, 84, 365 (83,090); Ontario, 216, 687 (215,157); Prairle Provinces, 11,616 (16,763); British Columbia, $14,710(16,299)$; and the Northwest Territories, $29,941(26,287)$.

January-February output: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, 1,605 fine ounces 1,672 a year ago) ; Quebec. $167,491(166,986)$; Ontario, 445, 811 (440,130); Prairle Provinces. 23,249 (34,128); British Columbia, $30,689(34,103)$; and the Northwest Territories, 65,308 (57,032). (34)

Asbestos Shipments Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines in March advanced $27 \%$ to 69,902 tons from 55,178 a year earlier, mines in Quebec accounting for 65,334 tons versus 51,145 . January-March shipments rose $11 \%$ to 184,689 tons from 166,577 a year ago, Quebec mines shipping 171,759 tons against 154,427 . March asbestos exports increased $10 \%$ to 60,661 toms from 55,159 a year earlier, placing the first quarter total $18 \%$ ahead of a year ago at 185,260 tons versus 157,223 .
(35)

Less Copper \& Silver Produced In February

Production of copper, nickel and zinc was smaller in February and January-February this year than last, while output of lead was greater. Silver production was down In the month but up in the two months. February totals: copper, 28,016 tons ( 30,668 a year earlier) ; nickel, 12,642 tons $(15,896)$; silver, $2,264,903$ fine ounces ( $2,294,655$ ) ; lead, 15,923 tons ( 14,908 ); and zinc, 29,790 tons ( 33,995 ). (36\&37)

Sales Of Natural Gas Sales of natural gas in February this year climbed $46 \%$ to $32,118,193 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet from $21,978,192 \mathrm{M}$ a year earlier, number of customers $56 \%$ to $1,047,775$ from 672,031 , and revenue from sales $54 \%$ to $\$ 18,935,293$ from $\$ 12,320,439$. Industrial sales showed the largest rise of $67 \%$ to $11,065,827 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet from $6,608,984 \mathrm{M}$, while domestic customers continued to consume the largest portion ( $45.5 \%$ ) of total sales. Alberta sales of natural gas at $15,361,590 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet accounted for $48 \%$ of the national total. Alberta consumed more natural gas than the rest of Canada for both industrial use ( $53 \%$ ) and comercial use ( $60 \%$ ), while eastern canada consumed $42 \%$ of the gas for domestic consumption. (38)

More Families In Canada In 1958 Than In 1957

Families in Canada's 10 provinces in 1958 numbered an estimated $3,953,000$, up $2.7 \%$ from the 1957 total of $3,849,000$ and $6.7 \%$ from the 1956 Census total of 3,705 , 600. Average family size in 1958 was 3.8 persons, unchanged from 1957 and 1956.

Average family size in 1958 was greatest in Quebec ( 4.3 persons per family), closely followed by the Atlantic Provinces (4.2). Average family size was 3.7 in the Prairie Provinces, and 3.5 in both Ontario and British Columbia.

As in the census, the family for purposes of these estimates is defined as a group of two or more persons living in the same dwelling and related to one another either as husband and wife, with or without unmarried children, or as parent and children. Any other persons in the dwelling who might be related to the family head wer not counted as members of the family.

Number of children per family (at home) averaged 1.8 in 1958, unchanged from either 1957 or 1956. Families with no children at home declined to $30 \%$ of total families in 1958 from $30.9 \%$ in 1957 and families with one child to $20.8 \%$ $21.3 \%$. Families with two children at home in 1958 increased to $20.8 \%$ of total families from $20.5 \%$ in the preceding year, families with three children to $12.9 \%$ from $12.5 \%$, with four children to $7.0 \%$ from $6.6 \%$, and with five or more to $8.4 \%$ from $8.2 \%$.

Families in Quebec had the biggest average number of children at home in 1958 at 2.3, closely followed by the Atlantic Provinces at 2.2. Number of children per family averaged 1.7 in the Prairie Provinces and 1.5 in both Ontario and British Columbia.

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Fanili: $/$ no children at home in Ontario, Canada's most populous province, declined to $33.5 \%$ of the total in 1958 from $33.7 \%$ in 1957 and with one child at home to $22.1 \%$ from $23.2 \%$. Families with two children at home increased to $21.8 \%$ from $21.7 \%$, with three children to $12.2 \%$ from $11.5 \%$, with four children to $5.6 \%$ from $5.5 \%$, and with five or more children to $4.9 \%$ from $4.4 \%$.

Changes in family size in Quebec followed the same general pattern as those in Ontario, except that the proportion of the one-child family increased. The figures: no children at home, $24.9 \%$ (27.5\% in 1957) ; one child, $19.9 \%$ ( $19.3 \%$ ); two children, $19.2 \%(18.8 \%)$; three children, $13.0 \%$ ( $12.6 \%$ ); four children, $8.8 \%$ ( $8.2 \%$ ) ; and five or more children, $14.1 \%$ ( $13.6 \%$ ).

Proportions for the other regions: Prairie Provinces - no children at home, $29.6 \%$ ( $30.5 \%$ ); one child, $20.8 \% ~(20.3 \%$ ) ; two children, $21.9 \%$ (21.0\%); three children, $14.1 \%$ ( $14.2 \%$ ); four children, $7.5 \%(6.7 \%)$; and five or more children, $6.1 \%$ ( $7.3 \%$ ). British Columbia -- no child, $34.9 \%$ (35.7\%); one chili, $19.9 \%$ ( $21.2 \%$ ); two children, $22.4 \%$ ( $22.0 \%$ ); three children, $13.0 \%$ ( $12.7 \%$ ); four children, $5.4 \%$ ( $5.0 \%$ ); and five or more children, $4.3 \%$ (3.4\%). Atlantic Provinces $=-$ no child, $26.4 \%$ (25.1\%) ; one child, $19.4 \%(21.1 \%)$; two children, $18.1 \%$ ( $18.5 \%$ ); three children, $13.2 \%(13.2 \%)$; four children, $8.3 \%(8.2 \%)$; and five or more children, $14.5 \%$ (14.0\%). (39)

Financial aspects of 548 trusteed pension funds covering 817,798 employees in government and government agencies, crown corporations, incorporated com: 'es, health, educational, religious and charitable organizations, trade, and employee associations in 1957 are contained in a reference paper released by DBS. This carries forward on an enlarged basis the first survey covering 1953 operations of 260 trusteed pension funds of incorporated companies.

Contributions in 1957 amounted to $\$ 283,000,000$, of which employers contributed $\$ 187,000,000$ and employees $\$ 96,000,000$. Investment income amounted to $\$ 86,000,000$ and other income including net profit on sale of securities accounted for an additional $\$ 26,000,000$. Total income was $\$ 395,000,000$ from which expenditures of $\$ 97,000,000$ were made in 1957. Almost $75 \%$ of these expenditures were due to pension payments.

Total assets of the funds at the end of 1957 were $\$ 2,298,000$, an increase of almost $15 \%$ over the corresponding figure at the end of 1956 . The heaviest concentration of assets was in bonds issued or guaranteed by provincial governments, amounting to $32 \%$ of the total. Next in magnitude were investments in government of Canada bonds, accounting for 21 of total assets, followed by other Canadian bonds, municipal bonds and mortgages, which accounted for $16 \%$, $12 \%$ and $8 \%$ of total assets, respectively.

From 1953 to 1957 the number of trusteed pension funds of incorporated companies rose from 260 to 457, an increase of $76 \%$, and the number of employees covered by these plans increased during the same period from 391,000 to 506,000 , or almost $30 \%$. The increase is due to the greater number of smaller companies now operating trusteed plans. A portion of this increase in numbers of the smaller firms can be attributed to the fairly recent establishment of pooled funds. These accounted for about one-fifth of the plans surveyed in 1957. (40**)

EDUCATION

Cost Per Pupil Of Public Elementary And Secondary Education Higher

Cost of public elementary and secondary education in Canada (except Yuebec) increased $20 \%$ per pupil in the three years from 1953 to 1956 , climbing $\$ 44$ to $\$ 260$ from $\$ 216$, according to data released in advance of the Survey of Elementary and Secondary Education 1954-56, which is to be released shortly.
$R$ tes of increase varied greatly from province to province, that for A1berta veing the biggest (30\%) to \$328 in 1956 from $\$ 253$ in 1953. New Brunswick showed no change from $\$ 175$ over the three-year period, and Prince Edward Island's average rose only $5 \%$ to $\$ 118$ from $\$ 112$.

British Columbia, which had the highest expenditure in 1953 at $\$ 322$, was still the highest in 1956 at $\$ 340$. Increases ranging from $10 \%$ to $30 \%$ occurred in the other provinces, averages being as follows: Saskatchewan, $\$ 278$ in 1956 ( $\$ 244$ in 1953); Ontario, $\$ 265$ ( $\$ 232$ ); Manitoba, $\$ 222$ ( $\$ 201$ ); Nova Scotia, $\$ 130$ ( $\$ 141$ ) ; and Newfoundland, $\$ 124$ ( $\$ 99$ ).

Hotel Receipts Reached Record Level In 1957

Canadian hotel receipts increased to a record $\$ 470$, 069,000 in 1957, exceeding the preceding year's $\$ 441,831,000$ by more than $6 \%$. Number of full-year and seasonal hotels rose to 5,151 from 5,067 and rooms to 151,517 from 149,625 .

Sales of beer, wine and liquor accounted for slightly more than one-half total receipts in 1957, amounting to $\$ 238,210,000$ ( $50.7 \%$ of total hotel receipts) versus $\$ 223,398,000$ in 1956 ( $50.6 \%$ ) 。 Room receipts were up to $\$ 110,505,000$ from $\$ 104,453,000$, meals to $\$ 84,049,000$ from $\$ 78,169,000$, and all other receipts to $\$ 37,305,000$ from $\$ 35,811,000$.

Of the total number of hotels in operation in $1957,3,522$ were full-year licensed hotels (licensed to sell alcoholic beverages) with receipts of $\$ 423,-$ 036,000 as compared with 3,445 with receipts totalling $\$ 395,365,000$ in 1956. Non-1icensed full-year hotels numbered 704 (703 in 1956) and their receipts totalled $\$ 21,952,000(\$ 21,402,000)$. Licensed seasonal hotels numbered 202 (204 in 1956) with receipts of $\$ 12,882,000(\$ 13,235,000)$, and 723 non-1icensed seasonal hotels (715 in 1956) had receipts totalling $\$ 12,199,000(\$ 11,829,000)$.

Hotels within the incorporated boundary of Toronto grossed the highest receipts in 1957 at $\$ 33,666,000$ versus $\$ 29,428,000$ in 1956 , followed by Montreal at $\$ 25,557,000$ versus $\$ 24,044,000$, Vancouver $\$ 20,272,000$ versus $\$ 18,087$, $=$ 000 , Edmonton $\$ 11,503,000$ versus $\$ 10,972,000$, Winnipeg $\$ 11,336,000$ versus $\$ 10,710,000$, Calgary $\$ 9,903,000$ versus $\$ 9,097,000$, Ottawa $\$ 8,662,000$ versus $\$ 8,740,000$, Quebec $\$ 7,010,000$ versus $\$ 6,846,000$, and Regina $\$ 6,317,000$ versus $\$ 5,894,000$. (41)

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