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External Trade: Canada's commodity imports in January this year were valued at an estimated $\$ 433,000,000$, up $8.4 \%$ from last year's revised total of $\$ 399,500,000$ and down from the peak January value of $\$ 451,600,000$ set in 1957. Values were higher from all leading trading areas.
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Prices: Canada's consumer price index declined $0.2 \%$ between January and February this year to 128.9 from 129.2 , due entirely to a drop of $0.8 \%$ in the food index to 123.4 from 124.4 .
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Labour: Average hourly earnings in manufacturing in December 1960 rose to $\$ 1.82$ from $\$ 1.79$ in November, but average weekly wages were down to $\$ 70.66$ from $\$ 72.82 \ldots$ Canada's paid workers received an estimated $\$ 1,529,000,000$ in December in the form of salaries and wages and supplementary labour income as compared to $\$ 1,574,000,000$ in November and $\$ 1,483,000,000$ in the corresponding month of 1959. Total for the year 1960 was $\$ 18,514,000,000$ as compared to $\$ 17,761,000,000$ in 1959.
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Business: Value of cheques cashed in clearing centres was up by $2 \%$ in December 1960 from a year earlier at $\$ 24,977,000,000$, and in the full year by $8.4 \%$ at $\$ 277,810,000,000 \ldots$ Balances on the books of sales finance companies at the end of 1960 amounted to $\$ 1,204,600,000$, some $4.8 \%$ above the 1959 year-end figure of $\$ 1,149,500,000$.
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Merchandising: Retailers in Canada in 1960 had sales valued at an all-time high of $\$ 16,413,465,000$, a rise of $0.8 \%$ from the preceding year. All provinces except the three westernmost posted increases.
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Transportation: Carloadings of railway revenue freight in the week of February 21 were down 12.3\% from a year earlier at 57,976 cars, while the January 1 -February 21 total was smaller by $8.5 \%$ than a year ago at 427,952 as compared to 467,821 ... Urban transit systems carried fewer passengers in 1960 as compared to 1959, while revenues were slightly higher. (Pages 7-8)

Manufacturing: Steel ingot output in the week ended March 4 amounted to 118,317 tons versus 121,257 in the preceding week and 131,457 in the like 1960 week. Output in February was smaller by $13.6 \%$ than a year earlier, and in the January-February period by $16.8 \%$.
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*1. Imports In January
With increases from the preceding year from leading trading areas, tota; value of imports in January this year reached an estimated $\$ 433,000,000$, up $8.4 \%$ from last year's revised total uf $\$ 399,500,000$ and down from the peak January total of $\$ 451,600,000$ set in 1957, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the January issue of "Imports For Consumption".

Value of January imports from the United States rose $5.6 \%$ to an estimated $\$ 299,100,000$ from $\$ 283,200,000$ in January last year, and the total from the United Kingdom advanced $16.6 \%$ to $\$ 47,700,000$ from $\$ 40,900,000$. Month's imports from "other" Commonwealth countries were up sharply (nearly 53\%) to $\$ 18,800,000$ trom $\$ 12,300,000$, while the total from all other countries as a group increased $6.8 \%$ to $\$ 67,400,000$ from $\$ 63,100,000$.

2 \& 3. Imports In November, 11 Months

Value of Canada's commodity imports in November 1960 reached $\$ 513,435,000$, a rise of $6.9 \%$ from the 1959 November total of $\$ 480,220,000$. Imports in the Jan-uary-November period were valued at $\$ 5,062,333,000$, virtually unchanged from the corresponding 1959 figure at $\$ 5,068,484,000$.

Atrong chief sources of imports in November, values were higher as compared to a year earlier for the United States, United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, West Indies Federation, France, Italy, and Auscralia. Purchases from Venezuela and Japan were lower in value, while totals for Belgium and Luxembourg were little changed.

In the major commodities, totals were larger in November as compared to the like 1959 month for automobile parts, crude petroleum, freight and passenger automobiles, fruits, engines and boilers, rolling-mill products, and cotton products, but smaller for farm and non-farm machinery. Purchases of electrical apparatus were at practically the same level.

Total Imports
By Main Countries
United States ..................
Wited Kingdom ...............
Venezuela........................
Germany, Federal Republic ...
Japan
West Indies Federation . ......
France ..........................
Ltaly ............................
Belgium \& Luxembourg .........
Australia .......................
By Main Commodities

| Machinery, nonofarm | \$46,700 | \$48,326 | \$540,346 | \$539,167 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Automobile parts | 27,811 | 18,205 | 273,291 | 267,420 |
| Petroleum, crude | 25,490 | 22,541 | 258,965 | 255,609 |
| Electrical apparatus, n.o.p. | 23,509 | 23,305 | 239,789 | 247,288 |
| Autos, freight \& passenger | 28,309 | 21,439 | 225,083 | 212,291 |
| Farm implements \& machinery | 14,590 | 16,539 | 215,378 | 258,197 |
| Fruits | 15,391 | 14,567 | 146,913 | 146,689 |
| Engines \& boilers | 14,213 | 11,471 | 127,726 | 125,041 |
| Rolling-mill products | 9,839 | 8,927 | 124,734 | 125,493 |
| Coteon products | 10,004 | 9,858 | 112,714 | 103,793 |

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4. Consumer Price Index

The consumer price index declined $0.2 \%$ from 129.2 to 128.9 between January and February 1961. A year ago the index was 127.2 . The current decrease resulted entirely from a drop of $0.8 \%$ in the food index as the other four component indexes were unchanged.

Lower prices for citrus fruits, fresh tomatoes, eggs, lettuce and beef outweighed price increases for other meats, apples and some fresh vegetables and the food index moved from 124.4 to 123.4 . The shelter index was unchanged at 144.7 with the rent component continuing at the January level while minor price changes within the home-ownership component were offsetting.

The clothing index remained at 111.6 as price increases in women's wear were offset by lower prices for men's and children's wear, and footwear. Higher prices for fuel and textiles balanced lower prices for furniture, floor coverings, some utensils and household supplies and the household operation index was unchanged at 123.3. The "other" commodities and services index, unchanged at 138.3, reflected price increases for transportation, recreation, and tobacco which were offset by lower prices for pharmaceuticals and personal care items.

As previously announced, a revision of the Consumer Price Index is being completed to bring the items included in the index, and their relative importance, in line with more current family purchases as reported in the famlly expenditure survey of 1957. Publication of the index on the revised basis will begin with the March 1961 Index, to be released in the next issue of Price Movements. The index will continue on the time base $1949=100$.

Consumer Price Indexes $(1949=100)$

|  | Total <br> Index | Food | Shelter | Clothing | Household <br> Operation | Other <br> Comodities <br> \& Services |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February $1961 \ldots$ | 128.9 | 123.4 | 144.7 | 111.6 | 123.3 | 138.3 |
| January $1961 \ldots$ | 129.2 | 124.4 | 144.7 | 111.6 | 123.3 | 138.3 |
| February $1960 \ldots$ | 127.2 | 120.8 | 142.9 | 109.8 | 123.2 | 137.0 |

4. Wholesale Price Indexes The price index of 30 industrial materials at wholesale ( $1935-39=100$ ) moved up $1.3 \%$ from 236.4 to 239.5 in the four-week period January 27 to February 24. Major price increases occurred for steel scrap and beef hides with lesser advances for cottonseed oil, raw cotton, innseed oil, raw wool, oats and tin. Commodities showing lower prices were raw sugar, hogs and steers.

In the same four week period, the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets eased $0.6 \%$ from 221.7 to 220.3 . The field products index moved down $0.8 \%$ from 164.0 to 162.7 as lower prices reported for potatoes and tobacco in the East were outweightd by price increases for rye and flax in the West, and for oats, peas and corn in the East. The index for animal products eased down $0.5 \%$ from 279.3 to 277.9 , reflecting lower prices for hogs and steers in the East and calves in the West. Prices were higher for eggs, chiefly in the East, calves in the East, and for lambs and steers in the West.

On February 14 announcement was made covering the crop year August 1959 July 1960 of a $10 \notin$ per bushel final payment for western wheat and an interim payment for oats.

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*5. Wholesale Price Indexes*
General Wholesale Index
    Vegetable products ......................
    Animal products
    Textile products
    Wood products
    Iron products
    Non-ferrous metals
    Non-metallic minerals
    Chemical products
    Raw and Manufactured products -
        Combined iron products and non-
        ferrous metals (excluding gold)
    *These indexes are preliminary.
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## *5. Wholesale Price Indexes*

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Chemical products
Raw and Manufactured products Combined iron products and nonferrous metals (excluding gold)
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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline February
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1961
\] & January 1961 & February 1960 \\
\hline & 1939 F 100) & \\
\hline 231.6 & 231.3 & 230.0 \\
\hline 200.4 & 200.0 & 202.4 \\
\hline 259.6 & 258.5 & 242.6 \\
\hline 232.0 & 230.3 & 228.5 \\
\hline 301.0 & 302.1 & 304.8 \\
\hline 256.2 & 254.7 & 256.3 \\
\hline 174.4 & 176.2 & 178.2 \\
\hline 185.3 & 185.5 & 186.2 \\
\hline 187.8 & 188.0 & 188.3 \\
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\end{tabular}
4. Security Price Indexes. The investors' index of 93 common stock prices, on the base \(1935-39=100\), advanced \(3.5 \%\) from 278.0 to 287.8 in the four-week period January 26 to February 23. Increases for major groups were: 72 industrials, \(3.9 \%\); 14 utilities, \(2.2 \%\); and 7 banks, \(2.2 \%\).
All nine sub-groups within industrials showed gains, with pulp and paper and beverages reaching all-time highs in the fourth week. Gains were led by oils, up \(8.5 \%\); pulp and paper, up \(3.9 \%\); and beverages, up \(3.6 \%\). All three subgroups within utilities moved higher over the four weeks, being led by transportation with a gain of \(3.1 \%\).
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The index of 27 mining stocks declined $5.0 \%$ from 115.6 to 109.8 , reflecting a decrease of $10.9 \%$ for 21 golds, which was partially offset by an increase of $1.0 \%$ for 6 base metals. In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes, on the base $1956=100$, showed gains as follows: 9 primary oils and gas, up $24.2 \%$; 5 investment and loan, up $8.2 \%$; and 5 pipelines, up $4.7 \%$. A decline of $2.1 \%$ was recorded for 7 uraniums.

## *6 Security Price Indexes <br> Investors' Price Index

## Total common stocks

Industrials.
Utilities ........................ 205.9
Banks ............................ 371.2
Mining Stock Price Index
Total mining stocks
Golds .................................
Base metals

March $2 \quad$ Feb uary 23
287.8
298.7
206.6
367.2
109.8
111.2
73.2
198.2
292.5
304.7
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74.2
113.1

February 2
283.3
293.2
205.9
363.6
78.6
192.1

LABOUR
*7 Man-Hours \& Hourly Earnings Average hourly earnings in manufacturing in December 1960 increased to $\$ 1.82$ from $\$ 1.79$
in November, while average weekly wages decreased to $\$ 70.66$ from $\$ 72.82$ and the work week to 38.7 hours from 40.6. The increase in average hourly earnings between November and December was largely seasonal, and was due partly to short dime during Christmas week in industries that employ many women.

Average hourly earnings in durable goods manufacturing rose in December to $\$ 1.97$ from $\$ 1.95$ in November, but average weekly wages fell to $\$ 77.51$ from $\$ 79.79$ and the work week to 39.4 hours from 40.9. Layoffs of lower-paid employees and short time in saw and planing mills contributed to the gain in average hourly earnings. The work week was shorter in all industries except smelting and refining where employees received an extra day's pay as Christmas was on a Sunday.

In non-durable goods manufacturing, average hourly earnings rose in December to $\$ 1.69$ from $\$ 1.65$ in the preceding month, while average weekly wages decreased to $\$ 64.48$ from $\$ 66.64$ and the work week to 38.2 hours from 40.4 . Layoffs and short time in fruit and vegetable canning, short time in clothing and leather factories, and overtime on Christmas Day in pulp and paper mills and chemical plants were responsible for the rise in average hourly earnings.

Further layoffs and excessive short time were reported in construction.

> | Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners |
| :---: |
| Reported in Specified Industries, |
| Dec. and Nov. 1960 and Dec. 1959. |

|  | Average Hours Worked |  |  | Average Hourly Earnings |  |  | Average Weekly Wages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry | Dec. $1960$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1959 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \overline{\mathrm{Dec}} \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1960 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1959 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1959 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | No. | No. | No. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Manufacturing | 38.7 | 40.6 | 38.5 | 1.82 | 1.79 | 1.78 | 70.66 | 72.82 | 68.48 |
| Durable Goods | 39.4 | 40.9 | 39.0 | 1.97 | 1.95 | 1.92 | 77.51 | 79.79 | 74.72 |
| Non-Durable Goods. | 38.2 | 40.4 | 38.1 | 1.69 | 1.65 | 1.64 | 64.48 | 66.64 | 62.39 |
| Mining | 41.0 | 41.9 | 39.5 | 2.14 | 2.10 | 2.08 | 87.52 | 88.14 | 82.05 |
| Electric and Motor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation. | 42.8 | 43.2 | 42.5 | 1.88 | 1.86 | 1.80 | 80.58 | 80.13 | 76.52 |
| Construction. | 35.6 | 40.8 | 34.2 | 1.94 | 1.96 | 1.88 | 68.96 | 79.70 | 64.40 |
| Service.............. | 38.3 | 39.0 | 38.7 | 1.07 | 1.06 | 1.02 | 40.99 | 41.34 | 39.65 |

Index of average hourly earnings in heavy electrical apparatus and equipment industry (1949=100) Dec. 176.4; Nov. 176.9.
*8 Labour Income In December Paid workers in Canada received an estimated $\$ 1,529,000,000$ in the form of salaries and wages and supplementary labour income in December 1960 , according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the December issue of "Estimates of Labour Income". The current total was $2.9 \%$ below the November figure of $\$ 1,574,000,000$ and $3.1 \%$ above the December 1959 total of $\$ 1,483,000,000$. Labour income in the year 1960 was estimated at $\$ 18,514,000,000$, compared to $\$ 17,761,000,000$ in the preceding year, an increase of $4.2 \%$.

Labour income was higher in December and the full year 1960 as compared to 1959 in all regions except British Columbia in the month. Month's percentage increases from a year earlier (year's gains in brackets) were: Atlaitic region, $5.1 \%(6.2 \%)$; Quebec, $4.2 \%(4.7 \%)$; Ontario, $3.2 \%$ ( $3.5 \%$ ); and the Prairie region, $2.3 \%$ ( $3.9 \%$ ). Income was $0.6 \%$ lower in British Columbia in the month and $4.2 \%$ higher in the year.

The table following contains data on labour income by region for December and the year 1960 with comparable 1959 figures and November 1960 on the unadjusted basis, together with data for November and December 1960 on the seasonally adjusted basis. These figures are based on new annual source material.

|  | Unadjusted |  |  |  |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{\text { Dec. }} \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 1959 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ 1960 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ecember } \\ 1959 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1960 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Millions of Dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic region. | 103 | 107 | 98 | 1,242 | 1, 1.69 | 105 | 106 |
| Quebec | 395 | 407 | 379 | 4,735 | 4,522 | 402 | 398 |
| Ontario | 646 | 658 | 626 | 7,741 | 7,482 | 655 | 654 |
| Prairie region.. | 223 | 231. | 218 | 2,744 | 2,641 | 231 | 232 |
| British Columbia | 158 | 166 | 159 | 1,998 | 1,897 | 166 | 166 |
| Canada.. | 1,529 | 1,574 | 1,483 | 18,514 | 17,761 | 1,562 | 1,562 |

## BUSINESS

## 9. Cheques Cashed In Clearing Centres

Cheques cashed in clearing centres in
December rose $2 \%$ in value to $\$ 24,977,000,000$
from the preceding year 's corresponding total of $\$ 24,496,000,000$. This brought the total for the year 1960 to $\$ 277,810,000,000$, larger by $8.4 \%$ than the 1959 figure of $\$ 256,243,000,000$. Increases were posted in all five economic regions in 1960 , Quebec ranking first in size of gain ( $13.5 \%$ ), followed by the Atlantic Provinces with $8.6 \%$, the Prairie Provinces $7.6 \%$, Ontario $6.5 \%$ and British Columbia 2.2\%.

Year 's totals by economic areas were as follows, those for 1959 being in brackets: Atlantic Provinces, $\$ 6,886,000,000(\$ 6,343,000,000)$; Quebec, $\$ 82$, $130,000,000$ ( $\$ 72,342,000,000$ ); Ontar10, $\$ 130,109,000,000$ ( $\$ 122,128,000,000$ ); Prairie Provinces, $\$ 40,667,000,000(\$ 37,804,000,000)$; and British Columbia, $\$ 18,019,000,000(\$ 17,627,000,000)$.
10. Credit Statistics

Balances outstanding on the books of sales finance companies at the end of December 1960 totalled $\$ 1,204,600,000$, a decrease of $1.2 \%$ from $\$ 1,218,900,000$ at the end of November and an increase of $4.8 \%$ from $\$ 1,149,500,000$ at the end of December 1959 .

Balances outstanding on consumer goods at the end of December amounted to $\$ 825,400,000$, compared to $\$ 836,600,000$ a month earlier and $\$ 805,600,000$ a year earlier, while montheend outstandings on commercial goods were $\$ 379,200,000$ versus $\$ 382,300,000$ and $\$ 343,900,000$.

Cash loans and instalment credit held by companies licensed under the Small Loans Act at the end of December aggregated $\$ 549,400,000$, up $1.7 \%$ from $\$ 540,400$, 000 at the end of November and up $13.5 \%$ from $\$ 484,100,000$ at the end of December 1959.

Accounts receivable held by department stores at the end of the year totalled $\$ 364,100,000$ as compared to $\$ 327,700,000$ at the end of the preceding month and $\$ 314,100,000$ at the end of 1959 .
*11. Retail Sales In 1960
Canadian retailers had sales estimated at a record $\$ 16,413,465,000$ in 1960, up slightly ( $0.8 \%$ ) from the preceding year's revised value of $\$ 16,283,558,000$, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the December issue of "Retail Trade". December sales were valued at $\$ 1,713,443,000$, an increase of $6.4 \%$ over the December 1959 sales total of $\$ 1,610,256,000$.

Grocery and combination stores had a sales increase of $4.4 \%$ in 1960 over the preceding year, variety stores, $5.5 \%$, family clothing stores $3.3 \%$, shoe stores $4.1 \%$ and department stores $1.9 \%$. Lumber and building material dealers had a sales decrease of $10.7 \%$, furniture, appliance and radio $5.1 \%$, fuel dealers $5.0 \%$ hardware stores $1.9 \%$, and jewellery stores $1.9 \%$.

Estimated sales for 1960 for the provinces (in thousands): Atlantic Provinces, $\$ 1,416,532(\$ 1,361,640$ in 1959); Quebec, $\$ 3,958,363(\$ 3,877,558)$; Ontario, $\$ 6,258,145(\$ 6,218,395)$; Manitoba, $\$ 826,682(\$ 812,894)$; Saskatchewan, $\$ 937,104(\$ 950,884)$; Alberta, $\$ 1,354,857(\$ 1,355,130)$; and British Columbia, $\$ 1,661,782(\$ 1,707,057)$.

## 12. Department Store Sales And Stocks In 1960

Department store sales in 1960 were valued at $\$ 1,{ }^{-}$ $447,617,000$, compared to $\$ 1,420,016,000$ in 1959, a rise of $1.9 \%$. December sales were valued at $\$ 203$, . 508,000 versus $\$ 192,927,000$ in the corresponding 1959 month. December 31 stocks had a selling value of $\$ 314,292,000$, an increase of $3.6 \%$ from the year-aarlier figure of $\$ 303,373,000$.

Sales in 1960 were larger than in 1959 for all provinces except Saskatchewan where they were down by $3.0 \%$ at $\$ 66,992,000$. Sales in the other provinces in the year (percentage increases in brackets) were: Atlantic Provinces, $\$ 106,013,000$ (3.2\%); Quebec, $\$ 251,377,000(4.4 \%$ ); Ontario, $\$ 491,430,000(2.3 \%)$; Manitoba, $\$ 127,040,000(0.8 \%)$; Alberta, $\$ 161,297,000(1.1 \%)$; and British Columbia, $\$ 243,-$ 468,000 ( $0.9 \%$ )

Sales during 1960 were above 1959 levels for 23 of the 29 specified departments. Increases ranged from $1.0 \%$ for lingerie and corsets to $7.3 \%$ for tolletries, cosmetics and drugs, and decreases from $0.4 \%$ for 1 inens and domestics to 8.5\% for furs.

## 13. Department Store Sales

Department store sales in the week ending February 25 were $4.3 \%$ higher in value than in the corresponding 1960 period. Sales were higher in all provinces except the prairies, with smaller sales in Manitoba and Alberta due to the rescheduling of major sales events. Increase were. Atlantic Provinces, 4.0\%; Quebec, 13.5\%; Ontario, $14.6 \%$; and British Columbia, $0.9 \%$. Decreases were: Manitoba, $20.2 \%$; Saskatchewan, 1.5\%; and Alberta, $14.3 \%$.

## TRANSPORTATION

14. $\frac{\text { Railway Carloadings In }}{\text { Third Week Of February }}$

Cars of rallway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada in the seven days ended February 21 numbered 57,976 , down $12.3 \%$ from last year's corresponding total of 66,077 . With decreases in all earlier periods, loadings in the January 1 - February 21 dec 1 ined $8.5 \%$ to $427,952 \mathrm{cars}$ from 467,821 in the like 1960 period.

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Receipts from connections fell in the week ended February 21 to 25,526 cars from 30,212 a year earlier, and in the January 1 - February 21 period to 182,805 cars from 216,280 a year ago. Piggyback loadings increased in the seven days to 2,700 cars from 2,389, and in the cumulative period to 18,575 cars from 16,766 ,
15. Urban Transit Number of passengers carried by urban transit systems in 1960 decreased $2.5 \%$ to $1,024,292,600$ from $1,050,368,400$ in 1959. Some $11.6 \%$ and $5.5 \%$ fewer passengers were carried in 1960 as compared to 1959 by electric car and trolley coach, respectively, while $1.3 \%$ and $12.9 \%$ more were transported by motor bus and chartered service, respectively. Revenue in the year edged up $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 136,615,000$ from $\$ 135,839,000$ in the preceding year.

Number of passengers carried in December declined to $88,896,900$ from 93,n 967,500 in the like 1959 month, totals being smaller for all services. Month's revenue was up slightly to $\$ 12,145,000$ from $\$ 12,084,000$.
16. Oil Pipe Line Transport Net deliveries of oil through Canadian pipe lines decreased 3.5\% in December 1960 to $27,868,535$ barrels from $28,884,478$ in the corresponding month in 1959. In the year 1960 total net deliveries rose $2.2 \%$ to $315,200,874$ barrels from $308,491,162$ in 1959, the daily average increasing to 861,205 barrels from $845,181$.

Provincial deliveries in 1960 were as follows (1959 data in brackets): British Columbia, $41,410,329$ barrels ( $35,857,162$ ) ; Alberta, 23,068,781 ( $22,741,0$ 019); Saskatchewan, $18,235,423$ ( $18,509,119$ ); Manitoba, $105,433,572$ ( $101,281,559$ ); Ontario, $47,562,321(45,693,356)$; Quebec, $79,170,088(84,371,790)$; and the Yukon Territory, $320,360(37,157)$. Exports via pipe line rose to $41,371,872$ barrels from $33,705,743$ in 1959, an increase of $22.7 \%$.

MANUFACTURING
*17. Steel Ingot Production
Production of steel ingots in the week ended March 4 this year amounted to 118,317 tons, down $2.4 \%$ from 121,257 tons in the preceding week and down $10.0 \%$ from 131,457 tons in the corresponding 1960 week, according to a special DBS statement. Index of production, based on the average weekly production during $1957-59$ of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 123 in the current week versus 126 a week earlier and 137 a year ago.
18. Steel Ingots \& Pig Iron Production of steel ingots in February this year decreased to 470,451 tons from 544,720 in the same 1960 month, and output in the JanuaryaFebruary period fell $16.8 \%$ to 921,056 tons from 1,106,872 a year ago. Month's output of pig fron fell to 324,01.2 tons from 357,343 a year earlier, and the two-month total dropped $10.5 \%$ to 655,040 tons from 731,866 .
19. Primary Iron \& Steel Shipments of rolled carbon steel products in the year 1960 were down $2.0 \%$ from 1959 at $4,216,014$ tons versus $4,301,892$. Shipments in 1960 to the 10 leading destinations were: building construction, 810,553 tons ( 884,036 in 1959) ; direct export, 646,048 ( 195,049 ); wholesalers and warehouses, 492,707 ( 513,589 ); pipes and tubes, $479,158(534,316)$; merchant trade products, 390,816 ( 459,374 ); container industry, $331,226(391,262)$; railway operating, $235,565(393,018)$; automotive industries, $194,887(218,066)$; pressing, forming and stamping, $187,899(234,035)$; and machinery and tools, 169,778 (156,244.)
20. Rigid Insulating Board

Shipments of rigid insulating board in January this year declined $20.0 \%$ to $20,520,111$ square feet from $25,658,956$ in the same month last year. Domestic shipments dropped $21.0 \%$ to $17,-$ 844,392 square feet from $22,583,953$ and export shipments $13.0 \%$ to $2,675,719$ square feet from 3,075,003. Shipments of all types of rigid insulating board were below year-earlier levels.
21. Mineral Wool Shipments were larger in January this year as compared to last for mineral wool batts and smaller for granulated wool and bulk or loose wool. Month's totals were: batts, $20,098,245$ square feet ( 16 , 496,132 a year ago) ; granulated wool, 578,304 cubic feet ( 734,139 ) ; and bulk or loose wool, 61,331 cubic feet $(64,715)$.
22. Soaps \& Synthetic Detergents Shipments in January this year of soap chips and flakes increased to $1,460,400$ pounds from $1,374,700$ a year ago and soap powders to $2,304,000$ pounds from $2,239,400$, while shipments of laundry and household bar soaps decreased to $1,009,900$ pounds from $1,147,700$ and toilet soaps (except 11quid) to $3,197,300$ pounds from 3,576,400. Month's shipments of solid synthetic detergents advanced to $15,809,700$ pounds from $15,678,600$ and liquid synthetic detergents to $5,734,100$ pounds from 4,783,200, while bulk paste synthetic detergents dropped to 82,800 pounds from 158,900 .
23. $\frac{\text { Products Made From }}{\text { Canadian Clays }}$

With smaller totals in all months of 1960 as compared to 1959 except November, producers' sales of products made from Canadian clays in the full year declined $9.3 \%$ to $\$ 38,777,000$ from $\$ 42,749,000$ in 1959. December sales were down to $\$ 2,032,000$ from $\$ 2,413,000$ in the corresponding 1959 month.

Producers' sales were smaller in 1960 than in the preceding year for $a 11$ products except drain tile, pottery, and "other" clay products. Totals were: building brick, $\$ 24,555,000(\$ 28,372,000$ in 1959); structural tile, $\$ 3,196,000$ $(\$ 3,522,000)$; drain tile, $\$ 3,186,000(\$ 2,745,000)$; sewer pipe, $\$ 3,836,000(\$ 4,-$ 795,000 ) ; fireclay blocks and shapes, $\$ 229,000(\$ 366,000)$; pottery, $\$ 657,000$ $(\$ 614,000)$; and "other" clay products, $\$ 3,118,000(\$ 2,335,000)$.
24. Coke Statistics Production of coke in the year 1960 declined $5.4 \%$ to 3,872,802 tons from $4,094,882$ in the preceding year, landed imports $15.0 \%$ to 279,507 tons from 328,972 and exports $1.9 \%$ to 124,148 tons from 126,570. Amount made available for consumption in the year dropped $5.3 \%$ to $4,-$ 028,161 tons from $4,297,284$ in 1959. December 1960 totals were below December 1959 levels as follows: production, 280,359 tons ( 366,578 a year earlier); landed imports, 10,338 ( 37,218 ); exports, $7,033(9,668)$; and amount inade available for consumption, 283,664 ( 394,128 ).

## *25. Industry And Production Notes

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

Aluminum Products. Shipments from 91 establishments comprising the aluminum products industry in 1959 were valued at $\$ 103,945,000$, an increase of $6.2 \%$ over the preceding year's $95-$ plant total of $\$ 97,883,000$. These employed 6,787 persons ( 6,605 in 1958) and paid $\$ 29,996,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 28,544,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 63,957,000(\$ 60,435,000)$.

Machine Shope Value of work done in 696 machine shops in 1959 was $\$ 67,-$ 701,000 as compared with $\$ 59,786,000$ in 700 establishments in the preceding year. Their employees numbered 7,167 ( 7,009 in 1958) and salary and wage pryments aggregated $\$ 28,442,000(\$ 26,519,000)$. Expenditures on materials and supplies amounted to $\$ 22,898,000(\$ 20,664,000)$.

Jewellery \& Electro-Plated Ware Factories engaged in the manufacture of jewellery and electromplated ware had shipments valued at $\$ 54,703,000$ in 1959 as against $\$ 53,899,000$ in the preceding year. There were 213 plants (221 in 1958) with 4,318 employees $(4,739)$ and salary and wage payments of $\$ 14,623,000$ ( $\$ 14, \ldots$ 936,000 ). They paid $\$ 30,655,000$ for materials and supplies ( $\$ 30,148000$ ).

Whte Metal Alloys. Sixty four plants comprising the white met.al alloys industry had shipment:s valued at $\$ 53,554,000$ in 1959 , an increase of $6.7 \%$ over the preceding year's $\$ 50,178,000$ for the same number of plants. These establishments employed 2,919 persons ( 2,825 in 1958), paid $\$ 10,843,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 10,576,000)$ and $\$ 32,863,000$ for materlals and supplies $(\$ 30,305,000)$.

Artificial Abrasives: The artificial abrasives and abrasive poducts industry had shipments valued at $\$ 44,226,000$ in 1959, an increase of about $19 \%$ over the preceding year © $\$ 37,211,000$. There were 18 planis in both years. They employed 2,522 persons in 1959 ( 2,314 in 1958) and paid $\$ 11,853,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 10,702,000)$. They paid $\$ 5,022,000$ for fuel and electricity $(\$ 4,355,000)$ and $\$ 17,784,000$ for materials and supplies ( $\$ 14,550,000$ ).

Asbestos Products. Sixteen plants engaged in the manufacture of asbestos products had shipments valued at $\$ 30,883,000$ in 1959 , an increase of close to $12 \%$ from $\$ 27,610,000$ in 1958. These establishments employed 2,076 persons ( $1,-$ 924 in 1958), paid $\$ 9,154,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 7,546,000)$ and some $\$ 13$,674,000 for materials and supplies ( $\$ 12,237,000$ ).

Leather Tanning. Forty-eight leather tanneries had shipments valued at $\$ 59,283,000$ in 1959, an increase of $13.2 \%$ over the preceding year's $50-\mathrm{plant}$ total of $\$ 52,392,000$. There were 3,603 employees ( 3,714 in 1958) and salarles and wages totalled $\$ 12,580,000(\$ 12,979,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 39,089,000(\$ 30,665,000)$.

Miscellaneous Leather Products. Factory value of shipments from 190 plants comprising the miscellaneous leather products industry in 1959 were valued at $\$ 31,131,000$ as compared with a 196 mplant total of $\$ 28,757,000$ in 1958. These plants employed 4,125 persons ( 3,871 in 1958) and paid $\$ 10,564,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 9,630,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 14,546,000(\$ 13,422,000)$.

Hat \& Cap Industry. Selling value of products shipped by 130 establishments comprising the hat and cap industry in 1959 amounted to $\$ 29,965,000$ as compared with a 140 plant total of $\$ 29,272,000$ in the preceding year. Employees numbered 4,017 (4,073 in 1958) and salaries and wages totalled $\$ 10,960,000$ ( $\$ 10,748,000$ ). Cost of materials and supplies was $\$ 12,799,000(\$ 12,529,000)$.

Embroidery \& Hemstitching Factory shipments by 134 plants comprising the embroidery, pleating and hemstitching industry in 1959 were valued at $\$ 8,341,000$, compared with a $137-$ plant total of $\$ 8,393,000$ in 1958. These establishments employed 1,457 persons ( 1,484 in 1958) and paid $\$ 3,662,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 3,679,000)$. Materials and supplies were valued at $\$ 2,312,000(\$ 2,530,000)$.

Fabric Gloves \& Mittens. Thirteen establishments engaged in the manufacture of fabric gloves and mittens had shipments valued at $\$ 4,827,000$ in 1959 versus a $12-$ plant total of $\$ 4,349,000$ in 1958. They employed 785 persons ( 669 in 1958) and paid $\$ 1,481,000$ in salaries and wages ( $\$ 1,183,000$ ). Materials and supplies cost $\$ 2,444,000(\$ 2,249,000)$.

Fabric Auto Accessories. Manufacturers of fabric auto accessorles had factory shipments valued at $\$ 15,740,000$ in 1959 as compared with $\$ 12,199,000$ in 1958. They employed 1,032 persons ( 927 in 1958) and paid $\$ 3,512,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 2,999,000)$. Cost of materials and supplies was $\$ 9,124,000(\$ 7,626,000)$.

Miscellaneous Clothing \& Textiles Sixty-four plants comprising the miscellaneous clothing industry had shipments valued at $\$ 11,865,000$ in 1959 versus a $68-$ plant total of $\$ 11,852,000$ in 1958. They employed 1,334 persons ( $1,321 \mathrm{in}$ 1958 ) and paid $\$ 3,418,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 3,335,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 6,004,000(\$ 6,015,000)$.

Shipments from 166 plants in the miscellaneous textiles group were valued at $\$ 51,334,000$ as against a $175-$ plant value of $\$ 50,427,000$ in 1958. They employed 3,983 persons ( 3,922 in 1958) and paid $\$ 11,626,000$ in salaries and wages ( $\$ 11$, , 648,000 ). Materials and supplies cost $\$ 28,879,000$ versus $\$ 27,388,000$.

Oilcloth \& Linoleum. Nineteen establishments comprising the oilcloth, linoleum and coated fabrics industry had factory shipments valued at $\$ 43,790,000$ in 1959 versus $\$ 40,930,000$ in the preceding year. Their employees numbered 3, 102 (2,902 in 1958) and salaries and wages totalled $\$ 12,902,000$ ( $\$ 11,907,000$ ). Materials and supplies were valued at $\$ 24,408,000(\$ 21,119,000)$.

Leather Gloves and Mittens. Factory shipments from 61 plants engaged in the manufacture of leather gloves and mittens in 1959 were valued at $\$ 10,550,000$ versus $\$ 9,952,000$ reported by 62 plants in 1958. There were 1,518 employees ( 1,509 in 1958) with salaries and wages amounting to $\$ 3,468,000(\$ 3,245,000)$. Cost of materials and supplies was $\$ 5,274,000(\$ 4,931,000)$.

Hair Goods. Selling value of factory shipments reported by manufacturers of hair goods in 1959 amounted to $\$ 882,000$ as compared with $\$ 1,294,000$ in the preceding year. There were 10 plants in 1959 versus 12 in 1958. These employed 94 persons ( 138 in 1958) and paid $\$ 329,000$ in salaries and wages ( $\$ 393,000$ ). Materials and supplies cost $\$ 388,000(\$ 661,000)$.

Knitted Goods. One hundred and seventy-six establishments comprising the knitted goods industry had factory shipments valued at $\$ 120,966,000$ in 1959, an increase of slightly more than $10 \%$ over the preceding year's 174-plant total of $\$ 109,780,000$. The industry employed 12,640 persons ( 12,223 in 1959) and paid $\$ 30,375,000$ in salaries and wages $(\$ 28,385,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 69,134,000(\$ 61,330,000)$.

Wool Cloth Fifty-five plants engaged in the manufacture of wool cloth had shipments valued at $\$ 47,685,000$ in 1959, an increase of $7.8 \%$ over the preceding year's $\$ 44,230,000$. Emp loyees numbered 4,843 ( 4,658 in 1958), with salaries and wages amounting to $\$ 14,151,000(\$ 13,146,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 26$,$088,000(\$ 23,316,000)$.

Wool Yarnv The wool yarn industry had factory shipments valued at $\$ 37,690$, 000 in 1959 versus $\$ 31,421,000$ in 1958. There were 37 establishments in the industry in 1959 ( 38 in 1958) and their employees numbered 2,949 ( 2,753 ) with salaries and wages amounting to $\$ 8,246,000(\$ 7,493,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 21,816,000(\$ 19,114,000)$.

Hosiery. Factory selling value of products shipped by 143 establishments couprising the hosiery industry in 1959 were valued at $\$ 68,302,000$, an increase of $7 \%$ over the 1958 value reported by 147 plants. Employees numbered 8,352 (8, 713 in 1958) and their salaries and wages grossed $\$ 21,812,000(\$ 21,444,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 29,525,000(\$ 27,280,000)$.

Children's Factory Clothing, Shipments by 180 plants comprising the children's factory clothing industry in 1959 were valued at $\$ 69,908,000$ as compared with the preceding year's 186 -plant total of $\$ 65,494,000$. Employees numbered 8,120 ( 7,866 in 1958) and salaries and wages grossed $\$ 18,218,000(\$ 16,981,-$ $000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 40,202,000(\$ 36,661,000)$.

Men's Clothing Contractors. Value of work performed by men's clothing contractors in 1959 was $\$ 13,115,000$ versus $\$ 12,611,000$ in the preceding year. They employed 4,910 persons ( 4,950 in 1958) and paid $\$ 9,751,000$ in salaries and wages ( $\$ 9,392,000$ ). There were 136 plants versus 145 in 1958. Cost of macerials and supplies was $\$ 1,276,000(\$ 1,192,000)$.

Women's Clothing Contractors. Value of work performed by 144 women's factory clothing contractors in 1959 was $\$ 9,727,000$ as compared with $\$ 8,786,000$ in 1958. Their employees numbered 3,805 ( 3,698 in 1958) and salaries and wages amounted to $\$ 6,813,000(\$ 6,315,000)$. Materials and supplies cost $\$ 813,000$ ( $\$ 714,000$ ).

Dyeing \& Finishing of Te: tiles. Value of work performed by 55 iplants engaged in dyeing and finishing textile goods in 1959 was $\$ 17,002,000$ as compared with $\$ 15,955,000$ reported by 56 plants in 1958. There were 2,060 employees ( $2,-$ 022 in 1958) and salaries and wages amounted to $\$ 7,049,000(\$ 6,671,000)$. Cost of materials was $\$ 5,004,000(\$ 4,723,000)$.

## HEALTH

26. Home Nursing Services

The records of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada show that 111,464 cases were discharged in 1959 after receiving home nursing care from this Order, compared to 110,922 cases in 1958. Maternity and newborn cases numbered 64,671 versus 64,984 , medical and surgical cases 40,878 against 37,212 , and other health instruction cases 5,915 as compared to 8,816 .

Number of visits to all cases in 1959 was $1,008,354$ as against 989,214 in 1958, with medical and surgical cases accounting for 722,929 visits ( $72 \%$ of the Lotal) versus 694,661 ( $70 \%$ ). More cases in the younger age groups in the medi-cal-surgical category, resulted in a decline of the median age in this group to 63.2 years from 65.0 in 1958. Cause groups showing the most noticeable increases in the medical-surgical group in 1959 were: influenza, 1, 705 cases ( 1,115 in 1958); symptons, senility and il1-defined conditions, 4,588 (4,068); and accidents, poisonings and violence, 2,332 (1,941).

## 27. Travellers' Vehicle Permits

Number of travellers' vehicle permits issued in January this year rose $9.7 \%$ to 255,798 from 233,167 in the same 1960 month, according to the resumption of monthly DBS figures on the volume of highway traffic entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits. This series was suspended with the September 1959 issue due to procedural changes in the admittance of foreign vehicles into Canada that took effect on October 1, 1959.

More permits were issued in January this year than last in all provinces and territories except Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Totals were: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, 62 (92 in January 1960) ; New Brunswick, 14,300 (15,733); Quebec, 24, 202 (22,466); Ontario, 193,215 (175,573); Manitoba, $4,702(3,558)$; Saskatchewan, $1,869(1,100)$; Alberta, 1,186 (943); British Columbia, 15,907 ( 13,460 ) ; and the Yukon Territory, 355 (242).

## ELECTRIC ENERGY

## 28. Electric Power Statistics

Total net generation of electric energy by plants that produce 10 miliion kilowatt hours or more per year rose $0.9 \%$ in January this year to $9,979,248$ megawatt hours from $9,888,213 \mathrm{mwh}$ in January last year. With imports up sharply to $95,650 \mathrm{mwh}$ from $22,441 \mathrm{mwh}$ a year ago, and exports down steeply to $277,849 \mathrm{mwh}$ from $404,270 \mathrm{mwh}$, the amount of electric energy made available for use in Canada rose $3.1 \%$ to a record monthly high of $9,797,049 \mathrm{mwh}$ from $9,506,384 \mathrm{mwh}=-$ the previous peak was $9,721,330$ mwh in March 1960. Amount used in electric boilers in the month dropped to $581,462 \mathrm{mwh}$ from $694,361 \mathrm{mwh}$ a year ago.

SAWMILLING
*29. Sawn Lumber Production East of The Rockies

Production of sawn lumber (excluding ties) East of the Rockies in January this year decreased $9.8 \%$ to $162,941,000$ feet board measure from $180,661,000$ a year ago, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the January issue of "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies". Month's shipments fell $15.0 \%$ to $97,520,000$ feet board measure from 114,756,000. End-of-January stocks amounted to $484,038,000$ feet board measure, compared to $479,994,000$ a month earlier and $508,126,000$ a year ago. The table following shows production and shipments for the eight provinces in January this year with comparable 1960 figures.


| Prince Edwar | 440 | 264 | 90 | 65 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nova Scotia | 10,458 | 15,606 | 6,081 | 6,860 |
| New Brunswic | 33,808 | 22,073 | 11,808 | 7,624 |
| Quebec | 42,250 | 52,971 | 28,164 | 38,757 |
| Ontario | 23,014 | 23,083 | 25,206 | 26,681 |
| Manitoba | 4,594 | 6,128 | 493 | 198 |
| Saskatchewan | 12,726 | 10,542 | 5,496 | 5,141 |
| Alberta | 35,651 | 49,994 | 20,182 | 29,430 |
|  | 162,941 | 180,661 | 97,520 | 114,756 |

30. Iron Ore Shipments of iron ore from Canadian mines in January this year declined $8.7 \%$ to 465,188 tons from 509,762 in the same 1960 month; ore shipped for export fell $5.3 \%$ to 371,782 tons from 392,753 and shipments to Canadian consumers $20.2 \%$ to 93,406 tons from 117,009. End-of-January stocks were nearly $60 \%$ larger than last year at $3,343,158$ tons versus $2,090,558$. Month ${ }^{2}$ s shipments from mines in Newfoundland decreased in total to 226,195 tons from 290,529 a year ago and from Ontarlo to 58,632 tons from 90,921 , while shipments from Quebec increased to 69,671 tons from 51,267 and from Alberta and British Columbia to 110,690 tons from 77,045.
31. Crude Petroleum \& Natural Gas Production of crude petroleum in October 1960 fell to $14,530,337$ barrels Erom 15, 123, 550 in the corresponding 1959 month. With increases in all previous months except August and September, output in the January-October period rose $4.6 \%$ to $160,406,648$ barrels from $153,341,050$ a year earlier. Output was larger in October as compared to a year earlier in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories and smaller in Ontario and Alberta, while production in the 10 -month period was larger in all areas except New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba.

Production of natural gas in October increased to $43,989,294 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet from $36,127,423 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet in the like 1959 month. With increases in all previous months, output in the January October period advanced $24.4 \%$ to $4,08,961,893$ M cubic feet from $328,655,914 \mathrm{M}$ cubic feet a year earlier. Month's output was up from a year earlier in Alberta and British Columbia and down in New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, while 10 -month output was up in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia and down in the remaining areas.

## 32. Coal Mining Industry In 1959 Consumption of coal in Canada in 1959

 amounted to $24,548,000$ tons, compared to $25,209,000$ in the preceding year, a decrease of $2.6 \%$, according to the Bureau's annual report on the coal mining industry. This compares to the all-time low of $24,468,000$ tons set in 1939 and the all-time high of $47,383,000$ resched in 1948.Consumption of domestic coal in 1959 fell $4.2 \%$ to $10,589,000$ tons from 11, $=$ 055,000 in the preceding year, and was sharply below the 1950 peak total of $18,225,000$ tons. Consumption of imported coal declined 1.4\% to 13,959,000 tons from $14,154,000$; total from the United States decreased to $13,862,000$ tons from $14,090,000$, while the amount from Great Britain increased to 97,000 tons from 65,000.

Domestic production of all grades of coal in 1959 decreased $9.1 \%$ to 10 , 627,000 tons valued at $\$ 73,876,000$ from $11,687,000$ tons valued at $\$ 79,963,000$ in 1958. Imported coal "entered for consumption" declined $1.8 \%$ to $14,236,000$ tons valued at $\$ 84,488,000$ from $14,491,000$ tons valued at $\$ 88,016,000$, while exports of Canadian coal advanced close to $40 \%$ to 474,000 tons valued at $\$ 3$, 582,000 from 339,000 tons valued at $\$ 2,908,000$.

[^0]33. $\frac{\text { Contract Drilling In }}{\text { The Mining Industry }}$

Footage drilled by contract diamond drilling of deposits other than fuels in 1959 climbed $22.8 \%$ to 5,435,971 feet from $1958^{1}$ s all-time low of 4,426,594 feet, and compares to 1956 's all-time high figure of $7,840,670$ feet. Number of firms rose to 52 from 48 in 1958, employees to 1,902 from 1,717 and salaries and wages to $\$ 7,968,000$ from $\$ 6,922,000$. Income from drilling increased to $\$ 17,880,-$ 000 from $\$ 14,420,000$ in the preceding year.

Drilling for fuels engaged 109 contractors in 1959, up 4 from 1958. Number of employees decreased to 4,734 from 5,261 a year earlier and salaries and wages to $\$ 21,423,000$ from $\$ 24,080,000$. Gross income from drilling dropped to $\$ 63,816,000$ from $\$ 69,345,000$.

## FISHERIES

*34. Fisheries Statistics In January
Landings of sea fish and shellfish by Canadian fishermen in January this year more than doubled as compared to January last year, rising to $109,811,00 n$ pounds from $45,478,000$, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the January issue of "Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics". Month's landed value increased to $\$ 2,234,000$ from $\$ 1,584,000$ a year ago.

January landings on the Atlantic coast rose moderately to $33,110,000$ pounds from 31,124,000 a year ago, while landings on the British Columbia coast increased substantially to $76,701,000$ pounds from $14,354,000$. Month's landed value on the east coast was up to $\$ 1,372,000$ from $\$ 1,240,000$ and on the west cosst to $\$ 862,000$ from $\$ 344,000$.

AGRICULTURE \& FOOD
35. Grain Milling Statistics Production of wheat flour in January this year amounted to $2,720,000 \mathrm{cwt}$., a drop of $9 \%$ from last year's like total of $2,980,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. Output in the first half (August January) of the current Canadian crop year totalled $20,526,000 \mathrm{cwt}$., a slight $(0.6 \%)$ gain from the year-earlier figure of $20,412,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. Wheat flour exports in January were estimated at $1,400,000 \mathrm{cwt}$., bringing the six-month total to 8,$157,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. as compared to $8,022,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. a year ago.
36. The Dairy Review Preliminary estimates of milk production in January this year put the total at $1,090,000,000$ pounds, which is some $2.8 \%$ above last year's January figure. Revised data place output in December 1960 at $1,168,514,000$ pounds as compared to $1,167,739,000$ in the corresponding 1959 month. This brought output in the year 1960 to $18,433,320,000$ pounds, an increase of $1.4 \%$ from the 1959 figure of $18,186,737,000$ pounds.

Milk production in 1960 was larger than a year earlier in all provinces except the Maritimes, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Totals were: Prince Edward Island, $225,355,000$ pounds ( $239,630,000$ in 1959); Nova Scotia, 398,140,000 ( $413,455,000$ ) ; New Brunswick, $439,810,000$ ( $448,470,000$ ) ; Quebec, $6,170,312,000$ $(6,017,523,000)$; Ontario, $6,223,604,000(6,209,008,000)$; Manitoba, 1, 127,127,000 ( $1,139,521,000$ ) ; Saskatchewan, $1,337,109,000(1,337,545,000)$; Alberta, 1,635,$779,000(1,541,008,000)$; and British Columbia, $876,084,000(840,577,000)$.
37. Stocks Of Dairy of Poultry Products Stocks of creamery butter in nine
cities of Canada at March I this year
increased to $60,540,000$ pounds from $46,392,000$ a year ago and cheddar cheese to
$23,896,000$ pounds from $21,430,000$, while holdings of cold storage eggs decreased
to 9,000 cases from 49,000 .

March i creamery butter stocks in the nine cities were as follows: Quebec, $4,036,000$ pounds ( $5,190,000$ a year ago) ; Montreal, 30,396,000 (18,919,000); Toronto, $6,091,000(3,438,000)$; Winnipeg, $10,319,000(13,061,000)$; Regina, 2,$819,000(1,606,000)$; Saskatoon, $2,959,000(1,835,000)$; Edmonton, 2,351,000 (1,$351,000)$; Calgary, $546,000(318,000)$; and Vancouver, $1,023,000(674,000)$.
38. Gross Farm Value Of Principal Field Crops

Revised data indicate that the gross farm value of production of Canada's principal field crops in 1959 was $\$ 1.6$ billion, compared to $\$ 1.5$ billion in 1958 and the record $\$ 2.35$ billion of 1952 . The pre-war ( $1935-39$ ) average value of field crop production in Canada was $\$ 0.58$ billion, while the $1954-58$ average amounted to some $\$ 1.6$ billion.

Freliminary estimate of the value of Canada's 1960 field crops at $\$ 1.6$ billion, calculated from average prices received by farmers during the August 1960-January 1961 period and based on initiai Canadian Wheat Board payments only for western wheat, oats and barley, is virtually the same as the 1959 total. It is emphasized that a direct comparison between the 1960 preliminary total and the 1959 revised total is unrealistic. Some further payments may be made by the Canadian Wheat Board on the 1959 crop.

Crops contributing the largest amount to the 1959 total were: wheat, $\$ 497.7$ million; tame hay, $\$ 304.2$ million; oats, $\$ 285.2 \mathrm{million}$; and barley, $\$ 163,4$ million. The gross value of the 1959 wheat and barley crops and the all-Canada total will be further increased by whatever further payments may be made on that part of the wheat and barley crops marketed through the canadian Wheat Board.

On a provincial basis in 1959, Saskatchewan with $\$ 436.7$ million recorded the highest value of field crop production, followed by Alberta with $\$ 356.2$ million and Ontario with $\$ 314.7$ million. The gross value of field crop production in the other provinces in 1959 was estimsted as follows (in millions): Manitoba. \$189.3; Quebec, \$169.9; New Brunswick, \$33.0; British Columbia, \$31.2; Prince Edward Island, \$27.6; and Nova Scotia, \$15.7.
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