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H I G H L I G H T S O F T H I S I S S U E

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Business: Value of cheques cashed in clearing centres increased 14.5% in May to \$26,202,566,000 from a year earlier and 6.8% in the January-May period to \$119,447,094,000 ... Balances outstanding on credit extended on the books of sales finance companies (for consumer goods), small loan companies, department stores, furniture and appliance stores, and charter banks (for personal loans) amounted to \$3,140 million at the end of May, up 7.0% from a year earlier. (Pages 2-3)

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Construction: Starts on the construction of new dwellings in Canada totalled 37,885 units in this year's second quarter, an increase of almost 25% over last year's 30,364. This brought the total for the first half of the year to 54,359 units, up 31.0% from 41,482 a year ago. (Page 3)

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Manufacturing: Production of steel ingots in the week ended July 29 amounted to 118,305 tons, a decrease of 5.5% from 125,141 in the preceding week. Output in the comparable 1960 period was 99,561 tons ... Factory shipments of Canadian-made passenger cars and commercial vehicles in this year's first half declined 11.6% to 217,213 units from 245,614 in the like period last year. (Page 5)

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Transportation: Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada in the seven days ended July 21 numbered 73,984, down 3.7% from last year's like total. Loadings this year to date declined 7.5% to 1,866,975 cars. (Page 7)

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Merchandising: Sales of new passenger and commercial vehicles declined 0.7% in May to 58,052 units from a year earlier and 6.6% in the January-May period to 223,489 units ... Department store sales were 8.1% higher in value in the week ending July 22 this year as compared to last. (Page 9)

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Agriculture & Food: Canadian farmers seeded an estimated 23.8 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1961, an increase of 3% from 1960. (Page 13)

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*1. Labour Income In May Canada's paid workers received an estimated \$1,586,-000,000 in May in the form of salaries and wages and supplementary labour income, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the May issue of "Estimates of Labour Income". This is an increase of 3.2% from the April total of \$1,536,000,000 and also of 3.2% from last year's May figure of \$1,537,000,000. Labour income in the January-May period rose 2.6% to an estimated \$7,629,000,000 from \$7,429,000,000 in the corresponding 1960 period.

The table following contains data on labour income in May and the January-May period this year and last and April this year on the unadjusted basis, together with data for April and May this year on the seasonally adjusted basis.

	Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted	
	May 1961	April 1961	May 1960	January to May 1960		May 1961	April 1961
	Millions of Dollars						
Atlantic region...	106	99	102	503	485	106	106
Quebec	403	394	391	1,952	1,898	403	404
Ontario	667	649	644	3,222	3,135	663	660
Prairie region...	237	224	228	1,119	1,085	236	235
British Columbia..	169	166	167	811	806	165	167
CANADA.....	1,586	1,536	1,537	7,629	7,429	1,576	1,572

2. Employment And Weekly Earnings Industrial employment increased 3.8% from April to May, the composite index (1949=100) rising to 116.9 from 112.6. This was 1.7% lower than the May 1960 index of 118.9. The month-to-month increase was larger than seasonal and the seasonally adjusted composite index rose from 116.0 in April to 116.8 in May.

Employment was at a higher level in all industrial divisions, with the increases in forestry, construction and manufacturing accounting for most of the overall gain. The increases were larger than seasonal in all industries except service and transportation, storage and communication.

Average weekly wages and salaries declined from \$78.12 in April to \$77.99 in May but increased from \$75.36 in May last year. Temporary reductions in earnings of workers on unpaid leave during the Victoria Day Week-end contributed to the decline from April.

May employment indexes were higher than in April in all provinces: Newfoundland, 117.0 (107.0 in April); Prince Edward Island, 131.9 (111.2); Nova Scotia, 96.0 (86.4); New Brunswick, 99.1 (88.7); Quebec, 116.4 (112.3); Ontario, 118.1 (115.1); Manitoba, 109.8 (105.1); Saskatchewan, 123.2 (116.8); Alberta, 153.4 (143.9); and British Columbia, 112.0 (108.8).

B U S I N E S S

3. Cheques Cashed In Clearing Centres Value of cheques cashed in clearing centres in Canada in May increased 14.5% to \$26,202,566,000 from \$22,886,481,000 in the same month last year. This brought cashings in the January-May period to \$119,447,094,000, a rise of 6.8% from last year's corresponding total of \$111,888,159,000.

Debits were higher in value in May and the January-May period this year as compared to last in all regions. May totals (percentage increases in brackets) were: Atlantic Provinces, \$629,971,000 (3.3%); Quebec, \$7,526,677,000 (17.4%); Ontario, \$12,206,402,000 (11.6%); Prairie Provinces, \$4,203,103,000 (21.6%); and British Columbia, \$1,636,413,000 (10.8%).

January-May totals (percentage gains in brackets): Atlantic Provinces, \$2,819,919,000 (1.6%); Quebec, \$35,779,770,000 (8.5%); Ontario, \$55,547,907,000 (3.5%); Prairie Provinces, \$17,780,740,000 (16.1%); and British Columbia, \$7,518,758,000 (4.6%).

4. Credit Statistics In May Balances outstanding on credit extended on the books of sales finance companies (for consumer goods), small loan companies, department stores, furniture and appliance stores, and chartered banks (for personal loans) amounted to \$3,140 million at the end of May this year, larger by 7.0% than last year's corresponding total of \$2,934 million.

End-of-May outstandings on the books of sales finance companies for consumer goods declined to \$791 million from \$826 million, and furniture and appliance stores to \$186 million from \$190 million. Outstandings held by small loan companies at month's end rose to \$515 million from \$470 million, department stores to \$331 million from \$295 million, and personal loans at chartered banks to \$1,276 million from \$1,109 million.

Retail instalment financing by sales finance companies of consumer and commercial goods in May amounted to \$117.7 million, down from \$132.1 million a year earlier. Credit extended by these companies for purchases of motor vehicles during the month dropped to \$79.2 million from \$93.3 million in the same month last year.

C O N S T R U C T I O N

*5. New Residential Construction Starts on the construction of new dwellings in Canada totalled 37,885 units in this year's second quarter, an increase of almost 25% over last year's like total of 30,364, according to advance DBS figures that will appear in the June issue of "New Residential Construction". This brought starts in the first half of 1961 to 54,359 units, up 31.0% from 41,482 in the same 1960 period.

Completions in the second quarter of 1961 declined to 24,594 units from 28,747 a year earlier, while the six-month total was down to 47,429 units from 57,530. Units in various stages of construction at the end of June increased 9.1% to 71,648 units from 65,694 at the same time last year.

Starts in urban centres of 5,000 population and over increased in June to 10,536 units from 8,702 in the same month last year, bringing the half-year total to 39,873 units as against 29,555 in the same 1960 period. Completions in June rose to 6,869 units from 6,551, while six-month completions fell to 34,562 units from 43,423. Under construction at month's end were 49,923 units as against 45,933.

Second quarter and half-year data for Canada and the provinces are given in table 1, while data for June and the half year for urban centres of 5,000 population and over are contained in table 2.

Table 1. - All Areas By Provinces

	Year	Second Quarter		Jan. 1 to June 30		Under Construction at June 30
		Started	Completed	Started	Completed	
Canada	1961	37,885	24,594	54,359	47,429	71,648
	1960	30,364	28,747	41,482	57,530	65,694
Nfld. . . .	1961	814	550	879	737	2,310
	1960	754	572	778	912	2,242
P.E.I. . . .	1961	73	73	81	94	129
	1960	83	100	86	173	152
N.S.	1961	1,045	1,008	1,482	1,872	3,468
	1960	1,353	982	1,706	1,902	3,489
N.B.	1961	674	568	714	806	866
	1960	676	409	718	866	901
Que.	1961	9,486	7,996	14,627	12,862	15,390
	1960	7,617	7,724	11,116	14,063	14,196
Ont.	1961	14,491	8,216	20,168	17,870	30,331
	1960	11,890	11,243	15,214	22,092	26,556
Man.	1961	1,913	847	2,415	1,972	2,786
	1960	1,411	1,059	1,904	2,479	3,140
Sask. . . .	1961	1,953	754	2,361	1,696	2,706
	1960	1,148	907	1,309	2,239	2,017
Alta. . . .	1961	3,943	2,261	5,529	4,777	4,930
	1960	1,925	2,479	2,755	6,166	3,987
B.C.	1961	3,493	2,321	6,103	4,743	8,732
	1960	3,507	3,272	5,896	6,638	9,014

Table 2. - Urban Centres of 5,000 Population and Over By Province

	Year	Month of June		Jan. 1 to June 30		Under Construction at June 30
		Started	Completed	Started	Completed	
Canada	1961	10,536	6,869	39,873	34,562	49,923
	1960	8,702	6,551	29,555	43,423	45,933
Nfld. . . .	1961	52	24	117	142	247
	1960	54	26	139	296	308
P.E.I. . . .	1961	22	3	44	38	47
	1960	9	-	16	39	13
N.S.	1961	173	143	676	703	1,345
	1960	351	175	659	745	1,282
N.B.	1961	120	50	278	339	356
	1960	131	57	279	492	345
Que.	1961	2,961	2,202	11,771	11,048	12,131
	1960	2,077	2,111	9,214	11,590	11,921
Ont.	1961	4,005	2,722	15,068	12,952	23,055
	1960	3,913	2,483	11,265	16,240	20,419
Man.	1961	547	340	2,102	1,763	2,472
	1960	507	284	1,618	2,359	2,793
Sask. . . .	1961	488	193	1,495	1,161	1,654
	1960	346	55	872	1,653	1,307
Alta. . . .	1961	1,425	652	4,299	3,565	3,729
	1960	686	637	2,073	5,090	2,897
B.C.	1961	743	540	4,023	2,851	4,887
	1960	628	723	3,420	4,919	4,648

Note: New residential construction statistics for the whole country, including urban centres of 5,000 population and over, urban centres under 5,000 and rural areas are available only on a quarterly basis.

*6. Steel Ingot Production Reflecting the effect of holiday shutdowns at some plants, production of steel ingots in the week ended July 29 amounted to 118,305 tons, a decrease of 5.5% from the preceding week's total of 125,141 tons. Output in the comparable 1960 period was 99,561 tons. Index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-59 of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 123 in the current week versus 130 a week earlier and 104 a year ago.

7. Motor Vehicle Shipments Factory shipments of Canadian-made passenger cars and commercial vehicles in this year's January-June period declined 11.6% to 217,213 units from 245,614 in the first half of 1960, due to decreases in each of the first five months that more than offset an increase in June. Half-year shipments of motor vehicles imported from the United States dropped to 10,499 units from 13,730 a year earlier. June shipments of Canadian-made vehicles rose 5.9% to 41,230 units from 38,934 a year earlier, while shipments of vehicles imported from the United States decreased to 1,637 units from 2,029.

Total shipments in the January-June period of Canadian-made motor vehicles comprised 181,637 passenger cars versus 205,001 a year ago and 35,576 commercial vehicles versus 40,613. Passenger cars for sale in Canada in the half year numbered 175,702 units versus 192,287 a year earlier and for export 5,935 versus 12,714. Commercial vehicles for sale in Canada in the period totalled 33,530 units against 38,508 and for export 2,046 against 2,105.

June shipments were made up of 34,471 passenger cars versus 32,899 in the same month last year, and 6,759 commercial vehicles versus 6,025. Month's passenger car shipments comprised 33,415 units versus 30,765 a year earlier for sale in Canada and 1,056 units versus 2,134 for export. Commercial vehicle sales were made up of 6,523 units versus 5,550 for sale in Canada and 236 units versus 475 for export.

8. Sugar Situation In The First Six Months Of 1961 Production of refined beet and cane sugar in this year's January-June period declined 0.9% to 667,764,000 pounds from 673,515,000 a year ago, while total sales rose 2.0% to 803,236,000 pounds from 787,133,000. End-of-June stocks in companies' hands were up from a year ago at 269,310,000 pounds versus 237,833,000. June output was up to 148,391,000 pounds from 142,900,000 a year earlier, while sales were down to 167,498,000 pounds from 170,595,000.

Receipts of raw cane sugar in the half year dropped 6.5% to 619,565,000 pounds from 662,429,000 a year ago, and meltings and sales 1.1% to 675,296,000 pounds from 682,589,000. Company-held stocks at the end of June were smaller than a year ago at 176,716,000 pounds versus 299,906,000. June receipts were up to 187,140,000 pounds from 155,668,000 a year earlier, while meltings and sales were down to 143,098,000 pounds from 145,136,000.

9. Mineral Wool Shipments Shipments of mineral wool batts in the first six months of this year increased to 120,904,606 square feet from 94,731,796 in the like 1960 period and granulated wool to 3,266,576 cubic feet from 2,839,193, while shipments of bulk or loose wool decreased to 281,516 cubic feet from 319,814. June shipments of batts were up to 31,507,479 square feet from 22,903,300 a year earlier, granulated wool to 687,504 cubic feet from 555,639, and bulk or loose wool to 48,420 cubic feet from 23,625.

10. Gypsum Products Shipments of gypsum wallboard in this year's January-June period increased to 189,281,097 square feet from 161,072,531 a year ago, gypsum lath to 117,262,786 square feet from 117,254,719 and gypsum sheathing to 5,261,862 square feet from 3,484,408, while shipments of gypsum plasters decreased to 111,778 tons from 121,068. June shipments were larger than a year earlier for wallboard, lath and sheathing, and smaller for plasters.
11. Rigid Insulating Board Shipments of rigid insulating board in June advanced to 42,123,544 square feet from 30,053,035 a year earlier. Decreases in January, February and April more than offset increases in March and May, and shipments in the January-June period fell to 176,897,111 square feet from 182,314,823 a year ago.
- Domestic shipments of rigid insulating board increased in June to 38,197,518 square feet from 27,431,711 a year earlier, and export shipments to 3,926,026 square feet from 2,621,324. January-June domestic shipments dropped to 157,770,214 square feet from 166,348,997 a year ago, while export shipments advanced to 19,126,971 square feet from 15,965,826.
12. Production Of Carbonated Beverages Production of carbonated beverages in June rose 5.6% to 16,102,716 gallons from 15,250,528 in the same month last year. With decreases in February, March and May more than offsetting increases in the other months, output in the first half of this year fell 4.9% to 71,532,333 gallons from 75,249,391 a year ago.
13. Shipments Of Rubber Footwear In 1960 Factory shipments of footwear by Canada's rubber products industry in 1960 increased to 14,720,418 pairs valued at \$32,790,047 from 14,975,951 pairs valued at \$32,030,531 in 1959, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the 1960 issue of "The Rubber Industries". Data for 1960 are revised from those published in the Weekly Bulletin of July 7, 1961, due to amended information received from several manufacturers. The table following lists factory shipments and values by main types for both 1959 and 1960.

Kind	Factory Shipments 1959		Factory Shipments 1960P	
	pairs	\$	pairs	\$
Boots, all rubber:				
(a) Knee, thigh and hip....	1,047,141	3,591,726	936,408*	3,230,459*
(b) Lumbermen's, etc.	281,521	1,452,223	307,858	1,614,946
Boots, rubber bottoms and				
leather tops.....	177,287	1,068,415	150,570	1,087,482
Bottoms for leather tops....	175,049	484,988	158,656*	458,650*
Overshoes and goloshes:				
(a) Cloth uppers.....	824,502	3,111,499	854,868*	3,410,157*
(b) All rubber, lined and				
unlined.....	3,233,830	8,888,515	2,912,810*	8,528,646*
Light and heavy rubbers.....	2,428,988	3,223,798	2,674,596*	3,732,625*
Bathing shoes.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Utility footwear, with canvas				
or other fabric tops.....	1,955,617	3,616,108	2,262,171	4,237,027
Leather footwear.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plastic waterproof footwear,				
all types.....	2,844,519	3,256,866	2,740,753	3,424,940
Other footwear.....	2,007,437	3,336,393	1,721,728	3,065,115
TOTAL FOOTWEAR.....	14,975,951	32,030,531	14,720,418*	32,790,947*

(1) Included in "Other footwear"; P Preliminary; * Revised.

14. Shipments Of Polyethylene Film Factory shipments of polyethylene film and sheet (including "layflat" tubing) in 1959 amounted to 16,950,000 pounds, according to a special DBS statement. Value of these shipments was placed at \$9,276,896.

15. Coal & Coke In 1960 Canada's production of coal in 1960 rose 3.6% to 11,011,100 tons from 10,626,700 in 1959, and exports jumped sharply (80%) to 852,900 tons from 473,800. Year's landed imports fell 9.7% to 12,305,900 tons from 13,629,500. Amount made available for consumption decreased 5.5% in 1960 to 22,464,100 tons from 23,782,400 in the preceding year.

Production of coke in 1960 declined 5.4% to 3,872,800 tons from 4,094,400 in 1959, landed imports 15.0% to 270,500 tons from 329,000 and exports 1.9% to 124,100 tons from 126,600. Coke made available for consumption fell 6.3% to 4,028,200 tons from 4,297,300.

TRANSPORTATION

16. Railway Carloadings In Third Week Of July Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada in the seven days ended July 21 numbered 73,984, down 3.7% from last year's like total of 76,858 cars. Loadings in the January 1-July 21 period declined 7.5% to 1,866,975 cars from 2,017,658 in the corresponding 1960 period.

Receipts from connections decreased in the week ended July 21 to 21,241 cars from 23,947 a year earlier, and in the January 1-July 21 period to 688,709 cars from 809,302 a year ago. Piggyback loadings increased in the week to 3,510 cars from 3,076, and in the cumulative period to 90,928 cars from 87,096.

17. Passenger Bus Statistics Number of passengers carried by intercity and rural bus lines in May rose to 4,025,988 from 3,811,024 a year earlier, bringing the January-May total to 19,519,077 persons versus 18,961,307 in the like 1960 period. Both regular and chartered services transported more passengers than a year earlier in the month and cumulative period. May operating revenue was up to \$3,261,962 from \$3,183,076, and the January-May total was up to \$15,017,732 from \$14,613,275.

18. Shipping In May Volume of freight handled at Canadian ports in May declined 4.1% to 18,765,700 tons from 19,569,500 a year earlier. This decrease, coupled with a drop in April, more than offset increases in each of the first three months of this year, and loadings and unloadings in the January-May period were slightly below a year ago at 44,533,500 tons versus 44,575,300.

May loadings and unloadings in foreign service were down to 9,305,600 tons from 10,533,900 a year earlier, while loadings and unloadings in coastwise service were up to 9,460,100 tons from 9,035,700. Freight handled in foreign service in the January-May period decreased to 22,663,100 tons from 23,918,400 a year ago, while freight handled in coastwise service increased to 21,870,400 tons from 20,656,900.

Vessel arrivals and departures in May declined to 28,281 from 29,998 a year earlier, and the registered net tonnage to 33,125,100 tons from 33,419,100. Arrivals and departures in the January-May period decreased to 85,944 from 92,809 a year ago, and the registered net tonnage to 93,312,700 tons from 94,558,300.

19. Canadian National Railways In 1960 Operating revenue per mile of road operated by the Canadian National Railways in 1960 averaged \$27,787, down 6.6% from the 1959 average of \$29,740, according to the annual DBS report on the system. Total operating revenues of the CNR, which operated 24,945 miles of road in 1960 versus 24,888 in 1959, decreased 6.4% to \$693,141,000 from \$740,165,000 and operating expenses fell 4.9% to \$705,818,000 from \$741,852,000.

Revenue freight carried by the system in 1960 declined 5.3% to 77,689,000 tons from 82,036,000 in the preceding year and revenue passengers also fell 5.3% to 12,024,000 from 12,694,000. Average revenue per ton of freight dropped 3.1% to \$6.77 from \$6.99, while average per revenue passenger edged up 0.6% to \$3.19 from \$3.17. Average revenue per ton mile fell 4.1% to 1.547¢ from 1.613¢, while the average per passenger mile rose 1.0% to 3.190¢ from 3.159¢.

P R I C E S

*20. Security Price Indexes

	<u>July 27</u>	<u>July 20</u>	<u>June 20</u>
<u>Investors' Price Index</u> (1935-39 = 100)			
Total common stocks.....	319.4	315.8	317.3
Industrials.....	334.8	331.4	332.4
Utilities.....	219.4	217.7	220.2
Banks.....	395.9	386.6	390.0
<u>Mining Stock Price Index</u> (1935-39 = 100)			
Total mining stocks.....	132.0	128.2	124.2
Golds.....	80.9	76.7	74.4
Base metals.....	249.0	246.2	238.3
<u>Supplementary Indexes*</u> (1956 = 100)			
Pipelines.....	134.3	131.8	135.0
Investment and Loan.....	184.9	185.2	186.0
Uraniums.....	72.7	71.0	69.7
Primary Oils and Gas.....	53.4	52.7	57.3

*Introduced May 1960.

*21. Wholesale Price Indexes

	<u>July*</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>June*</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1960</u>
	(1935 - 1939 = 100)			
<u>General Wholesale Index</u>	234.0	231.4	232.4	232.4
Vegetable products.....	205.0	200.1	205.2	206.0
Animal products.....	251.0	251.5	250.5	246.0
Textile products.....	236.1	234.1	230.8	231.2
Wood products.....	307.8	302.4	306.0	308.8
Iron products.....	259.3	259.3	255.9	256.2
Non-ferrous metals.....	182.0	179.0	179.7	180.4
Non-metallic minerals.....	185.0	183.8	185.2	185.3
Chemical products.....	189.1	187.6	188.4	188.4
Raw and manufactured products - Combined iron products and non- ferrous metals (excluding gold) ..	253.6	252.6	251.6	252.1

*These indexes are preliminary.

22. Canada-U.S. Border Crossings Volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States decreased slightly (0.5%) in May as compared to a year earlier, while entries in the January-May period increased 2.4%. Number of persons entering by rail, through bus, boat and plane declined 4.5% in the month and 5.2% in the five-month period.

Vehicles crossing the border into Canada from the United States numbered 1,562,100 in May as compared to 1,569,900 a year earlier, and totalled 5,973,800 in the January-May period versus 5,831,000 a year ago. Foreign vehicle entries rose 1.6% in the month to 761,400 from 749,200, and 3.7% in the five months to 2,700,800 from 2,604,800. Re-entries of Canadian vehicles decreased 2.4% in the month to 800,700 from 820,700, but increased 1.4% in the cumulative period to 3,273,000 from 3,227,100.

Persons entering Canada from the United States by rail, through bus, boat and plane numbered 215,100 in May versus 225,200 a year earlier, comprising foreign travellers at 116,500 versus 116,600 and returning Canadians at 98,600 versus 108,600. Entries by these means of transportation totalled 825,900 in the January-May period versus 870,900 a year ago; foreign travellers accounted for 355,500 persons versus 360,800 last year, and returning Canadians for 470,400 versus 510,100.

M E R C H A N D I S I N G

23. New Motor Vehicle Sales Sales of new passenger and commercial vehicles declined 0.7% in May to 58,052 units from 58,447 a year earlier, and 6.6% in the January-May period to 223,489 units from 239,403 a year ago. Retail value of these sales rose 1.3% in the month to \$176,718,000 from \$174,514,000, but fell 6.2% in the five months to \$679,154,000 from \$724,314,000.

Sales of new passenger cars fell 0.9% in May to 50,349 units from 50,789 a year earlier, and 7.4% in the January-May period to 190,643 units from 205,798 a year ago. Month's retail value of passenger car sales increased 3.3% to \$149,593,000 from \$144,832,000, but decreased 5.7% in the five-month period to \$562,707,000 from \$596,872,000.

May sales of new motor vehicles manufactured in Canada and the United States advanced 6.8% to 46,270 units from 43,344, while January-May sales fell 2.1% to 177,720 units from 181,449. Month's retail value of these sales rose 4.7% to \$151,156,000 from \$144,370,000, while the five-month total dropped 4.0% to \$583,957,000 from \$608,415,000.

Sales of overseas manufactured motor vehicles were down 22.0% in May to 11,782 units from 15,103, and 21.0% in January-May to 45,769 units from 57,954. Value of the month's sales was down 15.2% to \$25,562,000 from \$30,144,000, and the five-month total 17.9% to \$95,197,000 from \$115,900,000.

24. Department Store Sales Department store sales were 8.1% higher in value in the week ending July 22 this year as compared to last. All provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia posted increases, as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 16.0%; Quebec, 9.4%; Ontario, 12.8%; Manitoba, 24.1%; and Alberta, 11.1%. Sales were down 8.7% in Saskatchewan and 8.9% in British Columbia.

25. Preliminary Population Counts Of 1961 Census The first release in a series to show preliminary population counts of the 1961 Census of Canada for incorporated cities, towns, villages, and other municipal subdivisions such as townships, municipalities, and parishes, was announced this week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This special release is available on request. It contains preliminary 1961 Census population counts for approximately 10 cities, 155 towns, 420 villages, and 425 other types of municipal units. Additional releases in this series will follow as the information becomes available.

MINING

26. Shipments Of Salt Producers' shipments of dry common salt in the first half of this year decreased to 640,070 tons from 766,765 in the corresponding 1960 period, and salt content of brines used and shipped to 753,676 tons from 801,296. As a result, total shipments of salt and salt content of brine declined in the half year to 1,393,746 tons from 1,568,061 a year ago. June shipments of salt and salt content of brine were down to 214,095 tons from 243,040 a year earlier, and comprised 84,781 tons of dry common salt versus 114,160 and 129,314 tons of salt content of brine versus 128,880.
27. Gold Production Production of gold in May rose 1.8% to 384,776 fine ounces from 378,128 in the corresponding month last year. Small increases in January, March and April just offset a large decline in February, and output in the January-May period edged up 0.5% to 1,890,697 fine ounces from 1,881,726 in the same 1960 period. Output was larger than a year earlier both in May and the January-May period in Quebec and Ontario, and was smaller in the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.
28. Production Of Petroleum & Natural Gas In April Production of crude petroleum in April increased 14.6% to 16,845,319 barrels from 14,693,387 a year earlier. Output in the January-April period rose 1.5% to 67,297,495 barrels from 66,307,411 a year ago.

April production of natural gas advanced 31.3% to 53,606,869 Mcf. from 40,823,876 in April last year, and the January-April output climbed 24.6% to 232,481,176 Mcf. from 186,508,788 in the like 1960 period.

FISHERIES

- *29. Fisheries In Canada In June Due mainly to increased landings of herring and salmon on the British Columbia coast and lobsters on the Atlantic coast, catch of sea fish and shellfish in June rose 3% to 231,145,000 pounds from 224,900,000 in the same 1960 month, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the June issue of "Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics". This brought landings in the January-June period to 712,368,000 pounds versus 590,148,000 a year ago, an increase of 21%. Landed value was up 34% in June to \$15,847,000 from \$11,825,000 a year earlier, but was down slightly in the January-June period to \$34,784,000 from \$34,836,000.

June landings on the Atlantic coast declined to 194,199,000 pounds (valued at \$11,739,000) from 208,471,000 (\$9,102,000) a year earlier, and increased substantially on the British Columbia coast to 36,946,000 pounds (\$4,108,000) from 16,429,000 (\$2,723,000). Half-year catch on the Atlantic coast decreased to 443,384,000 pounds (\$24,710,000) from 502,248,000 (\$27,110,000) a year ago, while landings on the British Columbia coast climbed to 268,984,000 pounds (\$10,074,000) from 87,900,000 (\$7,726,000).

30 & 31. Fisheries Of British Columbia & Newfoundland Large decreases were recorded in the landings of herring and salmon in British Columbia in 1960 and the value of products of the province's fisheries fell 19.5% during the year to \$53,982,700 from \$67,067,500 in 1959. Year's value posted for the products of Newfoundland's fisheries was \$33,783,400, larger by 6.7% than the 1959 total of \$31,675,000; cod, which accounts for a major portion of the total, rose 6.3% in value. The value of B.C. salmon was \$36,962,700 (\$45,139,600 in 1959), and herring \$3,450,000 (\$8,843,200). Value of Newfoundland cod was \$21,803,800 (\$20,504,000).

A G R I C U L T U R E & F O O D

32. Supplies & Exports Of Wheat Supplies of wheat remaining on or about June 1 this year in the four major wheat exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,236.5 million bushels, 3% above the year-earlier total of 2,166.3 million bushels. June 1 supplies, in millions of bushels, were as follows: United States, 1,463.5 (1,356.3 a year ago); Canada, 589.9 (579.5); Argentina, 36.0 (104.5); and Australia, 147.1 (126.0).

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour, in terms of wheat, from the four major wheat exporting countries during the first 10 months (August-May) of the current Canadian crop year amounted to 1,056.3 million bushels, some 29% greater than the 816.0 million bushels exported in the same months of 1959-60.

Total world wheat exports, including products in grain equivalent, are expected to reach an all-time record of some 1,500 million bushels in the 1960-61 July-June crop year. This quantity is more than 12% greater than the total 1959-60 world wheat shipments of 1,327 million bushels. These estimates of total world wheat trade include large volumes exported under various government-assisted programmes, with a substantial proportion of wheat shipments from the United States moving under such arrangements.

The movement of Canadian wheat and flour exports has accelerated rapidly in recent months, with clearances of wheat alone reaching an all-time high of 42.2 million bushels for the month of May. Cumulative exports of wheat and flour during the first 10 months of the current crop year amounted to 287 million bushels, compared to 235 million bushels in the like 1959-60 period. Should the trend continue, exports of Canadian wheat and flour in 1960-61 will represent one of the highest levels on record.

While Canada stands second to the United States in terms of total wheat and flour exports, she is by far the largest seller in the world commercial market. In 1959-60, more than 95%, or some 264 million bushels, of Canada's wheat exports were sold on normal commercial terms. Little more than half this quantity, or 135 million bushels, were sold by the United States for dollars.

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Wheat and flour exports in the August-May period, including those under government programmes, were larger this year than last for the United States, Canada and Australia and smaller for Argentina. Ten-month totals were: United States, 564.0 million bushels (426.5 million a year earlier); Canada, 287.3 (235.4); Argentina, 59.2 (61.3); and Australia, 145.8 (92.8).

33. Cattle, Sheep & Horses On Farms Number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada increased over 5% to 12,116,000 head at June 1 this year, compared to the estimated total of 11,501,000 at June 1 last year. Increases averaged 7% in the West and 3.5% in the East, and occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick. Most of the increase was in beef cattle and calves.

Sheep and lambs on farms are estimated at 1,706,000 head at June 1 this year, down about 4% from the June 1960 total. Decreases were common to all provinces except Ontario and Manitoba. The trend of decreasing horse numbers continued and, at 534,400 head, the number on farms at June 1 this year was about 6% lower than last year's estimate.

34. First Estimates Of Commercial Fruit Crops Canada's 1961 apple crop is estimated at 13,944,000 bushels, a decrease of 6.5% from the 1960 total of 14,913,000 bushels, according to first DBS estimates. Crop of strawberries is estimated at 22,430,000 quarts versus 26,114,000 in the preceding year, raspberries 12,436,000 quarts versus 11,899,000, and grapes 84,268,000 pounds versus 113,167,000.

Estimates of other commercial fruit crops follow: pears, 1,464,000 bushels (1,528,000 in 1960); plums and prunes, 515,000 bushels (467,000); peaches, 3,081,000 bushels (2,362,000); apricots, 291,000 bushels (305,000); sweet cherries, 252,000 bushels (201,000); sour cherries, 371,000 bushels (254,000); and loganberries, 1,195,000 pounds (1,095,000).

35. Grain Trade Of Canada The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released its annual report on the grain trade of Canada for the 1959-60 crop year. Containing 120 pages, it provides detailed statistics on such subjects as acreages, yields and production, inspections, elevator receipts and shipments, rail and lake shipments, supplies, exports, prices, and rail freight rates.

36. Livestock & Animal Products The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released its annual report on livestock and animal products for the year 1960. The 42nd in an annual series, the present report contains statistical data on numbers and values of livestock, slaughterings, marketings, stocks, prices, imports and exports. Data are also included on production, prices, imports and exports of wool and hides and skins. A section of the report contains freight rates on livestock and meats.

37. Production Of Eggs Production of eggs in June declined 1.6% to 36,220,000 dozen from 36,799,000 in the same month last year. This brought output in the January-June period to 231,573,000 dozen, a rise of 0.6% from 1960's first half total of 230,894,000 dozen. Ontario accounted for 42.1% of the half-year output, followed by the Prairies with 28.3%, Quebec 13.5%, British Columbia 8.8%, and the Maritimes 7.3%.

*38. Skim Milk Powder Production of skim milk powder packed in consumer-size containers of 24 pounds or less in June amounted to 3,810,142 pounds, according to DBS. Of the total output, some 2,659,143 pounds were packed in containers of 5 pounds or less and the remainder in containers of 6 to 24 pounds, inclusive.

39. Estimates Of Crop And Summerfallow Acreages Preliminary estimates of 1961 crop acreages indicate that Canadian farmers seeded 23.8 million acres to all classes of wheat, an increase of 3% from 1960; 11.6 million acres to oats, an increase of 4%; and 6.1 million acres to barley, a decrease of 17%.

Flax seedings decreased 8% to an estimated 2.4 million acres. Rapeseed at 744,700 acres decreased 2% compared with last year's plantings, while soybeans at 272,500 acres increased 6%. Rye seedings, at 519,800 acres are down some 4% from those of 1960, and mixed grains at 1.6 million acres increased 13%.

Other crops showing increases in area from 1960 levels are: dry peas, 65,400 acres, up 21%; potatoes 331,700 acres, up 6%; tame hay 12.3 million acres, up 1%; and fodder corn 391,400 acres, up 6%. The acreage seeded to dry beans at 66,900 acres was practically unchanged from 1960, while smaller acreages than in 1960 are reported for corn for grain at 509,600 acres, down 1%; buckwheat, 77,500 acres, down 9%; field roots 26,700 acres, down 3%; and sugar beets 85,100 acres, down 1%. The area in summerfallow, at 24.4 million acres, is 2% above that of 1960.

For Canada as a whole the area seeded to the 18 spring-planted crops is estimated at 47.7 million acres, compared to 48.0 million in 1960 and the ten-year (1950-59) average of 48.7 million. Total acreage in the 18 spring-planted crops, together with winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounted to 85.3 million acres, compared with 85.0 million last year.

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