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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE

Prices: Consumer price indexes rose between September and October 1961 in eight of the ten regional cities, declined in one, and remained unchanged in the other. Increases ranged from 0.2% in Toronto to 0.7% in Montreal and Ottawa. The index for St. John's declined 0.2% while the index for Saint John was unchanged. (Page 2)

External Trade: Value of Canada's commodity imports in September was estimated at \$467,600,000, an increase of 9.4% over last year's corresponding total of \$427,500,000. In the January-September period the value was up 2.4% to \$4,198,900,000 from \$4,101,400,000. (Page 3)

Labour: Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 229,200 on September 29, unchanged from a month earlier and 50,000 less than for the same date one year ago ... Federal government employees in July numbered 356,050, compared to 350,241 in June and 350,905 in July last year. (Page 4)

Merchandising: Wholesalers proper had sales estimated at \$777,073,000 in August, an increase of 10.4% over a year earlier, while January-August sales at \$5,914,656,000 were 0.5% below last year ... Department store sales in the week ended November 4 were valued 4.4% above last year. (Pages 4-5)

Manufacturing: Production of steel ingots in the week ended November 11 amounted to 129,239 tons, an increase of 4.2% from the preceding week's 124,072 tons. Output in the same week last year totalled 124,072 tons. (Page 5)

Food & Agriculture: Supplies of wheat remaining on or about October 1 this year in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to an estimated 2,510.1 million bushels, 13% below a year ago. (Pages 8-9)

Canada Year Book: Release of the 1961 edition of the CANADA YEAR BOOK is announced by DBS. (Page 11)

Transportation: Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada in the last 10 days of October numbered 99,518, an increase of 11.2% from last year's 89,503 cars. (Page 11)

- *1. Consumer Price Indexes For 10 Regional Cities Between September and October 1961 consumer price indexes rose in eight of the ten regional cities, declined in one, and remained unchanged in the other. Increases ranged from 0.2% in Toronto to 0.7% in Montreal and Ottawa. The St. John's index declined 0.2% while the index for Saint John was unchanged.

Food indexes rose in all cities except St. John's where it declined 0.8%; increases ranged from 0.2% in Saint John to 2.0% in Ottawa. Shelter indexes were higher in six cities, lower in one, and unchanged in the other three. Clothing indexes rose in seven cities and were unchanged in three. Household operation indexes were higher in four cities, lower in five, and unchanged in the other one. There were mixed results in the other commodities and services component, with three higher indexes, three lower, and the remaining four unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes For Regional Cities Of Canada
At The Beginning Of October 1961(1) (Base 1949=100)

	Total Indexes		Group Indexes - October 1961				
	September 1961	October 1961	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
St. John's(2) ..	116.7	116.5	111.1	114.4	110.5	111.3	132.8
Halifax	128.8	129.2	120.8	137.5	122.8	130.5	140.2
Saint John	130.8	130.8	125.4	141.2	120.9	124.5	144.1
Montreal	129.5	130.4	130.5	146.8	107.9	120.2	139.8
Ottawa	131.2	132.1	127.5	149.5	118.3	123.3	142.1
Toronto	132.3	132.5	125.3	152.4	117.5	125.9	141.3
Winnipeg	127.9	128.7	127.7	136.5	117.5	120.4	137.1
Saskatoon-Regina	126.4	126.8	126.2	124.3	123.5	126.5	131.0
Edmonton-Calgary	125.5	126.0	122.1	125.6	121.3	127.8	133.5
Vancouver	129.0	129.6	125.0	137.1	115.7	133.1	137.0

- (1) Total indexes for September and October and October group index detail are shown in the above table. These indexes show changes in retail prices of goods and services in each city. They do not indicate whether it costs more or less to live in one city than another.

- (2) Index on the base June 1951 = 100.

2. Price Index Numbers Of Commodities And Services Used By Farmers The all-Canada composite index number of commodities and services used by farmers (1935-39=100) rose to 262.4 in August 1961, 1.0% above the April index of 259.8 and 1.6% higher than the August 1960 index of 258.2. Exclusive of the living component, the composite index advanced 1.6% to 287.8 in August from 283.4 in April and 2.2% from last year's like figure of 281.6. The rise in the composite index between April and August resulted from increases in farm wage rates and equipment and materials. The taxes and interest rates component was unchanged, while the farm family living component decreased fractionally.

*3. Security Price Indexes

<u>Investors' Price Index</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 2</u>	<u>October 12</u>
(1935-39 = 100)			
Total common stocks	326.5	322.0	320.7
Industrials	340.3	334.5	333.8
Utilities	228.7	228.1	227.7
Banks	415.3	414.7	404.2
<u>Mining Stock Price Index</u>			
(1935-39 = 100)			
Total mining stocks	135.8	132.2	131.2
Golds	84.4	83.3	81.9
Base metals	253.4	244.0	244.0
<u>Supplementary Indexes*</u>			
(1956 = 100)			
Pipelines	149.9	146.4	141.9
Investment and Loan	199.0	194.6	195.5
Uraniums	80.0	80.7	75.8
Primary Oils and Gas	65.0	64.5	59.0

* Introduced May 1960.

E X T E R N A L T R A D E

*4. Imports In September & Nine Months Value of Canada's commodity imports in September was estimated at \$467,600,000, an increase of 9.4% over last year's corresponding total of \$427,500,000, according to preliminary DBS figures. Part of the increased value in September from a year earlier reflects the changes in the foreign exchange value of the Canadian dollar.

Higher values of imports in January and from May on more than offset lower values in February, March and April. This brought the value of commodity imports in the January-September period to \$4,198,900,000 versus \$4,101,400,000 in the like nine months of 1960, an increase of 2.4%.

Imports from the United States in September rose 7.6% in value to \$306,100,000 from \$284,600,000 a year earlier. Month's totals from the remaining three regions were also above year-earlier levels, value of purchases from the United Kingdom rising 1.3% to \$38,800,000 from \$38,300,000, other Commonwealth countries 33.2% to \$30,900,000 from \$23,200,000, and all other countries 12.8% to \$91,800,000 from \$81,400,000.

Purchases in the January-September period were up in value from the preceding year in all regions, with imports from the United States posting the smallest percentage increase of 1.7% to \$2,827,100,000 from \$2,780,500,000. Commodity imports from the United Kingdom increased 3.5% in the nine months to \$457,700,000 from \$442,200,000 a year earlier, other Commonwealth countries 3.6% to \$207,500,000 from \$200,300,000, and all other countries 4.2% to \$706,600,000 from \$678,400,000.

5. Claimants For Unemployment Insurance Benefit In September

less than for the same date one year ago. Males accounted for almost two-thirds of the year-to-year decline. During September there were 122,000 initial and renewal claims filed in local offices, unchanged from August and almost 20,000 fewer than in September 1960.

Average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 173,200 for September, 186,600 for August and 222,700 for September 1960. A total of \$16,100,000 was paid during September, compared with \$18,900,000 in August and \$21,200,000 in September 1960. The average benefit payment per week compensated was \$23.22 for September, \$22.98 for August and \$22.65 for September 1960.

*6. Federal Government Employment

Federal Government employees in July numbered 356,050, compared to 350,241 in June and 350,905 in July last year, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the July issue of "Federal Government Employment". These employees earned \$131,462,000 in July as compared to \$134,735,000 in the preceding month and \$121,502,000 in the like 1960 month.

Staff of agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies in July numbered 146,253 versus 142,139 in June and 148,528 in July 1960. Earnings of this group of employees totalled \$59,663,000 in the month against \$63,225,000 a month earlier and \$55,836,000 a year ago.

Employees in departmental branches, services and corporations in July aggregated 209,797 as compared to 208,102 in June and 202,377 in July last year. Their earnings amounted to \$71,799,000 in the month versus \$71,510,000 in the preceding month and \$65,666,000 in the same 1960 month.

MERCHANDISING

7. Wholesale Trade Wholesalers proper in Canada had sales estimated at \$777,073,000 in August, an increase of 10.4% from last year's like total of \$703,566,000. Decreases in each month of the January-April period slightly offset increases in the May-July period, and sales in the January-August period at \$5,914,656,000 were 0.5% below the year-earlier total of \$5,945,688,000.

Fifteen of the 17 specified trade groups posted gains in sales in August this year as compared to last, with increases ranging from 1.2% for automotive parts and accessories to 32.5% for commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies. Sales by coal and coke dealers fell 10.4% and farm machinery dealers 0.3%.

In the January-August period, sales were higher than a year earlier for 13 of the 17 specified groups. Gains in the period ranged from 0.1% for other textile and clothing accessories to 19.7% for household electrical appliances, while declines ranged from 0.2% for automotive parts and accessories to 13.1% for coal and coke.

MORE

8. Department Store Sales Department store sales in the week ended November 4 were valued 4.4% above last year's corresponding week. Increases were common to all provinces except Ontario where sales fell 3.4%. Gains were: Atlantic Provinces, 13.0%; Quebec, 4.9%; Manitoba, 10.1%; Saskatchewan, 1.3%; Alberta, 11.1%; and British Columbia, 8.7%.

MANUFACTURING

*9. Steel Ingot Production Production of steel ingots in the week ended November 11 amounted to 129,239 tons, an increase of 4.2% from the preceding week's total of 124,072 tons. Output in the comparable 1960 week was 112,214 tons. The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-59 of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 134 in the current week versus 129 a week earlier and 117 a year ago.

10. Iron Castings And Cast Iron Pipes & Fittings In September Shipments of iron castings, pipe and fittings declined in September to 47,310 tons from 52,628 in the corresponding month last year, and in the January-September period to 408,023 tons from 445,556 a year ago. Month's shipments of welded and seamless steel pipe increased to 61,012 tons from 35,555, while nine-month shipments advanced to 531,860 tons from 311,929.

11. Steel Wire & Specified Wire Products Shipments of uncoated plain round steel wire increased in September to 11,337 tons from 8,017 in the like 1960 month, welded or woven steel wire mesh (for purposes other than fencing) to 4,198 tons from 3,240, steel wire rope to 2,120 tons from 2,086, and iron and steel wire nails to 7,063 tons from 5,402. January-September totals were: steel wire, 84,957 tons (82,293 a year ago); wire mesh, 31,190 (31,785); wire rope, 17,132 (18,214); and wire nails, 55,625 (50,379).

12. Consumption Of Rubber Consumption of rubber (natural, synthetic and reclaimed) in September increased 7.4% to 9,913 long tons from 9,227 in the like 1960 month, while consumption in the January-September decreased 1.8% to 79,449 long tons from 80,932 a year ago. September consumption was: natural, 2,835 long tons (2,949 a year earlier); synthetic, 5,719 (4,991); and reclaimed, 1,359 (1,287). January-September totals: natural, 22,787 long tons (27,082 a year ago); synthetic, 44,739 (41,600); and reclaimed, 11,923 (12,250).

13. Concrete Products Production of all specified concrete products was larger in September and the January-September period this year as compared to last. September totals were: concrete brick, 11,225,603 (10,031,116 a year earlier); concrete blocks (except chimney), all aggregates, 14,962,243 (13,459,031); cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile, 85,629 tons (64,657); and ready-mixed concrete, 931,469 cubic yards (873,166). January-September: brick, 79,884,671 (69,456,991 a year ago); blocks, 107,508,553 (99,818,086); drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile, 606,443 tons (572,144); and ready-mixed concrete, 6,221,065 cubic yards (5,332,387).

- *14. Output Of Sawn Lumber In British Columbia Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia in September fell 2.8% to 472,101,000 feet board measure from 485,805,000 in the same 1960 month, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the September issue of "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia". This brought output in the January-September period to 4,236,671,000 feet board measure versus 4,260,021,000 in the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 0.5%. Coast mills accounted for 239,773,000 feet board measure of the month's production versus 239,369,000 a year earlier, and interior mills for 232,328,000 feet board measure versus 246,436,000.
15. Mineral Wool Shipments of mineral wool batts in September increased to 27,-211,054 square feet from 24,540,973 a year earlier, while granulated wool decreased to 667,250 cubic feet from 722,490 and bulk or loose wool to 89,867 cubic feet from 105,313. January-September shipments of batts were up to 211,690,139 square feet from 170,134,223 a year ago and granulated wool to 5,166,066 cubic feet from 4,751,400, while nine-month shipments of bulk or loose wool were down to 497,382 cubic feet from 513,745.
16. Products Made From Canadian Clays Producers' sales of products made from Canadian clays increased 10.2% in August to \$4,633,300 from \$4,204,300 in the same 1960 month. Declines in all previous months of the year except February and May were responsible for a decrease of 1.0% in sales in the January-August period to \$24,699,600 from \$24,936,900 a year ago. Sales of building brick were larger in the month at \$3,066,300 versus \$2,649,800, and smaller in the eight months at \$15,244,700 versus \$15,648,600.
17. Washing Machines & Clothes Dryers Fewer domestic washing machines and clothes dryers were shipped by producers in September than in the corresponding month last year, but January-September shipments of both appliances were above year-earlier levels. Month-end factory stocks were smaller than at the same date last year.
- Shipments of washing machines in September amounted to 29,437 units as compared with 32,319 in the same month last year, bringing the nine-month total to 222,679 units versus 220,620. Month's shipments of clothes dryers totalled 13,926 units versus 16,916, placing the January-September total at 70,535 units versus 67,488.
- Month-end factory stocks: washing machines, 24,884 units (34,251 a year earlier), and clothes dryers 18,748 units (23,123).
18. Shipments Of Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances In September Factory shipments of electric kettles decreased in September to 37,763 units from 38,661 in the corresponding month last year, steam flat irons to 36,546 from 55,268, fry pans to 25,396 from 37,210, automatic toasters to 24,911 from 30,228, and heating pads to 24,530 from 25,062. Month's shipments of floor polishers increased to 27,016 units from 17,873 and cylinder or other straight suction-type vacuum cleaners to 14,956 units from 11,616.

19. Specified Chemicals Production of chemicals in September included the following items: hydrochloric acid, 4,433,950 pounds (3,653,927 in September 1960); sulphuric acid, 133,502 tons (129,273); chlorine, 28,366 tons (25,519); mixed fertilizers, 67,642 tons (63,683); and sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), 35,196 tons (29,827). Factory shipments of polystyrene were down in the month to 2,936,955 pounds from 3,906,873.

20. Raw Hides, Skins & Finished Leather Tanners' receipts of cattle hides increased in September to 186,452 from 148,858 a year earlier and calf and kip skins to 47,450 from 41,794, while sheep and lamb skins decreased to 6,070 dozen from 6,637. January-September receipts of cattle hides rose to 1,693,390 from 1,286,231 a year ago and sheep and lamb skins to 64,979 dozen from 52,842, while calf and kip skins fell to 595,676 from 602,067.

Stocks of raw hides and skins held by packers, dealers and tanners at September 30 this year were larger for sheep and lamb skins, goat skins and horsehides and smaller for cattle hides, calf and kip skins and all other hides and skins. September 30 stocks were: cattle hides, 399,662 (415,195 at September 30, 1960); calf and kip skins, 299,441 (318,582); sheep and lamb skins, 96,765 dozen (86,575); goat skins, 38,709 (9,068); horsehides, 5,417 (4,260); and all other hides and skins, 1,193 (6,970).

*21. Refined Petroleum Products Output of refined petroleum products in September increased 10.1% to 26,336,080 barrels from 23,924,269 in the same month last year, according to advance DBS figures that will be contained in the September issue of "Refined Petroleum Products". Receipts of crude oil rose 5.0% in the month to 25,614,879 barrels from 24,393,523, receipts of domestic crude rising to 13,529,517 barrels from 12,660,721 and imported crude to 12,085,362 barrels from 11,732,802.

Net sales of liquid petroleum fuels in September were: naphtha specialties, 165,144 barrels (111,853 in September 1960); aviation gasoline, 234,226 (289,513); motor gasoline, 9,451,570 (9,618,338); aviation turbo fuel, 565,604 (534,557); kerosene, stove oil and tractor fuel, 841,309 (926,014); diesel fuel, 2,307,925 (2,383,304); light fuel oil, 2,532,417 (2,457,538); and heavy fuel oil, 4,245,375 (3,970,952).

22. Canadian Crude Oil Consumption Consumption of crude oil by Canadian refineries in September increased 10.2% to 26,054,295 barrels from 23,639,952 in the same month last year, bringing consumption in the January-September period to 218,024,736 barrels, a rise of 4.8% from the comparable 1960 total of 208,104,802. Consumption of domestic crude oil rose in the month to 13,981,352 barrels from 12,577,731 and imported crude oil to 12,072,943 barrels from 11,062,221. Nine-month consumption of domestic crude oil increased to 119,786,015 barrels from 115,693,523 and imported crude oil to 98,238,721 barrels from 92,411,279.

- *23. Shipments Of Foundation Garments Data on factory shipments of foundation garments in September and the January-September period this year, together with comparable 1960 figures, appear in the following table which is a special monthly release by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

<u>Type of Garment</u>	<u>September</u>		<u>January-September</u>	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Shipments in Dozens			
Corselettes, or all-in-one garments ...	2,611	2,975	25,763	38,520
Girdles, with rigid panels plus elastic	14,582	15,815	120,768	134,386
Girdles, principally elastic	17,716	17,365	154,390	140,655
Bandeaux bras	92,694	91,922	675,709	632,338
Longline bras	15,991	14,522	129,743	118,576
Garter belts	9,614	10,044	81,835	66,062

24. Paper-Using Industries In 1959 Products shipped by Canada's paper-using industries in 1959 were valued at an all-time high of \$527,714,000, an increase of 6.7% over 1958's preceding peak of \$494,781,000, according to the DBS annual general review of the group. Number of establishments fell to 432 from 434 in 1958, while employees increased 1.2% to 29,203 from 28,851, salaries and wages 5.8% to \$108,053,000 from \$102,163,000, and cost of materials used 7.6% to \$307,060,000 from \$285,351,000. Value added by manufacture advanced 5.7% to \$219,543,000 from \$207,742,000.

Value of factory shipments, by province, in 1959 was as follows: Ontario, \$287,544,000 (\$268,692,000 in 1958); Quebec, \$160,882,000 (\$149,279,000); British Columbia, \$34,602,000 (\$34,177,000); Manitoba, \$20,482,000 (\$20,408,000); Alberta, \$13,222,000 (\$12,759,000); New Brunswick, \$4,812,000 (\$4,734,000); Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, \$4,190,000 (\$4,011,000); and Saskatchewan, \$1,979,000 (\$721,000).

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

25. Supplies And Exports Of Wheat Supplies of wheat remaining on or about October 1 this year in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to an estimated 2,510.1 million bushels, 13% below the 2,895.4 million available a year ago.

Supplies at October 1, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,860.5 (1,922.9); Canada, 563.3 (820.4); Argentina, 30.0 (69.8); and Australia, 56.3 (82.3). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions. The 1961 Canadian crop, forecast at 261.7 million bushels, on the basis of conditions at October 15, is now taken into account in these calculations.

World wheat exports in the 1960-61 crop year attained a record level of 1.5 billion bushels and exceeded the previous peak of some 1.3 billion established in 1959-60. In the 1961-62 season another new record of world wheat exports is anticipated.

Total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries during August-September 1961 were at the unprecedented level of 231.2 million bushels, some 20% more than the 192.9 million exported during the same months of 1960. Wheat and flour exports, including those under government programmes, from the United States, Canada, and Australia were at higher levels in August-September this year than last while those from Argentina were sharply reduced.

Canadian wheat and flour exports during August-September 1961, based on preliminary data, amounted to some 71.5 million bushels, 26% above those for the same months last year and the second largest total on record for the opening months of the crop year. Exports from the United States in the same period were up to 117.0 million bushels from 98.4 million a year earlier, and from Australia to 40.4 million from 18.4 million, while exports from Argentina were down to 2.3 million from 19.5 million.

26. Dairy Factory Production Production of creamery butter, cheddar cheese, ice cream mix, evaporated whole milk and skim milk powder was larger in October and the January-October period this year as compared to last.

Production of these commodities in October was: creamery butter, 32,371,000 pounds (25,541,000 in October 1960); cheddar cheese, 11,210,000 pounds (9,844,000); ice cream mix, 1,366,000 gallons (1,257,000); evaporated whole milk, 25,931,000 pounds (24,735,000); and skim milk powder, 19,289,000 pounds (12,193,000).

January-October output was: creamery butter, 311,707,000 pounds (286,261,000 a year ago); cheddar cheese, 102,247,000 pounds (98,178,000); ice cream mix, 18,518,000 gallons (18,200,000); evaporated whole milk, 292,821,000 pounds (281,274,000); and skim milk powder, 187,417,000 pounds (148,351,000).

27. Stocks Of Dairy & Poultry Products Stocks were larger at November 1 this year as compared to last for creamery butter, cheddar cheese, evaporated whole milk, skim milk powder and poultry meat, and smaller for cold storage eggs. November 1 holdings were: creamery butter, 159,409,000 pounds (134,754,000 at November 1, 1960); cheddar cheese, 70,896,000 pounds (62,505,000); evaporated whole milk, 81,243,000 pounds (61,687,000); skim milk powder, 53,497,000 pounds (26,902,000); poultry meat, 46,480,000 pounds (36,279,000); and cold storage eggs, 3,000 cases (7,000).

28. Margarine Production & Stocks Production of margarine (including spreads) declined for the second successive month in October, falling 1.4% to 15,652,000 pounds from 15,880,000 in the corresponding month last year. With increases in all previous months of the year, output in the January-October period rose 9.9% to 150,737,000 pounds from 137,097,000 in the like 10 months of 1960. November 1 stocks held by manufacturers, wholesalers and other warehouses amounted to 5,772,000 pounds, compared to 5,488,000 at October 1 and 4,692,000 at November 1 last year.

29. Oils & Fats In September Production of margarine (including spreads) and shortening (package and bulk) was smaller in September this year as compared to last, while output of refined oils (coconut, and salad and cooking), lard and tallow (edible and inedible) was larger. September production of these items was: margarine, 17,556,000 pounds (17,951,000 in September 1960); shortening, 13,797,000 pounds (13,931,000); refined oils, 5,689,000 pounds (5,525,000); lard, 8,528,000 pounds (7,906,000); and tallow, 18,104,000 pounds (15,480,000).

*30. Output Of Process Cheese In October Production of process cheese from cheddar and other hard or cream cheese base in October amounted to an estimated 5,149,092 pounds, down 5.4% from the revised September total of 5,442,780 and down 7.7% from last year's October figure of 5,578,775. In October this year, 4,993,030 pounds were made from a cheddar base and the remainder from other hard or cream cheese base.

Output of process cheese in this year's January-October period totalled 47,252,813 pounds as compared to 45,940,694 in the corresponding 1960 period, an increase of 2.9%. Of this year's output, 45,531,586 pounds were made from a cheddar base.

Stocks of process cheese held by manufacturers at October 31 amounted to 2,189,028 pounds, compared to 2,359,160 at September 30 and 2,235,038 at October 31 last year. Some 2,029,164 pounds of end-of-October 1961 stocks were of a cheddar base.

*31. Stocks Of Honey Stocks of honey held by packers and wholesalers at September 30 amounted to 17,258,511 pounds, an increase of 18.6% from last year's corresponding total of 14,553,499 pounds. This year's end-of-September stocks were made up of 5,170,931 pounds packed in containers of 24 pounds or less and the balance in containers of 25 pounds or more.

FUR FARMING

32. Anticipated Pelt Production Canadian fur ranchers plan to pelt 1,254,400 mink this fall and winter, an increase of 4.1% over the current estimate of last year's 1,205,000, DES reports. The number on farms at the beginning of the year rose 4.5% to an estimated 518,300 from 496,100 a year earlier, while the number of kits raised during the year increased 4.5% to an estimated 1,286,900 from 1,231,300.

By colour phase, increased peltings are expected this year in the number of blue, brown and beige, but the number of standard, grey and white pelts is expected to be less than in 1960. Ranchers are planning a moderate increase in the number of mink retained for breeding stock.

Estimates of peltings by colour phase in 1961: standard (dark), 227,600 (238,900 in 1960); grey, 42,500 (45,000); dark blue, 78,900 (71,700); light blue, 208,800 (197,800); brown, 496,800 (473,500); beige, 116,200 (76,200); and white, 83,600 (101,900). It is to be expected that forecasts by colour phase may be less accurate than forecasts for total peltings.

53. 1961 Edition Of Canada Release of the 1961 edition of the CANADA YEAR BOOK
Year Book Released is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
 This edition is the 55th in the present series which continues a long record of earlier publications that supplied official statistical and other information on Canada's development during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

The CANADA YEAR BOOK 1961 contains some 1300 pages of textual and statistical material dealing with the physical features of the country, the machinery of Government, vital statistics, public health and welfare, education, scientific, atomic, space and industrial research, the primary resources of agriculture, forestry, mining and fisheries, manufacturing, labour, transportation and communications, domestic and foreign trade, finance and national income and expenditure.

The price of the CANADA YEAR BOOK 1961 is \$5.00 a copy for the regular cloth-bound edition and \$3.00 for the paper-bound edition. Copies of both editions are obtainable from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa; from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa; or from private book-sellers. Orders sent to the Queen's Printer or the Dominion Bureau of Statistics should be accompanied by remittance in the form of cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

TRANSPORTATION

34. Railway Revenue Carloadings Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada in the last 10 days of October numbered 99,518, an increase of 11.2% from last year's corresponding total of 89,503. This brought loadings in the month of October to 321,480 cars, some 2.8% larger than the year-earlier figure of 312,866. Loadings in the January 1-October 31 period declined 3.4% to 2,923,799 cars from 3,090,517 in the like span of 1960.

GAS METERS

35. Registrations Of Gas And Gas meters in service in Canada at the end of 1960
Electric Meters In 1960 numbered 1,269,365, a rise of 5.8% from 1959's year-end total of 1,199,743, according to the annual DBS report on electric and gas meter registrations. Meters in natural gas service increased 6.0% to 1,232,215 from 1,162,678, while those in manufactured gas service decreased 23.7% to 25,041 from 32,799.

Number of meters in use measuring the consumption of electricity continued to increase in 1960, rising 3.1% to 5,317,704 at the end of the year from 5,157,495 at the end of the preceding year. Meters classed as in urban use advanced 3.4% in number to 3,986,821 from 3,856,096, and those in rural service 2.3% to 1,330,883 from 1,301,399.

Meters used in measuring the consumption of electricity at urban domestic rates at the end of 1960 rose to 3,423,137 from 3,307,817 a year earlier, at urban commercial rates to 457,479 from 443,697, and at urban power rates to 106,205 from 104,582. Among those in rural service, the number classed as domestic increased to 795,053 from 780,502, as farm to 423,732 from 411,991, as commercial to 99,033 from 97,155, and as power to 13,065 from 11,751.

(Catalogue numbers and prices are shown following the titles. Starred items are releases for which no corresponding publications were issued this week).

- *1. Consumer Price Indexes For 10 Regional Cities, October 1961
2. Price Index Numbers of Commodities & Services Used By Farmers, August 1961, (62-004), 25¢/75¢
- *3. Security Price Indexes, November 9, 1961
- *4. Imports (Preliminary), September 1961
5. Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, September 1961, (73-001), 20¢/\$2.00
- *6. Federal Government Employment, July 1961
7. Wholesale Trade, August 1961, (63-008), 10¢/\$1.00
8. Department Store Sales, November 4, 1961, (63-003), 10¢/\$2.00
- *9. Steel Ingot Production, Week Ended November 11, 1961
10. Iron Castings & Cast Iron Pipes & Fittings, September 1961, (41-004), 10¢/\$1.00
11. Steel Wire & Specified Wire Products, September 1961, (41-006), 10¢/\$1.00
12. Consumption, Production & Inventories of Rubber, September 1961, (33-003), 20¢/\$2.00
13. Concrete Products, September 1961, (44-002), 10¢/\$1.00
- *14. Sawn Lumber Output In British Columbia, September 1961
15. Mineral Wool, September 1961, (44-004), 10¢/\$1.00
16. Products Made From Canadian Clays, August 1961, (44-005), 10¢/\$1.00
17. Domestic Washing Machines & Clothes Dryers, September 1961, (43-002), 10¢/\$1.00
18. Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, September 1961, (43-003), 10¢/\$1.00
19. Specified Chemicals, September 1961, (46-002), 10¢/\$1.00
20. Raw Hides, Skins & Finished Leather, September 1961, (33-001), 10¢/\$1.00
- *21. Refined Petroleum Products, September 1961
22. Canadian Crude Oil Requirements, September 1961, (45-003), 10¢/\$1.00
- *23. Shipments of Foundation Garments, September 1961
24. General Review of the Paper-Using Industries, 1959, (36-201), 50¢
25. The Wheat Review, October 1961, (22-005), 30¢/\$3.00
26. Dairy Factory Production, October 1961, (32-002), 10¢/\$1.00
27. Stocks of Dairy & Poultry Products, November 1, 1961, (32-009), 20¢/\$2.00
28. Margarine (Including Spreads), October 1961, (32-005), 10¢/\$1.00
29. Oils & Fats, September 1961, (32-006), 10¢/\$1.00
- *30. Process Cheese, October 1961
- *31. Stocks of Honey, September 30, 1961
32. The Anticipated Pelt Production on Fur Farms - Canada 1961, (23-206), 25¢
33. Canada Year Book, 1961, (11-202), Cloth-bound, \$5.00 - Paper-bound, \$3.00
34. Carloadings on Canadian Railways, October 31, 1961, (52-001), 10¢/\$3.00
35. Electric & Gas Meter Registrations, 1960, (57-201), \$2.00
- Production, Shipments & Stocks On Hand Of Sawmills East of the Rockies, September 1961, (35-002), 20¢/\$2.00 -- Summarized in issue of November 10
- Grain Statistics Weekly, October 25, 1961, (22-004), 10¢/\$3.00
- Peeler Logs, Veneers & Plywoods, September 1961, (35-001), 10¢/\$1.00 -- Summarized in issue of November 10
- Estimates of Labour Income, August 1961, (72-005), 20¢/\$2.00 -- Summarized in issue of November 3

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