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Prices: Canada's consumer price index reached 136.2 in July, up 0. $7 \%$ from the
June index of 135.3 . The increase was mainly the result of a $2.2 \%$ rise in the food group, together with lesser gains in the housing, and recreation and reading groups ... The all-Canada composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers was 282.4 in April, an increase of $2.2 \%$ from the January index of 276.3 .
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Transportation: Railway revenue freight was loaded on $14.3 \%$ more cars in the last 10 days of July, on $10.7 \%$ more in July and on $10.1 \%$ more in the January luJuly 31 period. Receipts from connections were down in the 10 -day period, but were up both in the month and year-to-date.
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Labour: Average hourly earnings were greater in May as compared to the preceding month in manufacturing, mining, electric and motor transportation, and the service industries, and lower in construction.
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Manufacturing: Steel ingot output in the week ended August 8 was up by $5.2 \%$ from the preceding week, while output in July and the January-July period was greater than a year earlier by $11.1 \%$ and $11.3 \%$, respectively ... Output of motor vehicles was smaller by $25.4 \%$ in July this year as compared to last, but with gains in all preceding months of the year, production in the January-July period was larger by $17.9 \%$.
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Merchandising: Chain store sales amounted to $\$ 349,085,000$ in June and $\$ 1,-$ $938,056,000$ in the January-June period, representing gains from 1963 of $3.2 \%$ in the month and $8.2 \%$ in the half year ... Wholesalers sales were higher in May and the January-May period as compared to a year ago by $0.5 \%$ and $11.9 \%$, respectively ... Department store sales in the week of July 25 were up by $11.9 \%$ from a year earlier.
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Agriculture \& Food: More pears, peaches, apricots, sweet and sour cherries, strawberries and grapes, but less apples, plums and prunes, raspberries and loganberries were produced this year versus last... Shorn wool production was smaller this year ... Canada's farmers seeded a record 29.7 million acres to all classes of wheat this year.
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Mining: Producers of asbestos shipped $8.2 \%$ more in June and $10.1 \%$ more in the January-June period this year as compared to last.
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1. Price Movements Canada's consumer price index ( $1949=100$ ) rose $0.7 \%$ to 136.2 from 135.3 between June and July 1964. The July index was $2.0 \%$ above the July 1963 index of 133.5

In the current period, the increase was mainly the result of an increase of $2.2 \%$ in the food group with lesser increases in the housing, and recreation and reading components. The transportation component declined slightly, while the remaining three main components of the index were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes $(1949=100)$

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The food index was 135.4 , up $2.2 \%$ from 132.5 , due to higher prices for most fresh vegetables, some fresh and canned fruits, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, eggs, bread and other cereal products. Lower prices were reported for sugar, $j a m$, lettuce and cabbage. The housing index increased $0.2 \%$ to 138.7 from 138.4 . The shelter component was slightly higher as a result of increased rent and homeownership prices. The household operation component was unchanged. The clothing index was unchanged from its June level of 119.0. Slightly lower prices for men's and children's wear, and footwear were balanced by moderately higher prices for knitting yarn. The transportation index was $0.3 \%$ lower at 141.6 from 142.0 as a result of widespread decreases in prices of new cars and lower prices for gasoline in a few cities.

The health and personal care index remained constant at 167.3. The health component was unchanged, and in the personal care component lower prices for some personal care supplies were off-set by an increase in the price of men's haircuts. The recreation and reading index edged up $0.1 \%$ to 151.5 from 151.4 with a decrease in the recreation component not sufficient to offset an increase in reading. In recreation, prices were lower for radios, television sets and phonograph records. Higher newspaper prices in some cities moved the reading index. The tobacco and alcohol index was unchanged at 120.2.

Wholesale Price Indexes. The price index of 30 industrial materials (1935$39=100$ ), calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased $0.4 \%$ from 259.4 to 258.3 in the four-week period June 26 to July 24 . Prices for eight commodities declined, five advanced and seventeen remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp decrease for raw sugar, lesser decreases for raw rubber, raw wool, and sisal, and increases for linseed oil and beef hides.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets declined $0.7 \%$ from 226.0 to 224.5 as both the animal and field products declined. The animal products index dropped $1.0 \%$ from 271.6 to 269.0 and field products $0.1 \%$ from 180.3 to 180.1 . Prices were sharply lower for lambs on both eastern and western markets and for potatoes and ealves in the West. Prices were also lower for rye, corn, peas, calves, poultry, raw wool and hogs on eastern and for steers, raw wool and hogs on western markets. Substantial price increases were recorded for eggs and hay both East and West, and more moderate advances occurred for oats in the East and flax in the West.

Security Price Indexes. The investors index of common stock prices, on the base $1956=100$, advanced $1.8 \%$ from 162.6 to 165.5 in the four-week period July 2 to July 30. Indexes for all three major groups increased, with finance rising by $3.2 \%$, utilities by $1.7 \%$ and industrials by $1.5 \%$. Both sub-groups in finance increased with banks moving up $4.7 \%$. In utilities, gas distribution and pipelines were up by $10.2 \%$ and $3.0 \%$, respectively, while electric power led the declines with a drop of $1.2 \%$. Within industrials, eight of the 13 sub-groups advanced and five declined. Gains were headed by textiles and clothing (8.5\%) and retail trade ( $7.5 \%$ ), while losses were led by metal fabricating ( $1.4 \%$ ).

The index of mining stocks advanced $2.2 \%$ in the same period from 98.0 to 100.2 , reflecting increases of $2.5 \%$ in base metals and $1.9 \%$ for golds. Both supplementary indexes were higher, with uraniums rising by $2.5 \%$ and primary 011 s and gas by $4.0 \%$.
*2. Weekly Security Price Indexes
Number of
Stocks Priced
Investors' Price Index
Total Index ....................... 111
Industrials .................... 77
Utilities ...................... 20
Finance(1) ..................... 14
Banks ...................... . 6
Mining Stocks Price Index

| Total Index | 24 | 98.9 | 100.2 | 98.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Golds | 16 | 111.4 | 113.4 | 110.5 |
| Base metals | 8 | 92.1 | 93.0 | 91.2 |
| upplementary Indexes |  |  |  |  |
| Uraniums | 6 | 76.8 | 77.5 | 78.5 |
| Primary oils and gas | 7 | 83.0 | 84.8 |  |

(1) Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.
3. Index Numbers Of Farm Prices Of Agricultural Products

Canada's index number of farm prices of agricultural products ( $1935-39=100$ ) rose $2.5 \%$ in June to 253.6 from 247.5 in May, continuing the upward treand in evidence since January this year. The rise between May and June was almost entirely attributable to higher prices for potatoes and livestock, particularly hogs.

Provincial index numbers in June were: Prince Edward Island, 357.0 (264.7 in May) ; Nova Scotia, 257.5 (239.7); New Brunswick, 330.2 (252.5); Quebec, 282.8 (272.0) ; Ontario, 274.9 (269.8); Manitoba, 230.8 (229.3); Saskatchewan, 212.4 (212.9); Alberta, 238.3 (236.3); and British Columbia, 277.9 (277.5).
4. Price Index Numbers of Commodities \& Services Used By Farmers, April 1964

The all-Canada composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers $(1935-39=100)$ reached 282.4 in April this year, up $2.2 \%$ from the revised January index of 276.3 and up $2.6 \%$ from last year's April index of 275.2 . The rise between January and April was largely due to the seasonal increase in farm wage rates. Exclusive of the living component, the index rose $3.5 \%$ to 309.9 in April from 299.4 in January, and climbed 3.0\% from 301.0 in April 1963.

The farm wage rate index increased $9.4 \%$ to 643.0 in April from 587.8 in January, with the eastern index rising to 611.0 from 605.9 and the western index to 688.6 from 562.1.

The equipment and materials index moved up $0.8 \%$ to 244.1 in April from 242.2 in January, reflecting increases of $0.8 \%$ both in the East and the West. Sub-group changes included increases of $5.5 \%$ for compounded fertilizer, $4.2 \%$ for building materials, $1.8 \%$ for hardware, $0.3 \%$ for gasoline, oil and grease, and decreases of $2.2 \%$ for seed and $0.8 \%$ for feed. Prices for farm machinery and binder twine were unchanged.

The index for the farm family living component declined $0.2 \%$ to 241.2 in April from 241.7 in January. Lower prices for food and miscellaneous items outweighed higher prices for clothing, fuel, household equipment, and health maintenance.

## TRANSPORTATION

5. Railway Carloadings

Cars of railway revenue freight loaded on lines in Canada numbered 126,640 in the last 10 days of July (up $14.3 \%$ from a year earlier), totalled 358,106 in the month of July (up $10.7 \%$ ), and aggregated $2,245,418$ in the January 1 -July 31 period (up $10.1 \%$ ).

Receipts from both Canadian and United States rail connections were down $3.7 \%$ in the 10 -day period from a year earlier at 27,391 cars, but were up $1.8 \%$ in July at 89,561 cars and up $3.9 \%$ in the year-to-date at 739,742 cars.

Principal commodities loaded in greater volume in the January l-July 31 period included: wheat, 208,832 cars ( 135,947 in the first seven months of 1963) ; "other" grain, 55,896 (44,269); grain products, 64,630 (49,477); iron ore, 228,481 ( 181,826 ); building sand, gravel and crushed stome, 76,993 (71,102); manufactured iron and steel products, $43,594(36,876)$; newsprint paper, $84,915(78,665)$; and miscellaneous carload commodities, $266,9+6(241,713)$. Loadings of l.c.1. merchandise were down in the period to 170,615 cars from 181,068.

## LA BOUR

*6. Man-Hours \& Hourly Earnings
Average hourly earnings in manufacturing rose in May to $\$ 2.02$ from $\$ 2.01$ in April, average weekly wages to $\$ 83.55$ from $\$ 82.75$, and the work week to 41.4 hours from 41.1 , according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the May issue of the DBS report "Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings With Average Weekly Wages". Hourly earnings in May 1963 averaged $\$ 1.95$, weekly wages $\$ 80.25$ and the work week 41.2 hours.

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In durable goods manufacturing, average hourly earnings rose in May to \$2.19 from \$2.17 in Apri1, average weekly wages to $\$ 91.97$ from $\$ 90.69$ and the work week to 42.1 hours from 41.7 . Overtime in iron and steel products and in aircraft and parts, and wage increases following settlements of industrial disputes in shipbuilding and repairing resulted in higher earnings.

In non-durable goods manufacturing, average hourly earnings were unchanged in Mayfrom the preceding month at $\$ 1.85$, while average weekly wages were up to $\$ 75.21$ from $\$ 74.86$ and the work week to 40.8 hours from 40.6 . Seasonal increases of lower-paid workers in food processing tended to lower the earnings. This effect was offset by overtime in paper products and in printing and publishing.

Average hourly earnings in construction were down in May to $\$ 2.22$ from $\$ 2.25$ in April as a result of increased employment of lower-paid workers.

Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported in Specified Industries May and April 1964 and May 1963

| Industry | Average Weekly Hours |  |  | Average Hourly Earnings |  |  | Average Weekly Wages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | Apr. | May | May | Apr. | May | May | Apr. | May |
|  | 1964 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964 | 1964 | 1963 |
|  | No. | No | No. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Manufactuxing | 41.4 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 2.02 | 2.01 | 1.95 | 83.55 | 82.75 | 80.25 |
| Durable goods | 42.1 | 41.7 | 41.7 | 2.19 | 2.17 | 2.11 | 91.97 | 90.69 | 88.19 |
| Non-durable goods | 40.8 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 1.85 | 1.85 | 1.79 | 75.21 | 74.86 | 72.50 |
| Mining | 42.0 | 42.0 | 42.2 | 2.30 | 2.29 | 2.22 | 96.58 | 96.05 | 93.83 |
| Electric and Motor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction ... | 42.0 | 40.1 | 41.3 | 2.22 | 2.25 | 2.13 | 93.36 | 90.36 | 88.04 |
| Building \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| engineering | 41.0 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 2.42 | 2.44 | 2.32 | 99.35 | 97.38 | 94.49 |
| Building | 40.1 | 39.3 | 40.1 | 2.44 | 2.45 | 2.34 | 97.91 | 96.45 | 93.82 |
| Gen. engineering | 46.7 | 44.1 | 44.0 | 2.32 | 2.35 | 2.23 | 108.23 | 103.41 | 98.08 |
| Highways, Bridges |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service ........ | 37.1 | 37.1 | 38.1 | 1.21 | 1.20 | 1.14 | 44.75 | 44.58 | 43.56 |

Index of average hourly earnings in heavy electrical apparatus and equipment industry $(1949=100)$ May 194.2; Apri1 193.7.

MOTION PICTURES
7. Motion Picture Production Gross revenue of 76 firms principally engaged in the production and printing of motion picture films and filmstrips amounted to $\$ 12,109,000$ in 1962, an increase of $13.3 \%$ from 1961's 67 -firm total of $\$ 10,687,000$. Gross revenue from production rose in 1962 to $\$ 7,312,000$ from $\$ 6,354,000$ in the preceding year and from printing and laboratory work to $\$ 3,946,000$ from $\$ 3,581,000$.

Private industry and government agencies in 1962 printod 57,702,596 feet of 16 mm film and $20,607,131$ feet of 35 mm in black and white, and 8,917,247 feet of 16 mm and 732,276 feet of 35 mm in colour. There were 116 sound motion pictures of five minutes duration or longer made for other than Canadian sponsors.
8. Steel Ingot Production

Production of steel ingots in the week ended August 8 amounted to 174,519 tons, an increase of $5.2 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 165,821 tons. Output in the corresponding period last year was 149,638 tons. The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-59 of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 182 in the current week versus 173 a week earlier and 156 a year ago.
9. Steel Ingots \& Pig Iron Production of steel ingots continued to be larger than a year earlier in July, rising 11.1\% to 723,464 tons from 651,001 in July last year. This brought output in the JanuaryJuly period to $5,178,808$ tons, greater by $11.3 \%$ than last year's corresponding total of $4,654,872$ tons.

Output of pig iron rose $3.2 \%$ in July to 556,421 tons from 539,271 in the same month last year. With gains in all earlier months of the year, production in the January-July period climbed $14.9 \%$ to $3,828,773$ tons from $3,331,817$ in the first seven months of 1963.
10. Motor Vehicle Production Registering the first decrease this year from a year earlier, production of motor vehicles declined significantly ( $25.4 \%$ ) in July to 26,819 units from 35,94) in July last year. This placed output in the January-July period at 457,840 units, up by $17.9 \%$ from the corresponding 1963 total of 388,318 units.

Production of passenger cars dropped $29.0 \%$ in July to 21,382 units from 30,112 a year earlier and commercial vehicles $6.7 \%$ to 5,437 units from 5,828. January-July production of passenger cars was up $18.0 \%$ from a year ago at 385,952 units versus 327,164 , while seven-month output of commercial vehicles was up $17.6 \%$ at 71,888 units versus 61,154 .
11. Mineral Wool Shipments of mineral wool batts decreased in June to $25,894,790$ square feet from $28,859,786$ a year earlier and granulated wool to 395,871 cubic feet from 563,819 , while bulk or loose wool increased to 69,535 cubic feet from 50,634. January-June shipments of batts advanced to $178,539,165$ square feet from $133,618,352$ in the first half of 1963 and granulated wool to $3,594,009$ cubic feet from $2,867,159$, while bulk or loose wool fell to 470,569 cubic feet from $641,211$.
12. Gypsum Products Shipments in June of gypsum wallboard declined to $40,850,486$ square feet from 45, 865,939 in June last year, lath to $21,949,332$ square feet from $23,892,449$ and sheathing to $1,010,500$ square feet from 1,019,724, while shipments of gypsum plasters rose to 20,236 tons from 18,982. January-June shipments were: wallboard, $287,312,546$ square feet $(216,612,292$ in the first half of 1963); lath, $126,159,796$ square feet $(108,509,813)$; sheathing, $4,092,076$ square feet $(4,240,062)$; and plasters, 118,515 tons $(108,624)$.
13. Products Made From Canadian Clays

Producers' sales of products made from Canadian clays were valued at $\$ 3,071,800$
in May this year, down 17.2\% from last year's May total of $\$ 3,711,300$. This placed the value of sales in the January-May period at $\$ 13,495,900$, up $13.6 \%$ from the corresponding 1963 total of $\$ 11,876,600$. Sales of building brick were down in the month and up in the cumulative period.
14. Concrete Products Manufacturers Canada's producers of concrete products had shipments in 1961 factory -valued at $\$ 111,871,000$, a rise of $6.2 \%$ from the 1960 total of $\$ 105,339,000$, according to the annual DBS industry report. Establishments decreased in 1961 to 616 from 634 in the preceding year, employees to 8,339 from 8,645 and salaries and wages to $\$ 31,460,000$ from $\$ 32,021,000$. Cost of materials and supplies used increased in the year to $\$ 44,445,000$ from $\$ 42,331,000$ in 1960 and value added by manufacture to $\$ 65,267,000$ from $\$ 59,201,000$.

## 15. Canadian Crude $0 i 1$ Requirements Anticipated refinery receipts of crude

 oil, condensate, and pentanes plus are estimated as follows: August, 28,793,000 barrels; September, 27,377,000; October, $28,367,000$; and year $1964,335,931,000$. Actual refinery receipts in these same periods in 1963 were: August, 28,539,000 barrels; September, 29,384,000; October, 28,112,000; and year 1963, 332,745,000.16. Non-ferrous Scrap Metal Dealers' stocks of scrap aluminum, tin-lead, and zinc were smaller at the end of March this year as compared to last, while holdings of scrap copper, magnesium and nickel were larger. March 31 stocks were: aluminum group, $2,838,544$ pounds $(2,913,673$ at March 31, 1963); copper group, $13,097,947(10,200,116)$; tin-lead group, $6,621,677(6,825,070)$; magnesium, $22,793(20,268)$; nickel group, 952,526 $(687,514)$; and zinc group, $2,342,405(2,638,604)$.
17. Small Domestic Electrical Appliances Shipments of small domestic electrical appliances in June this year included the following: automatic toasters, 56,962 units $(195,761$ in the January-June period); steam flat irons, 48,345 (232,332); kettles, 31,397 ( 145,627 ); complete domestic fans (including motors with ratings of $1 / 10 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. or less), 24,623 ( 121,181 ); frying pans, 18,454 ( 78,953 ); and food mixers, juicers and blenders, $18,412(101,902)$.
18. Soaps \& Synthetic Detergents Value of factory shipments of all soaps and synthetic detergents increased $8.9 \%$ in June to $\$ 9,590,200$ from $\$ 8,803,100$ in June last year and $7.2 \%$ in the January-June period to $\$ 49,859,900$ from $\$ 46,527,000$ in the first half of 1963.
19. Rigid Insulating Board Shipments of rigid insulating board decreased 7.7\%
in June to $37,982,319$ square feet from $41,168,416$ in June last year, but increased $7.0 \%$ In the January-June period to $243,239,683$ square feet from $227,264,267$ in the first half of last year. Domestic shipments were down $9.7 \%$ in June at $33,895,756$ square feet versus $37,527,861$ a year earlier and up $4.9 \%$ in the January-June period at $217,795,215$ square feet versus $207,697,804$ a year ago, while export shipments were up $12.3 \%$ in the month at $4,086,563$ square feet versus $3,640,555$ and $30.0 \%$ in the half year at $25,444,468$ square feet versus $19,566,463$.
*20. Shipments Of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet

Factory shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet (furniture finish, e.g. arborite) from all industries to domestic customers in 1963 amounted to $41,304,022$ square feet ( $1 / 8$ inch thickness and less) valued at $\$ 13,845,623$. Shipments in the first quarter of this year aggregated $12,812,839$ square feet (valued at $\$ 4,235,251$ ) as compared to 1963 's firstquarter total of $9,598,205$ square feet $(\$ 3,226,401)$.

## 21. Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturers

One hundred and fifty-seven establishments primarily engaged in the manufacture of ready-mix concrete shipped products in 1961 valued at $\$ 105,341,000$, a rise of $4.2 \%$ from $1960^{\prime}$ s $135-$ plant total of $\$ 101,096,000$, according to the annual DBS industry report. Employees declined in 1961 to 4,071 from 4, 226 in the preceding year, while salaries and wages rose to $\$ 19,334,000$ from $\$ 18,754$, $=$ 000 . Cost of materials and supplies increased $13.6 \%$ in the year to $\$ 66,201,000$ from $\$ 58,291,000$ in 1960, while value added by manufacture decreased $9.5 \%$ to $\$ 35,779,000$ from $\$ 39,5,57,000$. Shipments of ready-mix concrete flom all industries in 1961 rose $4.1 \%$ to $\$ 107,241,000$ from $\$ 102,976,000$ in 1960.

## MERCHANDISING

## 22. Chain Store Sales \& Stocks

Sales by Canada's chain stores in June this year were valued at an estimated $\$ 349,085,000$, a rise of $3.2 \%$ from last year's June total of $\$ 338,405,000$. This followed increases in all preceding months of the year, and sales in the January-June period climbed $8.2 \%$ to $\$ 1,938,056,000$ from $\$ 1,791,493,000$ in the first half of 1963. June 1 stocks were valued (at cost) at $\$ 472,683,000$, greater by $4.3 \%$ than the corresponding year-earlier total of $\$ 453,086,000$.

Sales by rocery and combination store chains were valued in June at $\$ 152,831,000$, down slightly ( $0.4 \%$ ) from the June 1963 total of $\$ 133,374,000$. Gains were posted in all previous months of the year except March, and, as a result, sales in the January-June period were up $6.7 \%$ from a year ago at $\$ 941,607,000$ versus $\$ 882,877,000$.

Eight of the 10 remaining specified chains for which separate data are available had greater sales in June this year as compared to last. June sales for the 10 chains were (percentage changes from a year earlier bracketed): variety, $\$ 30,735,000(+9.6 \%)$; men's clothing, $\$ 3,126,000(+3.8 \%)$; family clothing, $\$ 6,760,000(+2.3 \%)$; women's clothing, $\$ 8,189,000(-3.6 \%) ;$ shoe, $\$ 7,-$ $606,000(-8.7 \%)$; hardware, $\$ 6,940,000(+9.3 \%)$; lumber and building material, $\$ 12,250,000(+5.5 \%)$; furniture, radio and appliance, $\$ 10,449,000(+7.5 \%)$; drug, $\$ 5,075,000(+7.7 \%)$; and jewellery, $\$ 3,941,000(+4.9 \%)$.
23. Wholesale Trade Canada's wholesalers proper had sales in May valued at an estimated $\$ 991,570,000$, slightly ( $0.5 \%$ ) above last year's May total of $\$ 986,831,000$. This brought the total in the January-May period to $\$ 4,693,552,000$, greater by $11.9 \%$ than the corresponding 1963 total of $\$ 4,193$,171,000.

Sales in May were larger than a year earlier for 10 of the 18 specified trade groups and smaller for eight. Month's increases ranged from $0.3 \%$ for industrial and transportation equipment and supplies to $12.9 \%$ for electrical wiring supplies, construction materials, apparatus and equipment, and $13.3 \%$ for footwear. Declines in the month lay between $0.4 \%$ for automotive parts and accessories and $8.3 \%$ for meat and dairy products.

January-May sales were above year-earlier levels in all specified trade groups except coal and coke that posted a decrease of $4.7 \%$. Increases in the five-month period ranged from $0.9 \%$ for automotive parts and accessories to $23.2 \%$ for electrical wiring supplies, construction materials, apparatus and equipment, $25.1 \%$ for other construction materials and supplies (including lumber) and $30.8 \%$ for farm machinery.

## 24. Department Store Sales

Department store sales in the week ended July 25 were valued $11.9 \%$ above those in the corresponding period last year. All provinces contributed to the overall gain, with increases as follows: Atlantic Provinces, $9.3 \%$; Quebec, $18.1 \%$; Ontario, $12.8 \%$; Manitoba, $7.3 \%$; Saskatchewan, $14.3 \%$; Alberta, $6.6 \%$; and British Columbia, $10.1 \%$.
25. Natural Gas Sales Sales of natural gas in May this year rose 6.9\% to 36,$641,931,000$ cubic feet from $34,280,029,000$ in the same month last year, while revenue from these sales increased $8.3 \%$ to $\$ 22,791,400$ from $\$ 21,050,500$. Number of customers rose $4.5 \%$ in the month to $1,455,983$ from $1,393,406$ a year ago.

## AGRICULTURE \& FOOD

## 26. Commercial Production Of Fruit

Commercial production in 1964 of pears, peaches, apricots, sweet and sour cherries, strawberries and grapes was larger than in 1963, while output of apples, plums and prunes, raspberries and loganberries was smaller, according to first estimates released by DBS.

Estimated commercial production in 1964 of fruits was as follows apples, $19,806,000$ bushels (22,798,000 in 1963); pears, $1,775,000$ bushels ( $1,682,000$ ); plums and prunes, 636,000 bushels $(684,000)$; peaches, $2,785,000$ bushels $(2,404,-$ 000 ) ; apricots, 269,000 bushels ( 105,000 ): sweet cherries, 437,000 bushels ( $394,-$ $000)$; sour cherries, 577,000 bushels $(346,000)$ : strawberries, $25,442,000$ quarts $(23,174,000)$; raspberries, $11,820,000$ quarts ( $11,907,000$ ) ; loganberries, $1,422,-$ 000 pounds $(1,440,000)$; and grapes, $112,508,000$ pounds $(106,779,000)$.

## 27. Shorn Wool Production

Production of wool from sheep shorn in Canada this spring amounted to $5,065,000$ pounds, down $4 \%$ from the 1963 total of $5,259,000$ pounds, with output declining $6 \%$ in the East to $1,-$ 969,000 pounds from $2,086,000$ and $2 \%$ in the West to $3,096,000$ pounds from $3,-$ 173,000. Sheep shorn numbered 637,000 head, a decrease of $5 \%$ from the year-earlier total of 668,000 , reflecting declines of $6 \%$ in the East and $4 \%$ in the West. Average fleece weight (greasy basis) was 8.0 pounds as compared to 7.9 in 1963.
28. Wheat Flour Output \& Exports Production of wheat flour in June amounted to $3,971,000$ hundredweight, greater by $31 \%$ than last year's June total of $3,029,000 \mathrm{cwt}$ and larger by $21 \%$ than the 10 year (1954-63) June average of $3,293,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. Output in the August-June period of the current Canadian crof year at $46,204,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. was $42 \%$ larger than the corresponding year-earlier total of $32,645,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. Wheat flour exports aggregated $1,950,000 \mathrm{cwt}$ in June, up sharply from the June 1963 total of $1,234,000$ cwt., bringing exports in the first 11 months of the current Canadian crop year to $21,673,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. , nearly double the mparable year-earlier total of $11,010,-$ 000 CWE.

## 29. Shipments of Prepared Stock \& Poultry Feeds

Shipments in April of premixes and concentrates amounted to 38,455 tons ( 158,271 tons in the Jan-uary-April period), secondary or complete feeds totalled 392,435 tons $(1,565,372)$, and other animal feeds aggregated 34,137 tons $(142,799)$.

## 30. Estimates Of Crop And Summerfallow Acreages

Preliminary estimates of 1964 crop acreages indicate that Canadian farmers seeded a record 29.7 million acres to all classes of wheat, an increase of $8 \%$ from 1963; 9.7 million acres to oats, a decrease of $9 \%$; and 5.5 million acres to barley, a decrease of $11 \%$.

Flax seedings increased $14 \%$ in 1964 to 1.9 million acres. Rapeseed at 699,800 acres increased $46 \%$ from the preceding year and soybeans at 231,000 acres increased $1 \%$. Rye seediugs at 679,800 acres are up $4 \%$, while mixed grains at 1.4 million acres are up $1 \%$. The area in summerfallow, at 26.4 million , was down 3\% from 1963.

For Canada as a whole, the area seeded to the 16 spring-planted crops was estimated at 50.4 million acres, compared to 49.3 million in 1963. Total acreage in the 16 spring-planted crops, together with winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounted to 90.3 million acres as compared to 89.9 million last year.

## FISHERIES

*31. Fisheries In Canada Landings of sea fish and shellfish by Canadian fishermen declined $10.2 \%$ in June to 255,314,000 pounds from $284,306,000$ in June last year and $5.5 \%$ in the January-June period to $860,258,000$ pounds from $910,805,000$ a year ago, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the June issue of the DBS report "Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics". Landed value declined 0.1\% in the month to $\$ 18,508,000$ from $\$ 18,516,000$, but rose $7.4 \%$ in the half year to $\$ 50,055,000$ from $\$ 46,595,000$.

Catch on the Atlantic coast fell $12.8 \%$ in June to $217,994,000$ pounds (valued at $\$ 13,920,000$ ) from $250,081,000$ pounds $(\$ 14,658,000)$ in the same month last year, but rose $0.7 \%$ in the January-June period to $558,664,000$ pounds ( $\$ 37,-$ 410,000 ) from $554,956,000$ pounds $(\$ 34,025,000)$ a year ago.

Landings on the Pacific coast increased $9.0 \%$ in the month to $37,320,000$ pounds $(\$ 4,588,000)$ from $34,225,000$ pounds $(\$ 3,858,000)$, but decreased $15.2 \%$ in the half-year period to $301,594,000$ pounds $(\$ 12,645,000)$ from $355,849,000$ pounds ( $\$ 12,570,000$ ).
32. Fisheries In Quebec Value of fish landed by fishermen in Quebec amounted to $\$ 5,710,200$ in 1962 , up by $21.2 \%$ from the 1961 value of $\$ 4,710,200$ and up by $31.0 \%$ from the five-year (1957-61) average value of $\$ 4$, 358,500 . Landed value of sea fish rose in 1962 to $\$ 4,993,500$ from $\$ 4,186,500$ in the preceding year, and that of freshwater fish increased to $\$ 424,700$ from $\$ 348,-$ 000 . Marketed value of the total catch in 1962 aggregated $\$ 10,625,000$, up $30.7 \%$ from the preceding year's total of $\$ 8,131,200$ and up $36.2 \%$ from the five-year average of $\$ 7,803,300$.

## TAXES \& RATES

33. Principal Taxes \& Rates The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released its annual report "Principal Taxes and Rates: Federal, Provincial and Selected Municipal Governments" for the year 1964. The report presents data, with the bases of measurement, on rates, exemptions, etc., for the major revenue-producing taxes in Canada.
34. Asbestos Producers' shipments of asbestos increased $8.2 \%$ in June to 121,191 tons from 112,029 in June last year and $10.1 \%$ in the January-June period to 597,688 tons from 542,862 in the first half of 1963. Shipments from plants in Quebec were down $0.6 \%$ in the month at 102,416 tons versus 103,072 , but were up $9.3 \%$ in the six months at 543,479 tous versus 497,409.

## 1961 CENSUS

35. Retail Trade

1961 Census

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has released a 1961 Census report titled 'Retail Trade: Metropolitan Areas By Census Tracts", catalogue number 95-542. The report contains data on number of stores and 1961 sales, by census tract, for the 17 metropolitan areas in Canada. The total is made up of six major groups as follows: food; general merchandise; automotive; apparel and accessories; hardware and home furnishings; and other retall stores. Maps showing census tracts for the metropolitan cities are also contained in the publication.
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