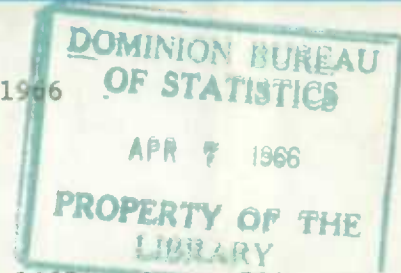


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE

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Merchandising: Volume of sales of new motor vehicles advanced by 13.6% from a year ago in January this year to 58,143 units, number of passenger cars increasing by 8.6% to 47,687. Retail value of total sales climbed by 14.6% to \$196,105,000, total for passenger cars rising by 10.4% to \$157,614,000 ... Retailers' sales in January were valued at \$1,611,218,000, up by 7.6% from a year ago. (Page 2)

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Labour: Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 511,800 at the end of January this year, up from the preceding month but down from the preceding year. Average number of beneficiaries in January at 361,200 was also up from a month earlier and down from a year ago. (Page 3)

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Manufacturing: Steel ingot production in the week of April 2 totalled 195,648 tons, down by 2.1% from the preceding week ... Producers shipped larger quantities of iron castings and cast iron pipes and fittings, cement and paints, varnishes and lacquers in January this year versus last (Page 4)

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Transportation: Railway revenue freight was loaded on 77,456 cars in the week ending March 21, up by 7.4% from a year earlier. This placed the total in the January 1-March 21 period at 827,441 cars, greater by 7.7% than a year earlier. Receipts from connections were more numerous in both periods as compared to a year ago. (Page 5)

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Travel: Travellers' vehicle permits were issued to admit 362,257 foreign vehicles into Canada in February (up by 23% from a year ago), placing the total in the January-February period at 704,962 (up by 19.7%). (Page 7)

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Mining: Producers shipped 84,350 tons of asbestos in January, substantially above last year's January total of 58,570 tons. Quebec producers shipped 78,206 versus 50,498 tons. (Page 7)

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1. Commercial Failures Business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts numbered 782 in the fourth quarter of 1965, a decrease of 3.9% from the revised total of 908 insolvencies in the fourth quarter of 1964. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$53,616,000, lower by 7.5% than the total of \$57,973,000 for the same quarter of 1964.

The total number of business failures in the year 1965 was 3,298, lower by 5.7% than 1964's 3,499, while estimated liabilities climbed sharply to \$392,524,000 from the preceding year's \$208,734,000.

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector, with a total of 1,360 compared with 1,492 in 1964; the liabilities were \$65,246,000 versus \$58,420,000. In the manufacturing industries the number of failures was 346 versus 327 with liabilities totalling \$41,209,000 versus \$32,167,000. Failures in the construction industry numbered 630 in 1965 versus 706 and the liabilities totalled \$52,451,000 versus \$49,976,000.

In the financial sector the number of failures was 115 versus 92 with liabilities of \$192,624,000 versus \$27,818,000. Insolvencies in the service industries were 503 versus 555 and liabilities amounted to \$24,778,000 versus \$26,721,000.

2. Cheques Cashed In Clearing Centres Cheques cashed in 51 Canadian clearing centres totalled \$41,351 million in January this year, an increase of 11.6% over last year's \$37,048 million for the same month. All five economic areas showed gains, as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 29.6%; British Columbia, 25.7%; Quebec, 13.5%; Prairie Provinces, 12.9%; and Ontario, 7.5%.

MERCHANDISING

3. New Motor Vehicle Sales Volume of sales of new motor vehicles increased 13.6% in January this year to 58,143 units from 51,204 in January last year, including 8.6% more passenger cars at 47,687 units versus 43,922 and 43.6% more commercial vehicles at 10,456 units versus 7,282. Retail value of these sales climbed 14.6% to \$196,105,000 from \$171,132,000 a year ago, total for passenger cars rising 10.4% to \$157,614,000 from \$142,805,000 and for commercial vehicles 35.9% to \$38,491,000 from \$28,327,000.

January sales of Canadian and United States vehicles rose 15.6% in volume to 54,530 units from 47,169 a year ago and 15.9% in retail value to \$188,403,000 from \$162,590,000. Month's sales of overseas manufactured vehicles dropped 10.5% in volume to 3,613 units from 4,035 and 9.8% in retail value to \$7,702,000 from \$8,542,000.

4. Retail Trade Canada's retailers had sales in January estimated at \$1,611,218,000, an increase of 7.6% from the January 1965 total of \$1,496,797,000. All provinces reported increased sales in January as compared to a year ago, with gains as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 6.2%; Quebec, 5.4%; Ontario, 8.8%; Manitoba, 12.1%; Saskatchewan, 4.7%; Alberta, 4.7%; and British Columbia, 11.4%.

Each of the 18 specified trades had larger sales in January this year versus last, with increases ranging from 2.0% for grocery and combination stores to 16.4% for other food and beverage stores. Other trades with gains exceeding or equalling 10% in the month were: lumber and building material dealers, 15.5%; shoe stores, 14.5%; variety stores, 10.2%; family clothing stores, 10.1%; and furniture, appliance and radio stores, 10.0%.

5. Farm Implement & Equipment Sales Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) had a wholesale value of \$10,345,000 in January this year, an advance of 19.5% from last year's January total of \$8,659,000. Repair-part sales increased 20.9% to \$3,663,000 from \$3,031,000.

All provinces except Alberta had higher sales in January this year as compared to last. Month's provincial values (in thousands) were: Atlantic provinces, \$384 (\$365 in January 1965); Quebec, \$1,186 (\$833); Ontario, \$3,646 (\$2,424); Manitoba, \$925 (\$729); Saskatchewan, \$2,250 (\$2,183); Alberta, \$1,673 (\$1,893); and British Columbia, \$281 (\$232).

January sales included wheel-type tractors for farm use at 681 units (650 a year ago), pull-type combines at 11 units (10), self-propelled combines at 52 units (64), automatic hay balers at 81 units (88), and swathers and windrowers at 26 units (25).

L A B O U R

6. Unemployment Insurance Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 511,800 on January 31, an increase of 20% over the 418,000 recorded on December 31, 1965. On January 29, 1965, the total was 547,800. About 85% of the increment during January was due to higher totals of male claimants. However, the current count of male claimants is approximately 10% lower than on January 29, 1965, while the female total is virtually unchanged. A total of 225,000 initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance benefit were filed in January, almost 40,000 fewer than in December but virtually unchanged from January 1965.

The average number of beneficiaries was estimated at 361,200 for January 1966, 216,500 for December 1965 and 398,100 one year ago. Benefit payments amounted to \$35.9 million in January 1966, \$21.2 million in December 1965 and \$39.8 million in January 1965. The average weekly payment was \$24.86 in January 1966, \$24.46 in December 1965 and \$25.02 in January 1965. Annual data for the calendar years 1964 and 1965 are included in this issue. Tables covering month-end claimants, claims filed and benefit payments are shown by province. Selected historical data from 1942 are included.

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

7. Sales & Purchases Of Securities Between Canada & Other Countries International security transactions were summarized in the Weekly Bulletin of March 18. Additionally this report includes distributions of outstanding Canadian funded debt at the end of 1963, and reviews of factors influencing transactions in 1965 and of operations of special United States investment funds from 1954 to 1965.

S A W M I L L S

*8. Sawmills East Of The Rockies Production of sawn lumber (excluding ties) by sawmills East of the Rockies fell 4% in January this year to 210,839,000 feet board measure from 220,043,000 a year ago, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the January issue of the DBS report "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies". This year's end-of-January stocks amounted to 466,624,000 feet board measure.

- *9. Steel Ingot Output Production of steel ingots in the week ended April 2 totalled 195,648 tons, a decrease of 2.1% from the preceding week's total of 199,407 tons. Output in the corresponding 1965 period was 182,370 tons. The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-59 of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 204 in the current week versus 207 a week earlier and 190 a year ago.
10. Iron Castings & Cast Iron Pipes & Fittings Shipments of iron castings, pipe and fittings in January increased to 53,334 tons from last year's corresponding total of 45,678 tons, while the month's shipments of welded and seamless steel pipe and tubing advanced to 74,403 tons from 46,378 a year earlier.
11. Cement Producers' shipments of Portland and masonry and other cement increased 18.2% in January to 329,906 tons from 275,587 in the corresponding month last year, while month-end producer inventories were 10.8% larger than a year earlier at 786,383 tons versus 709,947.
12. Concrete Products Production of concrete products in January this year included the following items: concrete brick, 5,095,596 (5,695,003 in January 1965); concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) all aggregates, 10,010,807 (10,737,331); concrete pipe (drain, sewer and water) and culvert tile, 103,667 tons (93,147); and ready-mixed concrete, 621,703 cubic yards (564,633).
13. Sales Of Paints Sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers by firms which usually account for about 95% of the all-Canada total amounted to \$10,700,910 in January, an increase of 22% over last year's \$8,769,787 for the same month. Trade sales were worth \$5,402,148 (\$4,318,614), and industrial sales \$5,298,762 (\$4,451,173).
14. Rubber Consumption Consumption of rubber (natural, synthetic and reclaimed) totalled 30,079,000 pounds in January this year, greater by 23.4% than last year's January aggregate of 24,370,000 pounds. Month's consumption of natural rubber advanced 21.4% to 7,923,000 pounds from 6,526,000 a year ago, synthetic 25.4% to 18,522,000 pounds from 14,772,000 and reclaimed 18.3% to 3,634,000 pounds from 3,072,000.

*15. Industry & Production Notes, 1964

The following advance releases will later appear in regular publications of the Industry Division. As in the 1963 reports statistics are presented separately for both manufacturing and total activities. Prior to 1961 the data covered manufacturing activity only. Comparable statistics for total activity are available for the three years 1961-1963. Pending the publication of the regular 1964 reports, an account of present practice and explanation of recent changes can be found in the 1962 Industry Division publication.

Macaroni Food Products (Cat. 32-219): Factory shipments from Macaroni Food Products plants increased in 1964 to \$21,753,000 from \$21,142,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$12,495,000 from \$12,106,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$9,157,000 from \$8,992,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$9,318,000 to \$9,601,000.

MORE

Nineteen establishments (18 in 1963) reported 818 employees (844), including 686 directly employed in manufacturing operations (702). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$3,184,000 (\$3,050,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$2,313,000 (\$2,167,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 1,564,000 versus 1,661,000 the previous year.

Wool Cloth Mills (Cat. 34-209): Factory shipments from Wool Cloth Mills increased in 1964 to \$95,267,000 from \$85,970,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$53,285,000 from \$47,457,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$43,838,000 from \$39,334,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$39,497,000 to \$43,995,000.

Fifty-four establishments (52 in 1963) reported 7,086 employees (6,835), including 6,134 directly employed in manufacturing operations (5,817). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$25,892,000 (\$23,484,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$20,316,000 (\$18,156,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 13,950,000 versus 12,942,000 the previous year.

Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products Manufacturers (Cat. 44-210): Factory shipments from Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products Manufacturers increased in 1964 to \$16,063,000 from \$13,567,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$7,891,000 from \$6,982,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$8,289,000 from \$6,649,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$6,798,000 to \$8,528,000.

Forty-one establishments (43 in 1963) reported 650 employees (615), including 395 directly employed in manufacturing operations (366). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$3,189,000 (\$2,908,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$1,625,000 (\$1,487,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 879,000 versus 810,000 the previous year.

TRANSPORTATION

16. Carloadings Revenue freight loaded on railway lines in Canada in the seven days ended March 21 was placed on 77,456 cars, an increase of 7.4% from a year earlier. A strike affecting some 50 trucking firms in Ontario, which began January 20, continued into the current period. Cars loaded in January 1-March 21 numbered 827,441, up by 7.7% from a year ago. Receipts from Canadian and United States rail connections increased by 12.0% in the seven days from a year earlier to 28,685 cars, and advanced by 7.7% in the year-to-date to 292,721 cars.

Principal commodities loaded in greater volume in the seven days ended March 21 included: grain products, 2,025 cars (1,653 a year ago); building sand, gravel and crushed stone, 2,018 (1,497); crude gypsum, 1,073 (654); newsprint paper, 3,415 (2,900); fertilizers, 1,942 (1,555); chemicals and acids, 1,452 (1,038); and l.c.l. merchandise, 6,029 (5,420).

17. Oil Pipeline Transport Net receipts of crude oil, liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products through Canadian oil pipelines in January aggregated 45,554,787 barrels, a rise of 2.1% from last year's January total of 44,630,439. Month's receipts included: crude oil, 27,994,019 barrels (down by 2.0% from a year ago); imported crude, 9,810,257 barrels (up by 14.0%); and liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products from refineries and bulk plants, 6,745,301 barrels (up by 1.3%).

18. Shipping 1965 Volume of cargo handled at Canadian ports in 1965 expanded 4.0% to 242,241,030 tons from 232,951,117 tons in 1964, reflecting a 3.7% increase in international seaborne shipping to 135,914,079 tons from 131,088,967 tons, and 2.4% in coastwise shipping to 106,326,951 tons from 103,862,150 tons. Total vessel arrivals and departures dropped 5.0% to 253,123 from 266,549, while the registered net tons rose 2.3% to 373,437,110 tons from 364,922,449 tons.

Total tonnage handled at twenty-five ports selected on the basis of largest volume handled - Preliminary figures, 1965

Port	Actual 1964	Preliminary 1965
Bell Island, Nfld.	1,453,325	1,319,309
Corner Brook, Nfld.	1,171,068	1,064,162
Halifax, N.S.	9,175,845	9,433,349
Hantsport, N.S.	2,246,862	2,025,225
Sydney, N.S.	3,359,065	2,680,389
Saint John, N.B.	5,833,131	5,844,477
Baie Comeau, Que.	8,305,563	8,524,065
Montreal, Que.	21,562,943	21,910,001
Port Cartier, Que.	10,224,551	9,340,932
Port Alfred, Que.	3,312,525	3,335,060
Quebec, Que.	6,088,295	6,332,858
Sept. ILES, Que.	16,598,933	16,590,263
Sorel, Que.	4,359,499	4,596,574
Trois Rivières, Que.	4,547,609	4,827,327
Hamilton, Ont.	9,392,558	10,502,100
Port Arthur-Fort William	18,398,270	17,097,883
Port Colborne, Ont.	3,563,153	2,925,249
Sarnia, Ont.	3,794,732	4,233,615
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	5,681,169	5,416,278
Toronto, Ont.	5,713,086	5,848,181
Windsor, Ont.	2,056,934	2,409,216
New Westminster, B.C.	4,371,033	5,061,855
Powell River, B.C.	1,368,240	1,714,974
Vancouver, B.C.	20,055,635	20,443,460
Victoria, B.C.	2,663,717	2,397,187

Total tonnage of eight commodities selected on the basis of largest volume handled - Preliminary figures, 1965

Commodity	Loaded for Foreign Countries	Unloaded from Foreign Countries	Handled in Coastwise Shipping	Grand Total
Wheat	13,438,006	656,438	10,399,373	24,493,817
Logs	248,124	354,156	5,423,435	6,025,715
Pulpwood	1,847,309	21,070	7,030,929	8,899,308
Iron ore	33,617,945	5,411,752	2,404,571	41,434,268
Coal (bituminous)	941,230	15,383,968	1,012,553	17,337,751
Limestone	1,080,710	1,279,164	1,568,281	3,928,155
Gypsum	4,871,861	73,008	528,768	5,473,637
Fuel oil	156,099	7,389,449	7,464,791	15,010,339
Totals	56,201,284	30,569,005	35,832,701	122,602,990

19. Motor Transport Traffic In Quebec During 1964 Number of trucks performing transportation services in Quebec rose 2.9% in 1964 to 207,500 from 201,600 in 1963. Of the 1964 total, 18,000 vehicles (or 8.7% of the total) were for hire trucks; 39,278 (18.9%) were private intercity vehicles; 110,422 (53.2%) were private vehicles operating wholly within urban areas; and 39,800 (19.2%) were farm trucks. For hire trucks accounted for 70.8% of the total net ton miles in 1964 (excluding the urban portion) and for 39.3% of total tons of goods (excluding urban).
20. Motor Transport Traffic In Saskatchewan In 1964 Trucks performing transportation services in Saskatchewan during 1964 increased 3.0% to 116,000 from 112,600 in the preceding year. Of the 1964 total, 1,600 or 1.4% were for hire trucks; 9,656 or 8.3% were private intercity vehicles; 14,441 or 12.5% were private vehicles operating wholly within urban areas; and 90,300 or 77.8% were farm trucks. For hire trucks accounted for 64.5% of the total net ton miles and 13.4% of the total tons of goods carried during 1964.
21. Motor Transport Traffic In British Columbia In 1964 Trucks performing transportation services in British Columbia in 1964 numbered 108,300, an increase of 4.4% from the 1963 total of 103,700. Of the 1964 total, 7,800 vehicles (7.2% of the total) were for hire trucks; 34,401 (31.7%) were private intercity vehicles; 52,614 (48.6%) were private vehicles operating wholly within urban areas; and 13,485 (12.5%) were farm trucks. For hire trucks accounted for 81% of total net ton miles (excluding the urban portion) in 1964 and for 63.8% of total tons of goods (excluding urban).

TRAVEL

22. TVP Entries Travellers' vehicle permits issued to admit foreign vehicles into Canada numbered 362,257 in February, an increase of 23% from 294,016 in the corresponding month last year. This brought entries in the January-February period to 704,962, up 19.7% from 589,055 a year ago. February's permits were as follows, by provinces: Newfoundland, 27 (50 a year ago); Nova Scotia, 8 (32); New Brunswick, 23,557 (20,644); Quebec, 31,216 (31,579); Ontario, 269,224 (205,065); Manitoba, 4,398 (4,516); Saskatchewan, 2,178 (1,826); Alberta, 1,057 (968); British Columbia, 30,106 (28,887); and the Yukon Territory, 486 (449).

AGRICULTURE

23. Report On Livestock Surveys: Hogs On Farms At March 1, 1966 Number of hogs on farms in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at March 1 this year was estimated at 4,918,000 down 7% from the year-earlier total of 5,300,000 and down 2.5% from the five-year (1961-65) March 1 average of 5,038,000. There were 4% fewer hogs in the East and 12% fewer in the West.

MINING

24. Asbestos Producers' shipments of asbestos in January this year amounted to 84,350 tons, a sharp increase over last year's corresponding total of 58,570 tons. Quebec producers shipped 78,206 tons versus 50,498 a year earlier, and those in Newfoundland, Ontario and British Columbia the balance of 6,144 tons versus 8,072.

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5. Farm Implement & Equipment Sales, January 1966 (63-009), 10¢/\$1.00
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7. Sales & Purchases of Securities Between Canada & Other Countries, December
1965 & Review of Security Trading During 1965 (67-002), 20¢/\$2.00
- *8. Sawmills East of the Rockies, January 1966
- *9. Steel Ingot Production, April 2, 1966
10. Iron Castings & Cast Iron Pipes & Fittings, January 1966,
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- *15. Industry and Production Notes, 1964
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- Estimates of Labour Income, December 1965, (72-005), 20¢/\$2.00
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(97-544), 50¢ -- Summarized January 28, 1966
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