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Horses in British Columbia

There were 57,157 horses in British Columbia at the census of 1931. That was a decrease of nearly 7 per cent from 1921. The average value of all classes of horses was a little over \$55, a decrease of almost 47 per cent.

How Canada's Trade in April was Proportioned

The proportion of Canada's domestic exports which went to the United Kingdom in April was 29.9 per cent and to the British Empire 39.4, whilst to the United States the proportion was 41.7, and to all foreign countries 60.6. Imports from Great Britain were 26.2 per cent of the whole and from the British Empire 32, while from the United States the proportion was 57.6, and from all foreign countries 68.

These proportions are at variance with the general experience during the twelve months ending April for the exports to Great Britain were 39 per cent of the whole and to the British Empire 47.3, while to the United States the proportion was 29.8 per cent, and to all foreign countries 52.7. The imports from Great Britain were 21.8 per cent, from Empire countries 30.3, from United States 56.6 and from all foreign countries 69.7.

Export Clearances of Wheat

Export clearances of wheat for the week ending June 2 were as follows, the figures in brackets being those of a year ago: Montreal 1,381,668 (2,711,480), Vancouver 1,039,477 (1,369,793), United States Atlantic seaboard ports 1,214,000 (542,000), Victoria 681,031 (nil), Sorel 574,328 (549,933), Quebec 218,000 (nil), Total 5,108,504 (5,173,206). Forty-four weeks ending June 2: Vancouver 85,356,277 (65,383,577), Montreal 55,634,419 (39,180,525), United States ports 24,072,000 (28,031,000), Sorel 15,234,212 (5,574,055), Saint John 6,864,873 (2,017,008), Quebec 3,754,759 (120,248), Churchill 2,736,030 (544,769), Victoria 1,847,752 (nil), Halifax 1,655,901 (45,189), Prince Rupert 677,813 (nil), Total 197,834,036 (140,896,371).

More Religious Publications Now Coming from U.S.

A change has come over the importation of bibles, prayer books, hymn books, religious tracts and Sunday School lessons. Prior to this year the majority came from Great Britain, but during the past twelve months the quantity from the United States was valued at \$141,498 and from the United Kingdom \$130,457.

Reading of British Magazines and Newspapers Increasing

There has been a large increase in the reading of British newspapers and magazines by Canadians in the past year. During the twelve months ending April the amount imported was valued at \$130,457 compared with \$82,332 in the previous twelve months. There has been a large decrease in the number imported from the United States, from \$2,868,729 to \$1,601,182, but that statement should be qualified because, it is understood, there are United States magazines now being printed in Canada which were formerly imported.

Feeding Wheat on the Farm

As in the two previous years, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics conducted a preliminary investigation at the end of March to determine the trend of wheat-feeding on farms. The percentage fed in 1932-33 shows a slight increase over that of 1931-32, being 8.5 compared with 8.2 last year. The larger crop of 1932 results in an estimate of 36,542,000 bushels fed, compared with only 26,502,000 bushels from the smaller crop of 1931.

More Text Books from United States

Imported text books come mostly from the United States. During the twelve months ending April the value of the text books imported from the United States was \$526,822 and from the United Kingdom \$458,280.

Wholesale Prices Higher in May

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, advanced from 65.4 in April to 66.9 in May. 149 quotations were higher, 64 were lower, while 289 remained unchanged.

Increase in Retail Sales

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail sales rose from 72.8 in March to 83.8 in April. The numbers are based on returns from 2,700 stores and 25 departmental stores. There were increased sales by boot and shoe stores, clothing, furniture, hardware, dyers and cleaners, general and departmental and candy. Drugs, groceries, meats, music, radio and restaurant sales declined.

Canada Imports Doors

One of the unexpected things found in trade figures is the importation of doors on a large scale. During the fiscal year 1931-2 we imported 51,395 doors from the United States. In 1932-3 we imported 5,101 from the United States and 4 from Great Britain. The four from the United Kingdom were valued at \$397 and those from the United States at \$11,237.

Proportions of the 1932 Crops Unmerchantable

Of the total estimated wheat crop of 1932, viz. 428,514,000 bushels, 0.5 per cent or 2,108,000 bushels is reported by crop correspondents as having proved of unmerchantable quality, as compared with 0.9 per cent or 2,826,100 bushels for the previous year. Of the remaining crops, the quantities in bushels and the proportions not merchantable are as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: Oats 2.1 per cent or 8,043,000 (2.5 per cent or 8,044,000); barley 0.9 per cent or 730,900 (1.0 per cent or 699,200); rye 0.5 per cent or 45,200 (0.9 per cent or 49,500); flaxseed 1.3 per cent or 32,000 (2.5 per cent or 65,300); buckwheat 2.5 per cent or 206,600 (5.9 per cent or 392,900); corn for husking 2.1 per cent or 106,000 (1.1 per cent or 62,000); potatoes 9.1 per cent or 3,581,000 cwt. (10.8 per cent or 5,634,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 5.7 per cent or 2,161,000 cwt. (7.2 per cent or 2,112,400 cwt.); hay and clover 3.7 per cent or 502,000 tons (3.1 per cent or 432,100 tons.).

Great Increase in May Export of Wheat

Canadian exports of wheat and wheat flour in May exceeded that of May last year by over six and a third million bushels and by three and a half million dollars in value. Exports of wheat for May amounted to 21,464,848 bushels, valued at \$13,064,791 as compared with 15,543,013 bushels valued at \$9,626,965 in May, 1932. Exports of wheat flour also increased from 461,867 barrels to 565,080 barrels in volume and from \$1,647,616 to \$1,735,078 in value. This was equivalent to 2,542,860 bushels in May as compared with 2,078,401 bushels, making the total wheat export to the equivalent of 24,007,708 bushels, an increase of 6,386,294 bushels.

