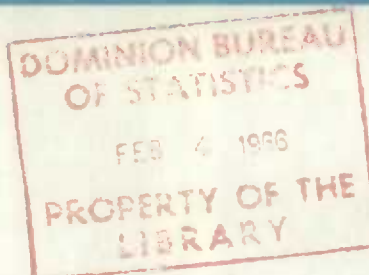


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE



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Transportation: Twenty-four common carrier railways reported operating revenues of \$120.0 million in October 1965, up by 5.3% from those of 22 lines a year earlier. Operating expenses rose by 2.0% to \$108.3 million, and as a result, net operating income increased to \$11.6 million from \$7.7 million. (Page 9)

*1. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders Manufacturers' shipments in November were estimated at \$3,039.1 million, 1.8% higher than the revised October estimate of \$2,985.0 million and 11.7% higher than the November 1964 estimate of \$2,721.1 million, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the November issue of the DES report "Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries". Shipments for the first eleven months of 1965 were estimated at \$31,004.3 million, 7.4% higher than the \$28,870.1 million estimated for the same period in 1964. The seasonally adjusted estimate of shipments at \$2,929.6 million increased fractionally over the revised October estimate but was 9.1% higher than the November 1964 value of \$2,684.2 million.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers at the end of November, estimated at \$5,570.2 million, increased 0.6% from the revised October estimate of \$5,539.0 million and 8.5% from the \$5,133.4 million estimated in November 1964. Total inventory held by manufacturers estimated at \$5,847.1 million increased fractionally from the revised October estimate of \$5,824.6 million but 7.4% from the November 1964 figure of \$5,442.4 million. Both raw materials and goods in process increased 0.7% in November as compared to the revised previous month, while finished products declined fractionally. The ratio of total inventory owned-to-shipments was 1.83 in November, 1.86 in October and 1.89 in November 1964. The finished products-to-shipments ratio was 0.64 in November, 0.65 in October and 0.68 in November 1964. The seasonally adjusted estimate for total inventory held at \$5,874.6 million was fractionally less than the revised October estimate while total inventory owned at \$5,589.1 million was fractionally higher than the revised previous month.

New orders in November were estimated at \$3,061.8 million, 1.2% higher than the revised October estimate of \$3,026.7 million and 11.2% higher than the November 1964 estimate of \$2,753.7 million. Unfilled orders in November were estimated at \$3,140.5 million, 0.7% higher than the revised October estimate of \$3,117.8 million and 20.6% higher than the November 1964 estimate of \$2,604.7 million. Seasonally adjusted new orders at \$2,955.0 million, were 1.7% lower than the revised October estimate of \$3,004.9 million and unfilled orders estimated at \$3,233.0 million, were 0.8% higher than the revised October estimate of \$3,207.6 million.

The following table shows estimated value of shipments, inventories and orders in all manufacturing industries:

| | November 1965 (Preliminary) | October 1965 (Revised) | September 1965 | November 1964 |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Millions of dollars | | | |
| Shipments | 3,039.1 | 2,985.0 | 2,967.6 | 2,721.1 |
| Shipments (Seasonally adjusted .. | 2,929.6 | 2,921.5 | 2,823.2 | 2,684.2 |
| Inventory owned | 5,570.2 | 5,539.0 | 5,498.8 | 5,133.4 |
| Inventory owned (Seasonally adjusted) . | 5,589.1 | 5,580.8 | 5,534.8 | 5,152.0 |
| Inventory held | 5,847.1 | 5,824.6 | 5,794.7 | 5,442.4 |
| Raw materials | 2,373.9 | 2,357.7 | 2,358.8 | 2,202.7 |
| Goods in process | 1,524.3 | 1,513.9 | 1,492.1 | 1,377.2 |
| Finished products ... | 1,948.9 | 1,953.0 | 1,943.8 | 1,862.5 |
| New Orders | 3,061.8 | 3,026.7 | 2,977.1 | 2,753.7 |
| Unfilled orders | 3,140.5 | 3,117.8 | 3,076.1 | 2,604.7 |
| Unfilled orders (Seasonally adjusted) . | 3,233.0 | 3,207.6 | 3,124.2 | 2,683.9 |

Provincial Shipments All provinces except Newfoundland and Nova Scotia showed increases in November as compared to November 1964. Estimated shipments in Newfoundland declined 4.9% and in Nova Scotia, 0.9%. MORE

The increase in New Brunswick shipments was largely due to higher values in the paper and allied industries; in Quebec to advances in foods and beverages, primary metals and transportation equipment industries; in Ontario to gains in foods and beverages, metal fabricating industries, transportation equipment and chemical and chemical products industries; in Manitoba to increases in foods and beverages; in Saskatchewan to increases in foods and beverages and petroleum and coal products; in Alberta to increases in foods and beverages, primary metals and petroleum and coal products; and in British Columbia to increases in the wood industries, paper and allied industries and primary metal industries. The decline in shipments in Newfoundland resulted mainly from decreases in the paper and allied industries and in Nova Scotia from decreases in the paper and allied industries and primary metal industries.

Gross Value of Factory Shipments By Province of Origin

| | November | | % | October(r) | January - November | | % |
|------------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|------|
| | 1965(p) | 1964 | | | Change | 1965 | |
| | Millions of dollars | | | Millions of dollars | | | |
| Nfld. | 13.5 | 14.2 | -4.9 | 13.0 | 149.3 | 157.7 | -5.3 |
| N.S. | 43.4 | 43.8 | -0.9 | 46.5 | 491.3 | 458.2 | +7.2 |
| N.B. | 38.6 | 37.1 | +4.0 | 39.8 | 425.9 | 428.5 | -0.6 |
| Que. | 855.6 | 781.3 | +9.5 | 856.4 | 8,712.0 | 8,257.7 | +5.5 |
| Ont. | 1,621.8 | 1,420.8 | +14.1 | 1,545.8 | 16,114.0 | 14,764.5 | +9.1 |
| Man. | 80.6 | 78.6 | +2.5 | 84.0 | 887.1 | 866.6 | +2.4 |
| Sask. | 36.5 | 32.7 | +11.6 | 38.4 | 391.8 | 372.6 | +5.2 |
| Alta. | 106.2 | 92.9 | +14.3 | 109.9 | 1,149.8 | 1,081.8 | +6.3 |
| E.C. | 239.3 | 216.5 | +10.5 | 247.5 | 2,642.7 | 2,444.6 | +8.1 |
| CANADA (1) | 3,039.1 | 2,721.1 | +11.7 | 2,985.0 | 31,004.3 | 28,870.1 | +7.4 |

(1) Includes T.E.I., Yukon and N.V.T.; (p) Preliminary; (r) Revised.

*2. Steel Ingot Output Production of steel ingots in the week ended January 29 totalled 189,924 tons, a decrease of 3.6% from the preceding week's total of 197,120 tons. Output in the corresponding week last year was 182,617 tons. The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-59 tons equalling 100, was 198 in the current week versus 205 a week earlier and 190 a year earlier.

3. Shipments Of Floor Tile Shipments of vinyl-asbestos floor tile declined in December to 16,189,956 square feet from 21,766,655 in the corresponding month in 1964, while the total for the year 1965 advanced to 170,989,698 square feet from 160,379,177. Month's shipments of asphalt floor tile declined to 152,040 square feet from 308,487, bringing the year's total to 1,593,250 square feet versus 3,842,912.

4. Rigid Insulating Board Shipments of rigid insulating board eased down in November to 48,636,206 square feet from 49,280,583 in the corresponding month in 1964, while total shipments in the January-November period were slightly higher than a year earlier at 474,106,905 square feet versus 473,537,462.

5. Concrete Products Production of concrete products in November included the following: concrete brick, 8,968,622 (8,773,696 a year earlier); concrete blocks (except chimney blocks), 18,055,755 (18,866,234); concrete drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile, 137,096 tons (154,528); and ready-mixed concrete, 1,372,707 cubic yards (1,125,028).

6. Soaps & Synthetic Detergents Value of factory shipments of soaps and synthetic detergents increased in November 1965 to \$8,671,200 from \$8,321,700 in November 1964 and in the January-November period to \$99,832,600 from \$92,120,700 in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

*7. 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 publications.

Rubber Footwear Manufacturers (Cat. 33-206): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of rubber footwear increased in 1964 to \$42,540,000 from \$38,844,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$17,266,000 from \$15,679,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$26,307,000 from \$22,424,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$23,009,000 to \$27,181,000.

Six establishments (6 in 1963) reported 4,938 employees (4,674), including 4,207 directly employed in manufacturing operations (3,936). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$16,988,000 (\$14,921,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$13,440,000 (\$11,744,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 8,911,000 versus 8,312,000 the previous year.

Candle Manufacturers (Cat. 47-205): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of candles increased in 1964 to \$3,486,000 from \$3,475,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity fell in the year to \$1,519,000 from \$1,598,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$1,985,000 from \$1,953,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$2,127,000 to \$2,243,000.

Seventeen establishments (17 in 1963) reported 321 employees (308), including 189 directly employed in manufacturing operations (187). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$1,227,000 (\$1,185,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$581,000 (\$562,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 460,000 versus 450,000 the previous year.

Stamp & Stencil (Rubber & Metal) Manufacturers (Cat. 47-205): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of stamps and stencils increased in 1964 to \$7,749,000 from \$7,416,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$2,441,000 from \$2,314,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$5,281,000 from \$5,133,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$5,459,000 to \$5,633,000.

Sixty-eight establishments (68 in 1963) reported 876 employees (848), including 610 directly employed in manufacturing operations (594). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$3,828,000 (\$3,635,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$2,361,000 (\$2,287,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 1,330,000 versus 1,259,000 the previous year.

Hair Goods Manufacturers (Cat. 47-205): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of hair goods increased in 1964 to \$649,000 from \$614,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$294,000 from \$260,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) fell to \$360,000 from \$366,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) declined from \$377,000 to \$359,000.

Eleven establishments (12 in 1963) reported 59 employees (60), including 51 directly employed in manufacturing operations (56). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$168,000 (\$161,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$130,000 (\$144,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 107,000 versus 120,000 the previous year.

Artificial Ice Manufacturers (Cat. 47-205): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of artificial ice increased in 1964 to \$2,451,000 from \$2,094,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$566,000 from \$485,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$1,888,000 from \$1,606,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$1,803,000 to \$2,085,000.

Twenty-eight establishments (27 in 1963) reported 298 employees (262), including 188 directly employed in manufacturing operations (165). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$1,098,000 (\$952,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$675,000 (\$571,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 426,000 versus 381,000 the previous year.

Pen and Pencil Manufacturers (Cat. 47-207): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of pens and pencils increased in 1964 to \$17,156,000 from \$16,481,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity fell in the year to \$7,478,000 from \$7,721,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) rose to \$9,571,000 from \$8,708,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$9,079,000 to \$9,719,000.

Eighteen establishments (19 in 1963) reported 1,068 employees (1,103), including 704 directly employed in manufacturing operations (751). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$4,441,000 (\$4,431,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$1,978,000 (\$2,052,000). Paid man hours in manufacturing operations numbered 1,447,000 versus 1,562,000 the previous year.

Typewriter Supplies Manufacturers (Cat. 47-207): Factory shipments from the manufacturers of typewriter supplies increased ⁱⁿ 1964 to \$9,759,000 from \$8,875,000 in 1963. Cost of materials, fuel and electricity rose in the year to \$5,116,000 from \$4,722,000 in the preceding year and value added by manufacturing activity (value of production less value of materials, fuel and electricity) to \$4,734,000 from \$4,162,000. Industry value added (manufacturing plus non-manufacturing activity) advanced from \$4,274,000 to \$4,799,000.

Eleven establishments (10 in 1963) reported 592 employees (567), including 383 directly employed in manufacturing operations (369). Salaries and wages for all employees aggregated \$2,525,000 (\$2,394,000) with manufacturing employees accounting for \$1,319,000 (\$1,227,000). Paid man-hours in manufacturing operations numbered 865,000 versus 805,000 the previous year.

M I N I N G

*8. Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Production of crude oil and equivalent amounted to 28,534,274 barrels in September, up 18.2% from the September 1964 total of 24,142,165; output of pentanes plus totalled 2,046,483 barrels, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the September issue of the DBS report "Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production". Natural gas production aggregated 110,248,447,000 cubic feet, greater by 11.7% than the corresponding 1964 total of 98,713,526,000 cubic feet.

*9. Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents In November Motor vehicle traffic accidents on highways and streets in Canada (excluding Saskatchewan) took 417 lives in November 1965, a decrease of 1.2% from the November 1964 total of 422, DBS reports in a special statement.

Regional death toll in November 1965 was as follows: Newfoundland, 5 (8 in November 1964); Prince Edward Island, 3 (3); Nova Scotia, 16 (29); New Brunswick, 24 (23); Quebec, 147 (132); Ontario, 146 (123); Manitoba, 17 (15); Saskatchewan, not available (33); Alberta, 19 (36); British Columbia, 40 (52); and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, nil (1).

When comparing the number of traffic deaths in this release with those in the annual DBS report "Vital Statistics", please note the explanation in the Weekly Bulletin of April 2, 1965.

| Province | Number of Accidents | | | Total Nov. 1964 | Total Nov. 1965 | No. of Victims | | Total Property Damage (1) November 1965 \$('000) |
|----------------|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Fatal | Non- fatal injury November 1965 | Property Damage Only (1) November 1965 | | | Persons Killed | Persons Injured | |
| Nfld. | 4 | 118 | 434 | 556 | 575 | 5 | 196 | 289 |
| P.E.I. | 3 | 35 | 89 | 127 | 107 | 3 | 48 | 54 |
| N.S. | 14 | 240 | 928 | 1,182 | 1,052 | 16 | 349 | 557 |
| N.B. | 19 | 253 | 793 | 1,065 | 846 | 24 | 372 | 557 |
| Que. | 125 | 1,971 | 10,251 | 12,347 | 11,006 | 147 | 2,976 | .. |
| Ont. | 124 | 3,525 | 8,261 | 11,910 | 10,503 | 146 | 5,171 | 6,070 |
| Man. | 11 | 477 | 1,236 | 1,724 | 1,388 | 17 | 664 | 665 |
| Sask. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,865 | .. | .. | .. |
| Alta. | 18 | 425 | 2,966 | 3,409 | 3,328 | 19 | 640 | 1,479 |
| B.C. | 37 | 1,109 | 2,694 | 3,840 | 3,765 | 40 | 1,613 | 2,193 |
| Yukon & N.W.T. | - | 11 | 45 | 56 | 46 | - | 26 | 64 |
| Nov. 1965 (2) | 355 | 8,164 | 27,697 | 36,216 | | 417 | 12,055 | 11,928 (3) |
| Nov. 1964 (2) | 370 | 7,827 | 24,419 | | 32,616 | 422 | 11,769 | 10,660 (3) |

(1) reportable minimum property damage \$100; (2) excluding Saskatchewan; (3) excluding Quebec; .. not available; - nil.

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

10. Building Permits Building permits issued by Canadian municipalities in October 1965 covered construction estimated at \$385,779,000, an increase of 9.4% from the October 1964 total of \$352,698,000. Value of residential construction declined 1.4% in the month to \$201,835,000 from \$204,600,000 a year earlier, while non-residential construction climbed 24.2% to \$183,944,000 from \$148,098,000.

Value of permits issued in the January-October period advanced 19.0% to \$3,174,943,000 from \$2,667,806,000 in the first 10 months of 1964. Cumulative total for residential construction rose by 9.9% to \$1,469,553,000 from \$1,337,329,000 and that for non-residential construction by 28.2% to \$1,705,390,000 from \$1,330,477,000.

Values of building permits issued in October were higher than a year earlier in six and lower in four provinces. Month's totals (in thousands) were: Newfoundland, \$2,300 (\$2,131 in October 1964); Prince Edward Island, \$2,202 (\$1,221); Nova Scotia, \$4,858 (\$9,320); New Brunswick, \$5,001 (\$10,254); Quebec, \$90,224 (\$81,277); Ontario, \$165,756 (\$153,929); Manitoba, \$14,067 (\$16,805); Saskatchewan, \$20,618 (\$14,212); Alberta, \$50,312 (\$30,388); and British Columbia, \$30,441 (\$33,161).

*11. Federal Government Employment Civilian staff strength of the Federal Government, including its agencies and corporations, was more than 347,000 at the end of October 1965, down 6,600 from September but up 6,400 from October 1964, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the October issue of the DES report "Federal Government Employment". Payroll for the month was \$154 million, down 11.9% from September but 7.6% above the previous October. Cumulative payroll for January 1 - October 31, 1965 was \$1,503 million, 6.5% above the same ten months of 1964.

Agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies employed 139,000 people at the end of October, down 4,000 from the previous month but 800 more than October 1964. Total payroll for the month decreased to \$66.6 million from \$67.2 million in September, while the cumulative payroll (January 1 to October 31) rose to \$649.6 million from \$611.4 million in 1964.

The number of employees in departmental branches, services and corporations decreased to 208,400 from 211,100 in September. Payroll for the month totalled \$87.4 million, \$20.1 million below that for September. However, retroactive payments of \$19.4 million, included in the September figure, accounted for the bulk of this decrease. Cumulative payroll of \$853.4 million was \$53.3 million above the same period of 1964, while payroll for the first seven months of the 1965-66 fiscal year was \$612.6 million, \$46.1 million more than the comparable figure for 1964-65.

F I S H E R I E S

*12. Advance Release Of Fish Landings, December 1965

| | Newfoundland | | Maritimes | | Québec | | British Columbia | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Quantity '000 lb. | Value \$'000 | Quantity '000 lb. | Value \$'000 | Quantity '000 lb. | Value \$'000 | Quantity '000 lb. | Value \$'000 |
| Groundfish - | | | | | | | | |
| Cod | 3,482 | 141 | 14,763 | 691 | 1,118 | 55 | 258 | 16 |
| Lingcod | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 3 |
| Haddock | 358 | 14 | 4,342 | 305 | - | - | - | - |
| Pollock | 18 | -- | 4,132 | 161 | - | - | - | - |
| Hake | 7 | -- | 410 | 12 | - | - | - | - |
| Redfish | 5,210 | 127 | 1,204 | 44 | 97 | 3 | - | - |
| Halibut | 11 | 2 | 104 | 43 | - | - | - | - |
| Flounders & soles | 9,261 | 288 | 5,117 | 184 | 166 | 6 | 158 | 11 |
| Other unspecified | 336 | 11 | 573 | 16 | 1 | -- | 34 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 18,683 | 583 | 30,645 | 1,456 | 1,382 | 64 | 474 | 33 |
| Pelagic & Estuarial - | | | | | | | | |
| Herring | 9,841 | 96 | 7,388 | 68 | 51 | 1 | 105,347 | 1,738 |
| Mackerel | - | - | 74 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Salmon | 6 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 2 |
| Swordfish | - | - | 447 | 203 | - | - | - | - |
| Other unspecified | - | - | 1,163 | 80 | 54 | 3 | 250 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 9,847 | 99 | 9,072 | 354 | 105 | 4 | 105,603 | 1,747 |
| Molluscs & Crustaceans - | | | | | | | | |
| Crabs | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | 89 | 14 |
| Lobster | - | - | 5,301 | 4,843 | - | - | - | - |
| Oysters | - | - | 93 | 14 | - | - | 1,290 | 74 |
| Scallops | - | - | 2,085 | 1,077 | - | - | - | - |
| Other unspecified | - | - | 89 | 8 | - | - | 305 | 30 |
| TOTAL | - | - | 7,568 | 5,942 | -- | -- | 1,684 | 118 |
| TOTAL - ALL SPECIES | 28,530 | 682 | 47,285 | 7,752 | 1,487 | 68 | 107,761 | 1,898 |

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

*13. General Wholesale Index Canada's general wholesale index (1935-39=100) rose 0.7% in December to 255.5 from the November index of 253.8, and was 3.9% higher than the December 1964 index of 246.0, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the December issue of the DBS report "Prices and Price Indexes". Seven of the eight major group indexes were higher in December while one declined.

The animal products group index rose 2.8% in December to 293.8 from the November index of 285.9, on higher prices for livestock, fresh and cured meats, fishery products, eggs, and hides and skins. An advance of 0.6% to 219.5 from 218.2 in the vegetable products group index was due mainly to price increases for tea, coffee and cocoa, grains, sugar and its products, and livestock and poultry feeds. The textile products group index moved up 0.3% to 247.1 from 246.4, on higher prices for cotton fabrics, and worsted and wool cloth. The non-metallic minerals products group index advanced 0.3% to 193.4 from 192.8, reflecting higher prices for coal. Increases of 0.2% or less occurred in the following major group indexes in December: chemical products to 204.8 from 204.3; wood products to 334.1 from 333.8; and non-ferrous metals products to 222.6 from 222.4. The iron products group index moved down slightly in December to 266.3 from 266.4 in the previous month.

Industry Selling Price Indexes: In 27 manufacturing industries, industry selling price indexes (1956=100) were higher in December than in November, six less than in the previous month-to-month comparison when 33 industries rose from October levels. Twelve industry indexes declined in December, two less than the 14 decreases recorded in the October-November period. Of the 102 industries, 63 were unchanged in December, eight more than in November when 55 remained the same.

The average of the 102 industry indexes was 109.8 in December, up slightly from the November average of 109.7. The median remained unchanged from the previous month at 109.4.

*14. Weekly Security Price Indexes

| | Number of Stocks Priced | 1966 | | | 1965 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | January 27 | January 20 | December 30 | (1956 = 100) |
| <u>Investors' Price Index</u> | | | | | |
| Total Index | 111 | 182.9 | 182.4 | 175.9 | |
| Industrials | 77 | 188.3 | 187.2 | 180.6 | |
| Utilities | 20 | 181.9 | 182.7 | 176.3 | |
| Finance(1) | 14 | 157.4 | 157.7 | 151.8 | |
| Banks | 6 | 147.5 | 149.0 | 149.2 | |
| <u>Mining Stocks Price Index</u> | | | | | |
| Total Index | 24 | 122.1 | 121.8 | 111.1 | |
| Golds | 16 | 141.0 | 140.1 | 127.7 | |
| Base metals | 8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 102.0 | |
| <u>Supplementary Indexes</u> | | | | | |
| Uraniums | 6 | 148.4 | 148.7 | 141.4 | |
| Primary oils and gas | 6 | 111.5 | 110.9 | 100.5 | |

(1) Composed of Banks, and Investment and Loan.

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

15. Department Store Sales Department store sales increased 21.9% during the week ending January 15 as compared to a year earlier, with all provinces sharing in the increase, as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 10.0%; Quebec, 24.0%; Ontario, 31.1%; Manitoba, 30.1%; Saskatchewan, 13.3%; Alberta, 19.4%; and British Columbia, 7.1%.

*16. Wholesale Trade Canada's wholesalers proper had sales in November 1965 valued at \$1,015,316,000, greater by 16.3% than the November 1964 total of \$873,116,000, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the November issue of the DBS report "Wholesale Trade". This put the value in the January-November period at \$11,184,193,000, higher by 10.1% than the corresponding 1964 figure of \$10,158,588,000.

Each of the 18 specified trades posted greater sales in November and the January-November period as compared to a year earlier. Increases in the month ranged from 6.2% in hardware to 26.1% in commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies, while gains in the cumulative period ranged from 0.7% in hardware to 15.9% in meat and dairy products.

*17. Natural Gas Sales Sales of natural gas increased 17.2% in volume in November 1965 to 52,582,000 cubic feet from 44,882,000 in the same month of 1964 and 14.4% in revenue to \$33,777,000 from \$29,538,000, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the November issue of the DBS report "Sales of Manufactured and Natural Gas". Residential sales increased to 16,195,000 cubic feet from 14,188,000 a year earlier, accounting for 30.8% of total sales, while revenue from these sales climbed to \$16,800,000 from \$15,058,000 and accounted for 49.7% of the total revenue.

T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

*18. Railway Operating Statistics Twenty-four common carrier railways in Canada reported operating revenues of \$120.0 million for October 1965, up 5.3% over those of twenty-two lines a year earlier, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the October issue of the D.B.S. report, "Railway Operating Statistics". Operating expenses rose 2.0% during the same period to \$108.3 million and, as a result, net operating income increased to \$11.6 million from \$7.7 million.

During the January-October 1965 period railway operating revenues were 2.3% above those of the similar 1964 months. Operating expenses, however, were up 3.2%, decreasing net income by some \$7.9 million to \$65.5 million.

Railway Operating Revenues, Expenses and Net Income, October, 1965

| | <u>Total 24 railways</u> | <u>C.N.R.</u> | <u>C.P.R.</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Operating Revenues</u> | | | |
| Freight | 108,251,096 | 50,375,289 | 42,725,301 |
| Passenger | 4,380,365 | 2,909,577 | 1,284,983 |
| All other | 7,275,332 | 4,088,797 | 2,438,251 |
| Total | 119,906,793 | 57,373,663 | 46,448,535 |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | | | |
| Road maintenance | 20,062,029 | 11,278,602 | 6,482,864 |
| Equipment maintenance | 23,931,220 | 12,470,928 | 9,578,266 |
| Transportation | 40,651,653 | 21,118,143 | 15,836,670 |
| All other | 23,647,461 | 9,126,305 | 10,122,956 |
| Total | 108,292,363 | 53,993,978 | 42,020,756 |
| <u>Net Income</u> | 11,614,430 | 3,379,685 | 4,427,779 |

MORE

Canadian railways in September 1965 operated an average 44,183 miles of track, handled 20.8 million tons of revenue freight and generated 7.8 billion ton-miles. Trains carried 2.1 million passengers an average distance of 107 miles during the month as commuter travel increased 16.3% over the previous September.

19. Passenger Bus Statistics Forty-one intercity and rural bus lines carried 3,805,764 passengers in November as compared to 3,716,209 transported by 43 firms in the corresponding month in 1964. In the January-November period, passengers transported numbered 42,380,410, fewer by 3.1% than the preceding year's 43,771,024. Operating revenues were up in the month to \$3,959,465 from \$3,360,755 and in the eleven months to \$49,323,262 from \$46,072,754.

20. Urban Transit Initial revenue passenger fares (excluding transfers) collected by urban transit systems numbered 88,526,436 in November, an increase of 3.6% from 1964's corresponding total of 85,484,276. This brought the total for the January-November period to 895,362,944, down slightly from the preceding year's 897,238,410. Operating revenues were up in the month to \$14,049,894 from \$12,338,919 and in the eleven months to \$141,144,456 from \$131,888,697.

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

21. Egg Production Production of eggs in December last declined 5.5% to 37,125,000 dozen from 39,272,000 in the same month of 1964 and 1.6% in the full year 1965 to 431,068,000 dozen from 437,906,000 in the preceding year. Average number of layers decreased in December to 27,069,000 from 28,563,000 a year earlier and the rate of lay per 100 layers 0.2% to 1,657 from 1,661.

*22. Shortening Production of shortening (packaged and bulk) increased 7.5% in December last to 16,655,619 pounds from 15,486,557 in the same month of 1964, but decreased 1.1% in the full year 1965 to 101,187,937 pounds from 193,265,504 in 1964, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the December issue of the DBS report "Oils and Fats". December 31 stocks were 7.3% greater than a year earlier at 11,947,681 pounds versus 11,131,245.

December output of packaged shortening rose to 4,351,403 pounds from 4,082,647 a year earlier and bulk to 12,304,216 pounds from 11,403,910. Year's production of packaged shortening declined to 51,353,903 pounds from 54,475,835 in the preceding year, while bulk shortening rose to 139,834,034 pounds from 138,789,669. End-of-1965 stocks of packaged shortening amounted to 3,410,851 pounds versus 2,392,011 a year earlier and those of bulk shortening totalled 8,536,830 pounds from 8,739,234.

S A W M I L L I N G

*23. British Columbia Sawmills Production of sawn lumber and ties in sawmills in British Columbia rose 9% in November to 569,889,000 feet board measure from 522,650,000 in the same month of 1964 and 2% in the January-November period to 6,362,137,000 feet board measure from 6,229,826,000 in the first 11 months of the preceding year, according to an advance release of data that will be contained in the November issue of the DBS report "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia". Both coast mills and interior mills recorded higher production totals in November and January-November 1965 as compared to a year earlier.

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- 10. Building Permits, October 1965, (64-001), 30¢/\$3.00
- *11. Federal Government Employment, October 1965
- *12. Fish Landings in Newfoundland, the Maritimes, Québec & British Columbia
December 1965
- *13. General Wholesale Index & Industry Selling Price Indexes, December 1965
- *14. Weekly Security Price Indexes, January 27, 1966
- 15. Department Store Sales by Regions (63-003), \$2.00 a year, January 15, 1966
- *16. Wholesale Trade, November 1965
- *17. Natural Gas Sales, November 1965
- *18. Railway Operating Statistics, October 1965
- 19. Passenger Bus Statistics, November 1965 (53-002), 10¢/\$1.00
- 20. Urban Transit, November 1965 (53-003), 10¢/\$1.00
- 21. Production of Eggs, December 1965, (23-003), 10¢/\$1.00
- *22. Shortening, December 1965
- *23. Sawmills in British Columbia, November 1965
 - Grain Statistics Weekly, January 12, 1966, (22-004), 10¢/\$3.00
 - Apparent Per Capita Domestic Disappearance of Food in Canada, 1964,
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 - Shipping Report, Part V, 1964 -- Origin and Destination for Selected
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