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Selected statistics for fire and casualty insurance companies are included for the first time in Business Financial Statistics Balance Sheets Quarterly estimates of assets, underwriting and investment accounts are presented for 1966 and the first quarter of 1967.

The data include both federally-and provincially-registered companies, and differ somewhat in content from data published in other sources. It should be noted that the quarterly estimates are net of all reinsurance ceded, whether licensed or unlicensed, while in other sources data for British and Foreign companies in the industry usually are presented net of only licensed or registered reinsurance. In the underwriting account, the quarterly estimates of net premiums earned are calculated using a $100 \%$ reserve for unearned premiuns, while in some other sources an $80 \%$ basis is used. Finally, the quarterly assets estimates represent book values, whereas assets of British and Foreign companies in the industry are generally shown at market values.

In the first quarter of 1967 , net premiums writtene increased to $\$ 296,000,000,8 \%$ above the corresponding quarter in 1966. Underwriting gain increased from $\$ 1,000,000$ in the first quarter of 1966 to $\$ 9,000,000$ in the first quarter of 1967 , and net investment income rose from $\$ 14,000,000$ to $\$ 18,000,000$. Total assets increased by $\$ 250,000,000$, or $13.7 \%$ during the year, with most of the increase occurring in holdings of provincial government and corporate bonds and Canadian preferred and common shares.

Among other financial institutions, trust companies increased their total assets by $\$ 204,000,000$ during the quarter, bringing the industry total to over $\$ 4.1$ billion. Funds were provided primarily from guaranteed investment certificates, debentures and term deposits, and were invested for the most part in short term notes of sales finance companies ( $\$ 31,000,000$ ), other commercial paper $(\$ 77,000,000)$, corporate bonds and debentures $(\$ 36,000,000)$, and mortgages $(\$ 34,000000)$.

Mortgage loan companies increased their total assets to $\$ 2,602,000,000$, up $\$ 38,000,000(1.5 \%$ ) during the quarter. Investments in mortgages accounted for $\$ 18,000,000$ of the increase. Demand and savings deposit 11abilities remained steady, while certificate, debenture and term deposit liabilities increased by $\$ 30,000,000$.

Iotal assets $(\$ 4,428,000,000)$ and receivables $(\$ 3,693,000,000)$ of sales finance and consumer loan companies were relatively unchanged during the quarter. Bank loans were reduced by $\$ 80,000,000$, while demand and shortaterm notes outstanding increased by $\$ 105,000000$ to $\$ 1,008,000,000$, the highest quarterly total since June, 1964.

Total assets of mutual funds, at cost values, increased to $\$ 1,964,000,000$ during the quarter, up $3.9 \%$ from the previous quarter and $16.3 \%$ for the year. Market value of investments increased $13.9 \%$ during the quarter, $14.3 \%$ during the last year.

Closed-end funds' total assets $(\$ 549,000,000)$ and portifolio at cost ( $\$ 524,000,000$ ) remained unchanged from the previous quarter. Market value of total assets increased by $9.4 \%$ during the quarter, but remalned $1.1 \%$ lower than the total at the same time one year ago.

Investment dealers' holdings of securities and other financial assets increased substantially during the quarter, from $\$ 647,000,000$ at the end of 1966 to $\$ 828,000,000$ at the end of March, 1967. The increase was financed by increased borrowing from chartered banks and other sources.

The latest survey of capital expenditures intentions for all sectors of the Canadian economy indicates total outlays of $\$ 15.5$ billion in 1967 or $2.8 \%$ above the earlier forecast of $\$ 15.1$ billion. The revised total for 1967 is $4.2 \%$ above the preliminary estimate for 1966 of $\$ 14.9$ billion.

Revised plans for spending on new construction during 1967 indicates $\$ 9.7$ billion compared to the original forecast of $\$ 9.5$ billion. Total spending plans on new machinery and equipment for 1967 have been revised upward to $\$ 5.8$ billion from $\$ 5.6$ billion.

Among the four major sectors only institutional services indicated a downward adjustment, amounting to $1.7 \%$ of the original 1967 estimate. The remaining sectors, business, housing, and government departments reported increases ranging from $3.0 \%$ to 4. 1\%.

PRICES
3. Consumer Price Indexes Canada's consumer price index ( $1949=100$ ) increased $0.9 \%$ to 150.2 at the beginning of July from 148.8 in June. The July 1967 index was $4.1 \%$ higher than the July 1966 level of 144.3. In the current period, all main component indexes except clothing and tobacco and alcohol increased. The clothing and tobacco and alcohol components remained unw cianged. Increases in the food and housing indexes accounted for close to 70 and 20 respectively of the total rise in the consumer price index.

Consumer Price Indexes $(1949=100)$

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

The food index in July advanced $2.6 \%$ to 148.5 in July from 144.8 in June, reflecting much higher prices generally for fresh fruits and vegetables and most nats, particularly grapefruit, grapes, apples, bananas, potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, most beef cuts, bacon, lamb leg roast and wieners. Prices were somewhat higher for dairy products including butter, and for cookies, cake, doughnuts, cereals, macaroni aid cake mix. Price decreases were recorded for jam, tea, tea bigs, instant and ragular coffee, peanut butter, margarine, lard, salad dressing, poultry and eggs. The housing index rose $0.5 \%$ to 151.9 in July from 151.2 in June, largely as a result of increases in rentals, homeownership costs and homefurnishings.

The clothing index was unchanged at 132.5. Increases in women's wear, children's wear and footwear were offset by decreases in the men's wear component. The transportation index edged up $0.1 \%$ to 158.3 in July from 158.2 in June, reflecting increased prices for gasoline and motor oil in scattered Canadian cities. The health and personal care index rose $0.4 \%$ to 191.5 in July as a result of increased costs of prepaid medical care. The recreation and reading index rose $0.4 \%$ to 167.8 in July from 167.1 in June, reflecting increased prices for radios, console televisions, phonograph records, bicycles and newspapers. Decreases were recorded In the price of portable televisions. The tobacco and alcohol component was unchanged at 128.1 .

Wholesale Price Indexes (Weekly) ${ }^{1}$ The price index of 30 industrial materials, ( $1935-39=100$ ) calculated as an unweighted geometric average, decreased $0.1 \%$ to 255.9 from 256.1 In the three-week period June 30 th to July 21 st. Prices declined for nine commodities, advanced for three and remained unchanged for eighteen. Principal changes included lower prices for sisal, raw sugar, steel scrap, hogs and domestic wheat. Higher prices were shown for linseed oil and steers.

Security Price Indexes: The investors' index $(1956=100)$ of common stock prices increased $2.5 \%$ to 179.2 from 174.8 in the four-week period June 29 th to July 27 th. Indexes for all three major groups increased, headed by industrials up $2.6 \%$ to 186.7 from 181.9, closely followed by utilities up $2.4 \%$ to 176.4 from 172.3 , and by finance up $1.8 \%$ to 145.5 from 142.9 .

MERCHANDISING
4. New Motor Vehicle Sales

Sales of new motor vehicles in the January-May period rose fractionally to 369,432 units from 369,321 in the 1966 period. Of these, passenger vehicles numbered 308,031 , down $0.1 \%$ from 1966's 308,419 and commercial vehicles numbered 61,401, up $0.8 \%$ from last year's 60,902.
5. Retail Trade Canadian retall trade climbed $13.2 \%$ in May to $\$ 2,035,911,000$ from the May 1966 total. Of this amount independent stores accounted for $\$ 1,409,999,000$ and chain stores, $\$ 625,912,000$. Increased sales ranging from $5.2 \%$ in all other food stores to $23.1 \%$ in motor vehicles dealers were reported in all specified businesses.
6. Department Store Sales Department store sales during the week ending July 22 rose $9.5 \%$ over the 1966 week, with regional increases as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 9.5\%; Quebec, 17.0\%; Ontario, 5.3\%; Manitoba, $0.8 \%$; Saskatchewan, $8.7 \%$; Alberta, $12.0 \%$; and British Columbia, $13.3 \%$.

## TRANSPORTATION

7. Carloadings Revenue freight carloadings during the seven day period ending July 21 rose $1.8 \%$ to 77,504 from the 1966 period, and during the cumulative period dropped $5,4 \%$ to $2,177,427$. Cars received from both Canada and United States rail connections decreased $0.4 \%$ to 20,622 in the week and $2.7 \%$ to 706,244 in the year to date. Commodities moved in more cars were iron ore, 11,036 (3,536 in 1966) and copper-nickel ores and concentrates, 1,398 (242). Fewer cars were required for wheat, $7,024(9,818)$; and building sand, gravel and crushed stone, 2,584 (4,017).

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8. Cattle, Sheep and Horses Cattle and calves on farms at June 1 numbered an estimated $12,781,000,1 \%$ below the Census total of $12,878,800$ at June 1 1966. Sheep and lambs numbered an estimated 962,000 head, down $4 \%$ from the Census total in 1966. Horses numbered an estimated 369,800 head, down 4\% from the 1966 Census count.
*9. Fish Landings for British Columbia, June 1967


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13. Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages Preliminary estimates of 1967 crop acreages indicate that
Canadian farmers seeded a record $30,100,000$ acres to all classes of wheat, an increase of $1 \%$ from the 1966 level; $8,400,000$ acres to oats, a decrease of $5 \%$ and $8,100,000$ acres to barley, an increase of $9 \%$ from 1966. Flax seedings decreased by $42 \%$ to $1,100,000$ acres. Rapeseed at $1,726,000$ acres increased $13 \%$ this year and soybeans at a record 290,000 acres increased $4 \%$ compared with last year's plantings. Rye seedings, at 758,300 acres are up $4 \%$ while mixed frains at $1,700,000$ acres decreased $6 \%$ from 1966 sowings. Corn for grain acreage at a record 875,500 increased 9\%. Other crops showing increases in area from 1966 levels are: buckwheat (up $38 \%$ ); fodder corp (up $3 \%$ ) and sugar beets (up $5 \%$ ).

Smaller acreages than in 1966 are reported for peas, dry (down 23\%) ; beans, dry (down $10 \%$ ) ; potatoes (down $5 \%$ ) and field roots (down $9 \%$ ). The area in summerfallow, at $26,000,000$ acres, is $3 \%$ above that of 1966.

For Canada as a whole the area seeded to the sixteen spring-planted crops covered in this report is estimated at $53,200,000$ acres compared with $53,300,000$ acres in 1966. Total acreage of the sixteen spring-planted crops together With winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounts to $93,100,000$ acres compared with $92,600,000$ last year.

LABOUR
*14. $\frac{\text { Earnings and Hours of }}{\text { Work in Manufacturing }}$
This survey is carried out annually. Data are collected for the last week of October as this is considered a representative working week. Returns are obtained from manufacturing establishments with employment of 20 persons or over during any month of the year. In 196612,342 respondents contributed to the survey. Summary tables are presented here.

Average earnings in manufacturing showed an overall increase in the last week in October 1966 compared with earnings in the corresponding period of 1965 .

Average hourly earnings of total wagemearners showed a gain of $7.0 \%$ in manum facturing. Earnings of female wage-earners averaged $\$ 1.51$ an hour while male wage-earners averaged $\$ 2.50$.

Average weekly earnings of wage-earners likewise showed a significant gain over those of the "like" period in the previous year. This occuried despite a decline in the average weekly hours worked from 41.8 in 1965 to 41.3 in 1966. Average weekly wages were $\$ 5.13$ higher than last year in manufacturing. Paper and allied industries rose by $\$ 7.90$, primary metal industries by $\$ 6.52$ and metal fabricating industries $\$ 7.65$.

Average weekly wages and salaries of all employees at $\$ 103.48$ were $\$ 6.58$ higher than in October 1965. There were gains apparent in all major industrial divisions. Average earnings for both male and female employees showed a gain of $6.8 \%$. Average weekly hours in manufacturing declined $1.3 \%$ from the average of the previous year.

The annual report of Earnings and Hours of Work in Manufacturing 1966 will be published according to the revised standard industrial classification as well as the new establishment concept. Much more industrial and regional data are published as a result of this revision. Earnings and hours as well as number of employees are published with breakdown by sex. Salaried employees and their earnings are broken down to show data for clerical workers and other salarled employees separately.

Salaried Imployees
Average weekly hours and earnings - Industrial Groups - Canada, 1966

| Industry Group | mverage meekly hours |  |  | nveruge | weekly earnings |  | Percentage change 1965 to 1966 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |  |
|  | No. | No. | No. | $\pm$ | \$ | \$ | \% |
| Manufacturing | 38.41 | 38.77 | 37.40 | 128.79 | 147.95 | 75.26 | 7.0 |
| * Turable goods | 34.25 | 39.56 | 38.22 | 133.57 | 150.14 | 76.92 . | 6.3 |
| Non-durable joods | 37.63 | 37.47 | 36.82 | 12. 4.39 | 145.72 | 74.10 | 7.7 |
| Food and beverage industries | 38.31 | 38.80 | 36.90 | 115.03 | 130.78 | 70.80 | 8.2 |
| Tobacco products industries | 37.15 | 37.32 | 36.76 | 135.73 | 1.4.31 | 94.72 | 10.1 |
| Rubber industries | 38.30 | 38.62 | 38.09 | 128.71 | 131.84 | 73.20 | 2.5 |
| Leather industries | 38.98 | 39.45 | 36.47 | 101.77 | 122.19 | 63.33 | 6.5 |
| Textile industries | 38.01 | 38.31 | 37.32 | 119.25 | 1.4 .23 | 68.78 | 8.1 |
| Knitting mills | 38.91 | 39.88 | 37.64 | 101.15 | 128.27 | 65.35 | 9.2 |
| Clothing industries | 38.55 | 39.27 | 37.64 | 104.33 | 129.57 | 72.56 | 10.8 |
| Nood industries | 40.34 | 41.02 | 37.53 | 126.51 | 140.26 | 70.12 | 7.3 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | 38.36 | 38.85 | 37.30 | 112.42 | 133.30 | 67.25 | 7.3 |
| Paper and allied industries | 36.60 | 36.75 | 36.13 | 1.46 .80 | 167.70 | 79.78 | 6.0 |
| Printins, publishing and allied industries | 36.26 | 36.64 | 32.64 | 114.62 | 140.81 | 72.38 | 7.3 |
| Primary metal industries | 38.34 | 38.49 | 37.72 | 150.71 | 170.94 | 81.36 | 9.1 |
| Metal rabricat $\mathrm{nF}_{5}$, industries | 38.31 | 38.79 | 37.40 | 127.09 | 144.12 | 72.22 | 2.6 |
| Machinery industries (exceot electrical) | 39.66 | 39.92 | 38.78 | 129.47 | 145.35 | 76.39 | 11.0 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 40.55 | 40.88 | 39.27 | L42.99 | 157.87 | 85.83 | 4.5 |
| Electrical products industries | 39.23 | 39.49 | 38.47 | 149.48 | 147.31 | 76.00 | 4.8 |
| lion-metallic mineral products | 38.12 | 38.43 | 37.00 | 126.93 | 1.4 .82 | 72.60 | 7.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 32.92 | 36.04 | 35.57 | 160.83 | 186.11 | 89.30 | 6.4 |
| Chemicals and chemical products | 37.60 | 37.74 | 37.21 | 134.20 | 155.19 | 79.30 | 8.1 |
| Niscellaneous manufacturing industries | 38.79 | 39.22 | 37.83 | 122.15 | 144.68 | 71.35 | 7.1 |

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| Industiry Group | hver | , ieekly | Hours | average | weekly | Earnings | $\begin{gathered} \text { Perrantase } \\ \text { change } \\ 1965-1966 \end{gathered}$ | hverage Hourly Earnings |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { change } \\ 1965=1966 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | Totai | Maie | Female |  | Total | Male | Femaie |  |
|  | No. | No. | No. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% |
| Manufacturing 1966 | 41.3 | 42.2 | 38.4 | 94.52 | 205.45 | 58.01 | 5.7 | 2.29 | 2.50 | 2.51 | 7.0 |
| *Jurable goods | 42.1 | 42.5 | 39.2 | 104.51 | 108.79 | 67.95 | 5.4 | 2.48 | 2.56 | 1.73 | 6.9 |
| Non-durable goods | 40.6 | 41.9 | 38.1 | 84.97 | 101.06 | 55.17 | 5.7 | 2.09 | 2.41 | 1.45 | 7.2 |
| Food and beverage industries | 40.5 | 4.7 | 37.3 | 80.04 | 89.87 | 53.58 | 2.9 | 2.98 | 2.16 | 1. 44 | 5.9 |
| Tobacco products industries | 37.6 | 38.9 | 36.6 | 97.44 | 105.70 | 89.94 | 7.9 | 2.59 | 2.72 | <.46 | 8.4 |
| Rubber industries | 42.0 | 43.2 | 38.4 | 96.86 | 107.37 | 63.48 | 1.9 | 2.31 | 2.49 | 2.65 | 2.2 |
| Leather industries | 39.6 | 40.6 | 38.6 | 52.89 | 75.80 | 50.79 | 6.4 | 1.59 | 1.87 | 1.32 | 6.7 |
| Textile industries | 42.2 | 43.6 | 39.6 | 75.67 | 84.77 | 58.88 | 7.0 | 1.79 | 2.94 | 1.49 | ?.8 |
| Knitting Mills | 41.3 | 43.5 | 40.4 | 59.36 | 75.71 | 52.56 | 3.4 | 2.44 | 1.74 | 2.30 | 3.3 |
| Clothing industries | 37.6 | 39.6 | 37.0 | 58.29 | 85.32 | 51.36 | 5.1 | 1.55 | 2.15 | 1.39 | 6.9 |
| Wood industries | 41.3 | 41.4 | 40.0 | 87.70 | 89.15 | 82.29 | 5.3 | <. 12 | 2.15 | 1.56 | 7.2 |
| Purniture and fixture industries | 43.2 | 43.7 | 40.3 | 80.86 | 84.34 | 59.81 | 5.2 | 2.87 | 2.93 | 1.48 | 7.5 |
| Paper and allied industries | 42.0 | 42.4 | 39.5 | 12.05 | .120 .00 | 62.21 | 7.4 | 2.71 | 2.83 | 2.55 | 8.4 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 38.9 | 39.4 | 37.0 | 106.63 | 120.37 | 59.68 | 4.5 | 2.74 | 3.05 | 1.62 | 5.0 |
| Primary metal industries | 40.9 | 40.9 | 38.0 | 216.99 | 117.53 | 71.03 | 5.7 | 2. 86 | 2.87 | 1.87 | 6.7 |
| Metal Cabricating industries | 42.5 | 42.9 | 38.5 | 104.18 | 108.18 | 61.45 | 8.0 | 2.45 | 2.52 | 1. 58 | 9.4 |
| Machinery injustries (except electricai) | 42.6 | 42.8 | 39.2 | 110.68 | 112.57 | 72.73 | 6.0 | 2. 60 | 2.63 | 2.83 | 7.4 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 42.6 | 42.8 | 39.3 | 115.83 | 119.04 | 72.60 | 2.9 | 2.72 | 2.78 | 1.85 | 4.2 |
| Electrical crojucts injustries | 41.3 | 42.5 | 39.0 | 93.69 | 106.07 | 49.69 | 5.0 | 2.27 | 2.50 | 1.78 | 6.1 |
| Non-metallic wineral products | 44.4 | 44.8 | 39.8 | 106.37 | 109.42 | 70.52 | 5.3 | 2.40 | 2.44 | 1.77 | 6.7 |
| Petroleun and coal products | 43.9 | 44.0 | 33.6 | 143.35 | 244.13 | 40.59 | 24.9 | 3.27 | 3.29 | 1.39 | 10.5 |
| Mismicals and chemical products | 41.4 | 41.9 42.6 | 38.9 39.7 | 103.18 76.92 | 112.12 | 52.72 56.28 | 7.3 | 2.49 | 2.67 | 1.61 | 7.8 |
| Miscilaneous manufacturing industries | 4.4 |  | 39.? | 76.92 | 91.73 | 56.28 | 7.4 | 1.86 | 2.15 | 1.42 | 8.8 |

## Employment

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## 15. Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces

 report for 1965 has been released by Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Preliminary figures were released in July, 1966. Charts and tables supplement a descriptive analysis of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. Detailed data for 1965, as well as historical data illustrating the trends since 1921, are also included in the publication.
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Non-Resident Vehicles Entering Canada
Entries of vehicles registered in other countries numbered $1,453,343$ in June, a tise of 269,318 or $22.7 \%$ higher than last year's $1,184,025$. About $65 \%$ of this increase appeared in Quebec, which accounted for 174,622 of the overall increase. Cumulative data for the first half of the year showed a $10.7 \%$ increase to $4,678,054$ from $4,224,569$ in 1966 .

MANUFACTURING
17. Mineral Production May production of Canada's leading minerals was as follows: asbestos, 119,158 tons ( 93,343 in the 1966 month) ; cement, 800,115 tons ( 881,628 ); clay products, $\$ 3,954,046(\$ 3,833,803)$; coal, 865,269 tons ( 836,766 ); copper, 51,251 tons ( 45,702 ); gold, 255,579 troy ounces $(295,830)$; gypsum, 448,693 tons ( 608,418 ); 1ron ore, $5,010,247$ tons $(4,415,933)$; lead 30,416 tons $(28,588)$; lime 126,419 tons ( 138,032 ); molybdenum, $2,291,737$ pounds ( $1,641,288$ ); nickel, 22,266 tons ( 20,826 ); potash, 201,878 tons $(136,036)$; salt, 362,984 tons $(308,752)$; silver, $4,018,230$ troy ounces $(2,793,124)$; uranium, 641,222 pounds ( 651,553 ); zinc, 105,165 tons, $(79,753)$.
18. Gold Production Canadian gold production sank $13.6 \%$ to 255,579 troy ounces in May from 295,830 in the 1966 month. Value of May's output, calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint, was $\$ 9,681,333$.

In Ontario production during the month was down $15.2 \%$ to 128,771 troy ounces from 151,923 while production in Quebec dropped $10.9 \%$ to 73,370 from 82,332 . Other regional declines were as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 1,774 ( 2,595 in May 1966); Prairie Provinces, 7,545 (8,727); British Columbia, 10,346 (12,204); Northwest Territories, $33,682(38,049)$. Yukon produced 91 troy ounces this year and none in the 1966 month.

During the January-May period Canadian production was down $11.2 \%$ to 1,270,204 troy ounces from $1,437,194$ with declines in all regions as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 10,812 troy ounces (11,942 in 1966); Quebec, $364,438(398,454)$; Ontario, 635,210 (745,926); Prairie Provinces, 40,433 ( 45,447 ); British Columbia, 45,975 ( 53,792 ); Yukon, 132 ( 850 ); Northwest Territories, 173,204 ( 180,783 ).
*19. Steel Ingots Steel ingot production for the week ending August 5 totalled 186,844 tons, a $5 \%$ increase over the preceding week's total of 178,011 tons. Output during the comparable week of 1966 was 141,231 tons. The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-1959 equalling 10u, was 194 in the current week, 185 a week earlier and 147 one year ago.
20. Asbestos Producers' shipments of asbestos declined $2.1 \%$ to 137,305 tons in June from 140,920 in the 1966 month, while during the cumulative period shipments dropped to 636,463 tons from 666,423 . In Quebec shipments decilned to 124,764 tons in June from 132,675 and during the six-month period Quebec shipments were down to 569,659 tons in 1967 from 605,355 last year.
21. Floor Tile Production of vinyl-asbestos floor tile declined slightiy in June to $18,648,240$ square feet from $18,658,903$ in the 1966 month, while during the six-month period production rose to $109,341,305$ square feet from 107,398,045.

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