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## Wakly Review of Sconomic Conditions

Five of the six major factors used in the compilation of the weckly index showed a gain in the weole of Junc 25. Common stock prices moved up 4.4 p.c. and a gain of 2.8 p.c. was show in the adjusted index of carloadings. Five of the six major factors recordad decline from the samo week of 1937, the only exception being the index of capitalized bond yields. Common stocks were 22.6 p.0. bolow the same weok of last ycar, whilo carloadings and wholosalc pricos showed declines of $12 \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{c}$. and 5 p.c., respectively.
winile the indar. of carloadings recorded a gain in the 24 th week ended June 18 , the railway frei ht movement has recently been at a low level rolative to the same period of 1937. The cumulative total for the first twenty-four wecks of the year was 84,000 cars below the sama period of last yaar. Carloadings in May were 190,164 against 184,734 in the proceding month. The index after seasonal adjustment was 71.8 in May against 71.4 . The physical volume of business generally was at a slightly lower position in May than In April, the index based on 46 factors having been 110.7 against 112.4 , the revised standing for April.

Wholssalo prices revived moderately in the weak of June 24 , the inder advancing from 80.2 to 80.4. Crop products averagod slightly lowor, while gains wero recordad in animal products, taxtiles and non-ferrous metals, the latter index advancing from 67.1 to 69.1. Wheat lost the greater part of the gain of the preocding wook, tho avorage for No. I Manitoba Northern having been $113 \frac{3}{4}$ against $116 \frac{3}{4}$ in tho wock of Juno 18. Coarse grains, axcapt rye, recorded advancos. The upward trond of livestock pricas on tho Toronto stockyards continued in tho wook undor roview. Copper was strong on the London motal oxchange, advancing from $£ 40$ on June 21, to $£ 4115$ s on June 28 . Lead and zinc showed recossion. The export prico of copper on the New York market was 9.30 on the 28 th against 9.05 on tho 2lst. Tho prica for domestic copper remained unchanged at 9 conts. A maked increase was show in the prices of lead and zinc, the advanco in the lattor having bcon from $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.50$.

High-grada bonds were again strong, the yicld on representativo issuos having been 2.99 compared with 3.01 for the procoding wook. Bid quotations on June 28 were unoven as compared with June 21. The $4 \frac{5}{2}$ 's of 1947-57 were maintained at $1117-8$, while a slight increase was shown in the $4 \frac{7}{c}$ 's of 1946.

Marking a chango in spoculativo sentiment, stock markots werc active and strong. The index of 96 comon stocks averaged 99.3 in the wock of June 23 against 95.1 in the precoding weak. Each of the groups in the official classification, axcopt tolephono and telegraph, rocorded an advance. The gain in 15 power and traction stocks was from 59.4 to 60.9. Tho substantial advanco offsot losses of last month and was accompaniod by tho heaviest trading volume since tho final weok of March.

The weckly indox, due to the smoothing adjustment of bank clearings, was at a slightly lowor position in the weal of Junc 25 than in the preceding weok. Five of the six obove montionad factors rose to a highor position, whilo tha index of bank clagings showod a doclinc, from the weols of Junc 18.

The net result was that the inder stood at 106.0 against 107.0 in the proceding weck, a declinc of 0.9 p.c. Although a gain of 12 p.c. was shown in the index of capitalizod bond yiclds over the same wack of last yoar, a docline of slightly more than 2 p.c. was show in the composite.

Weokly Indox with the Six Components

I. The index of carloadings is projocted forward ono wock to corrospond with tho practice in computing the conomic indox. 2. Present valuo of a fixod net income in perpotuity from Dominion long-term bonds. 3. Bank clearings were smothed by taking a threo weoks moving average for the purposc of climinating irregular fluctuations. Totals for Ottawa were aliminatcd for all wocks show, owing to incomparability introduced by the operations of the Bank of Canada. 4. The weighting of the six major factors is datcrmincd from tho
standard deviation from the long-term trend of aach, bascd on data for the pariod from Jenuary 1919 to fugust, 1036. The wighting therofore ropresonts, not an attompt to give the relative importence of the fectors, but to place thom on an oqual footing by cquating the tendency toward fluctuation. The long-term trond determincd from half-ycarly dato in the post-war period was climinated from the compositc and the rosulting index cxpresscd as a percentage of the average during 1926.

## Junc Employmont Situation

in important cxpansion in industrial cmployment was reportcd to the Dominion Burcau of Statistics at the beginning of Junc whon 10,632 firms and branch offices throughout Canada cmployed 1,068,620 persons comparcd with 1,025,285 at May 1. This gain of 43,335 or 4.2 por cont approximatcd the avcrage incrcase rccorded from May to Junc in the yoars 1920-1937, and rather croccded the avorage increasc at Junc 1 in the last ninc years. it the boginning of Junc last yoar, 10,178 cmploycrs had $1,087,735$ men and women at work.

Improvemint was reportcd at the date under reviow in manufacturing, ospocially in the food, lumbor, pulp and paper, clcetric light and power, iron and stocl and clay, glass and stonc divisions. On the other hand, leather, chomical ond toxtile plants wore slacker. In the non-manufacturing industrics, trade showed little change on the whole; logging camps continucd to rocuce their staffs, whilc there worc important increascs in mining, cormunications, transportation, building, highway and railway construction and maintcnanoc and scrviocs. The cxpansion in construction was most noteworthy, oxcooding the averago gain indicotcd at Junc 1 in the yoars since 1920, although it was not so marled as at that dats in 1937.

## Production of Loading Mincral Products

The April output of lcading mincral products in Canada was as follows with figuros for hpril 1937 in brackcts: asbestos, $24,642(42,267)$ tons; coment, $364,096(371,839)$ barrils; clay productss $264,689(\$ 289,272)$; coal, $869,772(988,823)$ tons; coppor, $47,750,255(41,989,288)$ pounds; foldspar, $586(1,018)$ tons; gold, $368,439(323,337)$ finc ounces; gypsum, 49,579 (65,708) tons; lcad, $35,406,758(35,154,985)$ pounds; limo, 39,174 (47,750) tons natural gas, $2,928,521,000(2,390,000,000)$ cubic foct; nickol, 20,469,463 $(20,266,884)$ pounds; potrolcum, $464,316(188,014)$ barrols; conmcroial salt, $27,419(26,101)$ tons; silver, $1,606,723(1,488,350)$ finc ounces; 2 incc, $33,724,256(32,502,061)$ pounds.

## Imports in May

Although the valuc of imports in May was lower than in tho corresponding month last yoar, a considorablo advance was recordod over the total for the provious month. The amount in May this ycar was $\$ 67,123,000$ compared with $\$ 76,707,000$ a yoar ago and $\$ 48,895,000$ in the provious month.

Canada's purchases from tho Unitod Statos wore valued at $340,520,000$ in May this ycar comparod with $\$ 45,843,000$ a year ago. Imports from the Unitcd Kingdom aggragatcd $\$ 11,930,000$ comparod with $\$ 14,483,000$. Colombia contributed the third largest amount at $\$ 1,124,000$ compared with 890,050 , followed by tho Straits Scttloments with ${ }^{\mathbf{W}} 1,001,000$ against $\$ 2,079,000$.

Imports from othcr lcading countrics follow, with figures for lay, 1937, in brackats: Trinidad and Tobago, $\$ 863,287$ ( $\$ 281,483$ ); Jamaica, $\$ 834,760$ ( $\$ 847,609$ ); British Guiana, $\$ 847,198$ ( $\$ 192,887$ ); Gcrmany, $8847,096(\$ 988,449)$; British India, $\$ 716,324$ ( $\$ 706,740$ ); Australia, $\$ 545,914(\$ 695,221)$; Ncw Zaaland, $\$ 538,560(\$ 620,629)$; Franco, $\$ 535,157$ ( $\$ 708,316$ ); Belgium, $\$ 518,483$ ( $\$ 789,227$ ); Netherlands, $\$ 185,031$ (甾373,106); Pcru,令 $481,429(615,418)$.

Chicf comoditics imported during the month: crudc pctroleum, $\$ 4,669,000(\$ 4,445,000)$; machincry, $\$ 3,571,000(\$ 4,213,000)$; coal, $\$ 3,149,000(13,621,000)$; sugar, $\$ 3,103,000$ ( $\$ 1,863,000$ ); farm implomonts, $\$ 2,363,000(\$ 2,099,000)$; automobilc parts, $2,292,000$ $(\$ 3,212,000)$; grains and products, $\$ 2,262,000(\$ 933,000)$; plntcs and shacts, $\$ 2,182,000$ $(\$ 3,587,000)$; fruits, $\$ 2,172,000(\$ 2,415,000)$; automobilas, $\$ 1,918,000(32,112,000)$; vegetablc oils, $\$ 1,325,000(\$ 1,695,000)$; raw cotton, $\$ 1,185,000(\$ 2,375,000)$; rubber, \$1, $138,000(\$ 2,358,000)$; clcotric apparatus, $\$ 1,148,000\left(\$ 1, \frac{1}{x} 94,000\right)$; books and printod mattor, $\$ 1,160,000(\$ 1,096,000)$; vegetablcs, $\$ 1,038,000(\$ 1,024,000)$.

Exports of rubber in May wer valuzd at more than $31,270,000$ compared with $\$ 940,000$ in the provious month and $1,648,000$ in May last ycar. Pncumatic tirc onsings accountod for approximatcly half of the May total, amounting to $\$ 622,000$; boots and shocs of rubber, and part rubber wcre valucd at $\$ 354,000$.

## Newsprint Exports

May cxports of nowsprint papor amountcd to $4,181,388$ owt. valuod at $9,135,364$ compared with $3,734,532$ worth $87,979,896$ in the previous month and $5,894,519$ at \$10,733,319 in May, 1937. The Unitod Statos took 3,423, 405 cvt ., the Unitod Kingdom 318,515 , Lustralia 209,245, frgontina 98,126, British South Africa 51,459 and Now Zoaland 26,593.

Exports of wood pulp and scrocnings totallod 965,925 cwt. worth $\$ 2,469,838$ comparod with 651,793 valucd at $1,813,017$ in ispril and $1,589,614$ at $3,682,140$ a yoar ago. The amount to the Unitod Statos was 681,570 cwt. and to the Unitod Kingdom 150,560 owt. Pulpwood exports amountod to 72,946 cords of the valuc of $\$ 648,722$ compared with 19,999 at $31<2,410$ in April and 56,452 at $\$ 450,613$ last yoar. The United Statos took $5^{2}, 703$ cords.

## Exports of Living Animals

The valuo of living animals exportod during May was 964,232 compared with 784,710 in April and $\beta_{1} 1,800,283$ in May, 1937. The total to the Jaitod Kingdom was 481,106 and to the Unitod Statos $\Psi 436,208$. Exports of cattlc worc 12,569 hcad valucd at $\overline{\$} 772,939$ compared with 30,872 at $\$ 1,333,727$ in May, 1937. The Unitod Statos purchased 6, 173 hoad , the United Kingdom 5,345 and Nowfoundland 588. Thoro were 665 horses sont to the United Statos, 106 to the United Kingdom and 24 to Nowfoundland, the total valuo being $\$ 103,652$.

## Planks and Boards Exportcd

Exports of planks and boards in May amountod to 124,957,000 foct valucd at $\$ 2,637,686$ comparcd with $90,973,000$ at $\$ 1,876,021$ in tho previous month and $152,758,000$ worth $\$ 3,758,975$ in May, 1937. Exports to the United Kingdom totalled 77,537,000 foct and to the United States 26,219,000.

## Exports of Farm Implemonts and Machincry

Farm implements and machinory wore exportod to the valuc of $\$ 887,000$ in May compared with $\$ 698,000$ in the provious month and $\$ 954,000$ in May last ycar. The United States purchasod to the value of $\$ 228,232$, tho United Kingdom $\$ 213,044$, Argentina $\$ 173,588$ and British South Africa $\$ 160,568$.

## Export of Mcats

May oxport of mcats totalled $3,821,830$ omparod with $\$ 2,752,291$ in the provious month and $\$ 4,154,0 \wedge 6$ in May last ycar. Bacon and hams accountod for a total of $\$ 3,357,351$, of which the Unitod Kingdom took $\$ 3,318,093$.

## Imported Cheose

Chocso imports during May amountad to 171,529 pounds of the valuc of $\$ 38,345$ compared with 173,276 at $\$ 36,083$ in the previous month and 157,401 at $\$ 35,418$ in the corrosponding month last ycar. Italy supplicd 78,284 pounds, France 24,742, Switzcrland 20,569, A1bania 16,594, Donmark 11,466, the United States 8,012, Nothorlands 5,777.

Exports of Canadian asbestos in May amounted to 19,057 tons valucd at $1,264,988$ compared with 13,924 at 1712,256 in April and 22,163 worth $1,136,330$ in May, 1937. Gurmany took $4_{4}, 547$ tons, Unitcd Statos 4,171 , Japan 3,976, Unitod Kingdom 2, 835, Franco 976, Czcchoslovakia 878 and Bclgium 619.

Asbestos sand and wasto exports totelled 11,836 tons worth 322,537 oomparcd with 7,252 at $\$ 132,644$ in April and 19,187 at $\$ 320,04_{5} 7$ in May last yoar. The amount to the Unitod States was 10,238 tons and to the Unitcd Kingdon, 495. Asbostos manufacturos warc valuid at 313,760 compared with 36,749 in the previous month and 325,861 last yoor.

## Imports of Tca

Imports of toa in May amountcd to 3,144, 858 pounds comparod with 2,213,471 in the provious month and 2,815,508 in May last ycar. The amount purchasod in bond in the United Kingdom was 1,009,770 pounds. Imports from British India dircet totallod 1,051,334 pounds, from Coylon 820,931, Japan 182,805 and China 19,063.

Grion Coffoc Imports
May imports of grocn coffcc amountod to $5,378,609$ pounds comparod with $2,763,084$ in dpril and i, 361,727 in May, 1937. British South Africa contributcd 3,175,739 pounds, Jamaica 920, 805, Brazil 418,843, Colombia 409,295 and the United Kingdom 263,882.

## Lcather Footwear Trade

Leather boots and shocs were imported to tho valuc of \$152,366 in May comparad wi th $\$ 140,345$ in April and $\$ 143,318$ in May, 1937. The amount from the Unitcd Statos totallod $\$ 78,562$, the Unitod Kingdom $\$ 27,391$ and Czochoslovakia $\$ 23,440$. Boots and shocs madc in sizos for women camc chicfly from the Unitcd Statcs and Czcohoslovakia, and those for mon, from the Unitod Kingdom.

Exports of Canadian-mado lcathor footwoar were valucd at $\$ 64,053$ comparcd with 442,733 the month beforc and $\$ 54,226$ a year ago. Purchascs by Jamaica amountod to $\$ 24,711$, Unitad Kingdom $\$ 22,975$, Now Zcaland $\$ 6,054$ and Trinidad and Tobago $\$ 2,039$.

## Fortilizcrs

A large incrasa was show in the imports of fertilizers in May, the total being $1,183,772$ owt. comparod with 276,663 in the previous month and 627,265 in May last ycar. Nitrato of soda, suporphosphatc, phosphato rock and ammonia sulphato contributod chicfly to the gain. Imports from the Unitcd Statos amountod to 861,169 cwt. Domostic exports of fertilizers amountod to 731,687 owt. compared with 559,995 the month before and 702,836 a year ago.

## Europoan Wheat Crop Prospocts

According to a report issucd by the Dominion Burcau of Statistics on Juno 24 , European crop prospcots have becn improvod somowhat by rains during the past month. Prescret indications arc that the total European wheat production, apart from Russia, will be onc hundrod million bushols loss than in 1937. An carlicr forocast of Italian produotion at 220 million bushcls, has beon raised to a range from 227 to 245 millions, by official sources. Total imports for the coming scason aro officially cstimated at a low figurc of 36 million bushcls.

The Fronch wheat crop has been indicatcd at 318 to 328 million bushols, an approciablo increaso over tho production of 254 million bushols last ycar. Crop conditions havo boon improving in Gormany, and the harvost promisos to be bettor than a yoar ago. Rain is noodod in the Danubjion countrics, particularly for the spring grains, although wintor wheat conditions have bcon fairly well maintainod. In Russia the woather has boon too dry in the volga rogion, but in tho main producing arcas of the, Ukraino a good harvost is anticipatcd. Poor crops in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Grooco will account for any roduction in the total Europcan wheat production this year.

## Primsty Movement of Theat

Wheat marketings in the Prairie Frovinces during the week ended June 24 amonated to $1,017,121$ bushels compared with 806 , 1445 in the orevious week and 722,270 in the corresponding week last year. During the period August 1 - June 24, there were $121,775,253$ buehels of wheat received from the farms comored with $161,924,485$ in the same period last year.

Marketings in the latest week were as follows, with comparable figures for 1037 in breckets: Manitoba, 180,085 ( $\$ 6,685$ ) bushels: Saskatchewan, 396.931 ( 386,305 ); Alberta, 431,104 (249,180). Ansuat 1 - June 24: ilant tobe, $37,571,854(20,263,150)$ bushels; Saskatcheran, $25,471,485(50,355,578$ ); Alberte, $57,731,911$ (52,294, 748).

## Overseas Export Clearances of Weat

Overseas export clearances of wheat during the week ended June 2l! amounted to 867,578 bushels combared with 806,445 in the previous week and $1,750,707$ in the corresponding weok last year. Imports into the United States for consumption and milling in bond totalled 32,000 bushels compare with 0,000 the week before and 597,000 a year ago. Clearances from hontreal totalled 830,958 bushels compared with $1,515,544$ in 1937; the total from Uniter States ports mas 27,610 bushels against 155.075.

Totel clearances of wheat from August 1 to June 24 were $69,930,595$ bushels comjared with $135,424,413$ in the same period of the previous crop year, while imports into the United States were $2,114,249$ bushels comparen with $41,510,000$. Clearances followed by ports, with 1937 figures in brackets: Montreal, $31,790,945(42,720,237)$ bushels; United States Ports, 13,423,015 (22,758,303); Tencouver-Tew Westminster, 9,506, 312 (31,673, 4.86); Saint Tohn, 8,712,712 (8, 375,898); Sorel, 3,290,062 (11, 023, 380); Three Rivers, 022,297 ( $5,320,972$ ); Prince Pipert, $010,930(502,513)$; Church111, $503.982(11,293.501)$; Quebec, $495,087(2,245,172)$; Halifan, $159,968(1,855,471)$; Fort Filliam and Fort Arthur, $114,375(571,371)$.

## Wheat Stocks in Store

Canarian wheat in store for the weels ending June 24 decreased $1,160,967$ bushols from the previnus meek's total and $19,107,186$ from the corresponding week last year. The amount in store was reporte? at $26,541,305$ bushels compared with $27,714,272$ the week before and 45,651, 491 a year ago.

Stocks of Canadian wheat in the United States aggregated 340,000 bushels compared With 977,000 in the previous weelr and $5,538,018$ last yoar. United States wheat in Canada amounted to $716,57^{1} 1$ bushels corpared with 795,577 the week before and 59,120 last year.

Wheat in rail transit amounted to $1,257,963$ bushels compared with 967,147 in the previous week and $1,0,17,757$ in 1937. Lelre transit wheat totalled $2,882,505$ bushels compared with $1,1,57,895$ the week before and $1,582,505$ a year ago.

## Births, Deaths and Marriaces

Births registered in Nay in 67 cities and towns of Canada having 10,000 ponulation and over mumbered 7,023 , death 4,595 and marriages 3,213 , as compared with 7,218 births, 4,320 deaths and 3,133 marriages in May last year. This comparison showed a decrease of three per cent in births and increases of $6 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent in deaths and $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent in martiages.

## Imorts of Cruce Petrolerm

Imports of cruce usilu... $=$ Yne ancreased substantially over the previous month but were sliohtly lower then in hay, 1037. The total was 133.380, 519 gallons valued at \$12,659,012 compared with 51, 703,552 at \$1,794,009 in April and 134,139,838 worth $\$ 4,444,752$ last rear. The United States supplied $85,200,819$ gallons, Colombie. 32,119,000, Venezuela 9.742,000 and Peru 5,328,000.

TRetional wholesale commoity price indexes moved predominantly downard durine the first puarter of 1938. This continued a decline which had its inception in the late sprine months of 1937. Recuctions in inder levels between December 1037 and March 1038 were commony between 2 and 3 per cent. The sharnest declines noted were in widely senarated areas, the Demmark series droming per cent and that for Calcutta, India, 5 per cent. Recessions recorded for Relofium, Italy, the Tetherlands, तorway, Foland, Sweden, the United Fingdom, and the Mited States ranged from 2.1 to 3.3 per cent. The only outstanding gain occurred in the Tokro series for Jopan phich mountec 1.2 per cent in continuance of a pronounced rise dating from the late summer months of 1937. Smaller net increases were reported in the period under review for Australia. Trance, German, and Canada.

## World Cost of Livine Kovements

Althoum living costs in some countries continued to move upward in the first quarter of 1938 , there was a noticeable tendency for retail prices to follom the lead set by declining wholesale orices in 1937. Feductions of 2 ner cent or more occurred in the cost of living indexes for Eelgium, Ireland, Poland, the United Kingdom and the Uniter States. In addition indexes for many other comitries indicated lesser decreases or no change. The Paris index for France monnted sharply in Jemuary, but thereafter remained practically stationary. Rising living costs were shom by indexes for Czechoslovarie, Trance, Germany, Italy and Japan. The Tolyo retail price index showed the sharpest rise noted, advancing 5.5 per cent. This was a greater amount than the increase indicated in Tokyo wholesale price levels.

## Procuction of COAl

Canadian coal mines produceत $1,017,337$ tons of coal during May compared with $1,277,659$ a year ago and the five year average for the month of 937,399 tons. The May ou,tmit included 011, 118 tons of bituminous coal, 5,197 of sub-bituminous and 97, 722 tons of ly onite.

Anthracite imports during the month amounted to 420,93 tons, consisting of 185,191 from the United States, 155,502 from Great Britain, 65,810 from Germany and 3,122 from Morocco. Imports of biuminons coal mere mate up of 923 , nng tons from the United States and 7,239 from Great Britain.

Froorts of Canadian coal rose in May to 22,092 tons from the total of 10,215 for the corresponiting month of 1937. Coal made available for consumption in Canada during the month totalled $2,346,138$ tons compared with $2,750,982$ tons a year ago.

## Retail Sales in Mav

Retail sales in May declined seven per cent from April and were also seven per cent below the dollar volume for May last vear. The decline from May, 1037, may be attributed partly to the occurrence of five Saturdays in May last year compared with four this year. On making allowance for differences in number of business davs and sales importance of the varions days of the week, the decline from May last year was reduced to three per cent. The decline of seven per cent from April is in line with the average seasonal movement for this time of year; the adjusted index stands at 75.5 for May this year compared with 75.2 for April and 77.9 for March.

All lines of trade shared in the decline from hav last year. Unfavourable weather conditions contributed to prononnced decreases in all branches of the clothing trade. Shoe store sales were down 22 per cent; men's clothing, 20 per cent; women's clothing, 13; djers and cleaners, 22; variety store sales, 12 ; department store sales, 9 ; candy store sales, 12 ; while more moderate declines were recorded for other grows.

## Retail Salcs in Country Gencral Storcs

Country gencral store selos avcraged two per ocnt lower in Nay this year than last, according to returns recivived from more than 700 of thoso general murohandisc storcs locatcd in the smellcr toms and rural aroas. Dcercases worc rcoorded for thrco provinces. Salcs in the northern parts of Saskatohewan werc down by 15 pir ocnt and in the southern ports by onc per cent, resulting in a loss of 10 per cont for the provinoc as a whole. Ontario salos werc down six por eant and hiberta four. Qucbec scles werc up thrce pur cont; Manitoba two; and British Columbia onc por ocnt. Salcs in the Maritimes gaincd fractionally.

## Shipments of Portiand Ccment

Shipments of Portland coment from Cnnadian plants amountcd to 364,096 barrcls in ipril comparcd with 233,299 in the provious month and 371,839 in april lest yuar. During the four months this yoar 873,10 barrols wore shippod, a gain of 11.9 por cont over the corrcsponding piriod of 1937.

## Selos of Clay Products

Clay and clay products, made from domestio oleys wero sold in ipril to the valuc of Q204,689 comparcd with $\$ 198,082$ in the previous month and 8289,272 in ispril last ycar. During the first four months this ycar Canadian producors sold clay products to the valuc of $\psi 755,737$ comparod with $\$ 730,664$ last ycar.

Imports of thosc commoditics in spril woro valucd at 3621,906 compared with $\$ 817,977$ the month beforc. Groat Britain supplicd 59.6 per cent of tho total; the Unitod States 33.2; Japan, 4.1; Gcrmany, 1.7; and Belgium, Czochoslovakia, France, Palcstinc, Donnark, Hong Kong, Italy, Burmuda, Poland, India and China the remaindcr.

## Shipments of Lime

April shipmonts of lime from Canadian kilns amountcd to 39,174 tons comparod with 38,755 tons in the provious month and 47,750 in ipril, 1937. During the four months this ycar shipments aggregated 142,986 tons compared with 172,689 in the corrcsponding period of 1937.

## Bank Dcbits to Individual Accounts

Tho amount of chequcs passing through the banks at elcaring houso contres in Canada dcolincd slightly more than 11 pir oont in May from the samo month last yoar and morc than 10 per cont from the procoding month, after soasonal adjustment. The aggregatc was $\$ 2,461,867,000$ in May this ycar comperad with $\$ 2,768,765,000$ in May, 1937, and $\$ 2,401,370,000$ in April. Doolines of apprceiable amount wero shown in cach of the five coonomic arcas in comparison with May last year.

Bank debits in the thirty-two clcaring contres showod a doclinc of noarly ${ }^{\text {S }} 3 \frac{1}{2}$ million in the first five months this yoar against the same puriod of 1937. The total was $\$ 11,854$ million against 15,298 million, ropresenting a doclinc of $22 \frac{2}{2}$ por cont. Declinos worc shown in oach of the coonomic arcas in this comparison, the Maritimes and qucbco rccording a drop of noarly 20 por cont and 25 per cont, respcetively. Tho drop in Oritario was about 22 por ecnt, Prairio Provinces 22 and British Columbia nino por cont.

## Milling in May

Canadian mills ground 4,416,909 bushols of wheat in May compared with 4,046,207 in the corrcsponding month last ycar. Oats, corn and buckwheat were lower whilc barlay and mixod grain worc higher. The totals follow, with figurcs for 1937 in brackots: oats, 64.,602 (699,640) bushcls; corn, 188,68x (270,001); berlcy, 73,531 (68,529); buckwhat, $2,609(3,052)$; and mixod grain, 1,201,292 (817,310).

M111 stocks of whoat at the ond of May amounted to 2,299,306 bushcls comparod with 6,822,773 a ycar ago. Production of flour totallcd 977,740 barrals comparce with 900,288 , whilc oxports amountod to 297,126 barrals comparcd with 348,866 in May, 1937.







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1. Canadian Milling Statistics, May (10 conts).
2. Car Loadings (10 conts).
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