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## Wookly Roviow of Economic Conditions

Five of the six factors indicating the trend of conomic conditions rocorded declino in tho last wook of January. Bond pricos woro slightly strongor as the end of tho month approachod. A roactionary factor was tho doclino in common stook priccs, the indox receding from 109.4 to 107.8. Tho increase in railway traffic was less than normal for the scason, tho indox rocoding from 83.1 to 81.6 . A minor roaction was shown in wholosale pricos while bank cloarings and sharos tradod rocoded to lower levels.

Two of tho six factors rccordcd gains over the same wook of 1937. Those inoludod the oompononts indicating the trond of businoss conditions, carloadings showing a gain of 0.6 p.c. while wholesale prices woro up 1.6 p.c. A slight doficit was shown in the index of capitalized bond yiclds which recorded a marked doclino during the first quarter of 1937. Common stock prices werc 21.8 p.c. bolow the lcvol of the samo weok of last year, while considerablo declines wore shown in bank olearings and in the number of sharcs tradod on the Montroel and Toronto exchangos.

Tho railway froight traffic without scasonal adjustmont rocorded slight gains over tho precoding weck and over the samc wook of 1937. The indcx was 81.6 against 83.1 in tho sccond weok of the yoar and 81.1 in the samo wook of 1937. Pulpwood, oro and manufacturod products are moving in groatcr volumo this year than in the early wcoks of 1937, a slight incroase also being shown in coko. Tho other commodity groups of the official classification recordod doclinos, the aggrogate doficit boing 2,506 cars curing the first threc wocks of the year.

A modorate reaction was shown in wholesale pricos in the last week of January, the indox receding from 83.0 to 82.9. Non-metallic minerals showed a slight gain whilo recossions wore recorded in four main groups. Nost of the changos on the Winnipog grain oxchango wore in an upward dircetion but fluctuations wero narrow. No. I Northern wheat averagod $147 \frac{3}{4}$ against $147 \mathrm{I} / 8$ in the procoding wook. Slight gains were rocorded in oats, barley and rye, while flax No. I C. M. was at a somewhat lowor level.

Eloctrolytic coppor showed a slight gain on tho London metal exchange, tho prioo on Fobruary 1 having bcen $£ 4315 \mathrm{~s}$ against $£ 4310$ s on January 25 . Tin and lead rocorded doclinos while an advance was show in zinc, the latter having bcon sold at £14 13s 9d against £l4 10s. The price of olectrolytic copper was reduced to 10 cents on the New York market against $10 \frac{1}{4}-10 \frac{1}{2}$ on January 25. Export coppor was quoted at 9.90 against 9.93. Tin, lead and zinc were unchanged during the same poriod.

Bacon hogs advanced at Toronto from 8.62 to 8.70 , while modium stocrs doclined from 5.38 to 5.01 . Recessions wore show in a number of important commodities on the Now York market, rubbor smoked shoets, cotton middings and raw silk participating in the doclino.

High-grado bond prices were relatively strong, the index of capitalized bond yields advancing 0.2 p.c. over the preceding weok. A deficit of $1.6 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. was still shown in the index from tho samo week of 1937. Some issucs recorded rocession on February 1 as compared with January 25. The 3 's of $1950-55$ receded from $973 / 8$ to $97 \frac{1}{4}$ and the 4 's of 1947-52 declined from $106 \frac{0}{4}$ to $1065 / 8$.

Following an intcrmodiato advance of oight weoks, common stock prices reacted in tho wook ended January 28. The index declined from 109.4 to 107.8 and the standing was 21.8 p.c. bclow the same wook of 1937. Milling and toxtile stocks avoraged slightiy hi:her whilo thor industrial groups roceded to a lower position. The index of 15 powor and traction stocks was 64.4 against 65.0 in the proceding wook.

For the second consocutive weok, the oconomic index based on tho six major factors recorded decline. The index was 109.1 against 109.8 in the third woek of January. Capitalized bond yiolds was the only factor of the six to show an increase. The oconomic indox was nearly $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. bolow tho standing of the samo wook of last yoar. Only two of the six major factors recordod gains in this oomparison. The standing of the economic index in the last weck of January 1937 was 118.4.

Weckly Economic Index with the Six Components
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1. Tho indox of carloadines is projected forward onc wok to correspond with the practice in computing the oconomic indox. 2. Prosent valuc of a fixed not incomo in porpetuity from Dominion long-term bonds. 3. Bank clearings wore smoothed by taking a throc weoks moving avcrage for the purposc of climinating irrcgular fluctuations. Totals for Ottawa wore climinatcd for all wocks show, owing to incomparability introducod by tho oporations of the Bank of Canada. 4. The weighting of the six major factors is dotormined from the standard deviation from the long-torm trend of cach, basce on data for tho poriod from January 1919 to August 1936. Tho long-torm trond detcrminod from half-ycarly data in the post-war poriod was climinatod from the compositc and the resulting index exprosscd as a percentage of the avcrage during 1926.

Whoat Stocks in Storc
Canadian whot in store for tho wok onding January 28 amounted to 53, 432, 946 bushels compared with $54,900,617$ in the provious wock and 101,376,070 in tho corrosponding weok last year. Wheat in rail transit totallod $2,177,125$ bushcls comparod with $2,479,834$ the weck beforc and $3,029,240$ a voar ago. Canadian whoat in the Unitod Statos amountod to $3,345,000$ bushols comparod with 3,793,000 in the provious wook and 23,572,067 a ycar ago. Amcrican wheat in Canada was reportcd at 1,516,874 bushals comparod with $1,556,624$ tho weck before and nil a ycar ago.

## Overscas Export Clearances of Wheat

Overscas cxport clearancos of whoat during the wock cnded January 28 amountod to $1,106,571$ bushols comparod with $1,500,397$ in the previous wook and 1,561,390 in the corrcsponding week of 1937. Imports of Canadian wheat into the Unitod Statos for consumption and milling in bond for rc-cxport totalled 2,000 bushol.s comparod with 1,000 a wcok ago and 576,000 in the corrosponding wcek last yoar. Aegragatc cloarances during the poriod August 1 to January 28 wore $47,564,921$ bushels compared with $93,318,951$ in the corrosponding poriod of the previons crop yoar: imports into the Unitod Statos ware 1,952,426 bushels oompared with $31,435,218$.

## Primary Movemont of Mout

Wheat marketings in tho Prairic Provinces for the wook anded January 28 amounted to 924,718 bushols compared with 1,643,038 in the previous wosk and 506,619 a yoar ago. Total markotings from Angust 1 to January 28 were 103,861,628 bushols compared with 141,195,293 in the corrcsponding period of the provious crop yoar.

Country Genoral Store Salcs
Country cenoral storc sales averaged sevon por cont higher in Decombor than in the corresponding month in 1936, according to stataments received from some 700 of theso gencral merchandise storcs locatod in smallor town and rural aroas. All sections of the country with tho excettion of Saslatchowan and Northern ilberta reported increasod businoss.

## Asbestos Bxports

Exports of Canadian asbostos during Decomber amountod to 18,878 tons valuad at $\$ 1,082,398$ comparod with 17,179 at $1,017,825$ in DGcombr, 1936. The Unitod States took 8,887 tons, France 2,421, Bolgium 2,204, Japan 1, 762 and the Unitod Kingdom 1, 120. Asbestos sand and waste crnorts totallcd 11,407 tons worth 179,951 comparod with 16,419 at \$271,129. The amount to tho Uritod States was 9,391 tons and Bolgium 1,200.

During the nine months enecd Docomber, Canedian asbestos caports amounted to 165,103 tons valucd at $9,274,732$ compard with 109,396 worth $5,904,503$ in the samc poriod of tho provious fiscal yoar. Asbestos sand and wasto c:iports during this period amounted to 147,908 tons at $2,455,195$ comparod with 133,561 at $2,179,417$.

## Gypsum Production

Gypsum production in Canada during November amounted to 95,066 tons compared with 114,377 in the previous month and 75,661 in November, 1936. The total during the eleven months ended November was 976,449 tons compared with 774,519 in the same period of 1936 .

Estimated Balance of International Paments -
British and Foreign Ca ital Invostod in
Canada - Canadian Capital Investod Abroad
One of the most impressive results of Conada's financial transactions in 1937 was the continued export of more capital from Canada than was imported. This is of particular significance when it is romembered that Cenada is one of the most important debtor nations of the world. Although Canada formerly depended upon oapital from other countries for the developmont of her resources and in the process became heavily indebted to other countries, tho nation in recent years not only has bean raising capital wittin its own borders for Canadian development but has also been exporting large amounts of capital. Consequently future claims against Canada for interest by non-resident invostors will be reduced, for an important part of the outward movement of capital from Canada in the past three years has been for the redemption of the bonds of Canadian goverments and corporations hold outside of Canada.

This achievement in 1937 takos on additional interest when the drastic decline in grain and flour exports is considered, for if there had not been tis factor reducing the net credits from the trade in merchandise, Canada would have had evon more oredits available to make payments abroad.

In the transactions of the current account which surmarizes the international trade during the year in merchandise, gold and servioes there wore net credits of 217 million . The principal source of these credits continued to be the commodity trade which provided net credits of $\$ 212$ million even with the reduction in grain exports. The international tourist trade was not far bohind, however, as a contributing factor to the nation's net income from abroad. The estimate the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has made on the basis of incomplete data places the net credits from this trade at $\$ 170$ million and shows the total expenditures of tourists from other countries at 290 million . Also revealed for the first time is the total value of Canade's sales of gold abrosd during the year. Taking account of earmarked gold 85 well as exported gold the receipts from gold were Si45 million or the highest on rocord. Offsetting these net credits were the net payments of interest and dividends to investors in other countries which amounted to $\$ 247$ million, the inorease being due to larger dividend cisbursements by Canadian companies. Payments for froight scrvices, immigrant remittances, motion picture remittances, and a number of other services providad for Canada in other countries gave rise to net payments of 63 million. But taking all these parments into account there remained in balence in the current account 217 million net credits which were available for the export of aapital.

The most important change in 1937 in the movement of capital between Canade and other countries was the reduction in the total amount of issues ovmed abroad winch were retired compared with 2935 and 1936. Even so, however, the issues of Canadian bonds owned outside of Canada that were retired in 1937 totalled $\$ 170$ miliion, although same of this amount was refinanced by the sale of new issues of securities abroad. The credits fram new issues sold abroad amounted to $\$ 92$ million part of which represented the borrowing of new capital.

The largest volume of capital movements were connected with the sales and purchases of outstanding securities between Canada and othor countrios. This daily trade in socurities has taken on surprising proportions, the total value of transactions curing the year being more than \$l billion. The movements of capital resulting from these transections were largely offsetting a movement of capital from Canada to the Unitod Gtates being almost entirely offsot by movements fram the United Kingdom and other countries to Canada.

Other important outward movements of capital have been estimated provisionally on the besis of information that is still incomplete for 1937. These are movements of capital arising from insurance romittances, tho operations of intornational "Branch plants", both British and Foreign branchas in Canada and Canadian branchas abroad, the intornational transactions of Canadian trust companies and other known short-term movements of funds. The preliminary estimate of the net outfilow through all of these other transaotions is well over 100 million.

The proliminary cstimate of tha value of British and forcign capital invostmonts in Canada as at the and of 1937 is $\$ 6,848$ million, of which ${ }^{2} 2,721$ million was British capital, $\$ 3,996$ million Unitca States capital and $\$ 131$ milion eapital from othor countrics. This represents a slight incroase over the valuo of thesc invastments in 1936. The incroaso is distributcd among the investments of the Unitod Statos and othor countrics and is partly the result of increased holdings of the socuritics of Canadian govorments by United States investors and partly the result of general inoroasos in the values of tho invostments in Conadian companios and business onterprises owned by non-rosidents of Canada.

The preliminary estimates of Cenadian investmonts abroad at the ond of 1937 also show incroases in value compared with 1936. Of the $\$ 1,694$ million total investmont, \$531 million is in the Uritod Kingdon, \$1,017 in the Unitod States and 624 million in othor countrios. The assets abroad of Canadian insuranco companios aro not inoludod in these amounts as tho liabilitics to policyholders abroad oxeced the value of the assets held abroad. It is estimated that the valuc of the assots of Canadian insuranec companies held abroad at the ond of 1937 was over $\$ 600$ million.

## Charaeter of Docombor Imports

The veluo of imports into Canada during December was slightly more then maintained at the lovel of the corresponding month of 1936, the total being $\$ 53,125,000$ compared with $\$ 52,996,000$. Tho total from Empira countrios was worth $\$ 13,288,510$, rccording a small docline from the total for Locenbor, 1936, of $\$ 13,385,106$; the amount from forcign countries was $\{39,836,529$ compared with $\$ 39,611,388$. Tho United Statas was the chicf sourco of supply with a value of $\$ 34,831,980$ compared with $\$ 32,617,906$, followed by the U.itod Kingdom with $\$ 8,666,223$ comparad with $\$ 8,506,228$.

Other chicf sources follow, with totals for Docember, 1936, in brackets: Straits Sottlemonts, $\widehat{\beta}, 183,739$ ( $\$ 536,666$ ) ; Germany, $\$ 737,332$ ( $\$ 942,987$ ); British India, $\$ 599,274(\$ 742,840)$; Bclgium, $\$ 502,656(\$ 459,930)$; British Guiana, $\$ 526,924$ ( $\$ 618,549$ ); Japan, 490,774 ( 5532,127 ); Australia, $\$ 442,737$ ( $\$ 421,147$ ); Franco, $\$ 417,714(\$ 445,828)$; Switzorland, $\$ 430,236$ ( $\$ 138,300$ ); Argentina, $\$ 401,435(\widehat{\$}, 911,342)$; Coylon, $\$ 297,344$ (\$262,447); Fiji, $\$ 277,281(\$ 174,243)$; Italy, $\$ 274,443(\$ 166,351)$; Netherlands, \$187,600 ( $\$ 377,155$ ); China, $\$ 180,943(\$ 305,843)$.

Amongst the commoditics, the moro substantial incroasos woro raw rubber, vogetablo oils, other cotton, farm imploments, machingry, platas and shoets and electric apparatus. Tho moro outstanding declines werc cocoa and chocolate, grains and products, raw cotton, manila and sisal grass, raw wool, noils and tops, automobile parts, cruce petroleum and raw furs. Changes in othor commodities woro not particularly marked.

Lcading commocitics importod during the month follow, with comparable figures for 1936 in brackets: Machinery, $\$ 3,633,000(\$ 2,346,000) ;$ coel, $\$ 3,051,000(33,222,000)$; automobile parts, ${ }^{4} 2,725,000(\$ 3,273,000)$; erude petroleum, $\$ 1,880,000(\$ 2,010,000)$; fruits, $81,680,000(\$ 1,747,000)$; plates and sheots, $\$ 1,322,000(\$ 1,221,000)$; books and
 cotton, $\$ 1,269,000(\$ 2,899,000)$; automobiles, $\$ 1,380,000(\$ 900,000)$; raw rubber, $\$ 1,256,000(\$ 654,000)$; other cotton, $\$ 1,065,000(\$ 826,000)$; alcoholic beveragos, $\$ 1,118,000(\$ 1,180,000)$; cloctric apparatus $\$ 1,220,000(\$ 971,000)$.

Grains and produets were worth $\$ 963,000$ compared with $\{2,313,000$; angines and boilors, $954,000(\$ 778,000)$; farm implements, $\$ 875,000(5509,000)$; vegetaijle oils, $\$ 863,000(\$ 568,000)$; tea, $793,000(\$ 824,000)$; clay and products, $\$ 664,000(\$ 656,000)$; other wool. $\$ 591,000(\$ 409,000)$; paper, $\$ 587,000(\$ 528,000)$; glass and glassware, $\$ 516,000(3648,000)$; worsteds and serges, $4439,000(\$ 195,000)$; vegetables, $\$ 437,000$ ( $\$ 373,000$ ); hidos, $\$ 415,000(\$ 449,000)$; raw silk, $\$ 353,000(\$ 475,000)$; noils and tops, $\$ 314,000(\$ 543,000)$; dyeing and tanning materials, $\$ 358,000(\$ 411,000)$; woollon yarn, $256,000(\$ 251,000)$; raw furs, $\$ 246,000(\$ 575,000)$; cotton yarn, $\$ 223,000$ ( $\$ 202,000$ ); cocoa and chocolate, $\$ 89,000(\$ 512,000)$.

## Imported Choese

Cheese imports during December advanced to 123,683 pounds valued at $\$ 33,330$ from 101,358 pounds valued at 24,043 in Decamber, 1936. Itsly supplied 36,708 pounds, France 23,662, Switzorland 23,512, Denmark 10,578, Urited States 9,996 and the United Kingdom 5,979. Total imports curing the nine months ended December were 1,082,001 pounds worth $\$ 263,060$ compared with $1,018,562$ at $\$ 266,526$ in the same period of 1936 .

Japan last year fell into third place as a purchascr of Canadian aluminium. In 1930 she was Canada's leading export market for the metal and from 1933 to 1936 inclusive ahe held second place. Great Britain is now Canada's chief customer, absorbing 50 per cent of Canadian exports. United States comes second, using 21.7 per cent, and Japan third with 19.5 per oent.

Total 1937 exports of aluminium reached the record high figure of $\$ 17,593,000$ for bars, ingots, blocks and sheats as against a previous high in 1929 of $\$ 13,838,000$. Out of 1937 's $\$ 17,593,000$ in aluminium exports from Canada, Great Britain absorbed $\$ 8,782,000$, United States $\$ 3,815,000$ and Japan $\$ 3,430,000$.

In 1930 Japan absorbed 33 per cent of Canadian aluminium exports. She has boen purchasing Canadian aluminium since 1921.

An unusual foature of aluminium production in Canada is the fact that practically the only Canadian materials which enter into it are hydro-electric power and labor. Cenada's entire production is in the Province of quebec, where very little of the output is consumed. The other materials required for making it are bauxite from British Guiana, oryolite from Greenland and petroleum coke largely from Gulf of Mexico ports. Those raw matorials are brought in by water during the navigation season to Fort Alfred, Quobec, smelted at Arvida and Shawinigan Falls, and shipped out again for the most part into world markets.

## Retail Sales in Canada

The value of retail sales in Canada during December exceeded December 1936, by 7.9 per cent, according to the unadjusted general index based on monthly returns from rotail firms in 13 lines of business. An advance of 38.6 per cent was shown when compared with November. The general index, on the besis of the average for 1930 as 100 was 116.3 for December, 83.9 for November and 107.8 for December, 1936. Comparable figures for December of previous years follow: 1935, 98.9; 1934, 96.1; 1933, 89.4; 1932, 90.6; 1931, 111.0; 1930, 126.3, and 1929, 139.1. The general index adjusted for numbor of business days and seasonal variations was 89.2 for December compared with 79.3 for November and 80.9 for December, 1936.

Ten of the thirteon types of retail outlots covared reported increased business compared with December, 1936. Sales of grocery and meat stores were up 16.6 par cent, boot and shoe stores 15.6 per cont, men's clothing 8.6 , women's clothing 6.1 , drug stores 7.8, dopartment stores 5.8 , music and radio 3.7, hardware 3.5, variety store sales 2.9 and candy 1.3. Dyers and cleaners, restaurants and furniture stores reported declines compared with December, 1936.

Preliminary figures for the calendar year 1937 indicate improvement over 1936 of 7.7 per cent for the thirteen lines of business covered in these surveys. The greatest gains were made by the furniture trade, sales mounting 12.7 per cont, hardware 11. 4 per cent, music and radios 10.4, groceries and meats 10.4, men's clothing stores 9.1 and women's clothing 6.9 per cent.

Variety stores and drug stores both reported a 6.1 per cent increase while department stores gained 5.9 per cont. Sales of boots and shoes advanced 4.7 per cent; rostaurant receipts were up 3.1, and dyeing and cleaning establishments 1.3 por cont. The only decline was show in candy sales which fell off 1.2 per cent.

Sales of Now Motor Vehicles
A sharp rise in truck and bus sales was countorbalanced by a decline in passenger cer sales with the result that total motor vehicle sales for the month of December declined 11.6 per cent compared with the corresponding month of 1936. Sales of trucks and buses totalled 1,612 units compared with 1,088, a gain of 48.2 per cent. Passengor cars numbered 6,680 compared with 8,287, a drop of 19.4 per cent. Total vehicles sold aggregated 8,292 compared with 9,375 a year 9 go, a decline of 11.6 per cent. Saskatchewan was the only province to record a decline in truck and bus sales, while the Maritimes recorded the only gain in passenger car sales.

Preliminary figures for the calendar year 1937 show that 144,020 new motor vehicles were purchased for $9148,486,219$, a gain of 27.1 per cent in number and 26.3 per cent in amount compared with 1936, when 113,314 vehicles retailed at $117,582,796$. Passenger cars sold during 1937 increased 23.7 per cont and their aggregato value 22.3 . There
were 114,153 new passonger cars sold for $116,714,488$ during 1937 oompared with 22,287 at $\$ 95,403,199$ for 1936. A total of 29,867 trucks and buses rotailed at $\$ 31,771,731$ during 1937, registoring increases of 42 per cent in number and 43.2 in amount.

## Jonuary Employmont Situation

Data tabulatod by the Dominion Buroau of Statistics show that industrial activity has invariably declined at the first of January, the avorage change in the employment reported at that date in the yoars, 1921-1937, having beon a decrease of about seven p.c. In the recession indicated at the oponing of tho prosent yoar, the proportion of total workers laid off was fractionally less than the average in the last seventoen yoars; howevor, staffs in rocent months have boon unusually high, so that, despite the slightly less-1than-normal pereontago loss at Jan. 1, 1938, the nuber of persons released from employmont was unusually largo. Statoments wore furnishod by 10,437 omployers whose payrolls aggregated $1,081,471$; as compared with $1,159,759$ at Doc. 1 , this was a reduction of 78,288 persons or $6.8 \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{c}$.

Based on the 1926 averago as 100, the crude index at Jan. 1 stood at 113.4, as compared with 121.6 at Dec. 1 s and 103.8 at the beginning of January in 1937. After correction for seasonal influoncos, the index was 121.4 , compored with 119.1 at Dec. 1 , when a greatcr-than-normal roduction in omployment had beon rocordod, lovering tho seasonally adjusted indox. In the last few months the corroctad indexes have bcon higher than in any other poriod since the lato autumn of 1929.

As is customary at the tims of year, the contractions in may instancos rosultod from shutdows for inventory and over the holiday soason, with the anticipation of an early resumption of activity. The exporicnce of tho last seventeen years shows that usually, though not invariably, there is at Fab. I a partial recovory from tho goneral losses recorded at the beginning of Jenuary.

For Jan. 1, 1937, 10,034 cmployers had made returns showing that thoy had an aggregate staff of 985,078 mon and women, compared with $1,044,411$ in the procoding month. Tho largest losses had thon taken place in manufacturing and construction.

Tho following shows the unadjusted indexes as at Jan. 1 in the years since 1927: 1938, 113.4; 1937, 103.8; 1936, 99.1; 1935, 94.4; 1934, 88.6; 1933, 78.5; 1932, 91.6; 1931. 101.7; 1930, 111.2; 1929, 109.1 and 1928, 100.7.

The most pronounced curtailnent at the dato under review was in construction and manufacturing. The reduction in tho former, involving over 26,500 porsons, was unusually lerge, whilo the loss of 38,836 in factory staffs ropresented a porcentage decrease of 6.6, which was slightly smaller-than-average. Tho docline in the lator constituted not quite 50 o.c. of the total decrease ronorted in all industrics at Jan. 1, 1938, as compared with an average proportion of 56.7 p.c. In the yoars since 1920. The recession in manufacturing at the beginning of January in other years of the record has always been followed by a revival in succeoding woeks, although in no case has the recovery indicated at Fob. I equallod the shrinkage noted in the preceding report. Within the manufaoturing group, the largest losses at Jan. l occurred in iron and stcol, food, textile, lumbor and pulp and paper factorios.

Among the non-manufacturing industries, thore were pronounced seasonal decreases in contruction, as alrcady mentionod, while there were contractions on a smallor scale in logeing, mining and transportation. On the other hand, hotels and restaurants and retail trade reported decided improvement.

Production of Coal
Production of coal in Canada during the ycar 1937 amounted to $15,683,212$ tons compared with 15,229,182 in 1936. Output during tho yoar undor review included 11,550,133 tons of bituminous coal, 3,627,032 of iignite and 506,047 sub-bituminous. Cumulative production of coke for the year was $2,569,833$ tons, the highost since 1929.

The production of coal follows by areas, with figures for 1936 in brackets: Nova Scotia, 7,209,898 (6,649,102) tons; Alborta, 5,509,010 (5,696,960); British Columbia, 1,578,396 (1,489,171); Saskatchewan, 1,031,027 (1,020,792); New Brunswick, 352,681 $(368,618)$. Figures quoted aro proliminary.

## Export of Ncusprint Papor

The cxport of nowsprint paper in Docomber amounted to $6,174,832$ cwt. valucd at Q11,247,263 comparcd with $5,724,659$ at $9,949,968$ in the corrosponding month of 1936. As is usual, tho Unitod Statos took the bulk, the amount being 5,613,448 cwt. Tr.e Unitcd Kingdom was ncxt with 180,136 cwt., Australia 139,839, Argcntina 61,541, British South Africa 43,006 and Cuba 46,654. Total exports of nowsprint during the nine months cnded Decombor approached tho 100 million mark, the amount being $53,556,345 \mathrm{cwt}$. worth \$ $98,540,886$ comparcd with $47,351,261$ at $\$ 82,250,922$ in tho corresponding period of tho previous fisoal ycar.

## Asbostos Production

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian produccrs in Novembor advaneod to 37,625 tons from tho October total of 33,471 tons and the November, 1936, total of 37,086. During the clevon months cnding November, 380,127 tons wore shipped comparod with 279,642 in the oorrosponding period of the provious calcndar yoor.

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