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Weokly Review of Economic Conditions
The six major factors showing the trend of economic conditions averaged slightly lower in the third weok of February then in tha second. Two of the six factors recorded increases while wholesale prices remained unchanged. The decline in carloadings and bank olearings was relatively large. Kigh-grade bond prices were exoeptionally strong and common stock prices averaged slightly higher. Trading on the exchanges reached a somewhat lower position.

Two of the six major factors recarded gains over the same wook of 1937. Tholesalo prices still sowed a lead of 0.7 p.c., whilo high-grado bond prices recorded a load of 6.6 p.c. Reactionary factors included carloadings, bank clearings and common stock prices.

Tho railway freight movemont showed appreciable recession in the sizth weel of the year, lower levels being show in both the eastern and western divisions. The comparison with the first 8 ix weeks of last yoar was unfavourable, a decline of $9,43 l$ cars having been shown. Pulpwood, ore and miscollaneous commodities continucd to show a lead over the same period of last year, the increasos in pulpwood and ore being of important proportions.
"Tholesale prices continuod without important fluctuation, the index remaining unohanced at 83.6. Gains were shown in animal products and in non-forrous metals, while three other main groups reached lowor levols. Tholesele prices have been remarkably steady since the beginning of the year, a lead having been shown ovor the same period of 1937. During the first quarter of last year, howevor, a considerable advance was shown. The lead over the same weok of last year has now been reduced to 0.7 p.c. and the level of the first part of April 1937 was considerably above the standing of last woek. A moderate deciine was show in wheat on the Winnipeg oxchange, No. 1 Northern receding from $1445 / 8$ to 143 . Oats and flar were maintained while reoessions were shown in barley and rye. Speculative commodities were relatively firm on New York markets, slight gains being shown in sugar, rubber, cottonseed oil and cotton middings. A decline in the prioe of medium stcers was recordod at Toronto, while bacon hogs advanced to 9.18 against 8.70.

Motals were strong on the London exchange, eloctrolytic oopper rising from $£ 42$ to $£ 45 \mathrm{5s}$. Important advances were shown in lead and zinc, lead rising $£ 1$ per ton to $£ 16$ $2 s$ 6d. A considerable gain was shown in export oopper in Now York, the rise being from 9.50 to 10.06-10.15. Lead and zinc remained unchanged at the level of the preceding week.

High-grade bonds were particularly strong in the woek undor review, the indax of capitalized yiclds advancing 3 points to 153.6. Contrasting with the strong market for bonds during the present year, a sharp decline was shown during the first quarter of 1937 . The index of capitalized bond yields recorded a gain of $6.6 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. over the same week of last yoar. The $4 \frac{3}{2}$ 's of 1946 advanced from $111 \frac{1}{2}$ on Fobruary 15, to $1115 / 8$ on the $22 n d$.

Common stocks recovered silghtly in the weok of February il, tho indox advancing from 105.9 to 106.2. Each of the groups in tho industrial classification, exocpt milling and beverages, recorded advances. The index of 15 power and traction stocks retreated from 62.8 to 62.2. Base metals moved up considerably during the weck, the index having been 244.2 against 238.2. A minor decline was shown in the averago for 21 gold stocks. The index of 96 common stocks was practically 25 p.c. bolow the standing of one yoar ago.

The economic index based on the six abovementioned factors consequently recorded a decling of 1.4 p.c. from the procoding week, the standing having boen 108.0 against 109.6. Three of the economic factors reaorded decline while two advances were shown and one remained unchanged. The strength in high-grade bonds was a constructive factor in comparison with the same wook of 1937. A slight gain was also maintained in wholesalo prioes. The four other factors recedod to lowor positions, the not result being that the oconomic indox was nearly 7 p.c. below the level of 1937 . The trond of the oconomic index from February to July last year was in a downward direction, accounting in part for the reduction in the defioit.

Firockly Eoonomic Index with the Six Compononts
$1926=100$

| Trok Endod | Car loadings 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { hole- } \\ & \text { salc } \\ & \text { Prices } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Capitalized } \\ & \text { Bond } \\ & \text { Yiclds } \end{aligned}$ | Bank <br> Clcarines 3 | Pricos of Common Stocks | Shares Tradod | Economic Index 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fcb. 20, 1937 | 81.63 | 83.0 | 146.1 | 119.8 | 141.4 | 351.8 | 116.0 |
| Fcb. 12, 1938 | 79.98 | 83.6 | 150.6 | 100.9 | 105.9 | 95.1 | 109.6 |
| Fcb. 19, 1938 | 76.61 | 83.6 | 153.6 | 90.6 | 106.2 | 67.0 | 108.0 |

1. The index of carloadings is projocted forvard onc wock to correspond with the practice in computing the conomic indcx. 2. Presont valuo of a fixed net income in perpotuity from Dominion long-term bonds. 3. Bank clearings were smoothed by taking a threc wooks moving avcrago for the purpose of eliminating irrogular fluctuations. Totals for Ottawa wero climinated for all wecks show, owing to incomparability introduced by the operations of the Bank of Canada. 4. The veig ting of the six major factors is determinod from the standard deviation from the long-term trend of cach, bascd on data for tho period from January 1919 to iugust, 1936. The long-term trend detcrminod from half-ycarly data in the post-war period was oliminated from the composito and tho rosulting index oxprossod as a percentage of the avorago curing 1926.

## Theat Stocks in Store

Canadian wheat in store for tho weok ending Fcbruary 18 amounted to $48,878,544$ bushels comparcd with $50,682,546$ in the provious wook and $92,401,742$ during the samo week last ycar. Tho amount of Canadian wheat in the Unitod States was 2,118,000 bushels comparcd with 2,641,000 in the provious wook and 20,161,458 a ycar ago. Theat in rail ttansit totallod 1,259,390 bushols comparod with 1,947,290 the weck before and $2,546,478$ a year ago. Stocks of Amorioan wheat in Canada wore 1,340,365 bushels compared with $1,408,274$ tho weok beforc and nil a yoar ago.

Primary Movement of Moat
What marketings in the Prairic Provinces for the weck anding Fobruary 18 amountod to 478,577 bushcls compared with 628,280 in the previous wock and $1,233,521$ in the corresponding wock last year. Total marketings from August 1 to Fobruary 18 wore $105,541,074$ bushels compared with $143,347,842$ in the same period of the previous crop year.

Overseas Export Clearances of Whoat
Oversoas export clearances of wheat during the wook onding Fcbruary 18 amounted to 1,027,083 bushols comparod with $1,733,048$ in tho previous woek and 1,556,086 in the corresponding wook last ycar. The imports of Canadian wheat into the United Statcs for Consumption and milling in bond for re-export amounted to 1,000 bushols comparod with nil the weck before and 400,000 a year ago. Total overscas oxport clcarancos from August 1 to February 18 were $51,446,765$ bushels compared with $98,420,720$ in the same period of the previous year, whilo imports into the Unitod States were 1,955,426 bushols compared with $33,083,218$.

## January Imports by Countrics

Imports in January were valuod at $\$ 49,719,835$ comparod with $\$ 51,882,618$ in January, 1937. Foreign countrios suppliod to the value of $\$ 36,774,088$ compared with $\{38,633,615$, and Empire countries $\$ 12,945,747$ compared with $\$ 13,249,003$. The value of imports from the Unitod States was $\$ 32,337,792$ comparod with $\$ 33,176,940$, and from the Unitod Kingdam $\$ 8,854,257$ compared with $\$ 9,341,944$. British India was third with a vilue of $\$ 816,545$ compared with $\$ 653,591$, and the Straits Settlcmonts fourth with $\$ 757,200$ compared with $\$ 733,084$.

Othor leading sourocs of supply follow, with figures for January, 1937, in brackets: Germany, $\$ 670,584$ ( $\$ 854,112$ ); Australia, $\$ 561,961$ ( $\$ 435,240$ ); Peru, $\$ 142,310(\$ 369,159)$; Japan, $\$ 434,774$ ( $\$ 427,511$ ); Belgium, $\$ 378,962(\$ 53,768)$; Switzcrland, $\$ 369,455$ ( $\$ 175,828$ ); British Guiana, $\$ 327,212(\$ 265,898)$; France, $\$ 315,170$ ( $\$ 382,487$ ); New Zoaland, $\$ 236,126$ ( $\$ 219,250$ ); Ceylon, 247,103 ( $\$ 254,451$ ); Czcohoslovakia, 222,328 ( $\$ 144,948$ ); British South Afrioa, $\$ 210,101(\$ 44,902)$; British East Africa, $\$ 206,383(\$ 185,616)$; Sweden, $\$ 210,846$ ( $\hat{\phi} 135,023$ ).

## Production of Concentratod Milk

The production in January of the various itoms of concentratod milk totalled $8,705,082$ pounds compared with $8,205,525$ in the previous month and $6,737,468$ in January, 1937.

Canadian Conditions in January
Dospite tho roaction in business operations, the average of major factors indicating the trend of economic conditions showed an improvement in January over the preceding month. Common stock prices rallied from the low point of the two preceding months, the index rising to 107.7 against 103.7 in Decomber. Obscrving the severity of the reaction during the last nine months of 1937, the rally in January was of moderato proportions. Speculative trading on the principal Canadian exchanges continued at the low lovel of recent months. A minor rally occurred in wholesale prices, the index advencing from 82.7 to 83.8. Reflccting the influence of firmess on the Winnipeg grain exchange, the level of wholesale prices was relatively well maintained in the early wocks of the yoar.
is construotive factor was the further advance in high-grade bond prices, and a considerable portion of the decline in the first quartor of 1937 has now been counterbalanoed. During tho carly weeks of February, a lead was shown over the corresponding weeks of 1937. The present level is high in comparison with all years prior to 1936. The index of capitalized bond yiclds was 150.8 in January, against 148.4 in the preceding month. Tha doposit liabilitics of the charterod banks showed an increasc at the ond of December over the preceding month. The gain in demend deposits was slightly less than normal for the soason, while notice deposits recordod an adjusted gain. The index of deposits bascd on the sum of the demand and notice accounts, rose from 116.4 to 118.9 .

The moderate improvement in spoculative and financial factors was partially offsot by the decline in the physical volume of business. The index basod on 46 factors recodod to 116.4 against l21.4 in Decomber. Whilo some marked declines were shown from Decembcr, aftcr seasonal adjustment, the handing of commoditios in January was still at a rolativoly high level.

The exports of copper wore ercater than in any othar January in the post-war poriod, the index afto: scasonal adjustment, advancing from 303 to 428 . Thilc the exports of niokel were greater than in any other January, a cecline was shown from the precoding month after scesonal adjustment. The total was 19.7 million pounds against 14.9 million in December. A gain was also show in the outward shipments of zinc which rose from 24.2 million pounds to 31.3 million. The index conscquently advanood from 187 to 231. Gold shipments from the Canadian mines rose to a highor point than in any other January on record. The total was 359,549 ouncos against 395,270. A considorable docline was shown in the adjusted index from the preceding month. Silver shipmonts were larger than in any other January since 1932. The total was 1,712,000 ounces against 1,322,000 ouncos in Decembar, the rise in the index boing from 72 to 103. The decline in asbestos exports was grcator than normal for the season, the indcx receding from 109.3 to 101. A marked decline was shown in the imports of bauxite used in the manufacture of aluminium.

The manufacture of foodstuffs was of groatcr volume in January than in the preceding month, the index advancing from 102.5 to 117.3. The milling industry was more active after seasonal adjustment. A marked decline was shown in the manufacture of sugar, tho total in the first four weoks of 1938 having been nearly 20 million pounds against 141 million in December. A large part of the decline was of a soasonal character. The meatpacking industry was active, the slaughterings of cattle and shoop being larger than in any other january of the post-war poriod. The gain in cattlo slaughtorings over the preceding month was slightly 1 oss than normal for the season. Tho index of the slaughterings of shecp and lambs rose from 176 to 198. The hog slaughtorings roceded from the high level of December. The decline in cheose production was loss than normal for the soason, the index rising from 57.7 to 67,9 . Creamory buttor was produced in losscr volume, the index dropping from 134 to 127. Exports of canncd salmon wero higher than in any other January sincc 1929. A considerablc gain was shown in tho adjusted index ovor Docember, the outward shipm ment being 6.8 million pounds against 5.6 million in December. The release of tobacco for consumption showod contraction in the first month of tho year, the gonoral indox receding from 196 to 170. Considerablo cocline was shown in the relcase of cigars and cigarettos after scasonal adjustment.

The cotton toxtile industry :as somewhet more active in January than in December toking seasonal considerations into accounte is new factor has been introduced through tha courtesy of the Cotton Institute who are nov supplying consumption statistics for represenvitivn mills. Tha total amount of cotton uscd in Januery by cooporating firms Was 9, 195,354 pouruz acainst 9: 294,882 in Docember. ifter seasonal adjustment, the index moved up from 130.9 to 134.6 . The index for liovember was 126.4. Irports of wool for further manufacturo were 1,108,000 pounds against 623,272 in December. A recession was shom in tho receiot of cotton yarn and thread from external markets. The gains in cottcn sonsunption and in tho imports of raw wool and yarn had a predominating influcace on the toxtile inder. the composite rising from 75 to 122.
i) considerable doclinc was shown by the foiestry industry, newsprint production dropping from 293,033 tons to 222,500. oodpulp exports also declined to a much lower point. The inder of oxport of planks and boards was 76.6 against 87.9. An increase was show in the export of shingles ovor the low lovel of December, but the omposite for the forestry imeustry receded from 235 to 109.7.

A slight gain was show in the output of steel ingots and castings. The production Was 107,753 tons against 28,334. ifter soasonal adjustrnent, the index rose about 3 points to 157.7. Pis iron production roceded to a lower level dropping from 81,032 tons to 74,862 . The outpt of automobiles was 17,624 against 20,652 . After seasonal adjustment, however, a consicerable gain was recordcd. The inports of crude petroleum showed decline at 47.3 million gallons from 57.1 million. The adjusted indox rooeded from 190 to 143. Crude rubber imports were at a samewhat lowor levol in January, the total having beon 4.0 million against 5.9 million pounds. The inward shipments, howevor, were greater tian in any January sinca 1935.

Thile January is normally a quiot month in the construction industry, new businoss recoded to a mach iower lovel than in Deoomber, dijusted declines boing shown in oontracts awarded and in building permits. The index adjusted for price changes and seasomal tendencios dropped Prom 64.3 to 48.9. The railway freight movement was loss active in January after seasonal adjustment, the indox reooding from 84.4 to 77.2 . The total movement was 137,355 cars against 204, 210 in nocember.

The noutral foature of the month was the fluctuation in tho oxtornal trade, axports wero $\$ 72.2$ million in January acainst $\$ 78.5 \mathrm{mill}$ ion in Docember. Tho index after soasonal adjustment, however, advanced from 81.9 to 90.2 . A docline was indioatod in imports, the inder dropping from 90.3 to 84.8.

> Statistios Illustrating tho Economic Situation of Canada in January 1938 comparod with the same month of 1937

| General sconomic Sitation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unit or } \\ & \text { Base Period } \end{aligned}$ | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Index of Physical Volumo of Businoss |  |  |  |
| Tholesale Frices ................... | 1926:100 | 116.9* | 116.4 |
| Index of Common Stocz Prices | 1926 $1926=100$ | 81.3 | 83.8 |
| Capitalized Bond Yielces, Dominion | $1926=100$ $1926 \times 100$ | 137.4 | 107.7 |
| Mining Stock Prices ............. | $1926=100$ | 154.8 174.6 | 150.8 |
| Bank Debits ....... | 1964000 | 3, $\begin{array}{r}174.6 \\ \hline \text { 227, }\end{array}$ | 144.1 |
| Production and General Business Mineral Production $2,444,600$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Copper Exports. | 2 b . | 27,178,700 |  |
| Nickel Exports .................... | 1 b . | 27,178,700 | $\begin{aligned} & 39,856,300 \\ & 19,715,400 \end{aligned}$ |
| Zinc Exports. | 1 b . | $14,994,400$ $19,280,300$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19,715,400 \\ & 31,348,700 \end{aligned}$ |
| Gold Shipments ..................... | Fine 02. | 1348,476 | 31, 359,549 |
| Silver Shipwonts .................. Manufacturing Procucion | Fine oz. | 1,103,753 | 1,712,067 |
| Sugar manufactured.... | 1 b . |  |  |
| Cattle slaughtarings | no. | $21,952,270$ 100,049 | 19,962,780 |
| Hog Slaughterings . | no. | 100,049 | 100,467 |
| Cigarottos relcased | no. | 447,167,365 | - 224,355 |
| Cigars releasod ... | no. | $447,167,450$ $5,634,477$ | $446,259,465$ $8,505,220$ |
| Paper and Lumber - no. 5,634,477 8,505,220 |  |  |  |
| Nowsprint Froduction ....... | Tons | 287,691 |  |
| Iron and Steel - Ft, 156,913,000 108,914,000 |  |  |  |
| Stool Ingot Production |  |  |  |
| Pig Iron Production | Long Tons | $\begin{aligned} & 115,2,37 \\ & -65,400 \end{aligned}$ | 107,753 $74,862$ |

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## Morld Thoat Situation

A factor in the now wheat crop situation is tho likclihood that ycar-cnd "world" stocks at July 31 will bc only moderatcly higher than the unusually low level of carryover stocks last July. The Food Roscarch Institutc prodicts "world" stocks noxt July at 615 million bushels, representing an increasc of only 85 million sinco last ycar. This increasc is morc than accounted for by the prospective increaso in Unitod States carry-over stocks, and the lattor country will be the only onc holding wheat which may be considerod in any scnsc as "surplus" stocks. In any cvont thoso stocks and any arising from the 1938 crop arc expected to be firmly hold in vicw of the final passage and operation of the Agriculbural dijustment sct of 1938. Canada, particularly, will have a low carry-ovcr, and stocks in iustralia and irgentina should bo down to levels which will reasonably oarry thesc countrics through to the new Southern Hemisphere harvest. Tho significance of the situation with regard to carry-over stocks is that, whatever the size of the now crops in the cxnorting countrics should becanc, their disposition will net be cncumberod by the existenco of significant carry-over rescrves.

Fiorld shipnonts of wheat have held remarkably stcady for the past five wocks at a voluma betweon 10 and 11 million bushcls wockly. North American shipmants continucd around 3.6 million bushcls por wook dividod on averago betwoon 1.6 millions from Canada and two from the Unitcd States. Lustralia and irgentina are now shipping out fairly similar amounts, with cach in the 2 to 3 million bushols range. Russia and the Donubian countrios continue to ship out modest amounts.

## Stacks of Canned Fruits and Vogotables

Stocks of cannod fruits in Canada at tho first of the year werc somewhat groatcr than they wore threc months before; stocks of cannod vogetables on the othor hand wero lowor. On January 1 there wcre $1,735,033$ cases of canned fruits on hand campared with 1,407,296 on October 1, 1937, canned vegctablos amountod to $8,876,680$ casos comparod with $10,773,919$.

The stocks of canned fruits wro as follows, with figuros for October 1 in braokets: pears, 523,626 (292,877) cascs; pcaches, 470,482 (447,051); apples, 176,950 (45,122); pincapple, $166,263(158,575)$; plums, $79,149(79,235)$; apricots, $77,487(26,545)$; chorrics, $71,178(98,752)$; bluoberrics, $47,802(43,213)$; raspberrios, $43,099(57,966)$; strawberrios, 36,786 (42,619).

Goncrally lowor stocks of canned vogetablos woro roportcd, as follows: tomatocs, $1,823,524$ (2,533,022) cases; corn, 1,340,113 (1,562,671); pcas, 1,309,068 (1,671,978); soups, $1,197,458(1,340,448)$; tomato juicc, $1,168,469(1,338,878)$; catsup and saucos, $867,071(971,962)$; bGans, $620,536(784,195)$; pumpkin, $110,183(49,039)$; asparagus, $108,245(145,493)$.

## Financing of Motor Vehicle Salcs

A dooline of 14 per cont in number and 4.5 per cont in amount was shown for financing of motor vehicle salos in Cenada curing January comparcd with January, 1937, the total being 6,547 units financed at $\$ 3,148,390$ compared with 7,610 at $\$ 3,297,996$ a year ago. Thero worc 2,246 now vehicles financed for $11,727,543$ compared with 2,709 at $\$ 1,865,784$ a yoar ago; used volicics totallod 4,301 and the amount involvod $\$ 1,420,847$ compared with 4,901 and $91,432,212$ in January, 1937.

Trade of Canada in January
Canada's trado in January acercgatcd $\$ 121,954,003$ compared with $131,611,038$ in the previous month and $135,298,742$ in January, 1937. Imports wore worth $\$ 49,719,836$ compared with $53,125,039$ in Dcecmber and $\$ 51,882,618$ a ycar ago. Domestic cxports totalled $71,021,829$ compared with $\$ 77,681,780$ in the previous month and $82,242,056$ in January, 1937.

## Domostic Exports by Countrics

Canada's domestic oxports in January worc worth $\$ 71,021,829$ compared with $382,242,056$ a yoar ago. The cziports to countrios of the British Empirc increascd to $42,573,877$ from $\$ 38,269,870$, whilc thosc to Forcign countrics declinod to $\langle 28,447,952$ from $\$ 43,972,186$. Tho Unitod Kingdom was the lcading purchascr during the month, tho valuo being $\$ 33,569,951$ comparod with $\$ 30,266,914$; the Thitcod Statos was in second placc with $\{20,732,240$ compared with $\$ 33,707,435$. Australia was noxt with a valuc of $\$ 3,156,183$ compared with $\$ 2,739,352$, followod by Japan with $2,167,265$ comparod with $\$ 2,197,422$ and New Zoaland $\hat{\$ 1}, 155,701$ comparod with 897,533.

Other loading purchascrs follow, with figuros for January, 1937, in brackets: Francc, $\$ 868,719$ ( $\$ 1,462,569$ ); British South ifrice, $\$ 875,814(61,567,708)$; Ncthcrlands, $\$ 800,041$ ( $\$ 21 \%, 732$ ); Ir ish Frce St $50, \$ 798,561(\$ 175,449) ;$ Gcrmany, $6648,396(\hat{8} 853,358)$; Nowfound land, $\$ 524,771$ ( $\widehat{4} 496,779$ ); Bclgium, ( $\$ 563,117$ ); Norway, $353,097(353,748)$; Trinidad and Tobago, $343,245(6293,105)$; Jomaica, 366,036 ( 3889,404 ); Straits Settloments, 335,010 ( 134,913 ).

## Export of Newsprint Iapor

Tho cxport of nowsprint paper was considcrably lowcr in January, amounting to $3,390,182$ cwit. valued at $6,816,823$ comparcd with $6,174,832$ at $\$ 11,247,263$ in the provious month and $5,190,863$ at $\$ 9,254,137$ in January, 1937. The amount to the Unitod Statos in the month under reviow was 3,049,311 cwt., to sustralia 144,168, Irish Frce State 46,569, New Zcaland 46,320 and British South Africa 33,905.

Exports of Fam Inploments and Machincry
The exports of farm implements and machinery in January, althouch lower than in the previous month, romaincd higher than in the corrcsponeing month of lastyear. The total was 868,000 comparcd with $\$ 900,000$ in the provious month and $\$ 514,000$ in January, 1937. The valuc of tic cxport to tho Unitod Statos was 3284,371 , tho Unitcd Kingdom B196, 814 and irgentina 130,509 . During the ten months of the fiscal ycar, farm implements and machinery exports were worth $\$ 8,927,769$ comparcd with $\$ 5,111,424$ in the same poriod of the previous fiscal yoar.

## Export of Canadian Lumber

The oxport of Canadian lumber in January amountod to $108,914,000$ fect of the value of $\$ 2,487,255$ comparcd with $156,913,000$ at $\$ 3,338,405$ in January, 1937. Tho amount to the Unitcd Kingdon was 53,147,000 fect and to the United Statos, 27,615,000. During the latest month there were 67,339,000 fect of Douglas fir planks and boards exported, $16,601,000$ of spruce and $11,475,000$ of homlock. Total exports of planks and boards during the ton months of the fiscal year wore $1,540,660,000$ fect valuod at $\$ 38,232,922$ compared with $1,597,118,000$ worth $\$ 33,919,7 \& 2$ in the corrosponding period of the previous fiscal yoar.

## Imports and exports of Chocse

Canadian checsc was exportod to the valuo of $12,720,990$ during tho ton months ond od January comparod with $\$ 10,928,44_{4} 2$ in tho corresponding period of the provious fiscal yoar. Imported choese was worth $\$ 277,586$ in the ten months compared with $\$ 281,900$ a ycar ago.

The production of copper during tho calcndar ycar 1937 amounted to 529,773,738 pounds compared with 421,027,732 in 1936. This was a gain of 25.8 por ocnt. Blister copper production agergated $457,717,396$ pounds compared with $380,386,584$. Tho output of nickel during the year was 225,711,721 pounds, rccording a substantial incroaso over the total for 1936 of $169,739,393$.

Retail Prices, Ronts and Costs of Sorvices
Roductions in food pricos earricd the Dominion Burcau of Statistics inder number of retail pricos, ronts and costs of scrvicos down from 84.3 in Docember to $8 \varepsilon_{s} .1$ in January, on tho basis 1926w100. This marked the sccond chock to rising living costs within the past fow months. Living costs during the past ycar havc tendod stcadily upward. However, the advance has becn so gradual that the difforenoc betwoen the high and low points of tho ycar was only about throo por cont. An index for retail prices alone, including foods, coal, cokc, clothing, houschold requirements, tobacoo, cte., foll from 79.7 to 79.4 .

An indar for 16 food itcms declincd from 79.1 to 78.4 , rocessions for cggs, boans, lard and bacon influencing the index more than advances for buttor, checse, milk, potatocs, onions, tca and most moats. Higher pricos for wood, partially offsct by casicr quotations for coke, rosulted in a slight risc in the fucl index from 86.1 to 86.2. The clothing index was unchanged at 73.3 , modcratc advancos in men's woaring apparcl being counterbalanced by reductions in women's clothing and matcrials by tho yard.

## Export of Living Animals

Jonuary exports of living ani"als, although highor than in tho provious month wore sharply lover than in January last year, the valuc boing $\$ 591,605$ in the latest month compared with 1408,077 in Decomber and $11,735,605$ in January, 1937. There wore 554 dairy cattic valucd at $\$ 36,141$ conorted during the month comparod with 439 at $\$ 2 \dot{4}, 634$ a yoar ago. Other cattlo accounted for most of tho doclino from last ycar, the numbor being 8,700 head valucd at $\$ 369,551$ compared with 26,994 worth $1,261,633$.

During the ton months onded January thero were 5,937 hoad of dairy cattlo oxportod, the valuc being 385,222 , compared with 7,947 of the value of 477,429 in the same period of tho provious fiscal ycar. The total of other cattle was 240,873 hoad of the value of $\$ 11,020,828$ comparod trith 251,664 valucd at $\$ 10,320,330$ in the corrosponding ten months of 1936-37.

Output of Contral Eloctric Stations
Tho output of contral clcotric stations in January was 2,279,298,000 kilowatt hours comparod with 2,317,906,000 in January last ycar. This is the first timc in over four ycars that the output for tho same month in the provious yoar has not beon exccoded. The decreaso was in socondary powcr for cloctric boilcrs, whioh declined to $568,875,000$ kilowat hours from $708,188,000$, due undoubtodly to a slowing up in the paper mills. The production of newsprint fell off about 23 per ecnt in January.

Production of Clay and Clay Froducts
The production of clay and clay products in Canada during 1936 had a valuc of $\$ 6,377,459$ comparcd with $\$ 5,187,540$ in 1935. Producors' salos of domostic clay and clay products totalicd $3,71,027$ compared with $3,012,563$, ineroasing 15.2 per cont, a continuation of the steady incroasc since 1933. Sales of building brick were rocordod at 115,732,000 valucd at $1,748,772$, the largest since 1931. Sales of hollow structural blocks totallod 58,501 short tons worth $\$ 467,860$, the highest since 1931. Gains woro also shown in sales of fircclay, firobrick, paving brick, floor tilo and scwer pipo. Sales of clay products manufactured from imported clay wore $\$ 2,906,432$ compared with \$2,174,977.

## Slaughtoring and Mcat Packing

Tho slaughtcring and mat packing industry with a production valuo of $\$ 156,971,640$ in 1936 occupicd fourth place amongst the lcading industrics of Camada. The inorcesc ovor 1935 was $23,592,328$; this is tho fourth consocutive your in which incroascd production has bcon shown over the provious yoar. Ontario was the ohicf ocntro of the industry, the valuo reprosenting 42 por cent of the production for the wholo of Canada. queboc followed with 18 per cont, Manitoba 17, and Alberta 11.

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