

Tho wockly indcx, basud on six uconomio fnotors reflcoting tho trond of busincss oporations, registcred on divence in the third wock of lierch over tho precoding wock. Fivg of the six itcmis showod improvenent, the only adversc movement hoving heon rogistored in wholcsnlc priccs, which dcolined orly ono-tcnth of $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. curing the wook.

In comperison with tho rcoord of onc yonr ago, cuclincs wore in dvidonco in oarloadings and wholesalc prices, whioh werc mor: then offsct by improvement in bond and common stock. pricos, hank olcorines and stock mrkot cotivity, tho indax advonoing ovor the similar wok of 1936 for the first timo this yosr.

Carloadings amountca to 41,753 oare in the 1 jth wouk of tho yoar, an increaso of 589 cars over the previous wock's total hut, n deorcaso of 4,293 cars from the agigregato one yoar ago. The index number consoquontly rosc from 69.5 to 70.7 in the wook. Ihe Westerm Division showed a ronsidereble increrse, more then counterbelanoing the doclinc in the Fest. The cumulative totals for the first ton wecks of the presont yeer showed thet only four of the cilvor classifications reistercd advances over the same poriod of 1933 . Loadings of pulpwood, miscollanoulis, and conl suffercd scrious rocossion, whilc the movoment of erain and aroin products wos the bost for scveral yoars.

Tholcsalc nriocs were protionlly mantoincd farine tho wock. Vogetablo Freduots, inoluding grains, raw rubber and mw cotton dipped from 60.3 to 60.1 , whilc animal Frocucts rose slightly; the toxtilo oumoiity prioc indux was down 0.3 p.o. whilc the othor prinoipol commodity groups romince unohangod. fmong tho industrial matorials, food reropod cver half roint to 56.2 . Hll the lesdire srains showed rcocssion in the wock of liaroh 18 th, Whent No. 1 Northom $\boldsymbol{\text { whopping bolow } 5 9 \text { conts. Octs, flasi, barloy }}$ and ryc all sharca in the acclinc. Cottle stecrs at Toronto woro up 10 to 8.53 , whilo bacon hogs showud dcoling at 9.10 on tho wock. Rubher, off 75 conts, was consicerably wakor, dronping to whs strongor. Motal priocs at Lonion roilcotcc ourront unscttloment iuring tho ourso of the wook cncin: Inareh 2l, but rocovoros most of the eround lost. Standarc coppor wes
 wore stronger. At ncw York prices wer firm with export copper anct tin showine minor advance.

Coinciding with the dismombermont of Czccho-slovekin, widospreac reoossion immodiatly ocourres in comon stock prions. With the cxception of banks anc communiontion issucs, all divisions of the list were lowor on tho last day of the weck. However, the averago at 107.5 was still hali a point above tho provious weck. imong the industricl clessifications coclincs were resistorcd in six of the nivo roups. Utilitics were stronger during the wock, the incex advancing from 8.9 to 46.2 , with power and traction stooks displaying mariced buoynnoy. Camainn minimg markcts failod to maintain tinc improvemont rogistomd durine the past two wocks. Byonts ir Europe overshadowed markets on this contincent and the prico indce of twonty-five mining issucs refloctod the uncasincss ongondered, coclining from 160.9 for the wock of March 9 to 159.5 in the weck of March 16. Besc metals showod most wonkoss, affoctod by coclinos irr motal prioos. The flow of ncrvous sclling wes meccrate througinat the perion.

Tho prioc of hieh-grade bonds continued to riso curing the wock of tho l6th but
 lower, the former quotci at $1105 / 8$ on the $1015 t$ omperad with 111 on the 16 th, indioatins that tho hieh levels ef arly Jinch have not. yet boen rogainod. Intcrantionel reporcussions induced considemblo sollinic prossurc on luading Europocn curroncics during tho wook. Sturling reminad stondy. The juitod States dollor stood at ul.00 3/16 on 1saroh 10, the lowest lovel for the ourront ycor, subsaquamtly stronsthoning to oloso at $3.207 / 10$.

The wokly incicx onsod on the six above-mentionod factors, at 109.5 for the weck of Maroh 18, rogistcrod an acvaroo of 1.1 p.c. over the precocing wock, fivc of the six footors uscr? in this comootion recordin; acvenons, wholosalc pricos beine the only oxooption. The icin in bank claringe was $2.3 \mathrm{n} \cdot \mathrm{c}$. in this comparison. Comparad with the same weck on ycar age the insox rusc above thatilevol for the first time this ycar, four of the six factors boing more satisfoctory. s scrious cocolinc, bowevor, was still in cvicicnoc in wholcsalo priocs and carlondings, but bonds, bank oloarinis and common stooks nere now ruling woll rbove the 1938 lovols.

Wookly Incicx with the Six Componerts
$1526=100$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wock } \\ & \text { Encood } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cr } \\ & \text { Iond- } \\ & \text { incs } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wholo- } \\ & \text { solc } \\ & \text { Pricos } \end{aligned}$ | Canitalizcd Bon? $\text { Yiclus } 2$ | Banl: $\begin{aligned} & \text { Clan } \\ & \text { ings } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Priccs of <br> Corunon <br> Stucks | Sheres Tracied | $\begin{aligned} & \text { icokly } \\ & \text { Incoox } \end{aligned}$ |
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| Minr. 19, 1930 | 177.35 | 33.1 | 155.3 | $91 \times 3$ | 152.7 | 70.1 | 109.1 |
| Mar. 11, 1930 | 60.51 | 73.2 | $16 \% .5$ | 90.2 | 107.0 | 92.5 | 108.3 |
| Mar. 10, 1933 | 70.71 | 73.1 | 165.3 | 98.4 | 107.5 | 100.2 | 109.5 |

 in oomputine the weckly incox. ?. Tressnt viluc of a fixce net incomc in perpetuity from
 cv:racc for the pureose of climinotirs irrciuler fluctuetions. Totrls for Ottewa ware climinated for cill weckes show, owire to inoomparability introciucce oy the opcrations of the Bank of Corncic. is. The weichting of the six major foctore is ist rmince from the standard deviation from the long-tom trone of onch, besod on data for the perioc from Janunry 1313 to dusust, 1336. Tho weighting therefore reprosente, not ar attempt to sivc the relative importance of the frotors, but to ploco them on an cqual footing by cquating the tincanoy town fl? fluctuction. The lone-torm trons cetcmince from half-ycrerly cheta in the post-wer poriod was climineted from the compositc nnd the resulting index cxprossce: os a porocntegic of the averago aurimy 1926.

## The Eonnumic Rccore for Febratary

Eoonomic conetions were fencrally improvai in Fobrunry over the first month of the ycar. Gains in the price of common stuoks anc. of boncs werc encouracing. Wholcsalc priocs romancd fimm whilc the doposit, lichilitics of the berks rachod a new ligh. The business incex refistcred a minor dcolino from Jonuery but exports showed an cxtension of the improvement which bogan in the first month of the ycar. Compared witl. Fcbruary last yonr, tho preliminary incicx of the physio:l volumc of busincss is on the unercnd, showing a gain of nearly fivc por cent. Notable acivances havc becr rcoorced in copp rexpurts, checsc production, crucc rubecr imperts, wool imports, in the lumber trado, potrolcun imports unc contraots awracd. Nowsprint procuction anc nick cxports werc nonr?y mointaince. The scrious sctbock has becn in wholcsalo priccs auc lareoly to the larec harvost whioh $\therefore$ rastically reiuccd all erain quotntions. Roilwoy trofific has not bocn up to cxpectations so far this ycar.

Economic Cunditions in February oomparec? with the
seme month of 1938

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fobruary } \\ 1938 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Perocntage } \\ & \text { Inorcasc or } \\ & \text { Dccroasc } \\ & \text { Fcb. } 1939-3 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Physion V Vlumc of 3usinoss .... | 1026=100 | 111.3* | 106.7 | + 4.8 |
| Commor stuck priocs ............. | " | 10\%.1 | 107.1 | - 2.8 |
| Wholcsalc priocs .............. | " | 73.2 | 83.6 | - 12.4 |
| Capitalizrd bond yiclcs ........ | " | 161.6 | 152.8 | + 5.7 |
| Bank dcposits .................. | " | 127.0 | 119.6 | + 6.2 |
| Copper cxports .................. | Cwt. | 395,111 | 327.727 | + 20.6 |
| Nickcl cxinurts | " | 187,876 | 193,022 | - 2.7 |
| Zinc exporte | 11 | 240,757 | 277,290 | - 13.2 |
| disbestos cxports | Tons | 2,349 | 7,913 | + 5.5 |
| Sugar minuincturcd ............ | 1b. | 23,005,993 | 19,351,341 | $+15.3$ |
| Chocsc, faotory procuction ..... | " | 1,069,155 | 553,217 | $+96.3$ |
| Butter, erccimory procuction.... | " | 1,735,051 | $7,612,102$ | + 3.5 |
| Crudo runbir inuorts ........... | " | 3,250,10\% | 1,377, 502 | +136.0 |
| Raw wool ind yurn imports ..... | " | 1,217,081 | 1, $592,2 \leq 7$ | $+21.3$ |
| Newsprint $\because$ :ocuction ........... | Tons | 200,631 | 202,001 | - 1.0 |
| Flanks and boards criported ..... | M. Ft. | 12土,056 | 117,73\% | $+5.2$ |
| Shincles cxportoc .............. | Squercs | 242,208 | 204, 8130 | $+18.2$ |
| Pctrolcun imports .............. | Gollons | 47,01's,000 | $150,236,000$ | $+16.7$ |
| Contracts swnrccc .............. | \% | 11,322,000 | 6.55.,700 | $+72.3$ |
| Builcing nermits | \% | 1,804,161 | 2,364, ${ }_{50}$ | - 19.9 |
| Carlonaines | Niv. | 159,667 | 173,717 | - 11.2 |
| Exports ........................... | \% ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | 62,39?,616 | 60,931,203 | + 2.3 |

* Preliminary


 comparce with $2=0.752,604$ in Jonuary am $460,951,615$ a yor aco.

Donestic ox cets worc anmiscd ot $\$ 61,727,330$ in oomprisun with $431,046,361$ the month boioce whe 600155,402 in the orrospondine month last your. Forcien comoritics wro cxpurtes in I'cbruosy to tho value of "671.270 ceninst 8727,101 in January and 4. 25,301 in Fehruary: 1930.

The Febrenery balineo of traco was in Cenada's favour to the oxtent of $\mathbf{y} 22,013,382$ oompared with a favourablo balance of $33,030,770$ in Jnnun ry and a favourablo balanoc in Fobruary last war of ${ }^{3} 14,029,58 x_{1}$.

## Conoda's Chicf liarkcts in Fbruary

wanco: comostic exports in Fcomery totallod 6i, 727,338 in oomparison with Q62, 755 , 402 in Fobrucry 1930, an inoronso of $1,571,936$. The United Statos was Coneda's best exstomer urine the month with purohases totalling $23,791,322$ asainst $17,303,798$ a year ago, The Uritod Kinglom followod clusoly with an ngerogate of " 22,004 gulo against
 $\hat{3} 2,243, B 5$ ? ginat 2,001,377 and New Zerlanc? fifth with 1,303,117 acainst 051,645.

Other lcacing purchascrs waro ns follows, with ficurcs for Fcbrunry, 1933, in

 Horways 394. $204(625,4 \%)$; Swocon, $335,232(202,576)$; China, $326,016(3103,792)$; British Incin, $303,670(401,014)$; jamaica, $208,419(3431,452)$,

Wheat Stooks in Storc
Coracian whent in store fow the wook cadine lioroh 17 totallod $142,7 \times 7,600$ bushels compared with $120,090_{2} 241$ in the provious wock and $46,002,200$ in the corrcspondine wook last yoar. Tha arount of Canadien what in the Jnitod States was 3,101,000 bushels
 totolloi 2,715, 027 bushels against 1,331,032 in 1933.

## Oversens Exyort Clcaranocs of Thent

$\therefore$ substantial cain wes rccordcd in the amount of whont cleared for oxport overscas curing the wocl: ending Morch I7, the total boine 1,353,660 bushols comparod with 731,226 in tho coriospondine weck last yoar. Importe into the United States ware also markedly hichor, amountine to 261,000 busticls comperce? with 1,000 a yoar ago. Exjort olcoranoos curine the porioc Lugust 1 to March 17 agercenatcd $23,678,918$ bushols compared with 54,957.750 in the oorrespending period of the provious orop year, whilc imports into to Unitod Statcs toto11cd 5,361,915 bushcis comparce with 1,994,361.

## Erimary Movernont of Whect

Whoat rcooipts in tho Ireirio Irovinces iuring the wock of Maroh 17 totalled 2,246,752 bushels comprec. with $1,350,226$ in the provious wook and $1,01 \mathrm{i}, 596$ in tho corrostondine weck last ycor. The roocipts worc as follows by provinocs, with ficurcs for $103 B$ in breciccts: Nanitobn, $159,181(209,749)$ bushols; Saskntohewan, 505,936 (300, 135) ; 1.1.0crta, 531,535 ( 542,662 ).

No kctinge in the threo Irairio Frovinecs for the thirty-threc wooks ondod Vurch 17 accreiatol $215,005,000$ bushols oniparce with $109,371,576$ in the oorrosponding puriod of the Frcvious orop ycer. The totals werc as follows by provinocs: Manitoba, $41,172,204(3,443,615)$ bushc1s; Saskatohown $105,543,070(23,401,063)$; Alborta, $113,284,725(52,026,950)$ 。

The oxternal trado of the Unitod Kingdom in January reoorded a decline from the corrosponding month last yoar but was highor than in tho previous month, tho total being £119,645,962 ageinst £117,909,204 in Docember and £130,864,095 in January, 1938, according ta. Irade and Navigation returns.

Imports in January totallod $£ 75,570,411$ compared with $£ 74,122,071$ in Decomber and $£ 84,879,549$ a year ago and total axports ware valuad at $£ 44,075,551$ compared with $£ 43,877,133$ the month bufore and $£ 45,284,546$ in 1938 .

Canada hold first placo in January in the British markot with certain comoditios and was amonest the lcadcrs with othors, taking first place in whont with a total of 2,201,406 cwite, Roumnia socond with 2,010,213, Initod States third with 1,294,059, Franoe noxt with 638,869 and Australia 539,649.

Cenada was third in tho Pritish market with barloy, supplying 134,079 cwt., being proooded by Irnq with 250,073 cwt. and tho linitod Statos with $135,523 \mathrm{cwt}$. Total imports into tho Unitod Kingdom wero 1,032,337 cwt.

Canada took first place in what mal and flour, supplying about one-third of the total imports of 625,899 cwt. Eustralia gontributad 192,766 cwt. ard Franoo 104,017 owt.

Canada was scoond with bacon, contributing a total of $107,092 \mathrm{cwt}$. Donmarik was first with 285,256 c\%t. Total imports ware 585,353 cwt. against 626,240 in January, 1938.

Canada supplisd roughly ono-thixd of tho ham imported by the Unitod Kingdom during tho month, the amount boing 19,877 owt. The TMited Statos sont 31,449 , taking first place. In all, the imports totallad 54,715 owt.

British imports of buttor totallod 787,981 owt. Australia wes the ohicf sourco with 271,587 cwt., Nov Zcaland noxt with 235,650 and Donmark 141,431. Canada's contribution totalled 8,353 owt. Wharoas in Jnmary 1938 no buttor from this country was roceivod in the Eritish markot.

Tho Unitod Kinchom inported 248,961 owt. of chocso in January, and although tho Canadian contribution was comporotivoly suell at 5,441 cwt. it comparcd favourably with January 1938 whon it was 1, 487 . Now Zcoland ard Lustralia wero the chicf sourcos, the formor country supplying 153,854 owt. and tinc latter 60,911 cwt.

Canada held first ploco in the British markot with fresh applos, supplyin; 357,484 cwt. out of a total of 597,246 cwt. Thc Unitod Statos was noxt with 238,214 owt.

Canada was third with camnad salmon, Japan being first with 67, 726 owt., United States scoond with 22,068 and Caneda 18,287 cwt against 22,979 in January, 1938.

Canada was first with oannad lobstors, contributing 315 owt. out of a total of 353 cwt.

With the Canadian contribution smounting to 1,732 cwt. the Unitcd Kingdom importod 83,621 owt. Of carined pars in Jaruary. Tho Unitod Statos sont 73,434 cwt.

Canada was in sccond nlaco in the British maket with mmanufaotured tobncco, supplying $1,395,966 \mathrm{cwt}$. of unstrinnod and 43,608 of strippod. Tho Unitod Statcs was well out in iront with $2,698,548$ cwt. of strifpsd and 25,795,112 unstrippod.

The Unitcd Kingdon got most of hor raw ancl fibro asbostos from Southern Rhodesia in January, tho amount boing 2,577 tons. Tho total from Canada was comparativoly small at 78 tons. The Unitcd Kingdom totai in January was 3,619 tons.

Jnitod Kingdom imports of aluminium and alloys in incots, blocks, slabs, billots, notch bars, wircbars, cakes and granulos amounted to 85,215 owt. acainst 28,693 in January, 1938. Canada held first plnce, her contribution advancing sharply to 60, 187 cwt . from 3,94C. Switzcriend was socon? with 23,647 cwt.

Cancda was first with cloctrolytic copper, supnlying more than half of tho January imports of 8,871 tons. Chilc we scconc with 2,170 than and Northorn Rhodosia and Unitod Stotos in or'ur. Camde's total mes 4,033 tors.

Canada suppliod almost all of the 11,413 cwt. of coppor rods and scotions, anglos and shapos and wire not in coils in Januery.

Crnada was scoond with load at 7,385 tons, Lustralin being first with 23,045 tone, Burma third with: 5,300 tons, and Moxioo fourth with 2,200.

Canade was first with unwrought niokol in ingots, enthodos, cubce, rondols, pellets, shot, grain and powler, contributing 18,009 cwt. Out of a total of 20,565 owt. अorway was noxt with 2,221 cut.

Canda was also first in zinc in ingots, blooks, bars, slabs and cakos, witia 6,366 tons out of a total of 13,041 tons. Bulgium wns next with 3,883 tons and sustralie 1,350 .

Conade wes the chicf sourco of supnly of non-forrous metals and manufocturcs, contributing a total valned at £943, 14, Union of South ifrica followod with $£ 462,910$, fustralia $£ 389,486$, Chils $£ 253,404$, United Statos $£ 226,10$, Switzcrland $£ 160,083$, Gemany $£ 134,167$.

Cerada was first in wood and timber, contributing to tho valuc of $£ 661,129$; Swoden was scoond at $£ 449,701$, Finland third at $£ 215,390$, Unitod Statos fourth at $£ 292,174$, Poland noxt with £172,527, Letvis £111,243 and Pranco £104,515. Total imports woro worth £2,695,629.

Cenada was sccond in the imports of the manufactures of wood end timber with a valuc of £60, 820. Finland wns first with £131,383, Swodon third with £35,441, Soviot Union noxt with £35,523, Latvia £31,304 and tho Jnitod Statos £31,233.

Canada was first in undrosscd hidos and sleins, accounting for $£ 556,263$ out of a total of $£ 2,280,765$. The Unitod Statos was sccond with $£ 495,125$, Afehanistan third at £150,846, Norvay fourth with £124,115, Swodon fifth with £117,998 and Argentina £117,490.

With a contribution valuod at $£ 77,514$, Conade $w s$ in fifth plecc in the British markot with iron and stccl and manufacturos. Tho United Statos was first with £161,599, Belgium socond with $£ 160,734$, Swodon third with $£ 145,5$ six and Gormany fourth at $£ 97,966$.

Conada was third in the British market with machincry, tho Unitod Statos being first with $£ 894,428$, Gumany socond with $£ 150,369$, Conads ncxt with $£ 113,206$ and Switzerland fourth nt $£ 90,886$.

Canada was first with boots and shocs wholly or partly of rubber with a total of $£ 4.70 \%$, Hong Kong bcing sccond with $£ 30,180$, Czcohcslovnkir third with $£ 30,167$, Switzorland noxt with $£ 27,389$ and Unitod Stetcs $£ 17,487$.

Although Canada was somowhat behind the loadors in tho British markot with ohenicals, drugs, dyos and colours her contribution was worth $£ 35,107$, taking 12 th placc. Gormeny and tho Unitod Statcs werc tho leaders with $£ 282,848$ and $£ 220,459$, respcotively.

Conade supplicd the British market with the bulk of her imported patont lenthor in January, the amount being 718 owt. out of a total of 1,039 cwit.

Cancea was also first with box and willow calf leather at 509 cwt . Gormany was next with 484 cwt.

Canada was scoond in January with paper and cardboard, total imports being worth £1,221,2 $2 \hat{2}$, of which Canda supplicd £188,810. Swoden was first with $£ 258,6 \div 2$ and Finland third with £187,172.

Praduction of Iron and Stacl
Lowor procuction of all crados of pis iron rosultod in a drop in tho Fobruary output to 41,335 tons from tho January total of 57,660 . In tho corrosponding month last ycar ol, 447 tons werc producod. Output of stecl ingots and enstings totallod 77,178 tons compared with 78,193 in Janus ry and 98,980 in Fobruary, 1938. An increaso was showi in the output of forro-alloys, the total boing 5,299 tons acainst 2,055 in January and i, 438 a yoor ago.

The Canacian cuiput of gold in january amounted to 411,328 ounces compared with〔33, 877 in Deagmber and 361,086 in January, 1938. Based on average prices reported dizring the month tine uanuary output was worth $314,519,056$ cimpared with $\$ 15,307,181$ in December. Prodaction follows by provinces, with figutes for tho previous month in brackets: Ontaric: $247,364(260,878)$ ouncus; Quebec, $85,500(90,594)$; British Columbia, 50,778 ( 51,411 ); Nanitoba and Saskatchewan, 21,125 (21,011): Yukan and Northwest Territories, 2,377 (7,443); Nova Scotia. 4, 171 (2,557). The Royal Canadian Mint received 3,470 ounces of jewellery and scrap in January containtag 1,436 ounces of gold compared with 1,884 ounces with a gold content of 804 unnces in December.

Asbestos Production: in January
Shipnents of astestos in January totailed 18, 780 tons compared with 17,473 in the oreceding month and 16,485 in January; 1938. Exports were recorded at 17,044 tons, of which the United States received 79,5 per cent, japan 908 and Australia 4. 0 . In December exports totalled 26,631 tons.

Uypsum Production in Unnuary
Gypsum procuction in january amounted to 12,463 tons compared with 6,159 in the corresponiing morth last year. Exports of crude sypsum totalled 90,683 tons compared with 25,921 in the previcus month.

Production Crude Petroleum
January production of orvde petroleum and natural gasoline totalled 531,564 barrels compured with 489,303 in the previous month ard $45 \% .408$ in the corresponding month last year. Alberta's output amounted to 515,539 bar:els.

Output of Natural Gas
The Caradiay cutput of natural gas in Jenuary totalled 4, 118,179,000 cubic feet compared with 4,056, 390,000 in the previous manth and $4,025,936,000$ in the corresponding month last year.

Sales of Gasoline during 1938
Sales of gascline in Canada during 1938 agjregated 762,591,000 gal? ons in comparison with $718,427,000$ the vear before. The totals follow by months, with figures for 1937 in brackets: January, $35,407,000(33,789,000)$ gallons; Ferriary, 33,147,000 (30,780,000); March, $41,373,000(38,871,000)$; April; $54,306,000(50,977,000)$; May, $74,479,000$ $(68,420,000)$; June, $77,769,000(73,725,000)$; July, $80,647,000(80,023,000)$; August. $90,562,000(84,022,000)$; September, $85,727,000(79,135,000)$; October, $77,023,000$ $(71,172,000)$ : Norember, $63,545,000(61,184,000)$; December, $48,516,000(46,329,000)$.

February Ouiput of Automobiles
Production of automobiles in February totalled i4,300 units and included 10,914 passenger cars and 3,386 trucks. Of the passengor cars, 6,432 were made for sale in carada and 4,482 for export whilo 1,739 trucks were intended for use in this country and 1,647 for export. Output of automobiles in January amounted to 14,794 units and in February los year, 16,066.

## Builaing Permits in Feoruary

The vaiue of the building ropicsented by the permits issued in February by 58 cities strod at \$1, 894, 161 compared with $\$ 1,700,630$ in January and $\$ 2,364,402$ in February last year. The totals follow by provinces, with figures for February 1938 in brackets: Prince Edward Isiand, $12 i l(\$ 3,000)$; New Brunswick, $\$ 24,095(\$ 20,951)$; Quebec, $\$ 415,015$ ( $\$ 404,620$ ); Ontario, $4692,804(31,091,456)$; Manitobn. $342,225(\$ 62,675)$; Saskatchewan, \$29,925 ( $\$ 7.245$ ); Aiberta, $\$ 37,197$ ( 352,036 ); British Columbia, $\$ 601,115(\$ 654,784)$.

## Fcbruery Outout of Contral Elcctric Stations

The output of contral cloctric stations iuring Fcbruary acerceatce. 2,213,930,000 kilowatt hours, the hichest Fcbruary output on rccorc. In January the total was 2,306,771,000 kilowntt hours and in Fcbruary last ycar, 2,057,500;000. Exports to the United States totelloc 153, 491,000 kilowat hours oomparee with 166,915,000 in January and $123,09 i_{2}, 000$ a ycar ago.

Tho consumption of firm power in Cenacia in Fcbruary totallod 1, $884,584,000$ kilowatt hours against 1,6\&0,530,000 in January and 1,432,541,000 in Fcbruary, 1933. Dcliverics of scoondary powcr to clcetric boilcrs amounted to $575,063,000 \mathrm{kilow}$ tt hours oompared with 579,327,000 in Jnnuary and 501,964,000 in Fcbruary, 1933.

Domostic Shipments of Rigic Insulating Boarc
Domestic shipments of riEic insulatine bonrd in Fcbruary totalled 2,920,350 squaro foct comparce with 2,054,163 in the previous month and 3,097,93s in the corrcspondine month last yoar.

## Iroduction of Conocntratod Milk

The procluction of conoontratcd milk procucts wes lowor in February, totalline 5,910,141 pounds oompred with 7,101,630 in tho provious month and 7,977,789 in Fobruary, 1938. Output of concontratec whole milk procuots amountod to $4,095,367$ pounds and of by-roducts, 1,014,754.

## Live Stock on Farms

The cstimatoc number of acttic on Canadian farms at Docember 1 was 3,081,100 oomparce with $0,073,200$ at tho samo clato in 1937. This slight incroaso in the oattlo population indicatcs that the cyclc in cattlc numbers has turncd upward and the trend is oxpcoted to oontinuc for the next fow ycars. The low noint in oattlo numbers apparantly was reachach in Junc 1933 when the number was sot at 8,511,000.

The number of hogs on farms wes cstimatod at $3,560,600$ comparod with $3,600,600$ in 1937 and 4, 522,000 at Dcoomber 1, 1936. Hoe numbers at Decomber 1, 1930, were the lowast recorcad since tha Docmber survoy was inaugurated in 1931. in inoreaso of 14.9 per oont was roported in tho number of sows expeotod to farrow this sprins compared with last.

Shacp on farms at Dcocmber 1 wcro only slichtly less than those roported in 1937, the number being 2,671,600 comperce with 2,673,000. The number of hens and ohickens was $40,752,700$ comprocl with $39,564,000$ at Deocmber 1, 1937.

## Rotail Fricos, Runts and Costs of Survicos

Tho index number of retril riocs, ronts and costs of sorvicas on the basc 1926=100, fcll from 63.1 in Jonuery to 32.9 in Fcbruary, owing to modorato reductions in fools and fuol. Retail oomodity prioos, alone, including foods, conl, coke, housohole requircmonts, books, tobacoo, cto., cicclince from 77.7 to 77.1 . Whon foods wore removed from this index it was 20.1, the same as for January.

## Divorocs in 1930

There wora 1,353 divoreos eranted in Cenada durinc 1938, 1,798 beinc granted by the courts of sevon provincos, whilc 35 worc erantod by the Dominion Farliament. In 1937 there woro 1,870 crantcd. Therc was no chenec from 1937 in Trince Edward Island, decreascs beine rocordod in British Columbia and Now Brunswiok; tho romanine provinocs showod increascs.

The totals follow by provinocs, with ficurcs for 1937 in braokots: Prinoc Edward Island, 2 (2): Nova Sootia, 51 (30); Ncw Brunswiok, 39 (5\%); Qucbec, 33 (43); Ontario, 313 (596); Manitoba, 205 (200); Saskatchowan, 120 (109); Alberta, 261 (241); British Columbin, 309 (509).

## Births, Doaths anc llorrioces

Births recistore? in 67 Gonadien citios and town in February numbercd 0.515 , icaths 4,570 and marriagos 2,205 as comrarce with 6,637 births, 4,147 doaths and 2,373 marriacos in February last yenr, showinc cocroncs of two per oont in births ane threc $2 r$ cont in marriazus and an increaso of lo eont in deaths.

## drtificial anc Rcal Silk Incustry

The valuc of products mecio by the firms inclucd in the dirtificial and Real silk Ineustry in 1937 reached a tctal of $27,071,000$ comparcd with $26,931,000$ in 1936. The principal itcms of proluction werc fabrics of roal silk, artificial silk and roal and artificial silk mixcd, their combinca procuction amountine to $36,036,313$ yares worth $\widehat{6} 15,640,531$. The output of rcal silk fabrics was $4,010,684$ yarcs valucd at 2,100,023. Real and artificial silk mixtures totalled $3,177,307$ yards valuod at亿i, 506, 051 , and rcal and artifioial silk yams, throads, cmbroidory otc. madc for salc totalled $10,03 f_{4}, 308$ pouncls valuce at $17,254,259$.

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