# WEEKLY BULLETIN 

Weekly Review of Economic Conditions
An average of six important factors recorded a decline of one per cent in the week of June 10th. Five of the indicators showed a drop from the preceding week, the exception being the index of capitalized bond yields. A slight gain was shown over the same weok of 1938 , advances having been recorded in each of the six factors except wholesale prices. The weekly index has shown a steady trend since November, 2937. Fluctuations have been of a relatively minor character and no trend either in an upward or a downward direction has developed.

The railway freight movement showed a decline after seasonal adjustment in the 2and woek of the year. The index dropped from 74.2 to 69.7 , recessions having been shown both in the Eastern and Western divisions. A slight gain was still shown over the same week of 1938, the standing of the index at that time having been 68.5. The traffic movement during the first twenty-two weeks of the year was about 35,000 cars less than in the same period of 1938 , the total having been 938,000 cars against 973,000 . A marked gain had been shown in carloadings during May. Interest centred in the expansion in railway operations during the month, carloadings having been 214,829 as against 179,044 in April. After seasonal adjustment, the gain was slightly more than 17 per cent.

The reaction on the grain exchanges, due in part to considerable precipitation in western areas, was the main influence in depressing the wholesale price index from 73.5 in the week of June 2 to 73.3 in the week of the 9 th. The price of No, 1 Northern wheat averaged $623 / 8$ against $66 \mathrm{l} / 8$, while appreciable declines were shown in coarse grains. Metals were soft on the London market, electrolytic copper having been $\pm 4615 \mathrm{~s}$ on June 13 against 24715 s on the 6 th. Tin and zinc showed reaction, while an advance was recorded in lead. Tin and export copper were lower at New York while domestic copper, lead and zinc were fully maintained. The sensitive commodity level was practically unchanged, a decline in food prices counterbalancing an advance in manufacturers' materials. Tho level of wholesale prices has manifested steadiness since September last vear. While individual comodities have shown considerable fluctuation, the upward and downward movements have tended to counterbalance each other. The net result has been that the general level has been remarkably steady for nine months.

High-grade bond prices reached a maximum for recent years, the index of capitalized yields reaching 165.8 against 164.7 in the preoeding week. The previous high point was 165.3 reached in the week of March 18th. The $4 \frac{1}{2}$ 's of $1947-57$ were bid at $111 \frac{1}{4}$ on June 13 against 111 on the 6th, and other prominent issues showed considerable gain.

Common stock prices receded slightly from the level of the preceding week, the index standing at 99.0 against 99.6 . Six of the nine industrial groups reached a higher position and the utilities were slightly stronger. The index of fifteen power and traction stocks advanced from 61.6 to 62.0 . The trend has been upward since about the middle of April but only slight progress was made on the upward side during the last four weoks. The increase in the index over the same week of 1938 was 3.2 per cent, the standing at that time having been 95.9.

The weekly index based on six important factors was 107.3 in the week of June 10 against 108. 4 in the preceding week, a decline of one per cent. A slight gain was still shown over the same week of 1938, when the index was 107.1.

## Weekly Index with the Six Components

1926=100

| Week <br> Ended | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Car } \\ & \text { load- } \\ & \text { ings } \end{aligned}$ | ```Whole- sale Prices``` | ```Capitalized Bond Yields}\mp@subsup{}{}{2``` | Benk <br> Clear- <br> ings ${ }^{3}$ | Prices of Common Stocks | Shares Traded | Weokly $\text { Index } 4$ |
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| June 11, 1938 | 68.5 | 80.3 | 161.8 | 91.4 | 95.9 | 60.3 | 107.1 |
| June 3, 1939 | 74.2 | 73. 5 | 164.7 | 93.9 | 99.6 | 77.6 | 108. 4 |
| June 10, 1939 | 69.7 | 73.3 | 165.8 | 91.6 | 99.0 | 73.3 | 107.3 |

1. The index of car loadings is projected forward one week to correspond with the practice in computing the weekly index. 2. Present value of a fixed net income in perpetuity from Dominion long-term bonds. 3. Bank clearings were smoothed by taking a three weeks moving average for the purpose of eliminating irregular fluctuations. Totals for Ottawa were eliminated for all weeks shown, owing to incomparability introduced by the operations of the Bank of Canada. 4. The weighting of the six major factors is determined from the standard deviation from the long-term trend of each, based on data for the period from January 1919 to August, 1936. The weighting therefore ropresents, not an attempt to give
the relative importanoe of the factors, but to place them on an equal footing by equating the tendency toward fluctuation. The long-term trend dotermined from half-yearly data in the post-war period was eliminated from the composite and the resulting index expressed ns a percentage of the average during 1926.

## Production of Leading Hincrals

Production of Canada's leading mineral products during the first three months of 1939 was as follows, with figures for tho oorrosponding period last year in brackets: asbestos, $62,684(51,303)$ tons; cement, 442,917 (509,008) barrels; olay produots, Q473,948 ( 4491,048 ); ooa1, 3,661,415 (4,091,139) tons; oopper, 141,530,889 (147,379,373) pounds; foldspar, 2,317 (2,864) tons; gold, 1,216,508 (1,077,947) fine ounoes; gypsum, $36,781(18,579)$ tons; lead, $90,785,647(99,485,347)$ pounds; lime, 107,201 (103,812) tons; natural gas, $11,955,303,000(11,211,974,000)$ cubic foat; niokel, $50,007,919(53,577,601)$; pounds; petroleum, 1,272,243 (1,351,369) barrels; commercial salt, 35,399 ( 37,430 ) tons; silver, $4,434,942(4,700,115)$ fine ounces; zinc, $82,733,072(97,406,233)$ tons.

## Copper Production in April

Copper production in Canada during spril amounted to $49,759,762$ pounds oompared with 52,055,065 in the preoeding month and 47,750,255 in April, 1938. During the first four months of 1939, Canada produced 191,290,651 pounds as against 195,129,628 in the oorresponding period last year.

## World Production of Copper

The Copper Institute ostimated the world output of refined oopper at 166,308 tons in dpril or 3.6 per cent below the previous month's total. The Unitod States production doclined 8,350 tons to 58,368; doliveries during tho month amounted to 46,667 tons with the result that stooks inoreasod 11,701 tons to 332,513 . In oountries other than tho United Statos there was an incroase in output of 2,160 tons to 107,940; delivories in April totalled 107,011 tons and stocks at the ond of the month were 929 higher at 190, 209 tons.

## Nickel Output in April

The Canadian output of niofel rose to $18,443,625$ pounds in April from the Maroh total of 17,901,536. In April, 1938, Canada producod 20,469,463 pounds. Output during the first four months of the current year totalled $68,451,544$ pounds as against 74,047,064 a year ago.

## Feldspar Production in Maroh

Shipments of foldspar by Canadian producers in Maroh declined to 650 tons from the preoeding month's total of 905 and the Maroh, 1938, total of 818. During the first three months of the current year 2,317 tons were shipped oomparod with 2,864 tons in the corresponding period of 1938.

Exports of foldspar from Canada in Maroh amounted to 295 tons; in February 455 tons were exportod. Ground feldspar importations in Maroh wore reoordod at 45 tons worth $\$ 762$, in the previous month 92 tons at $\$ 1,544$ wore imported. Crude feldspar receipts amounted to 55 tons at $\$ 274$.

## Salt Production in March

Canadian produoors sold 13,882 tons of commeroial salt in Maroh, in February 10,982, and in Maroh, 1938, 13,650. During the first threo months of 1939, sales totalled 35,399 tons or 5.4 per ocnt below the tonnage sold a yoar ago.

A decline of 7.9 por cent wes shown in the exports in March, the month's total being 763 tons oompared with 828 in February. Imports during the month totalled 4,144 tons compared with 5,057 in Fobruary.

## Gypsum Production in March

Cypsum production in March rose to 12,987 tons from the February outwat of 5,331 and the March, 1938 total of 6,903 . During the first ouarter of 1939 , Canada produced 36, 981 tons compared with 18, 579 tons a year ago.

Exports of crude gypsum in March amounted to 6,000 tons; none was exported in February. Plaster of Paris exports were recorded at 194 tons as against 126 tons in February. The March, 1938 exports totalled 126 tons.

Imports of ground gypsum reached a total of 91 tons valued at $\$ 2,577$, in February 50 tons at $\$ 683$. Importations of plaster of Paris advanced to 133 tons worth $\$ 2,451$ from the February total of 47 tons at 1,055 . Imports in March, 1938, totalled 77 tons at 1,698 .

## Coment Production in March

Portland dement shipments by Canadian producers in March were recorded at 208,779 barrels, in February 118,605 and in March, 1938, 233,299. During the first quarter of 1939 shipments aggregated 442,917 barrels compared with 509,008 a year ago and 410,126 in the corresponding months of 1937.

Exports of cement amounted to 165 harrels in March and 48 in February. Exportations during the first three months of the current year totalleत 3,190 barrels as acainst 9.190 in 1938.

Canada imported 932 barrels of cemnnt worth *3, 978 in March; of this amount the United States supnlied 597 barrels at " 2,770 , Freat Britain 219 at " 1,048 and Belgium 136 at 160. In February, 353 barrels appraisen at "681 were imported.

## Clay Products in March

The value of the sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clay) during March was recorded at "190,296 compared with the February total of $\$ 125,624$ and the March, 1938 total of $\$ 198,082$. Sales during the first three months of 1939 were valued at *473,948; in the corresponding period of 1938, sales were worth \$491,048.

Exports of clay and clay products in March were appraised at 326,883 ; the February export valuation was higher at $\$ 36,284$. There was an increase of 40.8 per cent in the imports of clay and its products during March; the month's receipts were worth $\$ 651,798$ compared with $\$ 462,958$ in the preceding month. The March importations were obtained from the following sources: Great Britain 48.9 per cent, the United States 45.2 per cent, Japan 4.0 per cent.

## Ime Production in March

During March, Canadien producers shipped 37,937 tons of lime compared with 33, 455 in the preeeding month and 38,755 in March, 1938. Shipments during the first quarter of the ourrent year totalled 107,201 tons or 3.3 per oent above the tonnage shipped a year ago.

Canada exported 652 tons of buildine lime and 533 tons of other lime in March; in the previous month, 265 of the former and l,010 of the latter. The export, in March, 1938 was 1,301 tons. An increase of 12.1 per cent was shown in the imports of lime in March compared with February: the totals were 628 tons and 560 tons, respectively. These importations were obtained from the United States. Imports in March, 1938 totalled 648 tons.

## Stocks of Canned Fruits

Stocks of carned fruits held by canners, wholesalers and chain store warehouses on April 1 were less than a year ago -- 1,255,753 cases compared with 1,352,054. Only cherries, fruit cocktail, loganberries, plums and rhubarb showed increases.

## Stocks of Canned Vegetables

Stocks of canned vegetables on April 1 were greater than a year ago -- 5,424,441 cases comparet with 4,294,711. Only asparagus, baked beans and carrots showed decreases.

Canadian whoat in store for the wook onding Juno 9 totallod 113,116,782 bushols compared with $115,863,252$ in the provious month and $29,174,692$ in tho corrosponding wock last yoar. Tho amount of Canadien what in the Unitod Statos was $3,700,000$ bushols comparod with 2,877,000 tho wock beforo and 892,000 a yoar ago. Theat in rail transit amountod to 3,788,003 bushols comperod with 1,067,095 last yoar, whilo that in transit on the lakos totaliod $5,695,226$ bushels oomparod with $1,815,954$.

## Primary Movement of Thoat

Thoat rocoipts in tho Prairio Provincos for tho wook onding Juno 9 amounted to 1,286,107 bushols comparod with $1,274,992$ in tho provious wook and 743,591 in tho oorresponding wock last ycar. Tho totals follow by provincos, with figuros for 1938 in brackots: Lianitoba, $116,339(122,516)$ bushols; Saskatohowan, 634,261 (220,620); iilberta, 535,507 (400; 455 ),

Markctings in tho throc provinocs during tho forty-fivo wooks onding Junc 9 totallod $279,127,359$ bushels in comparison with $119,951,687$ in tho samc poriod of tho previous orop ycar. The amounts follow by provinoos: Manitoba, 43,031,296 (37,271,333) bushols; Saskatchowan, 112,136,556 (25,759,807); Alborta, 123,959,508 (56,920,547).

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overscas oxport clearanoos of wheat during tho weok ending Juno 9 amountod to $2,389,484$ bushols as against $1,040,035$ in the corresponding wook last ycar, whilo imports into tho Unitcd Statos for consumption and milling in bond for re-cxport totallod 197,000 bushels as oompared with 10,000 . Tho olcarancos wore as follows, by ports, with figuros for 1938 in brackots: Sorui, 349,646 (nil); Montroal, 657,241 (903, 842); VanoouvarNow Wostminstcr, 392,647 (nil); Thrce Rivers, 232,600 (18,297); Unitod Statos Ports, 150,000 (7,390); Victoria, 56:000 (nil); Fort William and Port Arthur, 51,350 (nil); Qucbec, nil $(110,506)$.

Ovcrscas oxport clcaranous during the poriod Lugust 1 - Junc 9 aggrogatod $111,737,501$ bushcls in comparison with $67,162,920$ in tho corrosponding pcriod of the previous crop ycar, whilc Unitod States imports totalled 8,548,127 bushols against 2,113,387. Cloarances follow by ports: Montrcal, 37,294,603 (29,359,719) bushols; Vancouver-Now Wostminstcr, 34, 965,582 (9,496,992); Sorol, 14, 963,798 (3,255, 289); United Statos Ports, 11,340,518 (13,278,705); Throo Rivors, 7,713,305 (922,298); Saint Jchn, 3,140, 220 ( $8,712,711$ ); Victoria, 1,093,350 (nil); Churchill, 916,913 (603,982); Fort William and Port Arthur, 277,332 (114,375); Halifax, 31, 080 (159,968); Prinoc Rupcrt, nil ( $762,79 f_{x}$ ); Qucboc, nil $(496,087)$.

Grain Situation in Argentina
Aocording to figures forwarded by the oorrospondent of tho Dominion Buroau of Statistios in Buonos Airos, undor datc of Junc 3, tho third ostimato of tho oxpoctod yicid of whoat has bocn rovisod upward to $336,199,000$ bushols from the scoond ostimatc of $319,665,000$ bushci.s, muing it tho sccond largost crop in tho history of the Ropublio. The linscod crop, on tho othor hand, is to bo smallor by a substantial amount, the third estimatc standing at $55,509,000$ bushols compared with a scoond ostimatc of 61,021,000. Tho cstimate of the onts orop stands at $47,335,000$ bushels compared with $46,686,000$, barlcy $20,209,000$ bushols and ryc $10,826,000$ bushels, the lattor two boing unohangod from the socond ostimato.

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Proscnt indinsiinns are that the plantcd aoroage of all types of toba000 in 1939 will bo somewhat higher than the 1038 aroa which was ostimatod at 83,745 acras. The acroage allotted to producer members of tho Burlcy Mirkoting Association of Ontario in 1939 is 12, 144 as oompar with 10,500 in 1938, an incroaso of 10 per ocnt. hs the full allotment is nover plented, a plantod acroacc of slightly moro than 11,000 may bo assumod for 1939 as comparod with only 9,215 nores planted in 1938 .

## Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by Canadian producers were ralued at 844,172 during the first quarter of 1939 as compared with sales of 3944,224 during the first three months of 1938.

This quarter's output included 147, 512 batteries at 618,347 for internal combistion engine starting ant ignition, 501 batteries at ${ }^{*} 1,508$ for motor oycle starting, 2,751 colls at ${ }^{* 16,101}$ for farm lizhting plants and 842 cells at ${ }^{15} 15,056$ for rallway car lighting and signal service.

Imports of electric batteries of s.ll kinds were appraised at *67,733 and exports at *66,150 during the first ouarter of this vear compared with imports at 4. 57, 449 and exports at ${ }^{79} 7949$ during January, February and March of 1938.

## Department Store Sales in May

The dollar value of department store sales in Canada during May was six per cent higher than in May last year, while an increase of five per cent was reoorded over April, 1939. Sales ruring the first five months of 1939 averaged two per cent lower than in the same perlod last year.

After making adjustments for changes in the number of business days and for normal seasonal variations, the index for May stood at 75.5 , three per cent above the 73.5 recorded for May, 1938, and lmost identical with the April 1939 index of 75.6 .

## Family Living Expenditures in Canada

A recent survey of urban wage-earner family living costs made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistios shows that many factors affect expenditures for living needs. The amount of family income is generally considered the dominant influence, but income in turn is related to the age of the principal breadwinner, and the numbers and ages of children also affect the oharacter of family living expenditures. Despite this, there appoarec to be no general tendency in urban wage-earner families of British origin for the number of children to increase in the higher family income groups, although in French families the average number of children was larger at higher income levels. In both racial origin groups, amounts spent par person doclined as the number of children in the family increased. Average expenditure per person Aropren from A 516 in British families with one ohild to "212 in households with five chfldren. Corresponding averages for French famllies were *397 and ${ }^{3} 219$. All budget groups onntributed to this decline, with food outlay per person falling from 127 to \$74 for British families and from *109 to * 75 for French families with one and five or more children respectively.

A different picture was obtgined when expenditure records were classified according to the age of the father to examine relations between expenditures and the lengthening life of the family. The number of children per family tended to increase until the father's a 2 ewas somewhere between 45 and 54 , and amounts spent per person on food and clothing inoreased slightly as the age of the father moved upward into that range. This was associated with a more rapid rise in income than in numbers of children at progressive age levels of the father. Among the British families in the survey, income rose from an average of 1,319 in cases where the father's age was between 25 and 34 to $\$ 1,541$ where ages ranged from 45 to 54 years. In the next ten-year age period, average family income dropped back to \$1,451, and average numbers of children per family decreased from 2. 5 to 2.3. Total expenditures per person declined slightly from $\$ 378$ in families where fathers' ages were between 25 and 34 to $\$ 35$ for families with fathers between 55 and 64 years of age.

Analyses of records for living expenditure tendencies related to numbers of children and the length of time the family had been formed, did not reveal the existence of a "typical" family. Families with one child under is yoars, or with two chilaren from four to 12 years apparently possess some claim to this title, but contrary to popular opinion, families with three children form a definite minority. The tendency already noted, for income to increase as the family life span lengthened, was apparent in family groups with the same number of children. The earnings of older children were partly responsible for this increase. For families with the same number of children, expenditures on foon and clothing mounted as the family life span extended but not by the full amount of the income increase. Housing and household furnishing expenditures actually declined as the number of children increased. Most other hudgetary outlays sho very littile relation either to rising income or the lengthening family life span. Apparently a wife diversity in consumer tastes exists, which is scattered fairly evenly among "non-necessity" expenditures such as recreation, transportation and savings.

## Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour

Sharp advanocs were rocorded in tho volumo of Canada's May oxports of wheat and wheat flour, dut duc to the drop in prices the vilucs falled to incrcasc correspondingly. Thoat exports totallcd $13,655,266$ bushcls valucd at $\hat{3} 8,662,068$ compared with $3,370,545$ at $\$ 3,713,697$ in May, 1938; export shipmonts of whoat flour totalled 515,778 barrels valuod at $\widehat{\psi} 1,522,791$ comparcd with 297,126 at $31,623,45 \mathrm{~s}$.

During the five months endod May, the volume of tho whoat cxports was almost doublo that of the corresponding pcriod last ycar, but with tho fall in prioos the total valuo was slightly lowcr. The volumo of whot flour exports was ilso advanood but tho valuo was lowor. The wheat cxports during the five months totallod $36,676,451$ bushols valuod at $\$ 22,473,508$ comparcd with $18,508,487$ at $\$ 22,830,552$; wheat flour oxports agercgatod $1,822,109$ barrols worth $\$ 5,517,431$ compared with $1,351,828$ at $87,702,887$.

Tho avorage export price of wheat in May was 63 ocnts per bushol omparcd with $\$ 1.10$


## Export of Coarsc Grains

May cxports of coarso grains worc considcrably in advanoo of thoso in the corresponding month last ycar, barloy totalling $1,206,460$ bushols valucd at $\$ 546,736$ oompared with 700,317 at $\$ 449,758$, oats 892,274 bushcls at $\$ 296,836$ comparod with 426,605 at $\widehat{207,796}$ and ryo 86,572 bushols at $\$ 38,683$ comparod with 8,571 at $\$ 5,657$ in May, 1938 .

Imports of hlumina
April imports of alumina, inoludine bauxitc totallod 53,196 owt of tha valuc of \%32,742 oomparcd with 78,988 at $\$ 46,508$ in March and 96,555 at $\$ 133,811$ in 4 pril, 1938. The Unitod Statcs supplicd the bulk in the latost month.

Imports of Silver Bullion
Imports of silver bullion in April totallcd in valuc $\$ 105,5 f_{s}$ in oomparis on with § 111,562 in March and $\$ 95,516$ in Lpril, 1938. The amount from the Unitcd Kingdom was valuod at $\$ 63,052$ and from tho Unitod Statos $\$ 42,492$.

## Summary of Canal Traffic

Total traffic through the Sault Stc. Maric Camals, Canadian and Unitcd States looks. in May inorcascd to 5,798,994 tons from 3,365,290 tons a yoar ago. Iron oro shipments morc than troblod, totalling 3,644,754 tons against 1,127,238, and wheat morc than doublod at $32,494,256$ bushols comparod with $13,050,290$. Tho only largo dcorcaso was in westbound bituminous cool whioh fcil to 173,615 tons from 978,351 .

Total froight using the Welland Ship Canal dropped to $1,323,987$ tons from 1,740,005 tons in May, 1938. Corn shipments docrcascd to 18,590 tons from 601, 646, ryc to 784 tons from 19,748, pulpwood to 15,780 from 32,658, soft ocal to 157,502 tons from 340,559 . Wheat shipmonts increasod to 502,153 tons from $22 r_{s}, 398$, papor to $35,28 r_{s}$ tons from 20,605 . and iron oro to 53,369 tons from 24,017 .

Light shipmonts of barloy, corn, oats, ryc, potrolcum, pulpwood, coal and ore more than offsct inorcascs in wheat, flour, paper and wood pulp, and with minor ohanges in other oommoditics, total freight using the St. Lawronoc Canols in May dcolinod to 1,189,263 tons from 1,512,230 in May last yoar.

## Production of Leathor Foctwoar

Conadian production of leather footwear in April totallod 1,774,578 pairs in oomparison with 2,212,276 in the provious month and 1,959,885 in April, 1938. Tho quantity produocd during the four months onded ipril was $7,360,581$ pairs oompared with $7,308,310$ in tho corrcsponding months of 1938 .

Production of Radio Rccciving Sots
Production of radio rcociving scts in canoda during the first quarter of 1939 totallod 33,611 scts with an agercgato factory solling valuc of $\$ 806,076$ omparod with 72,710 scts worth $\widehat{\aleph} 2,786,907$ in the previous querter and 15,648 scts velucd at $\hat{\forall} 524,972$ in the corresponding theco months of 1938.

## Traffic on Reilways

Revonuc froight londod at Conadian stations and roocivod from forcign oonncotions by Canadian railway durine March amountod to $5,855,025$ tons comparod with $5,121,860$ in the previous month and 5,922,805 in Mnroh, 1938.

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