

## Weekly Review of Economic Conditions

The average of six factors showing the trend of oconomic conditions rose moderately in the week of September i6th to the hichest point for more than a year. Advances were recorted in wholesale prices, bank clearings and speculative trading. Appreciable declines, however, were shown in car loadings, high-grade bond and common stock prices. Gains were shown in each of the six factors except bond prices over the same week of 1938 and the average was consequently at a slightly higher position.

Owing in part to the rocession of the grain movement in the Western division, the railway freight traffic reacted from the hign level of the preceding week. The index dropped from 99.6 to 94.8 in the 36 th woek of the year. The traffic movement in the elapsed portion of the present year was $1,618,000$ cars, a gain of nearly 10,000 cars over the same period of last year.

The advance of the preseding week in wholesale prices was continued in the period under review, the general wholesale index rising from 75.9 to 77.4 . Each of the main groups except iron and its products participated in the advance. The index of 18 sensitive commodities rose from 60.6 to 66. 1. The price of No. I Northern wheat receded from $777 / 8$ in the week of September $9 t h$ to $7-\frac{1}{2}$ in the week of September 16th. Oats showed a slight recession while other coarse grains were at a higher position. Further advances were shown in livestock prices on the Toronto stockyard. In New York electrolytic copper remained steady at 12 cents on September $19+$ h while a decline was shown in the price of tin and quotations for lead and zinc were fully maintained.

High-grade bond prices averafed lower in the week of September l4th, the average yiold advancing from 3.61 to 3.80 , Recently a rally has occurred, the price of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ 's of 1947-57 having risen from 102 on September l2th to $102 \frac{9}{1}$ on the $19 t h$. The price index of 95 common stocks receded from 102.3 to 99.9 in the second week of September. Six of the nine industrial groups showed advances, the exceptions being industrial mining, food and beverage stocks. The inder of 15 power and traction stocks remained steady at 53.5 . The adiusted index of bank clearings was 125.2 against 117.7 in the preceding week, and a marked gain was shown in speculative trading.

The weekly index was 110.3 in the week of September l6th against 109.7 in the first week of the month, a gain of 0.5 per cent. The standing one year ago was 109, 3, a gain of 0.9 per oent having beon indicated.

Weekly Index with the Six Components
$1926=100$

| Week Ended |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Thole- } \\ & \text { sale } \\ & \text { Pricos } \end{aligned}$ | Capitalized Bond Yiolus ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bank } \\ & \text { clear- } \\ & \text { ings } \end{aligned}$ | Prices of Common Stocks | Shares <br> Traded | Weekly <br> Inder 4 |
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| Sept. 17, 1938 | 81.1 | 74.5 | 156.3 | 10\%.9 | 98.0 | 85. 5 | 109.3 |
| Sept. 9, 1939 | 99.6 | 75.9 | 134.6 | 117.7 | 102.3 | -90. 2 | 109.7 |
| Sept. 16. 1939 | 94.8 | 77.4 | 127.9 | 125.2 | 99.9 | 507.5 | 110.3 |

1. The index of carloatifis is projected forvard one week to correspond witn the practioe in computing the weekly index. S. Present value of a fixed net income in perpetuity from Dominion long-term bonds. 3. Bank clearingi were smoothed by taking a three weoks moving average for the purpose of eliminating irregular fluctuations. Totals for Ottawa were eliminated for all weeks shom, 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-ter:n trend of each, based on data for the period from Jenuary 1919 to August, 1936. Tho weighting therefore represents, not an attempt to give the relative importance of the factors, but to place them on an equal footing by equating the tendency toward fluctuation. The long-term trend datermined from halfyearly data in the post-war pesiod was eliminated from the composite and the resulting index axprossed as a percontage of the average during 1926.

Conada's imports in July amountod to $\$ 58,580,050$ comparad with $\$ 55,822,529$ in July, 1938, an incroasc of $\$ 2,757,521$. Considorably moro than helf of tho total imports camo from the United States.

Imports from British Empiro aggregatod $\$ 17,149,812$ oomparod with $\$ 16,515,667$ and from other countrics $\$ 41,430,238$ comparod with $33,306,862$, an increaso of $\widehat{\$ 2,123,376 .}$ Imports from the Unitod Kingdom wero $\$ 10,966,825$ comparad with $\hat{\$} 9,746,678$, an inoroaso of $\$ 634,145$, and from tho Unitod Statos $\$ 35,809,643$ comparod with $834,051,476$, an incroaso of $1,758,167$.

Imports from only two othor countrios oxcoodod tho million dollar mark, thosc from tho Straits Sottloments amounting to $31,329,444$ and from Gormany $1,139,373$. The formor was an inoroaso of $\$ 417,007$ and the lattor an incraso of $\$ 227,557$. Imports from Australin doclinod to $\$ 591,980$ from $\$ 1,072,094$.

The following wero tho imports from other loading British Empirc countrics, with tho 1938 figuros in brackots: British South firica, 154,385 ( $\$ 32,081$ ); British India,


Imports from othcr loading foroign countrios: Belgium, \$566,614 (\$441,290);
 Nothorlands, 363,371 ( $\$ 211,728$ ); Spain, $\$ 51,823(\$ 38,577)$; Swodon, $\$ 158,949(\$ 176,416)$.

Lcading commoditics woro as follows, with figures for July last yoar in braokots: crudo potroloum, $\$ 4,134,000(35,064,000)$; machinory, $33,783,000(\$ 2,984,000) ; 0001$, $\$ 3,240,000\left(\$ 3,05 \ell_{s}, 000\right)$; ootton, $\$ 2,537,000(\$ 2,436,000)$; wool, $\$ 2,131,000(\$ 2,007,000)$; fruits, $\widehat{\beta} 2,031,000(\$ 2,457,000)$; farm implements, $\$ 1,985,000(\$ 2,027,000)$; sugar, $\$ 1,837,000(\$ 2,190,000)$; plates and shocts, $\$ 1,730,000(\$ 1,500,000)$; rubber, $1,404,000$ $(\$ 982,000)$; clootric apparatus, $31,154,000(1,154,000)$; books and printod mattor, §1, 114,000 ( $1,193,000)$; automobilo parts, $965,000(\$ 1,013,000)$; aluminium, 8912,000 ( $\$ 493,000$ ); vagctablc oils, $\$ 824,000(\$ 665,000)$; moats, $\$ 683,000(\$ 203,000) ;$ silk, $\$ 675,000(\$ 580,000)$; articlos for oxhibition purposos, $\$ 664,000(\$ 148,000)$; clay and products, 657,000 ( $\$ 677,000$ ) ; papor, 629,000 ( $\$ 597,000$ ); automobilos, $\$ 590,000(\$ 702,000)$ : ongines and boilces, $\$ 515,000(\$ 531,000)$.

## Imports during Soven Iliunths

Canada's imports during the sevon months andod July ageragatod 379,659,000 oompared with $\$ 392,515,000$ in the corrasponding poriod last year, a dooline of 3.3 per oant. Tho amount from Empiro countrics was $\$ 103,648,000$ compared with $\$ 107,298,000$, a drop of 3.4 por ocnt, and from othor countrios $\$ 276,011,000$ comparod with $\$ 285,217,000$, a doclino of 3.2 por oont.

Imports from the Unitod States totalled $\$ 240,878,000$ compared with $\$ 249,434,000$, from tho Unitod Kingdom $\$ 66,172,000$ compared with $\$ 69,257,000$, British Fost Indios $\$ 8,012,000$ comparcd with $\$ 7,844,000$, straits Settloments $\$ 6,587,000$ against $\langle 5,723,000$, Gormany $\widehat{\beta, 181,000}$ against $\$ 5,034,000$, British India and Burma $\$ 5,485,000$ oompnrod with $\$ 4,946,000$ and sustralia $\$ 4,800,000$ comparod with $\$ 4,584,000$.

Other leading sourcos of supply wcre as follows, with figures for 1938 in brackotss Colombia, $\$ 3,345,000(\$ 3,050,000)$; Bolgium, $3,598,000(33,210,000)$; Franoo, $33,301,000$ $(\$ 3,065,000)$; British Guiana, $\$ 2,725,000(\$ 3,347,000)$; Japan, $\$ 2,432,000(\$ 2,723,000)$; Nethorlands, $\$ 2,161,000(\$ 1,735,000)$; Argontina, $1,819,000(\$ 1,157,000)$; Chima, $1,572,000$ ( East ifrioa, $\$ 1,191,000(\$ 1,323,000)$; Coylon, $1,477,000(\$ 2,080,000)$; Italy, $\$ 1,219,000$ ( $31,361,000$ ) ; and Swoden, $1,167,000(31,350,000)$.

Imports of Farm Imploments and Machinory
Canada's July imports of farm implomonts and machinory totallod QI,934,602 as oomparod with $\$ 1,300,119$ in Junc and $32,027,293$ in July, 1938. The valuc of tho import from the Unitod Statos was $1,913,319$ and includod intornal combustion traction enginos and parts to tho valuo of $\$ 979,653$, harvostors and parts, $\$ 225,863$; harvostors and bindors in combination with throshine machinc soparators, 405,433 ; ploughs and parts, $\widehat{3} 27,776$. Tctal imports of farm implements and machincry during tho scvon months cndod July wero valucd at \$11,527,190 compared with $13,690,704$ in tho corrosponding poriod last yoar.

Canadian imports of meats in July ware valued at $\$ 683,250$ oomparod with $\widehat{\$ 78,882}$ in Junc and 202,930 in July last ycar. Tho outstanding itom was cannod bcof from South America, the amount from Argentina boine $\$ 79,357$ and Uruguay $\$ 36,833$. A quantity rcocivod from hustralia amountcd to ${ }^{2} 17,241$. Shipments of mutton and lamb from Now Zcnland amountod to $29, \Varangle 90$ pounds at 1,367 and from iustraiaa 17,133 pounds at $\hat{\forall} 533$.

## Imports of Living inimals

Imports of living animals in July wcro valuod at $\$ 63,342$ oompared with $\$ 156,148$ in Junc and $\widehat{3} 135,674$ in July last yoar. Most of thesc camc from the Unitod Statcs at § 59,717 , Grcat Britain coming noxt at $\hat{\$} 2,711$. Howovor, the animals from the United Statos for exhibition purposos wcro valucd at $\$ 40,220$.

## Cofrec and Toa Imports

Imports of grocn coffec in July amountcd to 2,729,000 pounds as against 5,248,000 in Junc and 3,390,000 a yoar ago. The largest quantity oame from British East ifrica at 757,000 pounds, followod by Brazil with 702,000 and Jamaioa 607,000.

The quantity of tea importod was 1,437,000 pounds comparod with 1,808,000 in Junc and 2,298,000 a ycar ago.

Imports of ooffcc in the first sovon months of 1939 amountod to $29,\{65,000$ pounds as against $27,737,000$ in tho samo poriod of 1938 , whilc tho imports of toa amounted to $23,923,000$ pounss comparod with $21,071,000$.

Imports of Raw Ruobor
Canada's imports of raw rubbor woro highor in July, amounting to $7,030,022$ pounds, of which the Straits Sottlomonts accounted for 6,601,910 pounds, tho Unitod Statos 340,632, and the Unitcd Kingdom 145,480. In Junc the imports totalled 5,427,972 pounds and in July, 1938, 6,015,119. Imports during the soven months ondod July aggroctatod 37,713,397 pounds as against 31,360,627 a ycar ago.

## Imports of Lumber

July imports of lumber, coming almost cntircly from tho Unitod States, amountod to 5,636,000 fect as comparcd with $5,832,000$ in Junc and 7,729,000 in July, 1938. The total during the scven months anded July was 37,430,000 foot compared with $50,357,000$ in tho samo period last year.

Tho July imports includod the following leading spooios, with figures for 1930 in brackots: ccdar, 160,000 (297,000) foot; Douglas fir, 202,000 (331,000); gumwood, 318.000 $(589,000)$; oak, $1,043,000(1,632,050)$; pinc, $2,199,000(2,593,000)$; poplar, 125,000 (108,000); walnut, 223,000 (171,000).

## Exports of hsbostos

Exports of Canadian asbostos in July totallod 14,450 tons valucd at $\mathbf{\$ 9 5 0 , 1 9 4}$ comparcd with 23,344 tons at $1,724,279$ in Junc and 14,170 at 927,257 in July, 1933. The Unitcd Statos was the chicf purohasor with a, total of 4,971 tons, followod by the Unitod Kingdom with 2,265, Bolgium 1,696, Grmnny l, 339 and Japan, 1,346. Exports during the sovon months condod July amountcd to 85,443 tons valuod at $35,534,056$ comparod with 91,321 at $05,593,830$ in the same period last ycar.

July exports of asbostos snnd and wasto amountod to 12,997 tons appraiscd at $\$ 239,979$ oompared with 13,246 at 242,860 in Junc and 10,629 at $\$ 193,913$ in July last yoar. The Unitcd Statos took the bulk. The total for tho soven months ondod July was 75,024 tons valucd at $11,377,820$ compred with $60,05 \%$ at $31,074,737$ in the samo poriod of 1938 .

Canada's July imports of crudc petrolcum amounted to $139,442,000$ gallons, of which 109,582,000 camo from the Unitod Statcs, 16,023, v00 from Colombia, 11,382,000 from Venezucla, and 2, 455,000 from Trinidad and Tobago. Juno imports totalled 155, 323,000 gallons and in July last ycar, 142,330,000. Advanoo was shown in tho amount importod durine the scvon months cndod July, tho total boing $636,148,000$ as comparod with $613,131,000$ in tho same poriod last yoar.

## Imports of Footwear

Canada importcd footwoar, excopt rubbor, in July to the valuo of $\$ 157,424$, chiofly from tho Unitod Statcs and tho Unitod Kingdom. In tho provious month tho valuo was $\$ 106,300$ and in July last yonr $\$ 127,272$. The total during tho sovon months cndod July was $11,509,767$ oompared with $1,163,514$ in tho samo period last yoar.

Imports of iluming
Canada's imports of aluminn, including bauxita, woro hoavicr in july, amounting to $1,577,687$ cwt. vnlucd at $\langle 459,202$ comparod with $1,179,193$ at 3336,467 in Junc and $1,304,794$ nt 323,270 in July, 1933. British Guiana contributod the bulk, the amount from that country bcing $1,493,530 \mathrm{cwt}$., followed by tho Unitod States at 34,011 .

## Domostic Exports to tho Unitod States in iugust

if largo inorcasc was rcoordcd in the valuo of Conada's domestio oxports to the Unitod Statcs in ingust, the total boing $\$ 61,204,142$ as comparod with $39,601,095$ in sugust, 1938. The oight-month total was also markcdly highor, standing at $8306,{ }_{1} 64,545$ as against $\$ 183,064,038$ in the corresponding cight months of 1938.

Some of the principal comoditios cxportod to tho Unitod Statos in August undor tho trodo agrooment woro ns follows, with 1938 figuros in brackots: nowsprint papor, $37,907,165(3,133,637)$; wood pulp, $\$ 2,003,120(\$ 2,384,805)$; finc niokol, $31,655,733$ ( 9996,973 ); softwood planks and boards and squaro timbor, $01,299,933(01,032,909)$; cottlo, \$1,279,933 ( 433,386 ); pulpwood, $31,218,446(31,823,740)$; shinglos, $\$ 823,178$ $(757,194) ;$ asbestos and asbostos sand and wastc, $\hat{6} 629,250(3417,532)$; whiskcy, 6504,823 ( $\$ 492,766$ ); artificial crudc abrasivos, 290,857 ( $\widehat{\psi} 152,991$ ); bran, shorts and middings, $3308,484(\$ 1,016)$; frosh lobsters, $188,614(\$ 148,735) ; 1058, \$ 100,351(\$ 182,410)$; soda and oompounds, $106,006(\$ 175,635)$; ryc, $173,846(\mathrm{nil})$; malt, $160,679(\$ 107,352)$; undrosscd furs, $150,616(\$ 305,639)$; tolcgraph and tolophono polos, $\$ 120,079(\$ 163,777)$; oats, $\widehat{\$ 130,232(n i l) .}$

Whoat Stocks in Stor?
Canadian whont ins siure for the wook onding Septombor 15 agerogatod 221,952,832 bushols compared with 180,731,30? in the provious weck end 103,006,253 in the correspending wock lnst ycar. Tho cmount of Cameian whoat in tho United States was 8,276,000 bushols oompared with $7,330,000$ in the provious wook.

Irimnry Movement of Whoat
Wheat rocoipts in the Erairici rovinoos for tho wook onding Scptombor 15 amountcd to $38,418,578$ bushols com red with $42,538,346$ in the provious wook and $20,725,068$ in the corrosponding wock last ycar. Tho totals follow by provinocs, with figurcs for 1938 in braokets: Manitobn, 3,834,460 (2.322,437) bushels; Saskatohowan, 26,502,085 $(8,499,151)$; ilborta. $8,001,767(9,403,480)$.

Markotings in the throo provinces during tho sovon wocks endod Soptomber 15 acercgated 140: 077,131 bushols comporod with $99,502,773$ in the corrosponding pcriod of the provious ere yeur. The amounts follow by provincos: Manitoba, 37,417,521 ( $32,546,785$ ) bushols; Sas'atohowan, $75,490,168(40,334,432)$; ilbcrta, 27,761,442 $(26,571,556)$.

Although the total aoreage planted to the various types of commeroial tobacco in 1939, estimated at 89,567 acres, shows an increase of 6,422 aores or eight per oent over 1938, the total production of tobacco is expooted to be somewhat lowar than in 1938. \& preliminary estimate as at Soptomior 1 indicatos that tho commarcial production of all types will be approximately $94,644,000$ pounds as compared with the revisod estimato of $98,340,700$ pounds in 1938, a decrease of about four million pounds or four per aent.

## Iroduction of Sugar

In the first 32 weoks of tho present year rofinerios in Canada manufacturod 489,370,866 pounds of sugar, a gain of about four por cont over the output in tho same poriod of 1938. The rocont trond in sugar manufacturing indicatos a groator uso of domostic supplios, the production of cano suear having declinod, while that of bect sugar rogistorod a gain.

Tho amount of raw bugar in refinories throughout Canada on January 1, 1939, was $78,038,093$ pounds, whilc tho quantity rocoivod during tho poriod from January 1 to August 12 was $529,806,646$ pounds, making $607,844,739$ pounds for manufacturo. Moltines and sales of raw sugar account for $513,883,343$ pounds, leaving $93,961,396$ on hand in the rofinorios on August 12, 1939, compared with 125,500,539 at the ond of the four-wook period onding July 15, and 134,301,092 pounds on tho samo dato of last yoar.

In roforence to the deorease of $40,339,696$ pounds from tho oorrosponding dato of 1938 it may bo pointed out that on August 13, 1937, tho rofinorios had only $57,688,968$ pounds of raw sugar on hand. On tho corrosponding dato in 1938 tho stock was inoreasod to $134,301,098$ pounds, an inorcase of $76,612,130$ pounds. This was the socond largest stook in the last ton years, tho 1936 stock alone boing groator, at $145,316,447$ pounds. Thoso two yoars woro, theroforo, abnormal onos, 1936 boing tho year of tho largost production whilc 1938 was tho socond largost. The ton year avorago stock was $95,745,644$ pounds; thus, tho stook on hand of $93,961,396$ pounds on August 12,1939 , may bo said to bo normal.

The stooks of rofinod sugar (cano and boot) in the rofinorios on January l, last, totallod $255,074,475$ pounds. The amount since manufacturod into granulated sugar was $432,826,984$ pounds, and into yollow and brown $56,543,882$, totalling $489,370,866$ pounds for tho poriod from January 1 to August, 12, 1939, .- a grand total of $744,445,341$ pounds. Salos for domestic consumption and for oxport of granulatod for tho abovo poriod woro $539,855,225$ pounds, and of yollow and brown, 67,748,561, acoounting for $607,603,786$ pounds. Tho stook on hand, togothor with small amounts purohasca, was 1361917,395 pounds, comparod with $132,662,543$ in tho provious four-wcok pcriod, and with $140,237,571$ pounds on tho samo datc a yoar ago. Thus, rofincd sugar stooks show an incroaso of $4,254,852$ pounds ovor tho provious poriod and a dooroaso of $3,320,176$ pounds comparod with the samo date a yoar ago.

## Production of Concontratod Milk

Iroduation of concentratod milk in hugust was highor than it was a yoar ago, although rooordine declinc from the provious month. The total was 17,178,604 pounds comparod with 19,184,948 in July and 15,354,765 in August, 1938. Produation of all items during the oight months ondod iugust aggrogatod $112,118,796$ pounds comparod with $119,283,119$ in the oorrosponding period last yor.

Index Numbors of tholosalo Irices
Commodity valucs continucd to advanco during tho wook onding Soptomber 15 , tho indox of industrial matcrial pricos rising to 75.5 from 70.5 in the procoding weck. Duo to highor promiums on the Unitod Stetcs dollar therc was an advanoo in Mosabi iron oro, whioh raisod tho indox for the stoble group from 88.4 to 89.2 . Manufacturing matorials mountad from 58.6 to 64.0 , largoly duo to inoroasos in raw rubber, hidos, raw cotton, raw silk and homp, whilc food matcrials rose from 66.4 to 71.7 , ohiofly bocauso of advanocs in raw sucar, stoors and hogs.

## Dopartimont Store Soles

Salos in Candian departmont stores during hugust wore one por oont lowor than for the samo month last yoar, but rogistcred a gain of cight per ocnt ovor tho proooding month. Unadjusted indexes, on tho baso $1930 \pm 100$, stood at 61.7 for august, 57.2 for July and 62.4 for August, 1938. Salos during the first cight months of 1939 avaragod two per oont lowor than in the same poriod of last ycar.

## Canal Traffic in August

With what and iron oro moro than doublo last yoar's tonnage, total traffio passing through Canadian and United Statos locks of tho Sault Stc. Mario oanals inoroasod to 10,551,560 tons from 6,236,574 in fugust, 1938. Largo incroascs in wheat and soft coal raiscd tho Wolland Ship Canal traffic from 1,588,483 tons last yoar to 1,712,809 in hugust this ycar. Total traffic using the St. Lawrenco Canals inoroasod from 1,2lf,526 last year to $1,284,021$. The ohiof factors in raising the tonnago woro wheat and soft ooal.

## Roilway Froight Traffic

Revonuc frcight loadod at Canadian stations and rocoivod from foroign connoctions during June totallod 5,824,030 tons comparod with 7,039,069 in May and 5,524,194 in tho corrcsponding month lnst yoar. Tho ohiof commodity groups wore as follows, with figuros for 1938 in brackets: minc products, $2,374,118(2,381,755)$ tons; manufaoturos and miscollanoous, $1,669,407(1,598,999)$; agricultural, $925,798(715,935)$; forcst, 691,521 $(668,317)$; animal, $163,186(159,188)$.

## Half-Xcarly Minoral Iroduction

Canada's mincral production durine tho first six months of 1939 aggregatod \$217,728,702, an incroasa of 4.3 per cont over tho corrosponding period of 1938 whon the total reachod $\$ 208,779,921$.

Continucd expansion in tho gold mining industry was largoly responsiblo for tho incroaso. Sovcral of tho baso mctals and non-motallic minorals wcro produced in smallor volume than during tho first six months of 1938 and prioos for load and zinc woro slightly under thoso of last yoar; oopper prioos avoragod highor.

Mctals as a group wora valucd at $\$ 164,959,577$ comparod with $\$ 157,124,76 \%$ during tho first half of 1938, an increaso of five per cont; fuals, including coal, natural gas and orudo potroloum totallod $\$ 32,663,723$ as against $\$ 31,985,676$, an increaso of two por oont; non-motallio minorals rosc 6.7 por oont to $\$ 9,525,977$ from $\$ 3,925,393$, and tho structural matorials group decreasod 1.5 por cont to $\$ 10,579,425$ from $\$ 10,744,088$.

Canada's Iopulation in 1938
The population of Canada on Junc 30, 1938, is ostimatod by tho Dominion Burcau of Statistios at 11,195,000, an incraso of 89,000 ovor 1937. There was an inorcasod population in ofcry provinoc of tho Dominion.

Livo births numbcrod 229,183 as against 220,235. Births inoroascd in Nova Sootia, Ncw Brunswick, Qucboc, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, with doolincs in Prinoo Edward Island, Saskatohewan and Alberta.

There were more marriages performed during 1938 than in 1937, tho numbor being 88,398 compared with 87,800. Increasos warc shown in Irince Edward Island, Qucbeo, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchowan and Albcrta and doolinos in Nova Sootia, New Brunswiok and British Columbia.

## RiÉid Insulating Bonrd

Domastic shipments of rigid insulating board in dugust amountod to $4,020,988$ squaro fcot oompared with $4,862,322$ in July and $4,329,012$ in hugust, 1938. Shipmonts during tho cight months cndod August totallod $31,199,699$ square foct comparod with $31,927,416$ in tho corrcsponding period last yoar.

## Canade Yoar Book

Tho publication of tho 1939 odition of tho Canada Yaar Book, publishod by authorization of the Hon. W. D. Eulor, Minister of Irado and Commuroc, is announcod by tho Dominion Buroau of Statistios. Tho Canada Yoar Book is tho offlofal statistioal annual of tho country and contains a thoroughly up-to-datc aooount of tho natural rosources of tho
Donision and theis devclopmont, tho history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the diffcrent branchos of production, trado, transportation, finanoc, oducation, ctc. -- in briof, a comprohonsivo study within tho limits of a singlo volumo of tho social and coonomic condition of tho Dominion. This ncw odition has boon thoroughly rovisod throughout and includes in all its chaptcrs tho latost information availablc up to tho dato of going to pross.

The 1939 Canada Ycar Book axtonds to over 1,200 pages, doaling with all phasos of tho national lifc and morc ospocially with thosc suscoptiblo of statistical measuromont. A statistical summary of tho progress of canada is includod in tho introductory mattor. This gives a picturo in figuros of the romarkablo progross whioh the oountry has mado sinco tho first consus of tho Dominion was takon in 1871, sixty-cight yiars ago.

Icrsons roquiring tho Yoar Book may obtain it from tho King's Brintor, Ottawa, as long as tho supply lasts, at the prioo of $\$ 1.50$, which covors mercly tho oost of paper. printing and binding. By a spccial conoossion, a limitod number of papor-bound oopios hava bcon sot asido for ministors of roligion, bona fido studontsand sohool tcachers, who may obtain copics at tho nominal prico of 50 oonts caoh.

Roports Issucd during tho Wook

1. Monthly Traffio Report of Railway, Junc (10 conts).
2. Scourity Iricos and Foroign Exchango (10 oonts).
3. Sugar Report - July 22 to fugust 12, 1939 (10 ocnts)
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