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There are six indexes availablo on a woekly basis in Canada that refleot the general economio trand. These oover rospeotively. Business - carloadings and wholosale prioes
Finanoe - bank olearings and oapitalized bond yields Speoulation - oommon stook prices and sharos tradod. The six indexes and tho camposito are shown here on tho base of 1926 despite the faot that the indox of carloadings is reported elsewhere on the now base of 1935-1939. Notes on the indexes follow:

Riilway traffio aftor soasonal adjustment, inoreasod upproolably in tho wook of Ootobur 18. The index of carlondings on the base of 1926 was 97.1 against 90.6 in tho proceding wook. Geins wore shown in both the Eastorn and Wostern Divisions total loadings having been 65,406 oars against 68,043 . Thilo the aotual number of oars moved was below the procoding weel tho reoossion wes considerably loss than normal for the soason. The stimulation of the war effort is indicatod by tho markod inorease in the railway traffio curing the first 42 woeks of the yoar, the total having boen 2,538,000 oars against 2,232,000 in the same puriod of last yoar. The traffio of the samo period of 1939 was 2,022 thousand cars. Important gains are indioatod over both of tho yoars oited in this connootion. The gross oarnings of tho Canadian National Railway from the beginning of this yoar woro $\$ 239.3$ milion oonstituting an inorease of $\$ 45.8$ million or 23.7 p.c. over last year.

Tholescilo एrioes showed minor rocessions in the weok of Ootober 17 following a stoady advanoe during the 10 preceding wooks. Rooessions were shown in orop and animal produots while the upward tendoncy was continuod in toxtiles, wood and paper, non-motallio minorals and ohomioals. Rooossion in grain prious wes the main influcnoe in deproseing the generni index.

Tho adjustod index of bark clearings roso fram 102.3 in the prooeding wook to 106.2 a.gain of 3.8 p.o. Montreal, Toronto and Vanoouvar recorded the greatest inoreases over the sane wook of 1940. Cloarings in Montren. 1 showod a gain of 52.1 p.0. The indor one yoar ago wes 82.2 , an incroaso of 29.2 p.0. having boen indicatod. Tho prioo of high-grado bonds was fully maintainod while the index of common stock prices reoc ded to a somewhat lower level.
an index of carmon stook pricos reooded fran 76.0 to 74.9 . Tho index one yoar ago Whs 30.7 , a docline of 7.2 during the 12 months. Hore rooently stocks he.ve shown a strongthoning tendoncy. in index of 20 industriki stooks on the Montroal Stook Exohange rose fram 61.4 on Ootober 16 to 61.9 on the 23 rd . The rise in the index of 20 industrial stooks on the Toronto Stook Exohange was from 92.67 to 94.16 .

The woolily index based on six significant faotors rose from 111.0 in the wook of ootober 11 to 112.9 in the wook undor review, a gain of $1.7 \mathrm{p} \cdot 0$. The inorease over the stinding of the samo wook of $1940 \mathrm{~ms} 10 \mathrm{p} .0 \%$, tho index at that time heving been 102.5.

| Yeol- <br> Ending | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cir } \\ & \text { load- } \\ & \text { ings } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Whole- } \\ & \text { sele } \\ & \text { Prioes } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Capitalizod } \\ & \text { Bond } \\ & \text { Yieldsl } \end{aligned}$ | Bank Clearings 2 | Prioes Cammon Stooks |  | Sheros <br> Traded | Weokly <br> Index 3 |
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| Ootobur 18, 1941 | 97.1 | 93.6 | 145.3 | 106.2 | 74.9 |  | 27.2 | 112.9 |
| Ootober 11, 1941 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 145.3 | 102.3 | 76.0 |  | 32.7 | 111.0 |
| Ootobar 19, 1940 | 84.0 | 83.3 | 141.0 | 82.2 | 80.7 |  | 26.7 | 102.5 |

1. Presont velue of a fixod not income in perpetuity from Dominion long-term bonds.
2. Bank olearings woro smoothod by taking a throe wooks moving averag for the purposo of oliminating irrogular fluotuations. Totals for Ottava wero oliminnted for all wooks shown owing to incomparability introducod by the oporations of the Bank of Canada. 3. Tho weighting of tho six major factors is doterminod from the stendard doviation fram trend. Tho weighting, therofore, ropresonts not an attempt to give the relative importance of the factors but to placo thom on an equal footing by equating the tendenoy toward fluotuation. The long-term trond dotcrmined from the half-yoarly dati in the inter-wer poriod hes been climinated from tho oomposito end the resulting indox exprossed as a purauntrge of tho evercego during the yoar 1926.

Six major fcotors indioating tho trond of eoonomio oonditions rooorded gains in Soptombor ovor tho procoding month. Tho gains in businoss fuctors wore of groatest signifionnce. The advanoo in wholesale prioos oontinued, a now high point having boen roaohod sinco the oarly part of 1930. Throo of the oight main groups ere at present at a. point higher than in the base yocr of 1926. The genoral index for the wook of Ootober Joth was 93.7 , $s$ gain of more than 10 points having boon shown over tho scmo wook of last yoar.

Tho index of the physioal volume of business, the most oomprehonsive indioator of produotive operations, rooorded a further advanco in September over the high point of the procoding month. Owing to tho stimulation of war domands, tho index has shown a sharp upward trond sinoo tho first quartor of 1939. The maximum of tho last prospority period oulminoting in 1929 was exoeedod in the first quartor of 1940 and a marked gain has been shown in the index sinco that time.

The manufaoturo of sugar roso fram 91.5 million pounds in fugust to 99.2 million in the litest four-wook puriod. The moatpacking industry rooorded groator c.otivity, the indox advancing from 134 to 150. Tho slaughtering of hogs amountod to 454,913 against 357,270 in the prooeding month. The reoossion in ohoose production was groator than normi for tho soason, while a further inoreaso was shown in butter produotion, the indox c.dvanoing from 108 to 119. Cinnod soimon exports were at a hifh lovel in September, oontrasting with minimum outwari shipments in the two proooding months.

The toxtile industry was cotivo in September, raw ootton used ariounting to 17.1 million pands aहainst 1.4 .6 million. The forestry industry was partioularly coctive, Eunerul increases heving beon shown in the four faotors oonsiderod in this comnootion. The output of newsprint was 298,276 toas against 293,054 . is the inoror.se was contrasoasonal, the index advanoed fran 114 to 122 . The outward shipmonts of planks and boards rose to a high level in Sopterber, the total having boon 291 million foot against 261 million in sugust. Tho advance in the indox was from 147 to 183. Goins wore also rooordod in tho exports of wood pulp and shinglos.

The new tuelness obtained by the oonstruotion industry showed a gain in September, the total of contraots awarded having boen $\$ 39.4$ million against 336.1 million . The gain In the milway traffic movement was less then normal for the soason, the results reflooting tho roduced shipmonts of grain in the Proirie Provinoes. Tho total was 294, 172 cars agcinst 278,646 in sufust. The index roceded from 130.6 to 125 . Tho oxport trade was at a lower lovol in Soptember than in the preoeding month, the total having been $\$ 142.8$ million $\therefore$ ainst $\$ 150.5 \mathrm{million}$.

Eoonomio Conditions in September compared with the reooding Month and the Same Month of 1940

|  |  | Soptember 1941 | Septumber 1940 | hugust 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Physical Volume of Business | 1935-39= | * | 130.1 | 141.2 |
| Flour Production (iug) .... | Bbl. | 1,852,139 | 1,291,451 | 2,116,896 |
| Sugar Manufaotured ..... | 1b. | 99,232,363 | 71,339,246 | 91,531,291 |
| Canned Salmon Exports . | cort. | 125,436 | 93,299 | 3,667 |
| News $n$ rint Production | Tons | 298,276 | 282,322 | 293,054 |
| Wood Pulp Exports | Cwt. | 2,786,204 | 1,808,998 | 2,531,568 |
| Plenks and Bocrds Exported | M . ft. | 281,129 | 276,912 | 261,132 |
| Shingles Exported ........ | Squaros | 330,811 | 298,165 | 309,893 |
| Construotion Contraots |  | 39,363,800 | 52,260,000 | 36,123,900 |
| Exports ........ |  | 142,891,175 | 102,778,196 | 150,496,256 |
| Butter Output | 1b. | 32,415,274 | 26,527,919 | 35,460,018 |
| Fcotory Choose Froduotion |  | 20,056,232 | 20,882,140 | 23,724,608 |
| Inspocted Slaughterings - |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle and Calves ...... |  | 162.675 | 131,075 | 146,962 |
| Sheop and Laribs. | No. | 106,735 | 86,020 | 89,966 |
| Hogs | No. | 454,913 | 438,043 | 367,270 |
| Cigars relecsed |  | 16,984,005 | 13,752,796 | 14,914,441 |
| Cigarettos relorsed .............. No. |  | 865,956,619 | 597,291,350 | 816,691,352 |
|  |  | nce was shown in | the index over iu | ugust |

Tho viluo of building pomits issucd by 178 manioipalitios roporting to tho Dominion Buruau of Statistios in September was $\$ 12,246,613$ ocmpared with $12,8 \% 9,4 \times 1$ in hugust when returns wore rcooived from 200 munioipalities. In Saptombor last yonr tho figure was $\$ 10,311,038$. The total value of pormits issuod during tho nino olepsod months of


## Tobacoo Roloases in Soptombor

Cigarottc rolocses ronched an all-timo high point in Septomber when 865,956,619 we ro rolocsod for consumption. This was six por cont ovor tho provious maximum of 816,691,352 ostablishod in fugust this your. Tho avorage for Soptombor for the five inmocict to pro-wor yoars from 1934 to 1938 wes $536,834,605$

Reloasos during tho first nine months of 1941 totallod 6,263,494,099 compared with $5,563,072,854$ in the samo poriod of 1940 , an incroase of 12.6 por ocnt.

The stoacy inorease in cigar consumption since the outbreak of war was continued urime Suptumbur when $16,984,005$ oignrs were released as compared vith $13,752,796$ in the same poriod of last year. The average for the five immediato pre-war yerirs was $11,310,612$.

Tho all-time monthly rocord for oigars was made in September 1920 when $25,700,000$ wure ruluasoc. The your 1920 also holds the rooord for yoarly roluases with $270,080,000$. The yoar 1933 established tho low rocord for cigar roleases sinoe tho last world war with 11 $1,808,848$. The month 1 ow reoord was made in Februk.ry 1934 when $4,4 \dot{4} 8,840$ cigers wero released.

Proiuction of sutomobiles in Sentomber
The Canacicn production of motor vohiolos in Soptember totallud 14, 496 units comparod with 17,192 in the previous month and 15,495 in Soptombar, 19\%0. During the ilist nine months of this yoar 209,213 units wero produood as comparod with 154,903 in tho oorrosponding poriod of 1940 .

Final Surmery of Minoral Production in 1940
Canado's minorul production in 1940 was valued at $\$ 529,825,035$, an inorease of 12 per oont ovor 1939, the previous record ycor.

Metal procuotion ageregatod $3382,503,012$ as oompared with $343,506,123$; fuels, Inoluding ooc.1, natural gas, orudo petrolcum and peat totalled $\langle 78,837,87 f$ and other non-motallio mincrals reached $26,011,498$, an increnso of four per oont over 1939.

Structural materials, such as clay products, oement, limo, sand anc gravel and stona, totalled $\$ 42,472,651$, a gain of 20 per oent oper the previous year.

Gole produotion at $5,311,145$ fine ounces oonstitutod a rooord. Tho prico of gold was $\$ 38.50$ per fine ounce and the total valuo of production reached $\mathbf{3} 204,479,083$. Silver output at $23,833,752$ fine ounces was valued at $\$ 9,116,172$, an inoroaso of throe por oent in quantity, whereas there was a deoroase in value owing to tho drop in the averago yearly prices.

The combined value of the basc metals -- oopper, niokol, laac and zino -- was $\mathbf{1 5 5 , 9 2 2 , 8 8 1 , ~ a n ~ i n o r o c s o ~ o f ~} 14$ pur cont. The value of the romaining motals ageregatod พ $12,982,876$.

In the fuels Eroup, ccil produotion roached 17,566,884 short tons, c.n inorease of 13 por cont. Naturul gas at 41,232,125 M ou. ft. exoeeded tho previous yoar by 17 per oont and crudo potroloum output totallod $8,606,022$ barrols oomparod with $7,826,301$ in 197:

Non-motals, oxclusive of fuols, asgregatod $\$ 26,011,498$. Inoroases in output over the provious year woro noted for gypsum, quartz, salt, sodium sulrhato.

Owine to tie fact that most of tho baso mutals and sovercil of the non-metallie minurals play on important part in the manufacture of imploments of war, their output for 1910 is not publishod.

FINGL SUMM RY OF THE MINERiL PRODUCTION OF C.N. Ni, 1910 WITIS COMPSFiTIVE FIGURES FOR 1939

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| is bustos, fluorspar, graphite, magnesitio- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| dolomito, mica, sulphur | ... | 18,213,555 | -.. | 18,205,399 |
| Barytos .............. tons | $\ldots$ | 3,639 | 338 | 4,819 |
| Diatamito ........... tons | 301 | 10,388 | 243 | 7,957 |
| Feldspur, nephe?ize |  |  |  |  |
| syonito ................. |  | 252,457 |  | ! 305,472 |
| Grindstonos .......... teno | 304 | 15,278 | 341 | - 14,543 |
| Gypsum . ............. tons | 1,421,934 | 1,935,127 | 1,449,788 | 2,065,933 |
| Iron oxides .......... tons | 6,015 | 88,418 | 9,979 | 111,874 |
| Magnosium sulphate ... tona | 550 | 9,900 | ... |  |
| Mineral waters ....... Imp. | 128.769 | 19,105 | 140.663 | 20,892 |
| Phosphate ........... tons | 157 | 1,712 | 358 | 4,039 |
| Quartz .............. tons | 1,582,935 | 1,100,214 | 1.859,302 | 1,203,527 |
| Salt . . . . . . . . . . . . . . tors | 424,500 | 2,486,632 | 46:,71: | 2,823,269 |
| Silioa brick ......... M | 2,493 | 124,807 | - 3, 538 | 182,786 |
| Sodium carbonate ..... tons | 300 | 2,400 | 220 | 1,760 |
| Sodium sulphato ..... tors | 71, 485 | 628,151 | 94,260 | 829,589 |
| Talc and soapstone | -.. | 170,066 | ... | 229,639 |
| TOTAL . ........ | -.. | 25,061,849 |  | 26,011,498 |



Tho prodinction of concentratod milk products advanoed to $22,220,203$ pounds in Soptomber from list yec.r's September output of 17,011,074, but rooordod the usual scusonal cooline from the previous month whon the totci was $25,623,928$ pounds. For the nine months unded Soptonibur the production aresrogetod $195,953,543$ pounds compared with $156,405,074$ in the lile euriod of 1940.

Minufiocturine in British Columbia
British Columbic mantained its position as the third most important mamufnoturing province in the Duminion in 1939 with a gross value of production of $2.54,948,600$, being an increcse of $22,363,111$ over the 1938 valuation. The sawailling industry was of olief imeortanco durine tho yoar with \& production valued at $354,685,280$, followod by fish ouring and packing at $\$ 17,473,282$, pulp and paper $\$ 16,005,957$, slauchtering and meat paoking $311,901,799$, petroleum products $\$ 9,144,073$, fruit and vogetible preparations $\psi 6,677,352$, bread end other bakery produots $6,467,546$, coffee, tea and spioes母6.211,548.

## Index Niumbers of Wholestic Prioes

Ruacting slightly after a stecidy cavinoo maintained for ten weaks, the Dominion Bureau of Stitistics index number of 567 commodities, on tho base $1 \% 26=100$, declined from 93.7 for the wook anding Ootojer 10 to 93.6 during the weak ending 0otober 17. In the corrusponding woek last year it wis 83.3. among the more important ommoditios to advance over the previous weok wero hay, potatoes, ootton frebrics, lish, milk, coal and hogs, whereas reductions oocurred in wheat, oats, butter, raw ootton, stocrs, fresh meats, flour end millod products.

## Oversuas Export Clucrencus of Wheat

Ovurseas cxpert olearunees of Ganc dian wheat during tho woek unding Ootobor 17 amounted to $2,186,116$ bushels ompured with $1,594,706$ in the oorrosponding weok last yoar. The aoovmuluted totil for tho oleven weoks endod October 17 was 28,168,825 bushels oompured with $18,160,176$ in the corrasponding period of the previous orop year.

## Primary Mavenont of Whoat

Theat rocelpts in the Prairie Provinous for the wook onding Ootover 17 amounted to 8,922,718 bushols compared with $6,785,413$ in the provious week and 13,996,674 in the oorresponding woek last yoar. By provinces the roocipts were as follows, figures within brioksts doing thoso for 1940: Manitoba, 1,318,528(1,132,753) busine1s; Saskatohawan, $5,126,215(7,153,621)$; Alberta, 2,477,975(5,710,300).

Warletings juring the eloven weoks endod October 17 totalled 68,818,095 bushels oomuared with $181,406,359$ in the like pariod of the previous orop wor. Totals follow by provincus with 1910 figures in orcokets: Munitooa, $11,842,689(27,346,246)$ bushe $1 s$; Saskatchowar, $\{1,758,960(106,588,998)$; Alberta, $15,216,546(46,971,215)$.

Wheat Stocks in Store
Tho visible supply of Canadian wheat on October 17 totalled 435,125,568 bushels comparod with $478,909,333$ on Ootober 20 and $432,779,509$ on the corresponding date list year. Tho wheat in elevators in Canadn aggregated $459,461,579$ bushels, the balanoe of $25,663,989$ boing in storage in the United Statos.

Stocks of wheat in Caradian elevators worc locatod as follows: Western Country Elovator3, $218,850,000$ bushols; Intorior Torminals, 25,998,717; Vencouv r-New Westminster 18,015,316; Victoria, 1;021, 717; Prince Pupert, 1, 205,881; Churchil1, 2,017,396; Fort W111am and Fort arthur, 99,281,300; Eastorn Elevators Lake Ports, $5 \kappa, 176,895$ and Easturn Elevators Seaboard Ports, 29,220,183.

There are oight establishments in Canida engaged wholly or chiefly in the manufacture of incubators, hives and other supplies for poultrymen urd beekeepers. Three of these are in Ontario, two in Quoboc, two in Manitoba and one in British Columbia. The amount of canital invested in the industry in 1940 was over $\$ 190,000$, and there were 46 amployuas. The cost of materials was $\hat{\$} 46,855$ and the factory value of the product was \$202,982.

Saptembur Canal Trafitc
Traffic through the Sault Ste. Narie canals in September anounted to 14,400,742 tons as against $15,235,189$ in kugust and $13,002,466$ in September 1940. The decrease from August was practically all in iron ore which dropped from $11,771,115$ to $10,702,453$ tons. wheat, other grains, flour, soft coal and stone all showed increases over August shipments, and all but flour ware heavier than in 1940.

The majority of commaitios listed using the Welland Ship Cansl showed decreases from the 1040 troffic, zet increases of 58,982 tons in iron ore, 54,546 in soft coal, 28,851 tons in potron aum and other oils, 13,074 in pulp wood and a few others. more than offset thu deoreases and incruased the total from $1,615,549$ tons in September, 1940 to 1.620,082 in September this year. Traffic on the St. Lawrence Caml declined from 992,318 tons in Soptimber 1940 to $944,012$.

## September Lxpoits by Countries

Carada's domastic exports, oxsuding gold, amounted :\% Soptember to \$139,976,000 compared with $\$ 101,140,000$ in September 1940. Exports to Empire countries was $\$ 72,332,000$ compared with $\$ 57,552,000$ und io foroign countries $\$ 67,654,000$ as against $\$ 43,888,000$.

The following were the exports to leading colntries with the 1940 figures in braclots: United 2 zingom $\$ 54,158,000(\$ 44,102,000)$; United States $\$ 55,588,000(\$ 39,528,-$ (000) ; Egypt $\$ 0,635,000(\$ 481,000)$; Br. India $\$ 4,174,000(\$ 1,128,000)$; hustralia $\$ 3,503,000$ $(\$ 2,721,000)$; Newfoundind $\$ 3,189,000(\$ 1,405,000)$; British Vest Ind10s $\$ 2,300,000(\$ 1$, $753,000)$; British South if frica $\$ 2,146,000(\$ 3,715,000)$; New Zoaland $\$ 870,000(\$ 921,000)$; Straits Suttiemonts $\$ 687,000(\$ 174,000)$; Argentina $701,000(\$ 361,000)$; China $\$ 895,000$ ( $\$ 116,000)$; Brazil $\$ 566,000(\$ 376,000)$; Chile $\$ 325,000(\$ 123,000)$; Colombia $\$ 197,000$ ( $\$ 143,000$ ); Cuba $\$ 230,000(\$ 166,000)$; Jayan $\$ \mathrm{nil}(\$ 958,000)$; 110xico $\$ 375,000(\$ 462,000)$; Netherlends East Indies $\$ 254,000(\$ 98,000)$; Punama $\$ 79,000(\$ 62,000)$; Peru $\$ 182,000$ ( $\$ 111,000$ ); Portugese 25 -ica $\$ 18,000(\$ 105,000)$; Sweden $\$ 2,000(\$$ nil); Switzerland $\$ 124,-$ 000 ( $\$$ nil); Philippines $\$ 126,000(\$ 82,000)$; Uruguny $\$ 95,000(\$ 67,000)$; Vonezuela $\$ 157,000$ (141,000).

Commodity Exports in Sentember
Sono of the inmortant commodity exports in September wero valued as follows, with the Soptember $194_{\mathrm{s}} 0$ figuros in brackets: Non-ferrous metals, excluding gold, $\$ 21,260,-$ $000(\$ 15,620,000)$; automobiles and parts $\$ 12,258,000(\$ 4,504,000)$; machinery, other than furm $\$ 1,105,000(\$ 1,117,000)$; what $\$ 9,163,000(\$ 8,198,000)$; wheat flour, $\$ 2,756,000$ ( $\$ 1,934,000$ ); alcoholic beverages $\$ 1,137,000(\$ 566,000)$; rubier $\$ 1,303,000(\$ 944,000)$;
 raw furs $\$ 1,571,000(\$ 794,000)$; reats $\$ 4,428,000(36,285,000)$; butter $\$ 54,000(\$ 43,000)$; cheeso $\$ 1,214,000(\$ 2,476,000)$; egEs, $\$ 190,000(\$ 69,000)$; mlanks and boards $\$ 9,379,000$ $(4,381,000) ;$ wood pulp $\$ 8,424,000(\$ 5,626,000)$; newsprint paper $313,919,000(\$ 14,368,000)$; chemicsis $\$ 5,952,000(\$ 1,984,000)$.

Imported Grain in Carrada
Stocks of importod grain i Carida on October 10 were as follows, with the fleuros of a yoar ago in brackets: United States whent $030, \therefore 55(2,15 i, 706)$ bushels; Wha $3,616,054(2,655,874)$; United States soye bemns nil (5,030) ; irgontine corn 35,832 (1, 169,878) ; South hifican corn $3 \oint 188,613$ ); hrgentino flax seed nil (338).

Tho proiuction of orude potroloun in July totalled $876,0<5$ barrols comparod with 377,133 in July 1940 and 399,169 in the same month of 1939. Froduction uring the first sevon months of the yoar wis $5,743,314$ barrcls ageinst $4,558,162$ in $1940 \mathrm{cmd} 4,270,407$ in 1939. This was an incroaso of 26 por cont abovo the production of a yoar ago.

## Gas Froduction in July

Natural ens production in July amountod to 1,957,032,000 ou. ft. compared with 1,637,171,000 in 1940 and 1,743,656,000 in 1939. Production luring the first sovon months of the your was $23,293,133,000$ ocmpared with $21,737,194,000$ in 1940 and 20,364,344,000 in 1939. sll these figures are exclusive of Turner Villoy ghs usod for ro-prossuring of weste gas burnod in the fiold.

## Ges solino Salos in Juno

Rotail sc.les of gasolino in June totallod $97,497,000$ gallons amparod with $88,000,000$ in the sume month of 1940. The followine was the aonsumption by provinocs with the 1940 figures in braokots: F.E.I. 627,000 (504,000) gallons; Nova Sootia 3,862,000 (3,384,000); Now Brunswick, 2,827,000 (2,513,000); Quobeo 16,865,000 (15,433,000); Ontr.rio 38,606,000 ( $35,693,000$ ); Manitoba 5,381,000 (4,599,000); Sn.skatohewan 14,255,000 (11,070,000): isiberta 3,715,000 (3,770,000): British Columbia 6,359,000 (5,979,000). It will be obsorved that $\therefore$ Aborta was tho only province that docreased its oonsumption of gasoline in June.

During the first six months of 1941, the retail sales of fresolino cmounted to 127,352,000 gcllons compared with $365,137,000$ in 1940. The followi:2E we.s the consumption by arovinoes for the six months, with figures for 1940 in brackets: F.E.I. 1, 669,000 $(1,295,000)$; Nova Sootia 19,433,000 (13,854,000); Now Brunswiok, 10,656,000 (9,644,000); Qucboc 67,345,000 (57,052,000); Ontario 186,244,000 (160,016,000); Nanitoba 21,303,000 ( $19,571,000$ ); Sciske.tchowan 47,467,000 (40,204,000); islborta 40,366,000 (34,447,000); British Columbia $32,669,000(29,351,000)$. In the six monthe there was an inarease in rotail salos in all provinoes.

## Finonoing of Notor Vehiole Sciles in September

Tho number of now and used motor vehiclos finanoed in Canada in Soptember deolined fractionilly from the totel recorded in the oorresponding month last yoar, but showed an inoroase of 11 per oent in the amount of financing in the samo comparison. There were 12,335 vohicles financed for $\$ 5,361,443$ as compared with 12,989 units finanoed to the oxtont of $\hat{\psi} 5,27 x, 803$ in the same month of 1940 .

During the first nine months of this year, finance companies mave purohnsed contraots arising out of retail sales of 154,263 motor vehioles involving an amount of $\$ 72,934,712$ up 10 por oent in number and 24 por cont in dollar volumo over the 140,569 transnotions involving un emount of $35,768,414$ in the oorresponding period of last yoar.

## Dopertmont Storo Salos in Soptember

Salos of copartment stores in Septomber were 15 por aent higher then in dugust and 22 nor cunt in excess of scles in Su tembor, 1940. Unadjusted inclex numbers on the bese 1935 to 1939 equals 100 stood at 139.0 for Soptombor this yoar, 120.4 for august and 114.1 in So tomber co ycar ago. Cumuletive totals rovociled a gain of 18 por cent in the firat nino months of this year compared with the corresponding poriod of 1940 .

## Conndian Eroduction of Furs

The Cenadian production of raw furs during the twelvo months ended June 1940 me valued at $\$ 16,668,348$, on inoroaso over the preaeding season of $\$ 2,381,411$ or 17 pur oont. It is estimated that approximately 31 por aont of this value may bo oreditod to farm polts. The numbor of pelts producod was $9,620,695$ camparod with $6,192,000$ a yoar ago. Chiefly responsible for the incoase were squirrel and muskrat pelts.

Silver fox lo in point of viow of value, with a total of "34,305,997. followod by muskrat at $3,329,310$ and mink 3,100,502. Iractioally tho ontire procuotion of ailvor fox pelts and moarly half the mink polts aro from the fur fams. Hichor frioes wore obtained for bocver, grmino, fishor, cross and red fox and marten, and lower for silver and whito fox, mink, 1 ynx and ottor.

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