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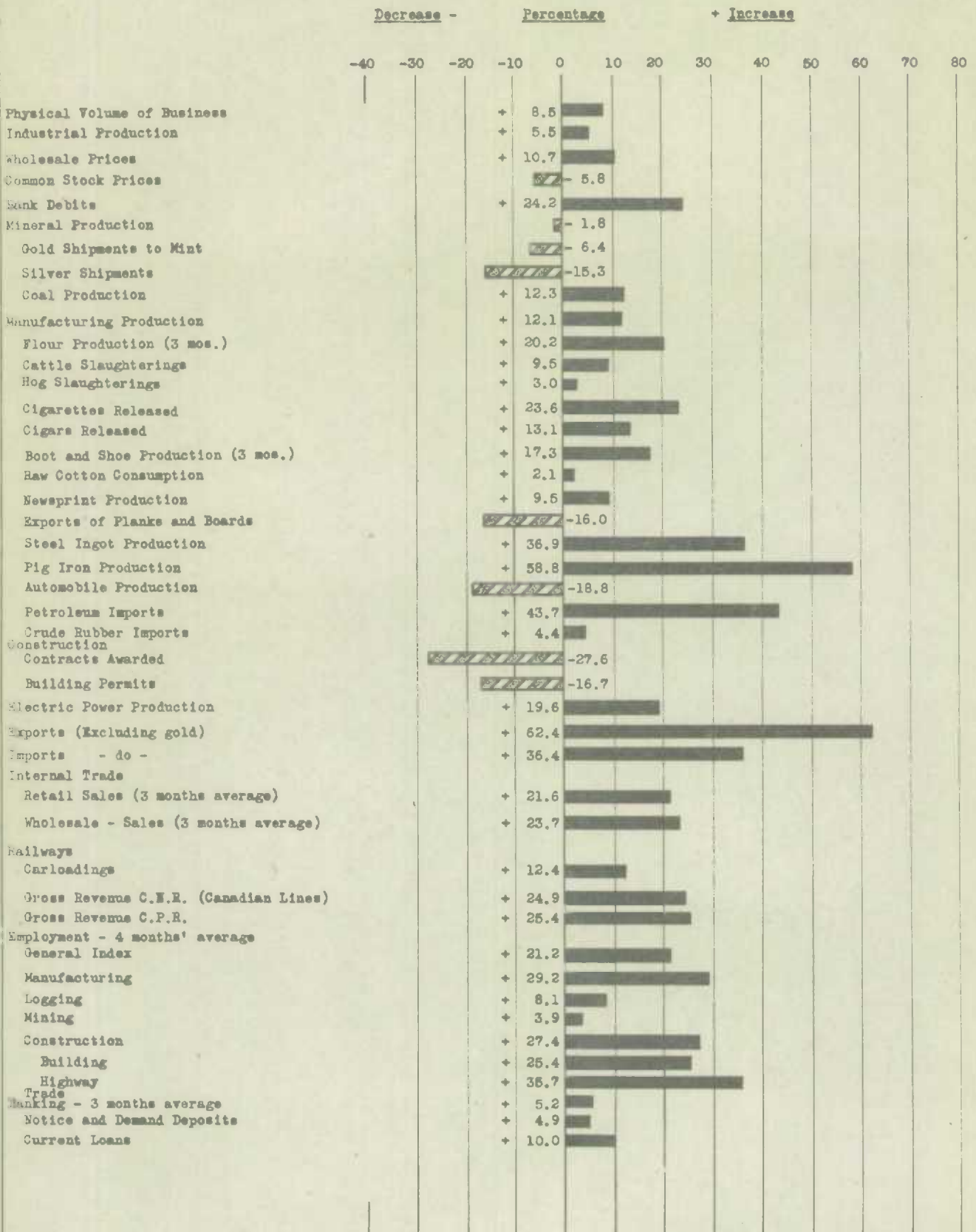
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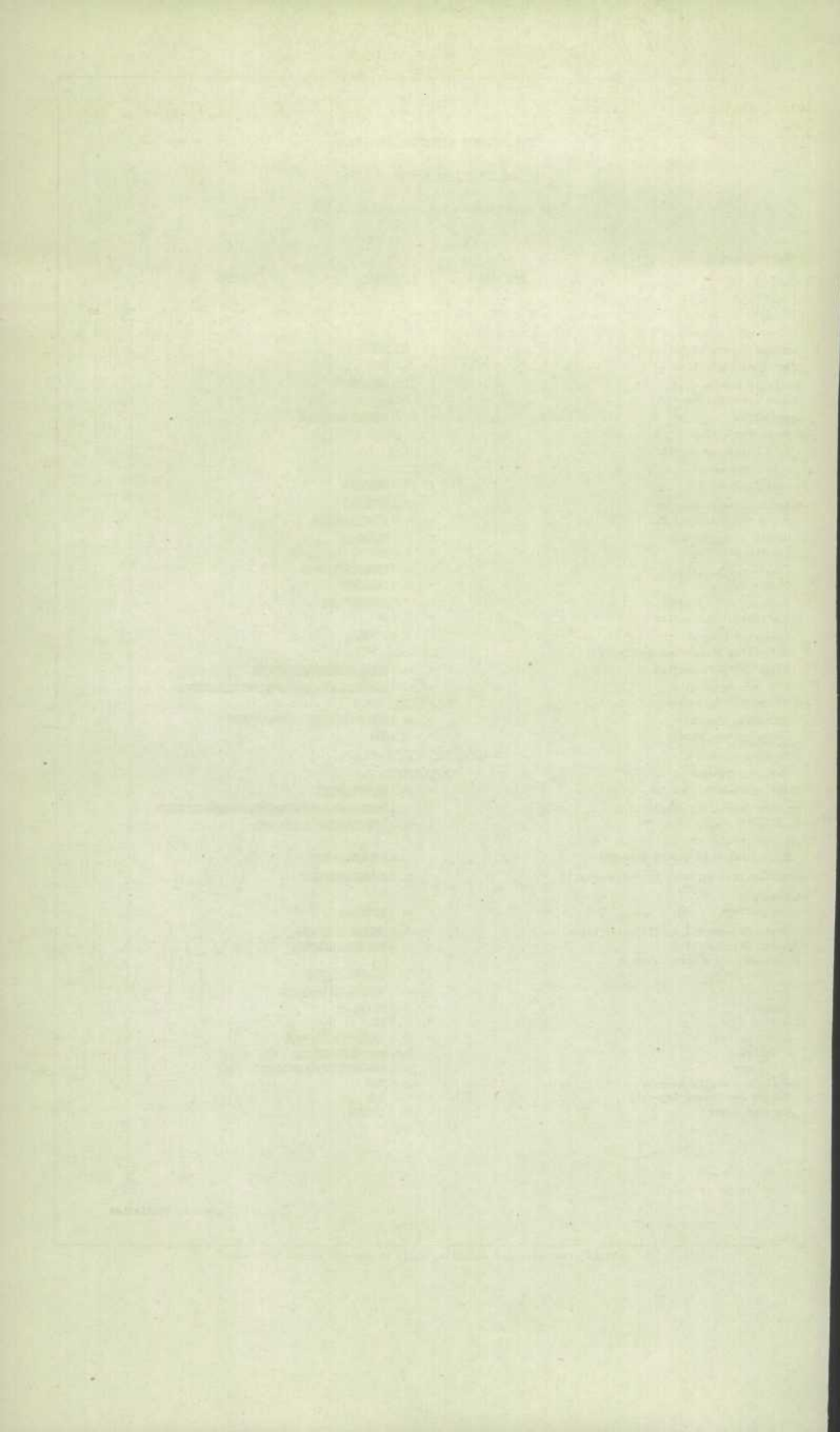
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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN CANADA DURING THE FOUR MONTHS OF 1942,
COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PRECEDING YEAR

Six important factors indicating the trend of economic conditions averaged much higher in the first four months of 1942 than in the same period of last year. Marked changes in an upward direction were shown in the deposit liabilities of the banks and in commodity production. Bank deposits followed an upward trend since the early months of 1934 and attained a new maximum on the latest date for which statistics are available. High-grade bond prices have shown an upward trend since October 1939. Prices have been relatively stable since the beginning of last year and a great part of the decline in the first month of hostilities was counter-balanced by the subsequent recovery.

Wholesale prices recorded a gain from August 1939 to November last and have since fluctuated within narrow limits below the ceiling established in that month. The index on the base of 1926 averaged 94.8 in the first four months of the present year against 85.6 in the same period of 1941, the gain being 10.7 p.c. Speculative factors including common stock prices and the number of shares traded on the stock exchanges have recorded low levels during the elapsed portion of the present year. The index of common stock prices averaged 63.7 against 67.6, the relatively low level of the early part of 1941.

Reflecting the influence of heavy war demands, the index of the physical volume of business averaged 137.9 in the first four months of 1942 against 127.1 in the same period last year, a gain of 8.5 p.c. The index of employment during the same interval rose from 136.5 to 165.4, and a considerable gain was shown in each of the main components.

The activity of the mining industry has been about maintained at the high level of the early part of 1941. An index of mineral production based on ten factors was 120.9 in the first four months of the present year recording a slight recession from the early months of 1941. The index of employment in the mining industry, however, showed a gain from 169.9 to 176.5, an increase of nearly 4 p.c. Gold receipts at the Mint receded from 1,686,000 fine ounces to 1,578,000. The production of coal, however, rose 12.3 p.c. from 5,969,000 tons to 6,704,000.

Manufacturing production was at a considerably higher level in the elapsed portion of the present year. An index based on forty items rose from 133.4 to 155.2 in the first four months of the present year, a gain of more than 12 p.c. The increase in the manufacturing employment was from 149.7 to 193.4. The increase in the flour production in the first three months over the same period last year was 20.2 p.c., the total in the recent period having been 4,948,000 barrels. The release of cigarettes rose from 2,489 million to 3,077 million, a gain of 23.6 p.c. The release of cigars increased from 54.9 million to 62.1 million, a gain of 13 p.c. The increase in the production of boots and shoes was 17 p.c., the total in the first three months of the present year having been 7,158,000 pairs. A minor gain was recorded in the raw cotton consumed in the textile industry. The gain in the output of newsprint was 9.5 p.c., while a decline of 16 p.c. was recorded in the export of planks and boards. The timber scaled in British Columbia in the first quarter amounted to 646.3 million feet compared with 745.2 million in the same period of 1941.

The great expansion in the production of munitions and of war supplies is indicated by the production of steel ingots which rose from 755,000 tons to 1,034,000 a gain of nearly 37 p.c. The expansion in pig iron production was even greater, the total having been 635,000 tons against nearly 400,000 the increase in this instance being 58.8 p.c. Imports of petroleum were up 43.7 p.c., the total in the first four months of 1942 amounting to 375.1 million gallons.

The new business obtained by the construction industry recorded considerable decline. Contracts awarded were \$64.3 million against \$88.8 million. Building permits receded from \$27.3 million to \$22.7 million.

A marked gain was shown in the production of electric power. The total was 12,394 million kilowatt hours against 10,367 million, the indicated gain having been 19.6 p.c.

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Statistics Illustrating the Economic Situation of Canada for the first four months,
of 1942, Compared with the same period of 1941.

Item	Unit or base period	First Four Months		Percent Increase + Decrease -
		1942	1941	
General Economic Situation				
Index of Physical Volume of Business	1935-9=100	137.9	127.1	+ 8.5
Index of Industrial Production	1935-9=100	146.8	139.1	+ 5.5
Wholesale Prices	1926=100	94.8	85.6	+ 10.7
Index of Common Stock Prices	1935-9=100	63.7	67.6	- 5.8
Bank Debits	\$000	14,033,482	11,303,598	+ 24.2
Production and General Business				
Mineral Production	1935-9=100	120.9	123.1	- 1.8
Gold Receipts	Fine Ozs.	1,577,783	1,685,812	- 6.4
Silver Shipments	Fine Ozs.	4,940,570	5,831,226	- 15.3
Coal Production	Tons	6,703,566	5,968,997	+ 12.3
Manufacturing Production	1935-9=100	155.2	138.4	+ 12.1
Flour Production (3 mos.)	Bbls.	4,947,682	4,116,229	+ 20.2
Cattle Slaughtering	No.	521,661	476,520	+ 9.5
Hog Slaughtering	No.	2,175,922	2,113,242	+ 3.0
Cigarettes released	No.	3,076,734,265	2,489,228,042	+ 23.6
Cigars released	No.	62,032,071	54,868,737	+ 13.1
Leather Boots & Shoes (3 mos.)	Pairs	7,158,444	6,104,432	+ 17.3
Raw Cotton Consumption	Lbs.	67,591,899	66,202,531	+ 2.1
Paper and Lumber --				
Newsprint Production	Tons	1,163,581	1,062,670	+ 9.5
Exports of Planks and Boards	M ft.	528,451	629,296	- 16.0
Iron and Steel --				
Steel Ingot Production	Short ton	1,033,649	755,162	+ 36.9
Pig Iron Production	Short ton	634,653	399,614	+ 58.8
Petroleum Imports	000 Gals.	375,088	261,046	+ 43.7
Crude Rubber Imports	Lbs.	38,523,612	36,901,434	+ 4.4
Construction --				
Contracts awarded	\$	64,295,600	88,843,500	+ 27.6
Building Permits (53 Municipalities)	\$	22,693,554	27,258,903	- 16.7
Electric Power Production	000 K.W.H.	12,394,420	10,366,925	+ 19.6
External Trade (Excluding gold) --				
Exports	\$	667,451,687	410,905,304	+ 62.4
Imports	\$	548,681,498	402,264,731	+ 36.4
Excess of exports over imports	\$	118,770,189	8,640,573	
Internal Trade --				
Wholesale Sales (3 months average)	1935-9=100	141.0	114.0	+ 23.7
Retail Sales	1935-9=100	131.0	107.7	+ 21.6
Railways --				
Carloadings	No.	1,064,761	947,320	+ 12.4
Gross Revenue C.N.R. (Canadian Lines)	\$	94,474,700	75,667,000	+ 24.9
Gross Revenue, C.P.R.	\$	78,266,000	62,407,000	+ 25.4
Employment -- 4 months' average				
General Index	1926=100	165.4	136.5	+ 21.2
Manufacturing		193.4	149.7	+ 29.2
Logging		248.2	229.5	+ 8.1
Mining		176.5	169.9	+ 3.9
Construction		111.1	87.2	+ 27.4
Building		139.2	111.0	+ 25.4
Highway		117.8	86.8	+ 35.7
Trade		158.5	150.6	+ 5.2
Banking -- 3 months average				
Notice and Demand Deposits	\$	2,855,386,460	2,722,994,795	+ 4.9
Current Loans	\$	1,107,112,278	1,005,736,455	+ 10.0

Eight items recorded declines while thirty-six showed increases.



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Year	Population	Urban	Rural	Population	Urban	Rural
1960	20,714,000	12,440,000	8,274,000	20,714,000	12,440,000	8,274,000
1961	20,800,000	12,500,000	8,300,000	20,800,000	12,500,000	8,300,000
1962	20,880,000	12,550,000	8,330,000	20,880,000	12,550,000	8,330,000
1963	20,960,000	12,600,000	8,360,000	20,960,000	12,600,000	8,360,000
1964	21,040,000	12,650,000	8,390,000	21,040,000	12,650,000	8,390,000
1965	21,120,000	12,700,000	8,420,000	21,120,000	12,700,000	8,420,000
1966	21,200,000	12,750,000	8,450,000	21,200,000	12,750,000	8,450,000
1967	21,280,000	12,800,000	8,480,000	21,280,000	12,800,000	8,480,000
1968	21,360,000	12,850,000	8,510,000	21,360,000	12,850,000	8,510,000
1969	21,440,000	12,900,000	8,540,000	21,440,000	12,900,000	8,540,000
1970	21,520,000	12,950,000	8,570,000	21,520,000	12,950,000	8,570,000
1971	21,600,000	13,000,000	8,600,000	21,600,000	13,000,000	8,600,000
1972	21,680,000	13,050,000	8,630,000	21,680,000	13,050,000	8,630,000
1973	21,760,000	13,100,000	8,660,000	21,760,000	13,100,000	8,660,000
1974	21,840,000	13,150,000	8,690,000	21,840,000	13,150,000	8,690,000
1975	21,920,000	13,200,000	8,720,000	21,920,000	13,200,000	8,720,000
1976	22,000,000	13,250,000	8,750,000	22,000,000	13,250,000	8,750,000
1977	22,080,000	13,300,000	8,780,000	22,080,000	13,300,000	8,780,000
1978	22,160,000	13,350,000	8,810,000	22,160,000	13,350,000	8,810,000
1979	22,240,000	13,400,000	8,840,000	22,240,000	13,400,000	8,840,000
1980	22,320,000	13,450,000	8,870,000	22,320,000	13,450,000	8,870,000
1981	22,400,000	13,500,000	8,900,000	22,400,000	13,500,000	8,900,000
1982	22,480,000	13,550,000	8,930,000	22,480,000	13,550,000	8,930,000
1983	22,560,000	13,600,000	8,960,000	22,560,000	13,600,000	8,960,000
1984	22,640,000	13,650,000	8,990,000	22,640,000	13,650,000	8,990,000
1985	22,720,000	13,700,000	9,020,000	22,720,000	13,700,000	9,020,000
1986	22,800,000	13,750,000	9,050,000	22,800,000	13,750,000	9,050,000
1987	22,880,000	13,800,000	9,080,000	22,880,000	13,800,000	9,080,000
1988	22,960,000	13,850,000	9,110,000	22,960,000	13,850,000	9,110,000
1989	23,040,000	13,900,000	9,140,000	23,040,000	13,900,000	9,140,000
1990	23,120,000	13,950,000	9,170,000	23,120,000	13,950,000	9,170,000
1991	23,200,000	14,000,000	9,200,000	23,200,000	14,000,000	9,200,000
1992	23,280,000	14,050,000	9,230,000	23,280,000	14,050,000	9,230,000
1993	23,360,000	14,100,000	9,260,000	23,360,000	14,100,000	9,260,000
1994	23,440,000	14,150,000	9,290,000	23,440,000	14,150,000	9,290,000
1995	23,520,000	14,200,000	9,320,000	23,520,000	14,200,000	9,320,000
1996	23,600,000	14,250,000	9,350,000	23,600,000	14,250,000	9,350,000
1997	23,680,000	14,300,000	9,380,000	23,680,000	14,300,000	9,380,000
1998	23,760,000	14,350,000	9,410,000	23,760,000	14,350,000	9,410,000
1999	23,840,000	14,400,000	9,440,000	23,840,000	14,400,000	9,440,000
2000	23,920,000	14,450,000	9,470,000	23,920,000	14,450,000	9,470,000
2001	24,000,000	14,500,000	9,500,000	24,000,000	14,500,000	9,500,000
2002	24,080,000	14,550,000	9,530,000	24,080,000	14,550,000	9,530,000
2003	24,160,000	14,600,000	9,560,000	24,160,000	14,600,000	9,560,000
2004	24,240,000	14,650,000	9,590,000	24,240,000	14,650,000	9,590,000
2005	24,320,000	14,700,000	9,620,000	24,320,000	14,700,000	9,620,000
2006	24,400,000	14,750,000	9,650,000	24,400,000	14,750,000	9,650,000
2007	24,480,000	14,800,000	9,680,000	24,480,000	14,800,000	9,680,000
2008	24,560,000	14,850,000	9,710,000	24,560,000	14,850,000	9,710,000
2009	24,640,000	14,900,000	9,740,000	24,640,000	14,900,000	9,740,000
2010	24,720,000	14,950,000	9,770,000	24,720,000	14,950,000	9,770,000
2011	24,800,000	15,000,000	9,800,000	24,800,000	15,000,000	9,800,000
2012	24,880,000	15,050,000	9,830,000	24,880,000	15,050,000	9,830,000
2013	24,960,000	15,100,000	9,860,000	24,960,000	15,100,000	9,860,000
2014	25,040,000	15,150,000	9,890,000	25,040,000	15,150,000	9,890,000
2015	25,120,000	15,200,000	9,920,000	25,120,000	15,200,000	9,920,000
2016	25,200,000	15,250,000	9,950,000	25,200,000	15,250,000	9,950,000
2017	25,280,000	15,300,000	9,980,000	25,280,000	15,300,000	9,980,000
2018	25,360,000	15,350,000	10,010,000	25,360,000	15,350,000	10,010,000
2019	25,440,000	15,400,000	10,040,000	25,440,000	15,400,000	10,040,000
2020	25,520,000	15,450,000	10,070,000	25,520,000	15,450,000	10,070,000