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

War production recorded a marked expansion during the first nine months of the present year. While some industries were handicapped by shortages of labour and manpower, the operations of industries in general were at a much higher level than in 1941. The index of the physical volume of business, revised since the last report was published, averaged 23.6 p. c. higher in the first nine months of 1942 than in the same period of last year. The index of industrial production showed an even greater increase, the standing in the elapsed portion of the present year having been 217.8 against 168.9, a gain of 29 p.c.

The index of the physical volume of business and its main components were revised for the purpose of giving full representation to war production. The factors were reweighted according to the relative importance during the present year. A number of factors were dropped from the computation, while others were added.

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The indexes of volume previously used in this publication were weighted according to conditions existing in the base period of 1935-39. While the weighting system was satisfactory for peacetime, the handicapplaced upon industries engaged in war production rendered the index unsatisfactory for the present period. The net result was that the revised index was considerably above the standing of the one previously published.

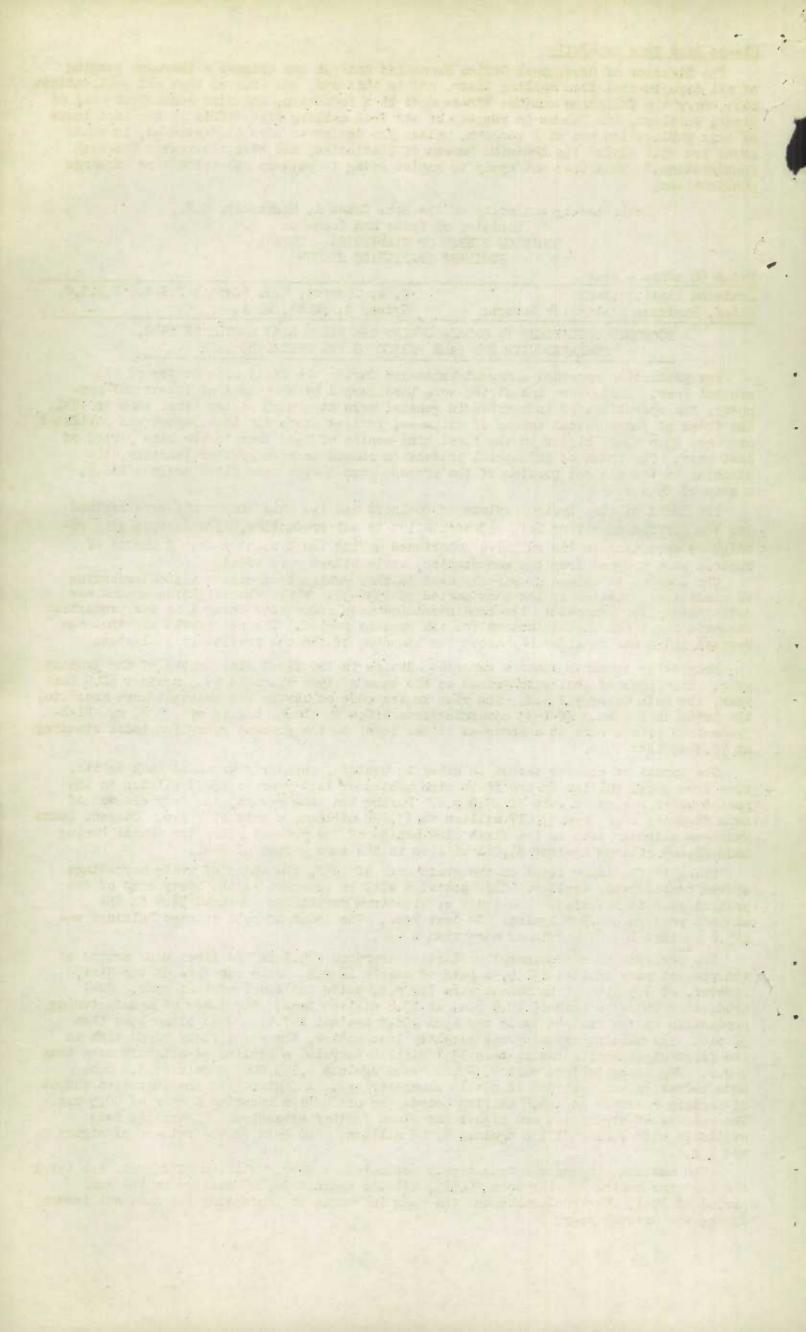
Many other economic factors recorded advance in the first nine months of the present year. The index of wholesale prices on the base of 1926 averaged 95.3 against 88.5 last year, the gain being 7.7 p.c. The rise in the cost of living was somewhat more moderate, the index on the base of 1935 advancing from 110.4 to 116.5, a gain of 5.5 p. c. Highgrade bond prices were at a somewhat higher level in the present year, the index standing at 99.3 against 95.9.

The amount of cheques cashed in clearing centres, popularly known as bank debits, rose from \$28.5 billion in the first nine months of last year to \$32.3 billion in the period under review, a gain of 13.3 p.c. During the same period, the four classes of bank deposits rose from \$3.017 million to \$3.228 million, a gain of 7 p.c. Current loans averaged slightly less in the first nine months of the present year, the amount having been \$1,069 million against \$1,081 million in the same period of 1941.

Owing to the lower level of the grain crop of 1941, the index of grain marketings showed considerable decline. This position will be reversed as the heavy crop of the present year is marketed. The index of livestock marketings averaged 98.6 in the elapsed portion of 1942 against 104 last year. The index of cold storage holdings was 145.6 against 134.6, a gain of more than 8 p.c.

The revised index of mineral production averaged 225.7 in the first nine months of the present year against 191.5, a gain of nearly 18 p.c. Gold receipts at the Mint, however, at 3,548,000 fine ounces were 7.2 p.c. below the level of last year. Coal production showed a gain of 10.6 p.c. at 13.8 million tons. The index of manufacturing production on the revised basis averaged 228.9 against 167.1, a gain of no less than 37 p.c. The milling industry was slightly less active, the wheat flour production in the first eight months having been 13.1 million barrels, a decline of slightly more than 6 p.c. Hog slaughterings were 4,342,000 head against 4,199,000, a gain of 3.4 p.c. Some reduction was recorded in cattle slaughterings. A feature was the increased output of factory cheese. At 166.5 million pounds the production recorded a gain of 40.5 p.c. The release of cigarettes and cigars has shown further expansion. Cigarettes made available were 7,222 million against 6,263 million. The gain in the release of cigars was 8 p.c.

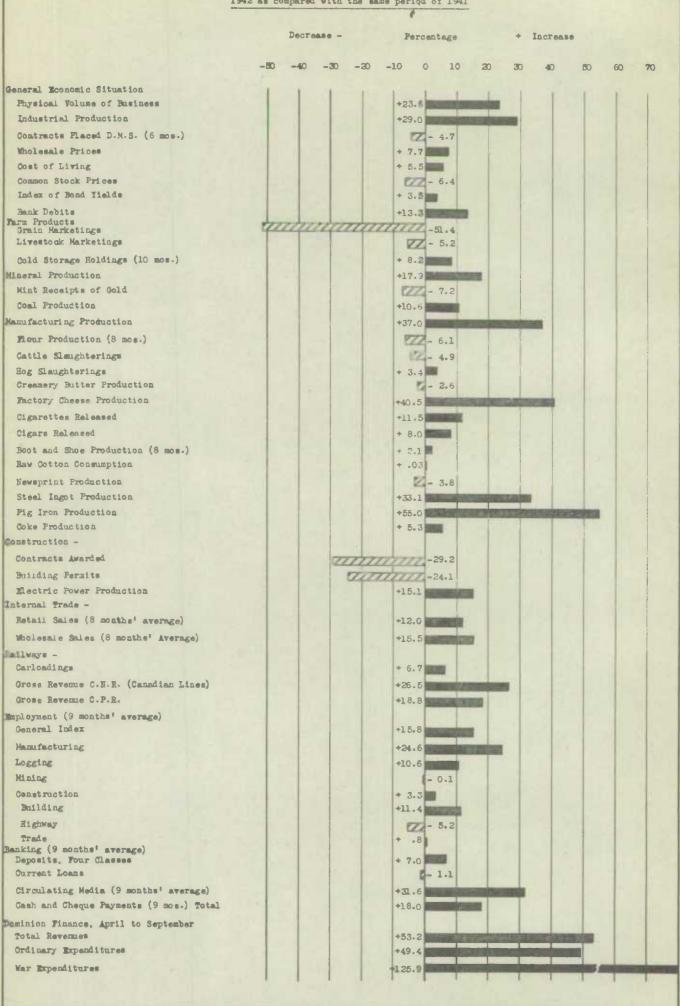
The national income was tentatively estimated at \$646.2 million in August, the total for the nine months having been \$5,515, million against \$4,803 million in the same period of 1941. War production was the main influence in increasing the national income during the present year.



THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CANADA

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1942 as compared with the same period of 1941

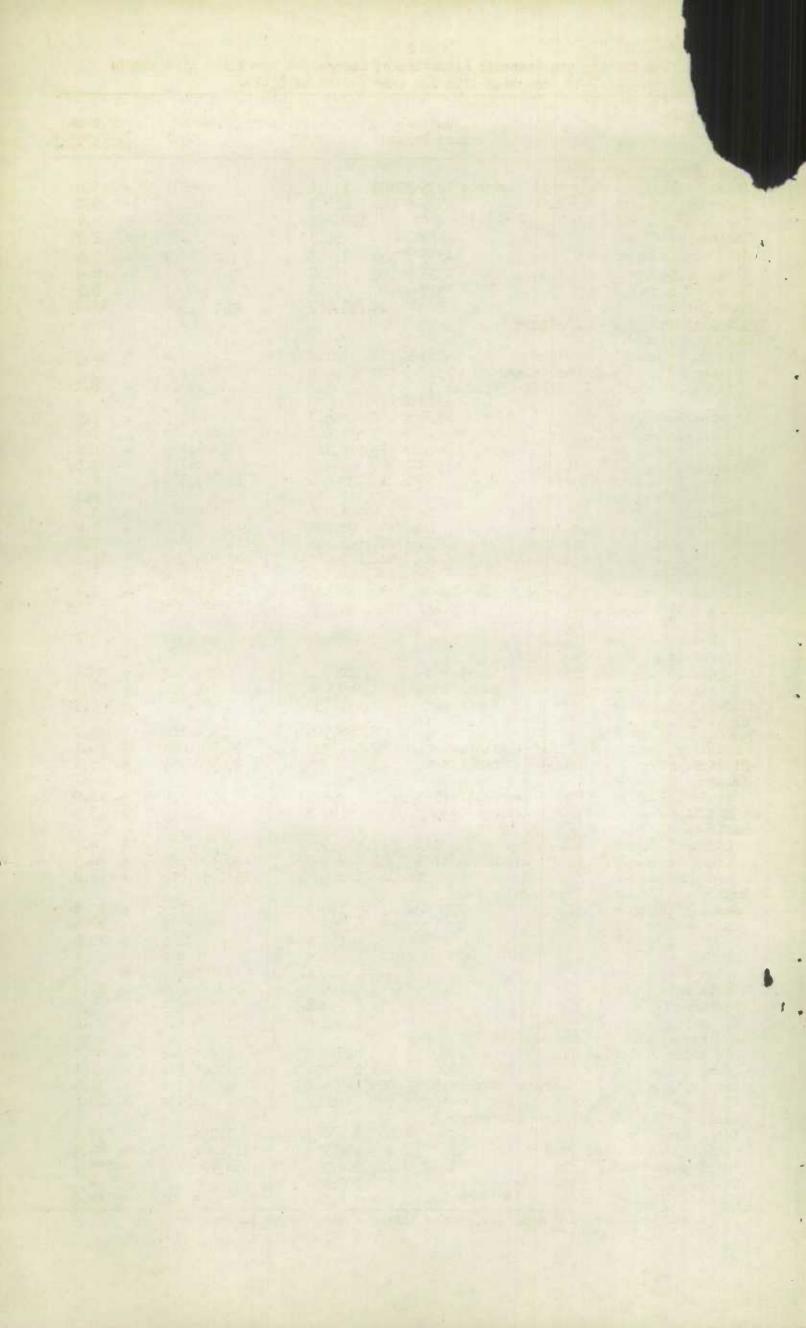


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Illustrating the Economic Situation of Canada for the first nine months of 1942, compared with the same period of 1941.

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Index of Physical Volume of Business			1,58,1		23.6
	1935-9:-100		168.9	+	-
War Contracts Fineca, D.M.S.(6 mos.)	\$000	533, 763	553,828		4.7
, Wholesale Prices	1926=100	95.3	88.5		7.7
. Cost of Living	1935.9=100		110.4		5.5
Index of Common Stock Prices	1935-9=100		67.2		6,4
Index of Bond Yields	1935-9=100		95.9		3.5
Bank Debits	\$000 32	2,291,693	28,502,328	+	13.3
Production and General Business					
Farm Products	1075 000	2010	208,2		c1);
Index of Grain Marketings	1935-9=100		104.0		51.4
Index of Livestock Marketings	1930-9-100	145.6	134.6		8.2
Index of Gold Storage Holdings(10m	1935-9=100	140.0	1.54.0	Т	000
Mineral Production	1935-9=100		191.5	+	17.9
	ins Oss.		3,820,603		7.2
Coal Production	Tons 1	3,766,184	12,446,462	+	10.6
Manufacturing Production	1935-9=100		167.1		37.0
Flour Production (8 mos.)	Bbls. 1		13,984,534		
Cattle Slaughterings		1,196,710	1,258,035		4.9
Hog Slaughterings	No.	4,341,936	4, 198, 536		3.4
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Coke Froduction Short	Ton	2,451,890	2,327,382	+	5.3
Construction		0 1:00 000			00 0
Contracts awarded		8,486,900	322,809,100		29.2
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Retail Sales (8 mos. average)1		1.43.2	124.0		15.5
Railways		2,77,82	±C+00	'	-707
Carloadings	No.	2,500,567	2,344,396	+	6.7
Gross Revenue C.N.R. (Canadian Lin					26.5
Gross Revenue C.P.R.	\$ 18	8,180,000	158,457,000		18.8
Employment (9 mc_ths! average) -					
General Index	926=100	170.4	147.2		15.8
Manufacturing		202.1	162.2		24.6
Logging		197.7	178.8		
Mining		174.0	174.2		~
A Construction		123.1	113.2		4
Building		145.4			11.4
Mahway		1.36,8			5.2
Trade (O manage)		155.4	154.1	+	.8
Banking (9 months average)	4000	3,228,270	7 017 010		7.0
		1,069,396	3,017,018	+	7.0
Current Loans Circulating Wedle (9 months? averag			1,081,111		31.6
Cash and Cheque Payments (9 mostles)			36,972	+	
Dominion Finance - April to Septembe		0 10000	2163	4	*000
Total Revenues	\$ 1.06	8.6.6.627	697, 758, 168	+	53.2
Ordinary Expenditures	\$ 25	4, 391, 764	170, 287, 062		49,4
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	Unit or sase Period		Nine Months	Per Cent Increase + Decrease -
General Economic Situation				
Index of Physical Volume of Business	1935-9=100	195.4	158.1	+ 23.6
Index of Industrial Production	1935-9=100		168.9	+ 29.0
War Contracts Placed, D.M.S. (6 mos.)		533,763	558,828	- 4.7
Wholesale Prices	1926=100	95.3	88.5	+ 7.7
Cost of Living	1935-9=100			
		-/	110.4	+ _5.5
Index of Common Stock Prices	1935-9=100	62.9	67.2	- 6.4
Index of Bond Yields	1935-9=100	99.3	95.9	+ 3.5
Bank Debits	\$000 32,	291,693	28,502,328	+ 13.3
Production and General Business				
Farm Products -	7075 0			
Index of Grain Marketings	1935-9=100		208.2	- 51.4
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Flour Production (8 mos.)	Bbls. 13,		13,984,534	- 6.1
Cattle Slaughterings	No. 1,		1,258,035	- 4.9
Hog Slaughterings	No. 4,		4,198,536	+ 3.4
Creamery Butter Production	Lbs. 227,		233,420,115	- 2.6
Factory Cheese Production	Lbs. 166,		118,493,848	+ 40.5
Cigarettes released	No.7,221,	827,951	6, 263, 494, 099	+ 11.5
Cigars released	No. 144.	784,531	134,086,562	+ 8.0
Leather Boots and Shoes (8 mos.)	Pairs 18,	788,567	18,404,551	+ 2.1
Raw Cotton Consumption	Lbs. 147,	286,708	147, 249, 978	+ .03
Paper and Lumber-				
Newsprint Production	Tons 2,	410,209	2,505,947	- 3.8
Iron and Steel -				
Steel Ingot Production Short	Ton 2.	312,091	1,737,163	+ 33.1
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Construction ~				
Contracts awarded		486,900	322,809,100	- 29.2
Building Permits (58 Municipalitie		547,323	75,801,301	- 24.1
Electric Power Production 000 K	.W.H. 27,5	514,324	23,900,255	+ 15.1
Internal Trade -				
Wholesale Sales (8 mos. average)1	935-9=100	150.8	134.6	+ 12.0
Retail Sales (8 mos. average)1	935-9=100	143.2	124.0	+ 15.5
Railways -				
Carloadings	No. 2,	500,567	2,344,396	+ 6.7
Gross Revenue C.N.R. (Canadian Lin		824,100	188,800,000	+ 26.5
Gross Revenue C.P.R.		180,000	158,457,000	+ 18.8
Employment (9 months! average) -				
General Index	926=100	170.4	147.2	+ 15.8
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Mining		174.0	174.2	1
Construction		123.1	119.2	+ 3.3
Building		145.4		
Highway		136,8	130.5 144.3	+ 11.4
Trade		155.4	154.1	5.2
Banking - (9 months average)		1))•4	194.1	+ .8
Deposits, Four Classes	\$000 3.2	228,270	7 017 010	7.0
Current Loans			3,017,018	+ 7.0
		069,396	1,081,111	- 1.1
Circulating Media (9 months average			417.6	+ 31.6
Cash and Cheque Payments (9 mos)Tot		43,021	36,972	+ 18.0
Dominion Finance - April to Septembe		216 607	(07 750 360	
Total Revenues	\$ 1,068,8	316,627	697,758,168	+ 53.2
Ordinary Expenditures		391,764	170,287,062	+ 49.4
War Expenditures	\$ 1,121,9	28,551	496,613,470	+ 125.9
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