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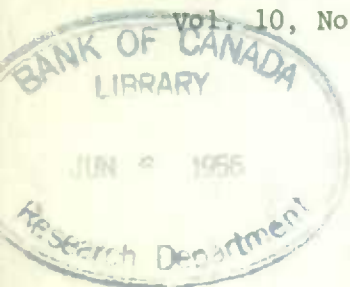
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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

The statistics made available monthly in this report are considered to represent clearly and accurately (a) the new domestic production of synthetic and reclaim rubber, and the inventories of firms reporting production and (b) the total consumption of all types of rubber, natural, synthetic and reclaim whether foreign or domestic, by broad end product use groupings, together with inventories, receipts and sales by consuming manufacturers in all industries. The addition of the two inventories gives the total stocks held by industry.

It is regretted that comparable export-import data cannot be secured each month, and that, therefore, the total available supply is not accurately known. However, the data given in (b) do ultimately account for the total consumption of rubber in Canada, and should be capable of being correlated with new production and export-import data (as compiled by the External Trade Branch, D.B.S.) over a period of months.

Consumption of rubber in March 1956 as compared with February 1956 shows a decrease in natural of 115,223 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 137,055 pounds and an increase in reclaim of 190,164 pounds, the total being a decrease of 62,114 pounds. Considering the situation in terms of end products use, it may be noted that the consumption of all rubber in the production of tires and tubes, including tire repair materials, decreased by 289,376 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear decreased by 246,995, in wire and cable increased by 5,382 pounds and in other products increased by 468,875 pounds making the total decrease of 62,114 pounds mentioned above.

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Section A. Summary Data

This section includes summary data on natural, synthetic and reclaim rubber showing stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption. For more detailed data of consumption by specific types and by end products classification, wherever possible, see Section B, Natural Rubber; Section C, Synthetic Rubber; and Section D, Reclaim Rubber.

Table 1 - Summary Statement of all Rubber Stocks, Domestic Production and Domestic Consumption Showing Monthly Averages, 1939-1955 and Actual Monthly Totals, January to March 1956.

Weights are given in long tons (2,240 pounds)

	Stocks, End of Period			Domestic Production		Consumption		
	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim
Monthly Averages								
1939	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	2,635	-	626
1940	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	3,083	-	703
1941	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	4,436	-	789
1942	n.a.	n.a.	4,506	-	-	3,512	-	1,042
1943	8,165	2,292	4,822	210	392	2,434	307	1,166
1944	5,399	3,641	3,516	2,902	263	799	2,061	1,052
1945	3,703	4,107	2,219	3,810	276	491	2,995	1,276
1946	3,662	5,592	2,786	4,248	331	792	2,468	1,178
1947	6,992	4,333	2,672	3,533	344	2,690	2,432	1,360
1948	6,002	4,448	2,019	3,371	360	3,464	1,713	1,141
1949	6,138	4,678	1,715	3,887	290	3,192	1,505	983
1950	4,423	3,511	1,635	4,870	371	3,843	1,881	1,163
1951	5,016	3,671	2,219	5,191	423	3,698	2,203	1,319
1952	4,255	6,925	1,567	6,189	382	2,792	2,799	1,133
1953	4,583	4,741	1,538	6,744	385	3,124	2,993	1,216
1954	4,710	5,863	1,477	7,215	331	3,465	2,506	1,064
1955	4,375	6,231	1,569	8,658	386	3,693	3,350	1,252
1956-January ...	5,624	8,238	1,725	9,736	400	3,292	4,037	1,338
February ..	5,862	6,830	1,740	8,228	408	3,347	4,132	1,393
March	5,809	7,163	1,766	10,331	500	3,296	4,071	1,478

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Table 2(a) - NEW SUPPLY. Statement of Manufacturers Producing Synthetic and Reclaim
(Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory March 1, 1956	Production	Inventory March 31, 1956
<u>Natural Rubber</u>			
Crude Rubber	-	-	-
Natural Latex	123	-	155
Total Natural Rubber	123	-	155
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>			
Buna-S	2,286	6,837	2,505
Butyl	617	1,948	764
Neoprene	28	-	34
All Other	323	1,546	386
	3,254	10,331	3,689
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>			
Dispersions	40	7	40
Other than Dispersions	207	493	215
Total Reclaim Rubber	247	500	255
GRAND TOTAL	3,624	10,831	4,099

Table 2(b) - CONSUMPTION. Statement of Manufacturers Consuming Rubber
(Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory March 1, 1956	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports, etc.)	Inventory March 31, 1956
<u>Natural Rubber</u>					
Crude Rubber	5,462	2,939	3,047	-	5,354
Natural Latex	277	285	249	13	300
Total Natural Rubber	5,739	3,224	3,296	13	5,654
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>					
Buna-S, Solid	2,720	3,156	3,278	20	2,578
Buna-S, Latex	177	146	141	9	173
Buna-N	33	10	16	-	27
Butyl	201	336	310	-	227
Neoprene	321	253	248	-	326
All Other	124	116	78	19	143
Total Synthetic Rubber	3,576	4,017	4,071	48	3,474
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>					
Dispersions	60	20	13	-	67
Other than Dispersions	1,433	1,476	1,465	-	1,444
Total Reclaim	1,493	1,496	1,478	-	1,511
GRAND TOTAL	10,808	8,737	8,845	61	10,639

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Section A. Summary Data (Concluded)

Table 3 (a) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Products
Classification, March, 1956

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	4,782,569	6,013,775	2,132,226	12,928,570
2. Wire and cable	94,966	557,412	1,350	653,728
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	682,858	757,434	214,627	1,654,919
4. Other products	1,821,848	1,791,660	962,947	4,576,455
TOTAL	7,382,241	9,120,281	3,311,150	19,813,672

Table 3(b) - Consumption of all Rubber by Types and by End Products
Classification, February, 1956

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,046,501	6,133,578	2,037,867	13,217,946
2. Wire and cable	48,506	596,947	2,893	648,346
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	669,189	980,908	251,817	1,901,914
4. Other products	1,733,268	1,545,903	828,409	4,107,580
TOTAL	7,497,464	9,257,336	3,120,986	19,875,786

Table 4 - Consumption of all Rubber in Total, by Types, showing percentages of
Each Type to all Rubber Consumed, 1939 to 1955

	Natural		Synthetic		Reclaim	
	pounds	%	pounds	%	pounds	%
1939	70,828,800	80.4	-	-	16,826,880	19.2
1940	82,871,040	81.4	-	-	18,896,640	18.6
1941	119,239,680	84.9	-	-	21,208,320	15.1
1942	94,402,560	77.1	-	-	28,008,960	22.9
1943	65,425,920	62.3	8,252,160	7.9	31,342,080	29.8
1944	21,477,120	20.4	55,399,680	52.7	28,277,760	26.9
1945	13,198,080	10.3	80,505,600	62.9	34,298,880	26.8
1946	21,459,268	17.8	66,357,973	55.6	31,673,600	26.6
1947	72,294,000	41.5	65,367,660	37.5	36,566,628	21.0
1948	93,113,676	54.8	46,051,821	27.1	30,661,557	18.1
1949	85,790,432	56.2	40,474,347	26.5	26,417,995	17.3
1950	103,305,446	55.8	50,596,632	27.3	31,267,567	16.9
1951	99,404,429	51.2	59,217,110	30.5	35,447,251	18.3
1952	75,042,843	41.5	75,260,578	41.6	30,468,040	16.9
1953	83,955,609	42.6	80,447,628	40.8	32,701,851	16.6
1954	93,129,151	49.3	67,379,304	35.6	28,603,823	15.1
1955	99,281,626	44.5	90,062,434	40.4	33,666,387	15.1

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Section B. Natural Rubber

The March 1956 consumption of Natural Rubber, showing crude rubber and natural latex separately and arranged according to end products classification, is shown in Table 5. Summary data, by months March 1955 to March 1956 are shown in Table 6. For summary data on Natural and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 5 - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Products Classification, March 1956

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding Latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	4,764,441	18,128	4,782,569
2. Wire and cable	94,966	-	94,966
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	674,884	7,974	682,858
4. Other products	1,290,577	531,271	1,821,848
TOTAL	6,824,868	5,573,373	7,382,241

Table 6 - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total by End Products, March 1955 to March 1956, showing also percentage of Natural to all Rubber Consumed.

	Natural		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1955 - March	9,275	46.5	6,196	74	798	2,207
April	8,561	47.5	5,824	65	781	1,891
May	8,426	45.8	5,614	111	848	1,853
June	8,592	42.1	5,496	61	848	2,187
July	6,172	42.5	4,512	40	361	1,259
August	6,427	44.4	3,754	74	955	1,644
September	8,951	44.1	5,835	81	901	2,134
October	8,657	44.6	5,802	37	821	1,997
November	9,457	41.9	6,431	62	800	2,164
December	8,378	41.2	5,789	48	547	1,994
1956 - January	7,374	38.0	5,134	60	549	1,631
February	7,497	37.7	5,046	49	669	1,733
March	7,382	37.3	4,782	95	683	1,822

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The March 1956 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by types and by end products classification in Table 7. Summary data, by months, are shown in Tables 8 and 9. For summary data, on Synthetic and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 7 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Products Classification, March 1956.

End Products	Buna-S		Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	Solid	Latex					
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes & tire repair materials	5,346,816	98,475	600	540,400	16,114	11,370	6,013,775
2. Wire & cable	260,605	-	-	25,387	271,420	-	557,412
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	612,757	894	1,355	12,236	26,177	104,015	757,434
4. Other products	1,122,420	216,070	33,607	116,899	243,131	59,533	1,791,660
TOTAL	7,342,598	315,439	35,562	694,922	556,842	174,918	9,120,281

Table 8 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total by End Products March 1955 to March 1956, showing also percentages of Synthetic to all Rubber Consumed.

	Synthetic		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot wear	Other Products
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1955 - March	7,544	37.9	4,796	443	839	1,466
April	6,735	37.3	4,347	411	594	1,383
May	7,494	40.8	4,950	443	697	1,404
June	8,476	41.6	5,724	447	753	1,552
July	6,023	41.4	4,439	160	408	1,016
August	6,013	41.5	3,324	469	816	1,404
September	8,292	40.9	5,362	508	752	1,670
October	7,953	41.0	5,217	326	809	1,601
November	9,739	43.2	6,459	446	898	1,936
December	8,912	43.9	5,914	385	1,001	1,612
1956 - January	9,046	46.6	6,087	511	878	1,570
February	9,257	46.6	6,133	597	981	1,546
March	9,120	46.0	6,014	557	757	1,792

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Table 9 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types, March 1955 to March 1956

	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1955 - March	6,064,508	809,558	452,005	218,379	7,544,450
April	5,510,556	642,993	436,143	145,688	6,735,380
May	6,186,793	727,054	440,158	139,894	7,493,899
June	7,133,999	696,116	503,596	142,658	8,476,369
July	5,176,428	468,172	234,491	144,090	6,023,181
August	5,004,606	380,152	457,911	171,004	6,013,673
September	6,986,345	603,847	524,632	176,928	8,291,752
October	6,697,930	638,312	449,913	167,284	7,953,439
November	8,392,626	619,474	520,666	206,531	9,739,297
December	7,615,618	650,258	453,622	192,741	8,912,239
1956 - January	7,733,918	603,876	525,752	182,249	9,045,795
February	7,802,737	732,015	532,057	190,527	9,257,336
March	7,658,037	694,922	556,842	210,480	9,120,281

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim Rubber in total only, by end products classification March 1955 to March 1956. Of the 3,311,150 pounds consumed in March 1956, 30,809 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 3,280,341 pounds as other than dispersions. For summary data on Reclaim and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 10 - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber in Total by End Products March 1955 to March 1956, showing also Percentage of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	Reclaim		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot-wear	Other Products
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1955 - March	3,114	15.6	1,929	9	230	946
April	2,749	15.2	1,741	4	207	797
May	2,468	13.4	1,476	5	204	783
June	3,334	16.3	2,240	8	194	892
July	2,342	16.1	1,641	3	142	556
August	2,048	14.1	1,113	11	231	693
September	3,037	15.0	1,976	5	231	825
October	2,782	14.4	1,683	6	262	831
November	3,374	14.9	2,115	2	272	985
December	3,016	14.9	1,901	1	267	847
1956 - January	2,999	15.4	1,929	1	247	822
February	3,121	15.7	2,038	3	252	828
March	3,311	16.7	2,132	1	215	963

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