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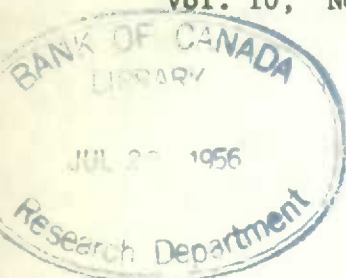
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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

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 May as compared with April 1956 shows an increase in natural of 150,093 pounds, an increase in synthetic of 283,019 pounds and an increase in reclaim of 100,490 pounds, the total being an increase of 533,602 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, increased by 789,271 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 43,977, in wire and cable increased by 2,231 pounds and in other products decreased by 301,877 pounds making the total increase of 533,602 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 May 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
April	4,728	7,135	1,786	10,251	462	3,561	4,402	1,575
May	4,411	8,006	1,790	10,554	435	3,628	4,528	1,620

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1956	Production	Inventory May 31, 1956
<u>Natural Rubber</u>			
Crude Rubber	-	-	-
Natural Latex	95	-	94
Total Natural Rubber .	95	-	94
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>			
Buna-S	2,558	6,909	2,689
Butyl	790	1,990	836
Neoprene	31	-	27
All Other	544	1,655	984
	3,923	10,554	4,536
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>			
Dispersions	35	9	18
Other than Dispersions .	237	426	194
Total Reclaim Rubber .	272	435	212
GRAND TOTAL	4,290	10,989	4,842

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1956	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports, etc.)	Inventory May 31, 1956
<u>Natural Rubber</u>					
Crude Rubber	4,325	3,072	3,426	-	3,971
Natural Latex	308	296	202	56	346
Total Natural Rubber .	4,633	3,368	3,628	56	4,317
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>					
Buna-S, Solid	2,310	3,837	3,643	-	2,504
Buna-S, Latex	171	171	143	5	194
Buna-N	35	13	14	-	34
Butyl	202	421	394	-	229
Neoprene	348	275	258	2	363
All Other	146	89	76	13	146
Total Synthetic Rubber	3,212	4,806	4,528	20	3,470
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>					
Dispersions	43	47	25	-	65
Other than Dispersions .	1,471	1,637	1,595	-	1,513
Total Reclaim	1,514	1,684	1,620	-	1,578
GRAND TOTAL	9,359	9,858	9,776	76	9,365

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Section A. Summary Data (Concluded)

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

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,632,093	6,898,750	2,275,285	14,806,128
2. Wire and cable	78,388	636,355	1,490	716,233
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	714,712	875,503	258,158	1,848,373
4. Other products	1,701,085	1,733,637	1,093,676	4,528,398
TOTAL	8,126,278	10,144,245	3,628,609	21,899,132

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

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,321,144	6,644,529	2,051,184	14,016,857
2. Wire and cable	129,806	579,669	4,527	714,002
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	735,108	820,880	248,408	1,804,396
4. Other products	1,790,127	1,816,148	1,224,000	4,830,275
TOTAL	7,976,185	9,861,226	3,528,119	21,365,530

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	80.8	-	-	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 May 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 May 1955 to May 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, May 1956

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding Latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,615,194	16,899	5,632,093
2. Wire and cable	78,388	-	78,388
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	706,383	8,329	714,712
4. Other products	1,274,074	427,011	1,701,085
TOTAL	7,674,039	452,239	8,126,278

Table 6 - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total by End Products, May 1955
to May 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 - 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
April	7,976	37.3	5,321	130	735	1,790
May	8,126	37.1	5,632	78	715	1,701

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The May 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, May 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	6,031,019	121,768	910	702,966	24,918	17,169	6,898,750
2. Wire & Cable	309,538	-	-	12,737	314,080	-	636,355
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	750,598	-	1,284	8,479	23,820	91,322	875,503
4. Other products	1,070,007	199,663	29,617	158,296	214,763	61,291	1,733,637
TOTAL	8,161,162	321,431	31,811	882,478	577,581	169,782	10,144,245

Table 8 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total by End Products May 1955 to May 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	Footwear	Other Products
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1955 - 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
April	9,861	46.2	6,644	580	821	1,816
May	10,144	46.3	6,899	636	875	1,734

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

	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	pounds	pounds	pound	pounds	pounds
1955 - 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
April	8,174,893	881,925	578,229	226,180	9,861,227
May	8,482,593	882,478	577,581	201,593	10,144,245

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim Rubber in total only, by end products classification May 1955 to May 1956. Of the 3,628,609 pounds consumed in May 1956, 56,544 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 3,572,065 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 May 1955 to May 1956, showing also Percentage of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	Reclaim		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage	Tires	Wire	Foot-	Other
	000's pounds	of all Rubber Per cent	and Tubes 000's pounds	and Cable 000's pounds	wear 000's pounds	Pro- ducts 000's pounds
1955 - 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
April	3,528	16.5	2,051	5	248	1,224
May	3,628	16.6	2,275	1	258	1,094

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