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During the years of Control, monthly Rubber Statistics were developed, showing consumption by types of rubber, and by end product classifications, together with stocks, new production of synthetics, etc. These statistics show clearly the impact on rubber consumers of the loss of natural rubber supplies, and the consequent growth of the synthetic rubber industry. Since they show consumption by end product classification, they are a useful record of the extent to which synthetics were consumed in each of the broad product fields.

Commencing with March, 1947, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics undertook the continuance and publication of a similar, though modified, series, and all available material to date is included in this report. Historical tables, prepared largely from the Rubber Control records, have also been included, in order that valuable material might thus be presented in a condensed form, and also that relationships might be established for the evaluation of current data.

However, assumptions which were valid during the period of control due to the fact that the movements of the commodity were under direction, are no longer sufficiently reliable to permit the publication of import - export data based on receipts and sales of manufacturers, or to assume that the imports of some specific synthetic by a particular manufacturer represent the total new supply of this synthetic. Nor can the inventories of manufacturers, whether producing or consuming, be considered as total since the re-establishment of normal trade channels indicates dealer inventories outside the scope of an industry survey. Also the quantity of foreign or domestic rubber in transit at the close of any period is not known.

Therefore, the statistics now available monthly, are considered only to represent clearly and accurately (a) the new domestic production of synthetic and reclaim, and the inventories of firms reporting this production, and (b) the total consumption of rubber, whether foreign or domestic, together with inventories, receipts and sales of rubber by consuming manufacturers in all industries. The addition of the two inventories give the total stocks held by industry.

The historical tables have now been revised to omit import - export columns, and the current rubber balance statement has been broken down into (a) and (b) as outlined in the preceding paragraphs.

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However, despite the fact that the total available supply is not known and that it is impossible to relate shipments and receipts the data given in (b) do ultimately account for the total consumption of rubber in Canada, and should be capable of being co-related with new production and export - import data (as compiled by External Trade Branch, D. B. S.) over a period of months.

The sections showing consumption of rubber, by types, and by end products have not been changed, since they do correctly represent total consumption in each case.

Section A. Canadian Rubber Balance Statement

This section includes summary data on natural, synthetic and reclaim rubber, showing stocks, domestic production, and domestic consumption. Table 1 gives yearly averages, 1939 - 1945, and actual months, July, 1945 to May, 1947. Table 2 gives details for April and May, 1947.

For detailed data for consumption, by specific types, and by end products classifications, 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, Domestic Consumption showing Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1945, and Actual Monthly Totals, July, 1945 to May, 1947.

Weights are given in Long Tons (2,240 pounds)

Period	Stocks, End of Period			Domestic Production		Domestic Consumption		
	Natural	Syn- thetic	Reclaim	Synthetic	Reclaim	Natural	Syn- thetic	Reclaim
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.	4,560	-	-	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

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	Natural	Syn- thetic	Reclaim	Synthetic	Reclaim	Natural	Syn- thetic	Reclaim
Monthly Totals								
1945 - July	4,007	5,284	2,700	4,007	201	415	2,728	1,003
Aug.	4,798	4,989	2,809	3,399	309	349	2,319	1,117
Sept.	4,517	3,938	2,617	2,783	265	383	2,948	1,357
Oct.	4,637	4,146	2,456	3,541	327	395	3,206	1,483
Nov.	4,165	4,106	2,102	3,984	353	473	3,613	1,559
Dec.	3,703	4,124	2,219	3,575	249	461	3,082	1,373
1946 - Jan.	3,025	4,995	2,150	4,255	290	674	3,446	1,525
Feb.	2,466	4,183	2,228	3,818	326	707	3,356	1,400
Mar.	3,000	3,871	2,358	3,816	343	835	3,741	1,537
Apr.	2,845	3,773	2,575	4,317	288	817	3,808	1,505
May	2,278	3,332	2,572	3,707	341	938	3,699	1,418
June	1,775	3,978	2,409	4,542	300	702	2,946	1,363
July	2,021	7,058	2,672	4,282	264	172	588	519
Aug.	2,929	9,045	3,054	4,570	352	229	530	594
Sept.	4,307	8,742	3,235	3,728	349	294	635	656
Oct.	5,752	7,734	3,530	4,526	344	433	1,051	846
Nov.	7,661	5,829	3,194	4,634	414	1,854	3,048	1,485
Dec.	5,885	4,565	3,455	4,786	356	1,850	2,768	1,292
1947 - Jan.	3,729	4,316	3,195	4,408	329	2,153	3,195	1,533
Feb.	2,876	4,551	3,114	4,024	330	2,224	2,823	1,463
Mar.	4,473	5,344	2,872	4,466	360	2,440	2,876	1,570
Apr.	7,187	5,473	2,931	4,628	360	2,476	2,942	1,395
May	9,992	4,953	2,772	3,467	359	2,643	2,889	1,438

Note: Poundage of Guayule Rubber included in Natural Rubber totals is on a deresinated basis. All other wild rubber is calculated on a Washed and Dried basis. Also it should be particularly noted that all stocks are taken at the raw level, or the level on which rubber may be used as a material. They would include compound latex purchased for consumption by a manufacturer but would not include the semi-processed, or finished goods, held in inventory by the manufacturer.

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Table 2(a). - NEW SUPPLY. Statement of Manufacturers producing Synthetic and Reclaim Rubber.

(Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1947	Production	Inventory May 31, 1947
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>			
Crude Rubber	3	-	3
Natural Latex	25	-	21
Total Natural Rubber	28	-	24
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>			
Buna S	1,326	3,231	1,506
Butyl	1,531	236	1,380
Neoprene	75	-	73
All other	1	-	1
Total Synthetic Rubber ..	2,933	3,467	2,960
Total Natural and Synthetic Rubber	2,960	3,467	2,964
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>			
Dispersions	13	33	13
Other than dispersions	207	326	161
Total Reclaim Rubber	220	359	174
GRAND TOTAL	3,180	3,826	3,158

Table 2(b). - CONSUMPTION. Statement of Manufacturers Consuming Rubber.

(Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1947	Receipts (imports, etc.)	Con- sumption	Sales (exports, etc.)	Inventory May 31, 1947
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>					
Crude Rubber	7,094	6,433	2,610	991	9,926
Natural Latex	65	13	33	3	42
Total Natural Rubber	7,159	6,446	2,643	994	9,968
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>					
Buna S	1,952	1,900	2,293	2	1,557
Butyl	453	362	488	-	327
Neoprene	113	64	101	-	76
All other	23	19	7	1	34
Total Synthetic Rubber ..	2,541	2,345	2,889	3	1,994
Total Natural and Synthetic Rubber	9,700	8,791	5,532	997	11,962
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>					
Dispersions	77	84	75	-	86
Other than dispersions	2,635	1,278	1,363	38	2,512
Total Reclaim Rubber	2,712	1,362	1,438	38	2,598
GRAND TOTAL	12,412	10,153	6,970	1,035	14,560

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Section B. Natural Rubber

The April and May, 1947, consumption of Natural Rubber showing crude rubber and natural latex separately, and arranged according to end product classifications, is shown in Table 5.

Summary data, by months, July, 1945 - May, 1947, are shown in Table 4, and 1939 - 1946 yearly totals and monthly averages are given in Table 3. Crude rubber and natural latex do not appear separately in summary tables, but are combined under the heading "Natural".

For summary data on Synthetics, Natural and other rubber stocks, domestic production, domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1. However, when comparing monthly consumption of natural rubber, as given in Table 1, with consumption as shown in detailed tables by end product classification, it should be noted that in Table 1, Guayule Rubber is reduced to a deresinated basis, whereas in the detailed tables it is included at the weight reported by the firms. Commencing with March 1, 1947, poundage of Guayule included in all tables is on a deresinated basis, and totals should, therefore, agree.

Table 3. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, and
Showing Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1946.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u> Pounds	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Averages</u> Pounds
1939	70,828,800	5,902,400
1940	82,871,040	6,905,920
1941	119,239,680	9,936,640
1942	94,402,560	7,866,880
1943	65,425,920	5,452,160
1944	21,477,120	1,789,760
1945	13,198,080	1,099,840
1946	21,459,286	1,788,273

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Table 4. - Consumption of Natural Rubber, in Total, by
Showing also Percentage of Natural

Month	Natural Rubber		Used
	Total	Percentage of natural to all synthetic and natural consumed	Tires and tubes
	Pounds	Per cent	Pounds
1945 -			
1. July	953,283	13.50	773,290
2. August	802,962	13.38	630,620
3. September	877,794	11.78	714,132
4. October	915,814	11.31	680,818
5. November	1,103,811	11.96	799,472
6. December	1,072,583	13.45	662,666
1946 -			
7. January	1,545,626	16.68	1,065,291
8. February	1,623,712	17.78	1,053,885
9. March	1,904,615	18.60	1,232,188
10. April	1,855,053	17.85	1,213,693
11. May	2,116,145	20.34	1,404,350
12. June	1,576,499	29.26	964,289
13. July	387,538	22.72	98,340
14. August	513,149	30.21	153,674
15. September	658,184	31.64	251,846
16. October	970,340	29.18	488,392
17. November	4,163,330	37.89	3,372,805
18. December	4,145,095	40.06	3,310,537
1947 -			
19. January	4,823,846	40.26	3,925,359
20. February	4,981,505	44.06	3,990,284
21. March	5,464,674	45.89	4,275,153
22. April	5,546,341	45.69	4,374,542
23. May	5,921,014	47.78	4,472,639

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End Products, and by Months, July, 1945 - May, 1947,
to All Synthetic and Natural Consumed.

in the manufacture of -

Repair Materials (including re- pair cements and camelback)	Mechanical goods	Wire and cable	Footwear	Miscel- laneous	
Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	
56,381	42,379	-	60,047	21,186	1.
35,802	46,023	50	68,974	21,593	2.
48,770	34,144	-	57,997	22,751	3.
58,114	22,441	50	130,738	23,653	4.
56,297	39,794	276	188,956	21,016	5.
45,678	49,358	476	290,459	23,946	6.
40,398	97,337	3,904	307,094	31,602	7.
33,967	98,965	5,184	394,679	37,032	8.
25,122	121,777	11,313	468,530	45,685	9.
26,172	145,465	13,903	405,346	50,474	10.
33,058	139,353	17,829	447,913	73,642	11.
25,697	113,598	26,237	380,057	66,621	12.
4,376	37,755	9,468	192,954	44,645	13.
3,467	49,514	10,516	225,122	70,856	14.
12,850	69,940	13,068	248,106	62,374	15.
14,963	94,557	13,406	283,367	75,655	16.
37,485	229,714	24,577	410,504	88,245	17.
64,576	225,497	25,019	413,019	106,447	18.
56,042	256,292	20,043	435,920	130,190	19.
50,207	290,146	24,276	507,109	119,483	20.
42,062	323,124	22,292	623,674	178,369	21.
41,971	302,226	25,197	612,465	189,940	22.
30,324	354,075	35,139	792,020	236,817	23.

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Table 5 (a). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April, 1947.

End Products	Crude Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Crude and Latex
	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires and tubes	4,368,749	5,793	4,374,542
2. Tire repair materials (including cements and camelback)	41,321	650	41,971
3. Mechanical goods	301,986	240	302,226
4. Wire and cable	25,197	-	25,197
5. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	610,385	2,080	612,465
6. Miscellaneous	146,947	42,993	189,940
 TOTAL	 5,494,585	 51,756	 5,546,341

Table 5 (b). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, May, 1947.

End Products	Crude Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Crude and Latex
	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires and tubes	4,459,437	13,202	4,472,639
2. Tire repair materials (including cements and camelback)	29,374	950	30,324
3. Mechanical goods	353,636	439	354,075
4. Wire and cable	35,139	-	35,139
5. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	790,151	1,869	792,020
6. Miscellaneous	179,853	56,964	236,817
 TOTAL	 5,847,590	 73,424	 5,921,014

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The April and May, 1947, consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown, by type, and by end product classification, in Table 9.

Summary data, by months, July, 1945 to May, 1947, are shown in Tables 7 and 8, while 1943 - 1946 yearly totals and monthly averages are given in Table 6.

For summary data on Synthetic and other rubber stocks, domestic production, domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 6. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber in Total, and showing Monthly Averages, 1943 - 1946.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u> pounds	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Averages</u> pounds
1943	8,252,160	687,680
1944	55,399,680	4,616,640
1945	80,505,600	6,708,800
1946	66,357,973	5,529,831

Table 7. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by Months, July, 1945 to May, 1947

<u>Month</u>	<u>Buna S</u> pounds	<u>Butyl</u> pounds	<u>Neoprene</u> pounds	<u>Other</u> pounds	<u>Total</u> pounds
1945 - July	5,283,550	649,716	148,262	28,326	6,109,854
August	4,468,104	566,889	150,926	11,191	5,197,110
September	5,647,551	754,749	183,441	16,571	6,602,312
October	6,126,762	838,316	201,847	13,710	7,180,635
November	6,920,455	929,364	225,173	12,860	8,087,852
December	5,884,613	799,161	197,200	18,765	6,899,739
1946 - January	6,525,620	966,922	210,560	18,912	7,722,014
February	6,324,833	934,575	228,480	22,881	7,510,769
March	7,146,789	923,442	286,720	27,825	8,384,776
April	7,273,779	991,946	248,640	21,544	8,535,909
May	6,945,265	1,030,234	277,760	35,315	8,288,574
June	5,515,190	819,974	253,120	19,177	6,607,461
July	1,064,494	79,115	165,760	8,567	1,317,936
August	973,714	62,611	143,360	6,022	1,185,707
September	1,138,981	108,720	170,240	4,355	1,422,296
October	1,921,885	246,885	176,960	9,066	2,354,796
November	5,548,222	1,029,746	237,440	10,268	6,825,676
December	5,000,720	953,020	237,680	10,639	6,202,059
1947 - January	5,710,124	1,199,032	230,720	18,173	7,158,049
February	5,034,216	1,095,348	176,960	18,814	6,325,338
March	5,122,804	1,001,714	241,890	76,249	6,442,657
April	5,201,926	1,162,252	217,750	9,477	6,591,405
May	5,135,107	1,092,810	225,866	16,464	6,470,247

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Table 8. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total,
Showing also Percentage of Synthetic

Month	Synthetic Rubber		Used
	Total	Percentage of synthetic to all natural and synthetic consumed	Tires and tubes
	Pounds	Per cent	Pounds
1945 -			
1. July	6,109,854	86.50	4,631,684
2. August	5,197,110	86.62	3,851,675
3. September	6,602,312	88.26	5,080,875
4. October	7,180,635	88.69	5,397,864
5. November	8,087,852	88.04	6,270,671
6. December	6,899,739	86.55	5,433,895
1946 -			
7. January	7,722,014	83.32	6,010,115
8. February	7,510,769	82.22	5,925,137
9. March	8,384,776	81.40	6,505,847
10. April	8,535,909	82.15	6,771,327
11. May	8,288,574	79.66	6,367,544
12. June	6,607,461	70.74	4,893,857
13. July	1,317,936	77.28	398,656
14. August	1,185,707	69.79	213,232
15. September	1,422,296	68.36	407,187
16. October	2,354,796	70.82	1,038,757
17. November	6,825,676	62.11	5,124,731
18. December	6,202,059	59.94	4,566,027
1947 -			
19. January	7,158,049	59.74	5,193,964
20. February	6,325,338	55.94	4,827,602
21. March	6,442,657	54.11	4,717,371
22. April	6,591,405	54.31	4,773,766
23. May	6,470,247	52.22	4,876,911

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by End Products, and by Months, July, 1945 - May, 1947,
to all Natural and Synthetic Consumed.

in the manufacture of -

Repair Materials (including re- pair cements and camelback)	Mechanical goods	Wire and cable	Footwear	Miscel- laneous	
Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	
216,041	400,920	114,868	468,071	278,270	1.
148,723	325,590	123,184	446,912	301,026	2.
180,014	425,949	141,347	484,311	289,816	3.
193,290	526,417	164,088	490,956	408,020	4.
175,365	554,080	195,285	510,643	381,808	5.
244,710	527,008	137,758	263,112	293,256	6.
101,899	503,540	159,907	429,845	516,708	7.
82,329	587,252	133,529	430,483	352,039	8.
65,958	733,371	141,410	529,734	408,456	9.
46,780	783,800	133,066	338,118	462,818	10.
79,239	735,671	163,081	448,789	494,250	11.
85,961	646,083	162,121	378,611	440,827	12.
6,183	293,623	103,735	140,492	375,247	13.
66	203,683	121,047	204,234	443,445	14.
14,018	250,209	130,068	205,736	415,078	15.
28,567	387,939	149,932	252,508	497,093	16.
112,394	722,992	141,144	270,868	453,547	17.
108,200	637,371	162,447	297,744	430,270	18.
95,289	849,129	182,955	377,469	459,243	19.
90,604	473,925	163,929	374,746	394,532	20.
62,548	669,792	167,902	519,374	305,670	21.
69,081	646,328	164,870	575,419	361,941	22.
50,647	586,287	230,750	401,007	324,645	23.

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Table 9 (a). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April, 1947.

End Products	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires and tubes	3,621,866	1,151,900	-	-	4,773,766
2. Tire repair materials (including cements and camelback)	68,684	397	-	-	69,081
3. Mechanical goods	536,241	943	106,702	2,442	646,328
4. Wire and cable	137,258	244	27,368	-	164,870
5. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	573,598	-	1,821	-	575,419
6. Miscellaneous	264,279	8,768	81,859	7,035	361,941
TOTAL	5,201,926	1,162,252	217,750	9,477	6,591,405

Table 9 (b). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, May, 1947.

End Products	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires and tubes	3,794,669	1,082,242	-	-	4,876,911
2. Tire repair materials (including cements and camelback)	50,600	47	-	-	50,647
3. Mechanical goods	457,628	1,861	121,688	5,110	586,287
4. Wire and cable	201,449	120	29,181	-	230,750
5. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	399,720	-	1,229	58	401,007
6. Miscellaneous	231,041	8,540	73,768	11,296	324,645
TOTAL	5,135,107	1,092,810	225,866	16,464	6,470,247

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Section D. Reclaim Rubber

No end product consumption data are available for Reclaim Rubber. However, Reclaim is usually classified as (a) Dispersions, and (b) other than dispersions. This break-down gives some broad indication of the end product use. "Other than Dispersions" would compare with crude rubber, while "Dispersions" would compare with natural latex.

(In general, dispersions are mechanical disperions of rubber, resins or reclaim, the products being similar to compounded latex. Basically, they are a suspension of rubber or resin in water. Natural rubber latex could be considered as the "classic material", and the others as later developments that come about through necessity of advancing technological knowledge. They are used where latex was, might be, or could be used.)

Tables 10 and 11 give the consumption of Reclaim, in total, for the years 1939 - 1946, with monthly averages for each year and broken down into Dispersions and Other than Dispersions, by actual months, July, 1945 to May, 1947.

For summary data on Reclaim, Synthetics, and other rubber stocks, domestic production, domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 10. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber, in Total,
and by Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1946.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Pounds</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Average</u> <u>Pounds</u>
1939	16,826,880	1,402,240
1940	18,896,640	1,574,720
1941	21,208,320	1,767,360
1942	28,008,960	2,334,080
1943	31,342,080	2,611,840
1944	28,277,760	2,356,480
1945	34,298,880	2,858,240
1946	31,673,600	2,639,467

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Table 11. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber, by Types, and
by Months, July, 1945 to May, 1947.

Month	Total	Dispersions	Other than Dispersions
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1945 -			
July	2,246,720	125,440	2,121,280
August	2,502,080	112,000	2,390,080
September	3,039,680	132,160	2,907,520
October	3,321,920	116,480	3,205,440
November	3,492,160	132,160	3,360,000
December	3,075,520	109,760	2,965,760
1946 -			
January	3,416,000	145,600	3,270,400
February	3,136,000	134,400	3,001,600
March	3,442,880	132,160	3,310,720
April	3,371,200	129,920	3,241,280
May	3,176,320	132,160	3,044,160
June	3,053,120	89,600	2,963,520
July	1,162,560	4,480	1,158,080
August	1,330,560	2,240	1,328,320
September	1,469,440	4,480	1,464,960
October	1,895,040	33,600	1,861,440
November	3,326,400	138,880	3,187,520
December	2,894,080	116,480	2,777,600
1947 -			
January	3,286,080	147,840	3,433,920
February	3,277,120	129,920	3,147,200
March	3,515,749	134,392	3,381,357
April	3,124,794	202,416	2,922,378
May	3,221,826	168,592	3,053,234



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