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The statistics made available monthly in this report are considered only to represent clearly and accurately (a) the new domestic production of synthetic and reclaim rubber, and the inventories of firms reporting this 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 of rubber by consuming manufacturers in all industries. The additions 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 December as compared with November, decreased as follows: natural 347,990 pounds, synthetic 26,395 pounds, and reclaim 50,467 pounds, the total decrease being 424,852 pounds. Considering the situation in terms of end product use, it may be noted that the consumption of all rubber in the production of tires and tubes, including tire repair material, decreased by 272,251 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear decreased by 216,707 pounds, in wire and cable decreased by 69,620 pounds, and in other products increased by 133,726 pounds, making the total decrease of 424,852 pounds mentioned above.

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## Section A. Canadian Rubber Balance Statement

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 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 - 1947, and Actual Monthly Totals, January 1947 - December 1948.

Weights are given in Long Tons (2,240 pounds)								
Period	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.	4,560	-	-	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
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
1947 - January ...	3,729	4,316	3,195	4,408	329	2,153	3,195	1,533
February ..	2,376	4,551	3,114	4,024	330	2,224	2,823	1,463
March .....	4,473	5,344	2,872	4,466	360	2,440	2,876	1,570
April .....	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
June .....	10,108	4,488	2,599	3,392	334	2,627	2,540	1,299
July .....	10,045	3,733	2,629	3,480	225	2,433	2,059	1,120
August .....	9,679	4,269	2,680	3,533	298	2,192	1,719	983
September ..	8,129	3,349	2,451	1,944	337	3,226	2,113	1,393
October ...	7,167	3,475	2,440	3,034	424	3,330	2,080	1,397
November ..	5,260	3,846	2,093	2,953	372	3,216	1,962	1,417
December ..	5,264	4,200	2,282	3,064	397	3,314	1,980	1,314
1948 - January ...	5,739	3,921	2,246	3,648	371	3,458	2,081	1,339
February ..	5,704	4,062	2,162	3,388	388	3,474	1,886	1,216
March .....	5,585	3,862	2,041	3,560	427	3,882	1,797	1,359
April .....	5,833	4,074	2,181	2,787	391	3,694	1,865	1,172
May .....	5,400	5,337	2,338	3,647	382	3,328	1,588	1,020
June .....	5,177	5,252	2,185	2,841	368	3,762	1,771	1,203
July .....	5,478	5,323	1,916	2,750	210	2,909	1,402	951
August .....	6,821	4,972	2,070	2,720	359	2,571	1,301	752
September ..	6,634	4,869	1,820	4,146	344	3,363	1,611	1,116
October ...	7,710	3,802	1,751	2,959	851	3,522	1,651	1,175
November ..	6,118	3,570	1,689	3,990	375	3,880	1,806	1,203
December ..	5,827	4,336	1,829	4,019	357	3,724	1,795	1,180



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

Type of Rubber	Inventory December 1, 1948	Production	Inventory December 31, 1948
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>			
Crude Rubber .....	-	-	-
Natural Latex .....	39	-	66
Total Natural Rubber .....	39	-	66
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>			
Buna-S, Solid .....	1,561	2,793	2,138
Buna-S, Latex .....	93	131	94
Buna-N, Solid .....	21	71	24
Butyl, Solid .....	459	1,024	804
Neoprene .....	40	-	57
All other .....	-	-	-
Total Synthetic Rubber ....	2,174	4,019	3,117
Total Natural and Synthetic	2,213	4,019	3,183
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>			
Dispersions .....	37	17	37
Other than dispersions .....	296	340	336
Total Reclaim Rubber .....	333	357	373
GRAND TOTAL .....	2,546	4,376	3,556

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory December 1, 1948	Receipts (imports, etc.)	Con- sumption	Sales (exports, etc.)	Inventory December 31, 1948
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>					
Crude rubber .....	5,903	3,346	3,613	76	5,560
Natural Latex .....	176	136	111	-	201
Total Natural Rubber	6,079	3,482	3,724	76	5,761
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>					
Buna-S, Solid .....	1,082	1,286	1,452	-	916
Buna-S, Latex .....	81	74	57	13	85
Buna-N, Solid .....	4	3	3	-	4
Butyl, Solid .....	103	188	201	-	90
Neoprene .....	112	69	77	-	104
All other .....	14	13	5	2	20
Total Synthetic Rubber ...	1,396	1,633	1,795	15	1,219
Total Natural and Synthetic	7,475	5,115	5,519	91	6,980
<u>Reclaim Rubber-</u>					
Dispersions .....	35	29	40	-	24
Other than dispersions ...	1,321	1,251	1,140	-	1,432
Total Reclaim Rubber .....	1,356	1,280	1,180	-	1,456
GRAND TOTAL .....	8,831	6,395	6,699	91	8,436

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Table 3(a). - Consumption of all Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, December 1948.

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including tire repair materials ...	6,116,563	2,882,919	1,420,678	10,420,160
2. Wire and cable .....	119,611	212,998	17,393	350,002
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	818,809	287,239	148,798	1,254,846
4. Other products .....	1,288,064	637,715	1,056,444	2,982,223
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>8,343,047</b>	<b>4,020,871</b>	<b>2,643,313</b>	<b>15,007,231</b>

Table 3(b). - Consumption of All Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, November 1948.

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including tire repair materials ...	6,478,869	2,831,759	1,381,783	10,692,411
2. Wire and cable .....	134,265	259,010	26,347	419,622
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	900,873	338,351	232,329	1,471,553
4. Other products .....	1,177,030	618,146	1,053,321	2,848,497
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>8,691,037</b>	<b>4,047,266</b>	<b>2,693,780</b>	<b>15,432,083</b>

Tire repair materials, now included with tires and tubes, and mechanical goods, now included with other products, were shown separately previous to January 1948. The present grouping is by arrangement with the Rubber Association of Canada.

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## Section B. Natural Rubber

The November and December, 1948, consumption of Natural Rubber showing crude rubber and natural latex separately, and arranged according to end products classifications, is shown in Tables 6(a) and 6(b).

Summary Data, by months, January 1947 to December 1948, are shown in Table 5, and 1939 - 1948 yearly totals, monthly averages and percentages of natural rubber to all rubber consumed, are given in Table 4. Crude rubber and natural latex do not appear separately in summary tables, but are combined under the heading "Natural".

For summary data on Synthetic, Natural and other rubber stocks, domestic production and 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 4. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, showing Monthly Averages 1939-1948 and percentages of Natural to All Rubber consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage to All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Per cent
1939 .....	70,828,800	5,902,400	80.8
1940 .....	82,871,040	6,905,920	81.4
1941 .....	119,239,680	9,936,640	84.9
1942 .....	94,402,560	7,866,880	77.1
1943 .....	65,425,920	5,452,160	62.3
1944 .....	21,477,120	1,789,760	20.4
1945 .....	13,198,080	1,099,840	10.3
1946 .....	21,459,268	1,788,273	17.8
1947 .....	72,294,000	6,024,500	41.5
1948 .....	93,113,676	7,759,473	54.8



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Table 5. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, and by Months, January 1947 to December 1948, showing also percentage of Natural to All Rubber Consumed.

Month	Natural		Used in the manufacture of -					
	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Repair Materials	Mechanical Goods	Wire and Cable	Footwear	Other Products
	000's pounds	per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1947 - January .....	4,824	31.3	3,925	56	256	20	436	130
February .....	4,982	34.2	3,990	50	290	24	507	119
March .....	5,465	35.4	4,275	42	323	22	624	178
April .....	5,546	36.3	4,375	42	302	25	612	190
May .....	5,921	37.9	4,473	30	354	35	792	237
June .....	5,885	40.6	4,361	39	387	45	788	265
July .....	5,448	43.3	4,133	36	410	14	641	214
August .....	4,909	44.8	3,285	38	366	36	962	222
September ...	7,238	47.9	5,240	47	581	53	991	316
October .....	7,459	48.9	5,343	56	701	83	939	332
November ....	7,205	48.8	5,303	56	593	59	884	310
December ....	7,422	50.1	5,545	57	623	92	813	292
1948 - January .....	7,744	50.3	5,636	(1)	(2)	88	898	1,122
February .....	7,782	52.8	5,743	(1)	(2)	71	958	1,010
March .....	8,695	55.2	6,215	(1)	(2)	90	1,115	1,275
April .....	8,275	54.9	5,952	(1)	(2)	102	1,130	1,091
May .....	7,457	56.1	5,264	(1)	(2)	80	1,047	1,066
June .....	8,426	55.8	6,189	(1)	(2)	91	1,057	1,089
July .....	6,515	55.3	5,126	(1)	(2)	46	615	728
August .....	5,759	55.6	4,144	(1)	(2)	68	667	880
September ...	7,534	55.2	5,474	(1)	(2)	89	757	1,214
October .....	7,889	55.5	5,717	(1)	(2)	92	914	1,166
November ....	8,691	56.3	6,479	(1)	(2)	134	901	1,177
December ....	8,343	55.6	6,116	(1)	(2)	120	819	1,288

(1) Included with "tires and tubes".

(2) Included with "other products".



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Table 6(a). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by types and by End Product Classification, December 1948.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including tire repair materials .....	6,092,871	23,692	6,116,563
2. Wire and cable .....	119,611	-	119,611
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	818,167	642	818,809
4. Other products .....	1,062,242	225,822	1,288,064
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>8,092,891</b>	<b>250,156</b>	<b>8,343,047</b>

Table 6(b). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, November 1948.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including tire repair materials .....	6,454,767	24,102	6,478,869
2. Wire and cable .....	134,265	-	134,265
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	899,239	1,634	900,873
4. Other products .....	966,052	210,978	1,177,030
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>8,454,323</b>	<b>236,714</b>	<b>8,691,037</b>

Tire repair materials, now included with tire and tubes, and mechanical goods, now included with other products, were shown separately previous to January 1948. The present grouping is by arrangement with the Rubber Association of Canada.

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The November and December 1948 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by type, and by end products classification, in Table 10.

Summary data, by months, are shown in Tables 8 and 9, while 1943 - 1948 yearly totals and monthly averages are given in Table 7. 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 in Total, showing Monthly Averages, 1943 - 1948, and Percentages of Synthetic Rubber to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage
1943 .....	8,252,160 pounds	687,680 pounds	7.9
1944 .....	55,399,680 "	4,616,640 "	52.7
1945 .....	80,505,600 "	6,708,300 "	62.9
1946 .....	66,357,973 "	5,529,831 "	55.6
1947 .....	65,367,660 "	5,447,305 "	37.5
1948 .....	46,051,821 "	3,837,652 "	27.1

Table 8. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by Months, January 1947 to December 1948.

Month	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
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
June .....	4,447,404	960,038	219,914	63,014	5,690,370
July .....	3,689,525	759,452	146,944	15,129	4,611,050
August .....	3,059,955	665,754	116,599	10,323	3,852,631
September .....	3,661,306	882,330	177,278	13,099	4,734,013
October .....	3,607,668	858,690	174,591	18,630	4,659,579
November .....	3,394,278	815,672	169,987	16,585	4,396,522
December .....	3,380,775	925,781	122,208	7,035	4,435,799
1948 - January .....	3,593,044	923,787	130,949	16,929	4,664,709
February .....	3,320,024	733,907	146,740	22,880	4,223,551
March .....	3,373,629	460,765	165,141	26,268	4,025,803
April .....	3,508,423	446,890	204,995	20,493	4,180,801
May .....	2,969,325	385,312	184,528	20,383	3,559,548
June .....	3,223,223	524,704	191,943	26,019	3,965,889
July .....	2,614,210	386,787	125,003	13,543	3,139,543
August .....	2,380,019	306,453	204,508	24,055	2,915,035
September .....	3,007,785	407,223	172,401	19,539	3,606,948
October .....	3,093,226	410,371	182,211	16,049	3,701,857
November .....	3,396,730	465,021	166,917	18,598	4,047,266
December .....	3,381,339	450,228	171,767	17,537	4,020,871

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Table 9. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products, and by Months, January 1947 to December 1948, showing also Percentage of Synthetic to All Rubber Consumed.

Month	Synthetic Rubber		Used in the manufacture of -					
	Total	Percentage of	Tires and	Repair	Mechanical	Wire and	Footwear	Other
	000's pounds	All Rubber Per cent	Tubes 000's pounds	Materials 000's pounds	Goods 000's pounds	Cable 000's pounds	000's pounds	Products 000's pounds
1947 - January .....	7,158	46.4	5,194	95	849	183	377	459
February .....	6,325	43.3	4,828	91	474	164	375	395
March .....	6,443	41.8	4,717	63	670	168	519	306
April .....	6,591	43.2	4,774	69	646	165	575	362
May .....	6,470	41.5	4,877	51	586	231	401	325
June .....	5,690	39.3	4,340	37	616	164	210	324
July .....	4,611	36.7	3,532	37	446	114	307	175
August .....	3,853	35.1	2,876	33	311	155	314	163
September ....	4,734	31.4	3,370	37	517	208	378	224
October .....	4,660	30.6	3,385	27	436	190	365	257
November .....	4,397	29.7	3,158	45	368	253	323	250
December .....	4,436	30.0	3,381	61	334	157	314	189
1948 - January .....	4,665	30.2	3,495	(1)	(2)	203	365	602
February .....	4,223	28.7	3,076	(1)	(2)	183	364	600
March .....	4,026	25.5	2,830	(1)	(2)	265	338	602
April .....	4,181	27.7	2,981	(1)	(2)	254	310	636
May .....	3,560	26.7	2,504	(1)	(2)	205	319	532
June .....	3,966	26.3	2,750	(1)	(2)	228	339	649
July .....	3,139	26.6	2,299	(1)	(2)	137	217	486
August .....	2,915	28.1	1,960	(1)	(2)	159	273	523
September ....	3,607	26.5	2,602	(1)	(2)	204	283	518
October .....	3,702	26.0	2,667	(1)	(2)	164	301	570
November .....	4,047	26.2	2,832	(1)	(2)	259	338	618
December .....	4,021	26.8	2,883	(1)	(2)	213	287	638

(1) Included with "tires and tubes".

(2) Included with "other products".



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Table 10(a). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, December 1948.

End Products	Buna-N	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
		Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including tire repair materials ..	-	2,439,932	440,103	2,884	-	2,882,919
2. Wire and cable .....	-	168,802	450	43,746	-	212,998
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	-	280,890	574	3,835	1,940	287,239
4. Other products .....	6,385	491,715	9,101	121,302	9,212	637,715
TOTAL .....	6,385	3,381,339	450,228	171,767	11,152	4,020,871

Table 10(b). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, November 1948.

End Products	Buna-S	Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires and tubes, including repair materials ...	2,368,264	-	459,545	3,950	-	2,831,759
2. Wire and cable .....	225,583	-	-	33,427	-	259,010
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	329,167	-	380	3,029	5,775	338,351
4. Other products .....	473,716	2,525	5,096	126,511	10,298	618,146
TOTAL .....	3,396,730	2,525	465,021	166,917	16,073	4,047,266

Tire repair materials, now included with tires and tubes, and mechanical goods, now included with other products, were shown separately previous to January 1948. The present grouping is by arrangement with The Rubber Association of Canada.

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Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Tables 11 and 12 give the consumption of Reclaim in total for the years 1939-1948 with monthly averages for each year and broken down into Dispersions and Other than Dispersions, by actual months, January 1947 to December 1948. Consumption of Reclaim, in total only, by end product classification is given in Tables 3(a) and 3(b) for November and December 1948. For summary data on Reclaim, Synthetic, and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 11. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber in Total, and by Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1948, showing also percentages of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage to All Rubber
1939 .....	16,826,880 pounds	1,402,240 pounds	19.2
1940 .....	18,896,640 "	1,574,720 "	18.6
1941 .....	21,208,320 "	1,767,360 "	15.1
1942 .....	28,008,960 "	2,334,080 "	22.9
1943 .....	31,342,080 "	2,611,840 "	29.8
1944 .....	28,277,760 "	2,356,480 "	26.9
1945 .....	34,298,880 "	2,858,240 "	26.8
1946 .....	31,673,600 "	2,639,467 "	26.6
1947 .....	36,418,788 "	3,034,899 "	21.0
1948 .....	30,661,557 "	2,555,130 "	18.1

Table 12. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber, by Types and by Months, January 1947 to December 1948, showing percentage of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Month	Dispersions	Other than Dispersions	Total	Percentage to All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Per cent
1947 - January .....	147,840	3,286,080	3,433,920	22.3
February .....	129,920	3,147,200	3,277,120	22.5
March .....	134,392	3,381,357	3,515,749	22.8
April .....	202,416	2,922,378	3,124,794	20.5
May .....	168,592	3,053,234	3,221,826	20.6
June .....	166,105	2,744,499	2,910,604	20.1
July .....	144,393	2,365,824	2,510,217	20.0
August .....	130,975	2,071,196	2,202,171	20.1
September .....	158,296	2,963,932	3,122,228	20.7
October .....	145,241	2,984,191	3,129,432	20.5
November .....	140,170	3,034,534	3,174,704	21.5
December .....	125,594	2,818,269	2,943,863	19.9
1948 - January .....	113,948	2,886,095	3,000,043	19.5
February .....	115,805	2,608,102	2,723,907	18.5
March .....	149,175	2,893,982	3,043,157	19.3
April .....	135,727	2,491,562	2,627,289	17.4
May .....	102,679	2,182,470	2,285,149	17.2
June .....	135,761	2,561,918	2,697,679	17.9
July .....	108,040	2,022,148	2,130,188	18.1
August .....	108,022	1,577,000	1,685,022	16.3
September .....	121,052	2,379,392	2,500,444	18.3
October .....	110,063	2,521,523	2,631,586	18.5
November .....	104,549	2,589,231	2,693,780	17.5
December .....	88,865	2,554,448	2,643,313	17.6

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