

LABOUR INCOME: Canadian labour income continued to climb in July when total wages, salaries and supplementary labour income reached an estimated \$986,000,000, up \$7,000,000 over June and the third new peak in three successive months. This year's July estimate compares with \$901,000,000 for July last year, showing a rise of \$85,000,000 or about 9.5 per cent. For the seven months ending July, labour income aggregated \$6,655,000,000 this year as compared to \$6,053,000,000 last year, a gain of nearly 10 per cent.

Labour income in July showed gains over June for each main industry group except manufacturing. Largest increase was \$4,000,000 for the construction industry, and was due to continuing advances in both residential and non-residential building. Income in the primary industries was up \$2,000,000, gains in agriculture, fishing and mining more than offsetting a drop in forestry. The total for the distributive trades also moved up \$2,000,000 over June, and that for the finance and services group \$1,000,000. In manufacturing there was a decline of \$3,000,000 from the peak of \$328,000,000 recorded for both June and May, the July total being affected, according to the Bureau of Statistics' report, by the vacation season.

All industry groups showed substantial income gains in July over July a year earlier, the largest being 10.5 per cent in manufacturing. Estimates for the month by groups, with last year's July totals in brackets, are (in millions): agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping, and mining \$77 (\$71); manufacturing, \$325 (\$294); construction, \$76 (\$70); utilities, transportation, communication, storage, and trade, \$255 (\$234); finance, services (including government), \$219 (\$201); and supplementary labour income, \$34 (\$31).

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ICEBREAKER ON MERCY MISSION: The Department of Transport's icebreaker C.G.S. "N.B. McLean" has successfully carried out a mission of mercy in northern waters by completing a 900 miles tow of the disabled vessel "Arctic Prowler" which suffered a broken propeller shaft off Resolution Island last week. The "N.B. McLean" was on her way back to Quebec after a summer of patrolling the Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay when notified of the plight of the "Arctic Prowler".

The "N.B. McLean" was to turn over her tow to the tug "Foundation Vera" at a rendezvous off Cape Normand, Gulf of St. Lawrence, on October 19 according to information received by the Department of Transport. The "Arctic Prowler" will be towed by the "Foundation Vera" to her home port of Halifax.

An Eskimo family with their dogs had been picked up by the "N.B. McLean" at Resolution Island for a 50 mile trip to Fort Burwell. They could not be landed as the "N.B. McLean" had to proceed to the assistance of the dis-

abled vessel. As a result the Eskimo family and their dogs are being brought all the way to Quebec, a distance of 1,500 miles, and arrangements will have to be made to ship them north when possible.

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SAWN LUMBER: Production of sawn lumber in Canada during July continued to gain over a year earlier, with a small total increase east of the Rockies (excluding Newfoundland) and a sharp rise in British Columbia.

Output east of the Rockies amounted to an estimated 421,609,000 feet board measure as compared to 419,651,000 in July last year, making a seven-month total of 2,247,812,000 feet as against 1,981,738,000 feet - a cumulative gain of over 13 per cent. Estimated production was greater in the month than a year earlier only in New Brunswick and the three Prairie Provinces and in the seven months was higher in all except Saskatchewan.

July production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 324,582,000 feet board measure, up more than 87 per cent as compared with the output of 173,084,000 feet in July, 1952. In the seven months ending July production aggregated 2,259,469,000 feet this year as against 1,940,318,000 feet last year, an increase of 16 per cent. Estimated total shipments were up sharply in July to 311,107,000 feet as compared to 129,727,000 a year earlier, and in the seven months to 2,143,501,000 compared to 1,802,606,000 feet last year. Stocks on hand at the end of July amounted to 431,895,000 feet this year in comparison with 375,415,000 feet last year.

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WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTS: Total exports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat in August amounted to 28,400,000 bushels, down from the high levels of the preceding month and August last year, but 25 per cent higher than the average August exports for the preceding 10-year period. With the exception of last year when August wheat and flour exports totalled 32,700,000 bushels, this year's August exports were the highest since 1945.

This year's August exports of wheat as grain, at 24,700,000 bushels, were some 38 per cent below those of July, and 14 per cent below the August, 1952 total of 28,600,000 bushels. Some 9,000,000 bushels of this year's August exports -- representing 36 per cent of the total -- went to the United Kingdom. Other major markets for Canadian wheat during the month were as follows: Japan, 4,600,000 bushels; Spain, 2,200,000; India, 2,200,000; British South Africa, 1,700,000; and Belgium, 1,000,000.

The month's exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent amounted to 3,700,000 bushels as against 5,200,000 in the preceding month and the adjusted total of 4,000,000 in August, 1952.