

The current edition, which extends to 1,300 pages, has been thoroughly revised, and includes in its 32 chapters the latest material at press time. In addition to the regular chapter material there are several special articles dealing with the influence of the R.C.M.P. in the building of Canada, the iron-ore resources of the Quebec-Labrador region, titanium in Quebec, and the Royal Commission on Prices. Upwards of nine maps and 45 diagrams have been inserted.

Statistical data for the new Province of Newfoundland are included in the chapter material wherever possible. However, these are based mainly on the Newfoundland Census of 1945. Since they are not on a basis comparable with those for the rest of Canada, they are introduced as special sections of the appropriate chapters.

INDUSTRY

Canadian output of crude petroleum and natural gasoline reached a peak total of 12,498,255 barrels in the first half of this year, showing an increase of 27 per cent over the previous record of 9,812,595 barrels established in the similar period of 1949. The June output was 2,181,342 barrels as against 1,957,195 in May, and 1,701,539 in the corresponding month last year. Alberta's output in the half year totalled 11,782,870 barrels as compared with 9,169,980 in the similar period of 1949.

Production of refined petroleum products was 18 per cent higher in April and the first four months of this year than in the corresponding periods of 1949. The month's output amounted to 6,937,027 barrels as compared with 5,867,875 in April last year, bringing the cumulative total for the four months ending April to 27,951,911 barrels as against 23,714,835 in the similar period of 1949.

Production of sawn lumber in British Columbia was higher in June and the first six months of this year than in the corresponding periods of 1949, while output of lumber east of the Rockies was lower in both periods. Production in British Columbia amounted to 312,514 M feet as compared with 275,901 M in June last year, bringing the cumulative total for the half year to 1,449,432 M feet as against 1,349,238 M in the similar period of 1949.

Revenue freight carried by Canadian railways during May totalled 12,612,721 tons, showing a gain of 714,178 tons or six per cent over last year's May tonnage of 11,898,543 tons. Cumulative figures for the first five months of

this year show 54,690,807 tons of freight carried by Canadian lines, some 2,800,000 under the volume transported in the similar period of 1949.

The factory value of products manufactured by the cotton textile industries of Canada in 1948 was \$240,218,000, showing an increase of 26 per cent over the preceding year's total of \$191,282,000, the Bureau of Statistics has announced.

Carloadings on Canadian railways in the pre-strike week ended August 19 climbed to a record total of 84,026 cars, some 4,855 cars or 6.1 per cent above the 79,171 cars loaded in the same week last year and 3,776 cars over the previous peak for the period reached in 1948.

Creamery butter production in August amounted to 33,832,000 pounds as compared with 34,734,000 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the cumulative total for the first eight months of this year to 189,190,000 pounds as against 195,745,000. The decrease in both periods was three per cent.

Margarine production in August amounted to 6,710,000 pounds, up from the July total of 5,392,000 pounds, but down from the August, 1949 output of 7,287,000 pounds. Cumulative production for the first eight months of this year amounted to 61,639,000 pounds as against 46,043,000 a year ago.

Production of process cheese in August amounted to 3,230,000 pounds, an increase of 58 per cent over the revised July output of 2,041,000 pounds.

Department store sales in August advanced five per cent over the corresponding month last year, according to preliminary figures.

WHEAT STOCKS: Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending August 31 were sharply lower than in the corresponding week last year, while overseas export clearances were moderately below last year's volume. Visible supplies on August 31 were also down slightly.

Deliveries during the week ending August 31 amounted to 3,005,682 bushels as compared with 20,664,400 a year earlier, and the export clearances totalled 2,923,109 bushels as against 3,110,077. Stocks in store or in transit in North America on August 31 totalled 86,084,483 compared with 86,418,228 bushels.