

Some of these have been quite pronounced, and the Bank says Canada's monetary authorities, recognizing their existence, appear to have relaxed to some degree their policy of monetary restraint.

Summarizing, the Bank of Montreal Review predicts that "the moderate decline in the level of business activity in recent months may continue into 1958... (but) the realism which calls for a recognition of present difficulties requires no less a sense of proportion and an awareness of the longer-range prospects of higher ground ahead".

SUGAR REFINING INDUSTRY

Shipments of sugar from Canadian refineries increased 3 per cent in volume in 1956 to 1,562,469,000 pounds from 1,517,401,000 in 1955, and 5.5 per cent in value to \$122,470,000 from \$116,125,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics annual industry report. Shipments of refined cane sugar rose to 1,287,662,000 pounds valued at \$98,501,000 from 1,277,825,000 worth \$95,749,000, and refined beet sugar to 274,807,000 pounds valued at \$23,969,000 from 239,576,000 worth \$20,376,000.

Both quantity and value of shipments of granulated, yellow or brown, pulverized and loaf sugar were larger, while shipments of icing sugar were down in volume but up in value. Totals were: granulated, 1,337,125,000 pounds valued at \$104,338,000 (1,293,932,000 worth \$98,644,000 in 1955); yellow or brown, 130,985,000 worth \$9,637,000 (130,944,000 worth \$9,392,000); pulverized (no starch added), 7,505,000 worth \$626,000 (6,565,000 worth \$542,000); icing (starch added), 73,466,000 worth \$6,469,000 (73,758,000 worth \$6,291,000); and loaf, 13,297,000 worth \$1,399,000 (12,201,000 worth \$1,256,000).

Establishments were unchanged at 11, but employees fell to 3,285 from 3,376 and value added by manufacture to \$30,123,000 from \$33,003,000. Salary and wage payments rose to \$11,864,000 from \$11,548,000, fuel and electricity costs to \$2,725,000 from \$2,532,000 and material costs to \$96,959,000 from \$87,783,000.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

Production of asbestos, cement, iron ore, lime, natural gas, nickel and salt was greater in September and January-September this year than last, while that of clay products, coal, copper, lead, silver and zinc was smaller, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announces. Output of gold and gypsum was up in the month but down in the nine months, while output of petroleum was down in the month but up in the cumulative period.

Greater production in January-September was recorded for the following: asbestos, 813,136

tons (751,226 a year earlier); cement, 4,355,883 tons (3,885,135); iron ore, 17,734,036 tons (16,313,896); lime, 1,012,124 tons (969,595); natural gas, 145,588,424,000 cubic feet (118,265,724,000); nickel, 143,123 tons (133,914); petroleum, 141,949,119 barrels (123,982,469); and salt, 1,229,000 tons (1,087,434).

Smaller output in the nine-month period: clay products, \$26,026,306 (\$28,447,796); coal, 9,006,874 tons (10,358,502); copper, 254,275 tons (264,898); gold, 3,278,575 fine ounces (3,284,156); gypsum, 3,578,444 tons (3,749,176); lead, 136,271 tons (141,062); silver, 20,108,594 fine ounces (21,084,223); and zinc, 295,594 tons (322,355).

AIR TRAFFIC AID

New radar equipment, the Decca MR-75 Short Range Surveillance Radar, is being put into service at four major Canadian airports, the Department of Transport has announced. The surveillance radar, which increases the efficiency of airport control tower operations by providing a constant picture of the position of all aircraft within a radius of 40 miles of the airport, has been in use at Montreal's Dorval airport for several weeks. Final testing of the same type of equipment is now being carried out at Toronto and Winnipeg airports and its installation at Vancouver airport is under way.

Use of the new equipment has become of vital importance because of the ever-growing use of the air lanes and the increasing number of fast, high-altitude aircraft that are operating. The Short Range Surveillance Radar permits a greater number of aircraft than ever before to be handled safely and reduces the amount of time required to land each aircraft.

It will be used at the four airports until even better and more powerful long-range radar control equipment, which the Transport Department now has on order, is installed. The new equipment will be located at 15 major Canadian airports, with the first installations starting next Spring.

REVISED HOUSE STANDING

As a result of The Yukon by-election victory December 15 by Mr. Erik Nielsen, Progressive Conservative, the party standing in the 265-seat House of Commons is now as follows:

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| P.C. | 113 |
| Liberal | 105 |
| C.C.F. | 25 |
| Social Credit | 19 |
| Ind. | 2 |
| Lib-Labor | 1 |
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