

**MAY EXPORTS DOWN** Sharply reduced shipments of wheat and other grains and substantial increases in farm machinery, nickel, aluminum and copper and their products as compared with last year are revealed in the final detailed figures on Canada's domestic exports in May released today by the Bureau. Exports were lower in value in the month to the United States, the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries and to Europe, but showed marked gains to Latin America and other foreign countries as a whole.

Total value of domestic exports in May was \$358,335,000, down about 5.8% from \$380,368,000 in May last year. Exports of foreign produce, on the other hand, were up slightly to \$5,261,000 from \$4,749,000. Average prices of exports in May this year were about 2.3% under a year ago, and volume about 3.6% less.

In the five months ending May domestic exports were 5% lower in value at \$1,501,700,000 against \$1,581,900,000. As in May, foreign exports in the five months were higher at \$26,342,000 compared to \$21,750,000. The decrease in the cumulative period was due mainly to lower shipments to the United States, Commonwealth countries and Europe, exports to the United Kingdom and Latin America showing smaller declines and those to other foreign countries a substantial rise.

**WHEAT EXPORTS**

Exports of wheat in May declined in value to \$32,465,000 as compared to \$60,697,000, exceeding the decrease in total value of domestic exports. In the five months wheat was down to \$132,535,000 as against \$182,618,000, equal to more than three-fifths of the total drop.

Contrasting with these decreases were a jump in aluminum and products in May to \$24,664,000 from \$14,766,000 and smaller increases in copper, lead and nickel that outweighed decreases for zinc and electrical apparatus to raise the non-ferrous metals group to \$73,126,000 from \$64,844,000. The wood and paper group also advanced to \$114,348,000 from \$109,898,000.

Domestic exports to the United States in May declined to \$208,827,000 from \$220,255,000 in May last year, and the January-May value dropped to \$912,107,000 from \$973,832,000.

Shipments to the United Kingdom in May were down in value to \$61,881,000 from \$68,216,000, and five-month exports to \$235,682,000 from \$237,208,000.

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**WHEAT STOCKS.** Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America on June 16 totalled 337,512,000 bushels, moderately below the 340,289,000-bushel total of a week earlier, but 35% above last year's stocks of 247,817,000 bushels.

**WHOOPIING CRANE MYSTERY:** The long-standing mystery of where the almost-extinct whooping crane nests may be solved at last officials of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources said recently. A report from the Department's resident mammalogist in Wood Buffalo Park, says that as many as six whooping cranes, including young, were seen from a helicopter being used to survey the buffalo population in the park. Wood Buffalo National Park is partly in Alberta and partly in the Northwest Territories.

With a world population of only 24, the whereabouts of the whooping crane is always of interest to wildlife observers. It is known that they winter in Texas and they are reported frequently en route to and from their summer nesting grounds somewhere in the Canadian North. Even when wildlife officials attempted to follow them north from Texas by airplane, the cranes managed to give them the slip in the vicinity of the 60th parallel.

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**AMENDED DRUG ACT:** Revised federal regulations relating to the safety, purity and quality, as well as the labelling and advertising, of all foods, drugs, therapeutic devices and cosmetics, came into effect on July 1, by virtue of proclamation of Amendments to the Food and Drugs Act, Canada, it was announced on July 6 by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Paul Martin.

He said that the new Regulations are designed to clarify interpretation of the Act and to arrange it in more logical and rational order, to confer additional powers on Food and Drug authorities in their work of protecting public health and to ensure safe conditions of processing and recording of sale of foods and drugs.

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**AIR TRANSPORT BOARD:** The Minister of Transport, Mr. George G. Marler, has announced the appointment of Mr. Wilbert Jamieson Matthews, Q.C., Director of Administration and Legal Services of the Department, to the position of Chairman of the Air Transport Board. Mr. Matthews succeeds Mr. John R. Baldwin who has been appointed Deputy Minister of Transport. The two other members of the Air Transport Board are Mr. J.P.R. Vachon and Mr. A.D. McLean.

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**PIPED OIL RISE:** Net deliveries of oil through Canadian pipe lines increased 7% in April as compared with a year earlier, and followed gains of 17% in March, 26% in February, and 43% in January. This resulted in an overall increase of 25% in the January-April period. The net for April was 12,171,000 barrels as compared with 11,330,000 a year ago, bringing January-April deliveries to 54,022,000 barrels as compared with 43,132,000.