

while production in British Columbia rose to 283,503,000 compared with 241,870,000 kilowatt hours, and showed small increases in all other provinces.

Consumption of primary power in Canada advanced in September to 3,369,146,000 kilowatt hours compared with 3,073,808,000 last year, while that of secondary power fell to 111,420,000 against 362,825,000 kilowatt hours. The Bureau's index number for consumption of primary power, on the base 1935-39=100, adjusted for seasonal variations, stood at 229.1 for September compared with 233.5 for August and 209.0 for September last year.

TOURIST AUTOMOBILES: The inflow of tourist automobiles into Canada was again higher in October, entries in the month totalling 128,000 as compared with 126,000 in the corresponding month last year. This brought the 10-month aggregate of foreign entries to 1,702,000 as compared with 1,558,000 a year ago.

The gain in the month was shared by all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia, while in the 10-month period, totals for Manitoba and British Columbia were lower.

Entries for the 10 months of this year were as follows, totals for the same period of last year being in brackets: Nova Scotia, 2,126 (2,114); New Brunswick, 93,755 (83,379); Quebec, 307,442 (279,605); Ontario, 1,062,109 (951,216); Manitoba, 23,020 (23,101); Saskatchewan, 11,190 (9,259); Alberta 26,587 (22,876); British Columbia, 173,226 (185,168); Yukon Territory, 2,100 (1,066).

COAL SUPPLIES UP: Canada's coal supplies in the first 10 months of this year were 10 per cent greater than in the same period of last year, according to preliminary figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. The gain was due to improvements in both domestic production and imports, only slightly offset by an increase in the small export movement.

Canadian production in the 10 months aggregated 14,563,000 tons, showing an increase

of almost 18 per cent over the same period of last year, while the imports totalled 26,703,000 tons, a rise of seven per cent. Exports in the period rose to 963,000 tons from 568,000 a year ago.

Output from mines in Nova Scotia moved up sharply during the 10-month period, increasing from 3,049,000 tons a year ago to 5,303,000 tons, while the output from pits in Alberta receded from 6,458,000 tons to 6,136,000. In New Brunswick production rose from 260,000 tons to 412,000, in Saskatchewan from 1,126,000 tons to 1,287,000, while in British Columbia and Yukon the total was down slightly from 1,458,000 tons to 1,426,000.

In October the Canadian output of coal amounted to 1,772,800 tons compared with 1,735,000 a year ago, imports 3,483,000 tons compared with 3,322,000, and exports 119,000 tons compared with 89,000. October production was lower than a year ago in Nova Scotia, and higher in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick.

FARM CONFERENCE: The annual federal provincial Agricultural Conference will open in Ottawa on Monday, December 6. As in other years, representatives of federal and provincial Departments of Agriculture and of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture will get together for a three days' discussion of what next year is likely to hold for agriculture.

Established by Agriculture Minister Gardiner during the war to encourage free and frank exchange of agricultural opinion, the conference has been perpetuated at the request of Provinces and organized farm groups. According to its Chairman, A.M. Shaw, this year there should be even greater opportunity for thorough discussion as result of a new, streamlined conference programme. Where formerly delegates were provided with commodity reports only after the conference began, this year they will be given both reports on 1948 production and on 1949 prospects in advance of the sessions. (Farm News)