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April Production Peak: Canada's production set a peacetime record in April, the Bureau of Statistics reported on July 5.

The index of production for the month hit 187.2 compared with 185.5 for March and 184.1 for April, 1948. The previous peacetime high was set in December, 1948, when the index rose to 185.8. The index is based on 1935-39 equals 100.

"Increased production of durable goods was primarily responsible for the increase, with the sub index for transportation equipment moving from 252.5 in March to 266.7 for April, while that for motor vehicles moved from 189.3 to 212.9," said the Bureau. "In both these cases new highs since 1945 were reached."

In another section of its report on current economic conditions, the Bureau said the May monthly average of the weekly wholesale price index of industrial materials dropped "rather sharply" from that of April, the figures being 149.9 and 153.9, respectively.

"This drop in the wholesale price index may well reflect the indication of increased production . . ." said the Bureau.

Wholesale prices for Canadian farm products moved up from 147.3 in April to 147.6 in May. In May, 1948, the index was 150.4.

The report covered the employment situation up to March 5. On that date the civilian labour force was estimated to total 4,899,000, compared with 4,825,000 on February 21, 1948 and 4,706,000 at March 1, 1947.

The report also dealt with commercial failures in the first quarter of this year and showed that in the period some 270 firms went bankrupt. It was the largest quarterly total since 1941 when there were 294 failures.

"Approximately 60 per cent of Canada's total foreign trade in April was in the form of exchange of goods with the United States," said the report. "We imported goods to the value of \$177,300,000, or 73 per cent of the total imports, in April, compared with \$169,000,000 in March and \$159,500,000 in April of last year."

New Defence Appointments: The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, has announced the appointment of Dr. John Joseph Green, M.B.E., of Ottawa, as Deputy Director General of the Defence Research Board, and Scientific Adviser to the Chief of Air Staff.

Dr. Green was educated at the University of London, taking his B.Sc. with first class honours and his A.R.C.Sc. from the Imperial College of Science and Technology in 1928. He was awarded the Imperial College Governors' prize in Physics, and a Sir Otto Beit Scientific Research Fellowship, completing his Ph.D. in aeronautics in 1930.

From 1930 to 1943 Dr. Green was on the staff of the National Research Council, Division of Mechanical Engineering, latterly as head of the Aerodynamics Section. In 1943 he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and was appointed Chief Research Engineer, Test and Development Establishment, Rockcliffe. In 1943, Dr. Green received the M.B.E. for valuable public service in the field of scientific research, and in 1945 the King's commendation for valuable service in the air.

From 1945-49 Dr. Green was the Chief Research Aeronautical Engineer of the Air Transport Board, Ottawa.

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