

products and wood and paper groups more than offset a sharp decrease in non-ferrous metals to raise November exports to \$70,434,000 from \$55,629,000.

Eleven-month exports to all other Commonwealth countries declined to \$178,702,000 from \$219,402,000 and in November to \$17,515,000 from \$18,172,000. Shipments were lower in value both in the month and cumulative period to the Union of South Africa and Pakistan but higher to New Zealand. Exports to India were lower in the 11 months but higher in November, and higher to Australia in the 11 months but lower in November.

Exports to Latin American countries in the 11 months dropped to \$168,009,000 from \$183,242,000 and in November to \$14,878,000 from \$20,311,000.

Exports to European countries in the January-November period fell to \$306,882,000 from \$349,058,000 in the corresponding 1953 period but in November climbed to \$38,484,000 from \$34,977,000. There were smaller exports in the 11 months but larger shipments in November to Belgium and Luxembourg, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland. Exports to the Federal Republic of Germany and Norway increased in the 11 months but declined in November.

LUMBER OUTPUT: Production of sawn lumber in 1954's January-October period was 5.3% higher in British Columbia than a year earlier and Saskatchewan's output rose 22.9%. There were declines in the other provinces ranging from 2.5% in Nova Scotia to 35.7% in New Brunswick. In October there were increases of 26% in British Columbia, 57.5% in Nova Scotia and 3.3% in New Brunswick, but declines in the other provinces ranging from 5% in Québec to 42% in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba.

WAGES UP: Hourly and weekly averages of earnings in manufacturing were higher in the week ending November 1, according to advance figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Canada average of weekly wages was \$57.84 versus \$57.70 a month earlier and hourly earnings averaged 140.4¢ versus 139.7¢. The work-week averaged 41.2 hours versus 41.3.

PIPED OIL INCREASE: Net deliveries of oil through Canadian pipe lines in October amounted to 14,824,697 barrels, up 15% from the preceding year's corresponding total of 12,925,109 barrels. This brought cumulative deliveries for the January-October period to 141,628,549 barrels, up 18% from 119,985,808 a year earlier.

There were 60 federal Government libraries at last count and they had 1,738,838 volumes on their shelves.

DEFENCE RESEARCH MEMBER, WASHINGTON: Dr. J. J. Green, of Ottawa, British-born aeronautical engineer and Chief of the Defence Research Board Division concerned with armaments and aeronautics, will assume the post of Defence Research Member, Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, on the retirement this summer of Brig. Harold E. Taber.

As DRB's senior liaison officer in the United States, one of his chief duties will be to promote and maintain between Canada and the U.S.; an increasing flow of scientific information about defence projects, particularly in the expanding fields of aircraft and guided weapons.

Fellowship in the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences and other U.S. organizations, in addition to his past and current activities relative to aircraft and guided missile development in Canada, provided Dr. Green with an unusually wide knowledge of U.S. techniques in these fields and a valuable acquaintanceship with the scientists and engineers concerned.

FARM INCOME DROP: A preliminary estimate by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics places the cash income of Canadian farms last year from the sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous years' Prairie grain crops at \$2,408,600,000. This is about 12% below the estimated cash income of \$2,741,300,000 in 1953 and approximately 15% under the all-time high cash income of \$2,826,600,000 in 1952.

Supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act amounted to \$2,427,000, up from \$1,572,000 in 1953 and down from \$5,131,000 in 1953.

Last year's drop in farm income is due in large part to the substantial reductions in returns from the sale of wheat. There were also fairly substantial reductions in grain participation payments and in receipts from the sale of coarse grains and eggs. These declines were offset to some extent by higher income from the sale of live stock, poultry meat and dairy products.

Provincially, the reduction from 1953 in farm income was confined to the three Prairie Provinces, the Bureau's preliminary estimates showing marked decreases for each with the largest decline for Saskatchewan. All other provinces had gains over the previous year. Compared with 1953, cash income was lower in 1954 in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Ontario.

New Brunswick has entered into an agreement with the federal Government for the implementation of the federal-provincial plan for providing allowances for disabled persons in accordance with the provisions of the Disabled Persons Act, it was announced on January 17.