

JOBS FOR 10,000,000: A total of 9,635,796 jobs had been found and filled by workers recruited by the National Employment Service in the nine-year period from July 1, 1941, (when it commenced operations) to June 29, 1950, it was announced on September 1 by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg.

The Minister made this announcement in commenting on the fact that 10 years ago an Act was passed by Canadian Parliament that has benefited thousands of Canadians in every walk of life. This was the Unemployment Insurance Act of 1940.

The Unemployment Insurance Act gave birth to two institutions, one a complement of the other, the necessity for one arising out of the need for the other—Unemployment Insurance and the National Employment Service.

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EXPORTS AGAIN RISE: Featured by a sharp gain in shipments to the United States, Canada's domestic exports to all countries in July rose to \$253,700,000 from \$241,300,000 in the corresponding month last year. This year's July total was five per cent above the same month last year and six per cent above the average of \$238,400,000 for the first six months of the year. During the seven months ending July the aggregate value was \$1,684,300,000 as against \$1,665,900,000 in the similar period of 1949.

Exports to the United States in July were below the all-time monthly peak reached in June, but were three-fifths higher than a year earlier, and accounted for an exceptional 66 per cent of total shipments to all countries compared with 43 per cent a year ago. The trend in exports to the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries continued downward, dropping in each case to half last year's July value. Exports to Latin American countries moved higher in value, but shipments to Europe were lower. There was a small rise in the value of exports to other foreign countries.

EXPORTS TO U.S.: RISE

Exports to the United States rose in the month to \$168,196,000 from \$104,391,000 a year ago, bringing the cumulative total for the first seven months of the year to \$1,073,144,000 from \$795,251,000 a year earlier.

There were sharp gains among the commodity groups of exports to the United States, all nine being higher than a year earlier. The largest increases were in wood, wood products and paper, animals and animal products, and non-ferrous metals and products. The wood and paper group advanced from \$52,002,000 to \$86,113,000, animals from \$13,677,000 to \$22,524,000, and non-ferrous metals from \$13,139,000 to \$21,490,000.

July exports to the United Kingdom were valued at \$35,169,000, down 50 per cent from \$70,555,000 in the same month last year, and in the seven-month period were down to \$271,-

086,000 from \$406,159,000. There were declines in July in seven of the nine groups. Agricultural products, largest in value, fell from \$31,364,000 to \$19,231,000, non-ferrous metals from \$14,934,000 to \$5,628,000, wood and paper from \$10,917,000 to \$3,741,000, and animals from \$7,375,000 to \$4,478,000.

Shipments to other Commonwealth countries fell in the month to \$16,300,000 from \$30,000,000 a year earlier, and in the seven-month period to \$111,000,000 from \$197,900,000. Exports to the Union of South Africa declined in July from \$9,582,000 to \$4,123,000, India from \$8,591,000 to \$2,815,000, and Australia from \$3,538,000 to \$3,002,000.

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BUSINESS

Department store sales in Canada in July -- not including Newfoundland -- totalled \$55,263,000, showing an increase of 11 per cent over last year's July figure of \$49,885,000. During the first seven months of this year, sales advanced slightly to \$432,990,000 from \$432,105,000.

The advance in commercial failures in evidence for the last four years was continued in the first half of this year. The number reported to the Bureau, under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts in the half year was 720, as compared with 500 in the first six months of 1949. The defaulted liabilities, at \$12,400,000, were up nearly 43 per cent from \$8,725,000 in the same period of 1949.

Canadian manufacturers turned out an all-time record number of household electric refrigerators in June and the first half of this year. Output of electric refrigerators rose in June to 34,707 units, more than double last year's corresponding total of 15,810. In the half year, 158,314 units were produced compared with 84,776 in the like period of 1949.

July landings in the sea fisheries of Canada -- not including Newfoundland -- amounted to 144,811,000 pounds valued at \$8,792,000 as compared with 127,423,000 pounds at \$7,156,000 in July last year, showing an increase of 13.7 per cent in quantity and an advance of 22.8 per cent in value.

Canadian wholesale prices moved upward in July for the seventh successive month to reach an all-time high record level. The July index, on the base 1926=100, stood at 166.9, up 1.9 points above the new peak established in June, and 10.3 points above July last year. Since the first of the year the index has risen from 157.1. The high point for the index before June this year was 164.3 registered in May, 1920.