

WHEAT LEADS DROP IN JULY EXPORTS

SEVEN MONTHS' TOTALS: Sharply reduced shipments of farm products, mainly wheat, other grains and wheat flour, accounted for most of a drop of 17.4% in the value of Canada's domestic exports in July from a year earlier and also of a decline of 8.8% in the cumulative value for the seven months as compared with last year, according to detailed summary figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on August 31. Somewhat less than a third of the seven month decline in value was due to lower prices, and over two-thirds to reduced volume.

Domestic exports in the month were valued at \$323,900,000, down \$69,200,000 from \$393,100,000 last year, and in the seven months totalled \$2,168,300,000, off \$218,400,000 from \$2,386,700,000 in 1953. Foreign exports in the month were unchanged at \$5,200,000, but in the seven months were up to \$36,600,000 from \$31,300,000.

\$38,492,000 DROP

Wheat shipments in July dropped \$38,492,000 in value to \$32,799,000 from \$71,291,000 last year and other grains by \$13,109,000 to \$10,457,000 from \$23,566,000, while wheat flour declined more moderately to \$7,631,000 from \$10,432,000. Together the decreases in these three commodities represented nearly four-fifths of the drop in the month's total domestic exports. Over the seven months, exports of wheat were down \$143,539,000 to \$199,282,000, other grains \$33,147,000 to \$66,426,000, and wheat flour \$7,562,000 to \$55,106,000, together representing over 80% of the cumulative decline.

Apart from agricultural and vegetable products, scattered reductions in exports of iron and iron products and of the miscellaneous commodities group accounted for most of the remainder of the decline in the July value. The former group fell to \$29,978,000 from \$34,342,000, with decreases in automobiles, iron ore, ferro-alloys, scrap iron, rolling mill products partly offset by gains in engines and boilers, farm machinery and automobile parts. Seven month value for the group was down to \$188,526,000 from \$227,202,000 with the trend closely similar to July for main items.

CANADIAN TEACHERS: Today school teachers are not only better paid but better qualified than at any time since the war, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported on September 2. However, while salaries are far above the prewar level, Canadian teachers still do not average as much professional training as in 1939.

The Bureau's latest report, which provides more information on teachers than ever before, covers the 68,963 teachers in city and rural

The miscellaneous group declined to \$6,420,000 in July from \$12,751,000 a year ago and to \$59,749,000 from \$66,951,000 in the seven months, with main decreases in ships and vessels, aircraft and parts, electrical energy and miscellaneous consumer and other goods.

In contrast, the wood and paper group - largest of the nine - moved upward in July to \$119,079,000 from \$114,089,000, mainly the result of a sharp gain in planks and boards that outweighed decreases for wood pulp and newsprint. Over the seven months the group climbed to \$750,661,000 from \$732,050,000, wood pulp and newsprint accounting for most of the gain. Gains for copper, lead, nickel and zinc boosted the non-ferrous group in July to \$61,230,000 from \$56,459,000, but for the seven months this group was off to \$405,682,000 from \$422,033,000 last year as a result of lower cumulative totals for copper, zinc and electrical apparatus.

EXPORTS TO U.S.

Domestic exports to the United States in July declined 8.6% - about half the rate of decrease to all countries - to \$190,845,000 from \$208,758,000, with lower figures for all groups except wood and paper. In the seven months the total was off 6.8% to \$1,311,384,000 from \$1,397,178,000, decreases being spread through all groups except animals and animal products. The decline in exports to the United States in this period was considerably less than in shipments to all other countries.

Shipments to the United Kingdom were off sharply in the month to \$55,246,000 from \$80,897,000 and in the January-July period to \$343,464,000 from \$395,131,000.

Exports to other Commonwealth countries as a whole declined in July to \$17,298,000 from \$22,787,000 and in the seven months to \$110,217,000 from \$140,478,000. Values were lower in both periods to India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa and higher to Australia and New Zealand.

Reversing the trend of earlier months, shipments to Latin America increased in July to \$17,979,000 from \$16,132,000 last year, but the cumulative total was still below 1953 at \$112,399,000 against \$115,661,000.

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schools in nine provinces last year (excluded an estimated 27,550 teachers in Quebec). This is more than in any previous year and represents an increase of 19,418 or 39% since 1945. Since the war the number of men teachers has more than doubled while women teachers have increased by 23%. Last year 30% of the teachers were men, the highest proportion ever recorded. In 1945 only one-fifth were men and in 1939 less than 29%.