

CRUDE PETROLEUM JUMP: Canadian production of crude petroleum in October jumped almost 18% to 7,236,875 barrels as compared with the corresponding month of 1952, bringing the cumulative output for the January-October period to 65,221,979 barrels, almost 31% above 1952's 49,842,448 barrels.

The month's output of natural gas increased to 8,163,008,000 cubic feet from 7,102,107,000, boosting the 10-month aggregate to 78,520,730,000 cubic feet from 69,895,320,000. October's sales of manufactured gas declined to 2,003,056,000 cubic feet from 2,078,136,000, and in the 10 months fell to 21,371,899,000 cubic feet from 21,747,073,000. Natural gas sales in the month were up to 4,842,913,000 cubic feet from 4,465,714,000, raising 10-month sales to 55,694,005,000 cubic feet from 52,660,428,000.

Alberta's production of crude petroleum in October climbed to 6,815,600 barrels from the preceding year's 5,937,967, bringing the 10-month output to 62,039,972 barrels as compared with 47,967,423. Saskatchewan's output for the month was up to 271,174 barrels from 149,992, and for the January-October period to 2,235,716 barrels from 1,367,406. Manitoba's output soared in October to 78,779 barrels from 17,468, and in the 10-month period to 426,340 barrels from 52,346.

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AIRCRAFT FOR NORWAY: The last of 15 RCAF Norseman aircraft, allotted to Norway by the NATO standing group, was shipped from Halifax last week aboard the "TOPDALSFJORD", Air Force headquarters has announced. The 15 Norseman, part of Canada's mutual aid contribution to NATO, were used by the RCAF for search and rescue operations, and as supply ships for aerial survey detachments in the north. The Norseman, capable of carrying 2500 lbs. of cargo under winter conditions, was replaced in the RCAF by the Otter. The Otter is noted for its short take-off and landing qualities, an essential characteristic for operations from small lakes in northern Canada.

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SHOW TO KOREA: An all-Canadian concert party will leave for the Far East by air early in February to entertain Canadian troops in Japan and Korea. The Army sponsored show, billed as "Canadian Variety Show No. 3" was to leave Montreal January 31, and fly from Vancouver. The group will spend three weeks in the Far East.

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Output of cheddar cheese rose 5% to 70,050,000 pounds in 1953 while process cheese production increased 9% to 44,785,000 pounds, the former exceeding the latter by 56% as against 62% in 1952.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR: Amid the hurly-burly of current world affairs, a concrete expression of international goodwill is quietly taking form once again in Toronto. From across Canada and around the world, manufacturers of products ranging from pie plates to punch presses are booking space to exhibit at the seventh consecutive Canadian International Trade Fair.

More than 20 countries are already represented, including Indonesia, a new exhibiting country, while several more are making plans to participate in Canada's international business event. The Trade Fair this year runs from May 31 to June 11.

The Trade Fair Administrator, Mr. C.C. Hoffman, commented that during his recent trip to Europe, a good many of the business men he met were anxious to contact Canadians from all parts of Canada at the Trade Fair. As a result strenuous efforts are currently being made to interest more Canadian business men from the Western and Eastern provinces to visit the Fair.

"Many exhibitors from abroad," said Mr. Hoffman, "are interested in establishing plants or sales agencies in Canada, and wish to talk to a good cross section of Canadians from across the country to learn as much as they can about Canada before deciding where to establish."

The Trade Fair this year promises to break all records for exhibitor support. Towards the end of January the figure for exhibit space actually booked stood at 185,000 square feet, higher than ever before at this time.

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CANALS RECORD: Volume of freight transported through Canadian canals during the 1953 season of navigation reached a modern record total of 33,402,789 tons, surpassing the previous high of 31,354,139 tons in 1952 by 6.5%. All of the canals, except the St. Andrews, reported increased traffic, with the Welland Ship canal showing the greatest gain, followed by the St. Lawrence and the Sault Ste. Marie. Increased tonnage of soft coal and iron ore shipped through the Welland canal, crude oil and petroleum through the St. Lawrence system, and wheat, other grains and other freight on all three were mainly responsible for the advance.

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Capital investment in aircraft assembly and parts plants increased over eight times in four years from \$1,168,000 in 1948 to \$9,700,000 in 1952.

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22,068,770 pounds of printing ink were made in 1952, nearly 40% more than the 1946 output of 15,891,841 pounds.