

**TRADE IN SECURITIES:** Trade in outstanding securities between Canada and other countries in November resulted in a sales balance or capital import of \$3,900,000. This balance compared with \$7,700,000 in October with purchase balances or capital exports in the two previous months. The volume of trading in November was slightly below the very high levels recorded in October.

In the first 11 months of 1954 the net capital inflow on account of trade in outstanding securities amounted to \$63,000,000 in contrast to outflows of \$12,000,000 in 1953 and \$78,000,000 in 1952.

Transactions with the United States in November led to a small sales balance of \$1,000,000 and the pattern of trading was much the same as in October. United States residents added \$9,500,000 of Canadian stocks to their portfolios but there were net repurchases by Canadians of other Canadian securities, mainly Government bonds amounting to \$12,100,000. Trading in foreign securities led to a capital inflow of \$3,500,000 from the United States, as Canadians disposed of holdings abroad, mainly United States stocks.

Trading with the United Kingdom resulted in a sales balance in November of \$4,900,000, mainly as a result of exceptionally heavy sales of Canadian stocks. There was a repurchase balance from other overseas countries of \$2,000,000, repatriation of Government bonds having been more than sufficient to offset sales of Canadian stocks.

An outstanding development in 1954 has been the increased sale to non-residents of outstanding issues of Canadian stocks, amounting on balance to more than \$100,000,000 in the first 11 months, compared with \$21,000,000 for the whole of 1953. The very substantial inflow covers about \$70,000,000 from the United States and over \$30,000,000 from overseas countries. Contributing to the net movement from the United States have been sales to diversified management investment companies which have raised about \$140,000,000 of capital in 1954.

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The third draft of Royal Canadian Navy personnel selected to take submarine training in the United Kingdom left Montreal by TCA charter flight on January 24. The group of 42 volunteers, drawn from ships and establishments across the country, are joining the two previous drafts at HMS Dolphin, the Royal Navy's submarine training base near Portsmouth.

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Production of electric energy by central electric stations rose 10% in November from a year earlier and the cumulative output for the January-November period advanced nearly 5%. November's output amounted to 6,206,137,000 kilowatt hours.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Labour-management disputes, notably in the automotive and iron and steel groups of manufacturing and in construction, contributed materially to a drop in the level of industrial employment at the beginning of November. The Bureau's index number of industrial employment declined 0.8% from October and 2.9% from a year earlier. At the same time weekly payrolls rose 0.1% from October, continuing the slightly upward trend followed since early spring. Per capita weekly earnings rose to a new high.

The November 1 index of industrial employment stood at 112.5 versus 113.4 a month earlier and 115.9 a year earlier, and that for payrolls at 157.2 versus 157.1 in October and 157.4 in 1953. Per capita weekly earnings averaged \$59.80 versus \$59.25 a month earlier and \$58.14 at the beginning of November, 1953.

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**HOME BUILDING RISE:** Boosted by further increases in November, residential construction set new records in the first 11 months of 1954, completions rising 6% and starts by 9% over the previous peaks in the corresponding 1953 period. In the 11 months starts also exceeded the full year 1953 by 5.6%. Starts rose 17% in November over the same month of 1953 and completions were up 6%. At the end of November the number of units under construction was 8.4% larger than in 1953.

November completions totalled 11,246 versus 10,608 a year earlier. This brought the cumulative total for the January-November period to 90,573 units versus 85,124 in the like 1953 period and 96,839 in the full year 1953.

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**ARCTIC AIR TOUR:** Twenty-eight high ranking officers of the Navy, Army, Air Force and civil Departments of Government last week flew across the icy stretches of Baffin Island and Hudson Bay, on a 20-day tour of North American defence and industrial installations. The group comprised members of the 1954-55 course at the National Defence College, Kingston, Ont.

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Canadian retail sales in November were down a moderate 0.7% from a year earlier. With decreases in all months of 1954 except March, cumulative sales for the January-November period fell 2%. The total value of sales in November was \$994,283,000 versus \$1,001,683,000 a year earlier; bringing the 11-month total to \$10,700,719,000 versus \$10,921,897,000.

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Operating revenues of 17 railways in October amounted to \$91,798,098, down 9.6% from \$101,470,737 reported by 16 systems in the corresponding month of 1953.