

AUTO INDUSTRY GROWTH: Motor vehicles replaced non-ferrous metal smelting and refining as Canada's third largest manufacturing industry in terms of gross value of products in 1950, according to the general review of the manufacturing industries of Canada for 1950, published September 15 by the Bureau of statistics. Pulp and paper again ranked as the largest and slaughtering and meatpacking remained in second place, while non-ferrous metal smelting and refining wound up fourth, the position held by motor vehicles in 1949.

The Bureau's list of the 40 leading manufacturing industries in 1950 shows gross production values ranging from \$954,137,651 for pulp and paper to \$104,853,748 for confectionery as compared with a production range of \$836,148,393 for pulp and paper to \$96,934,506 for coke and gas products in 1949. The 40 top industries manufactured \$10,075,220,543 worth of products or 72.9 per cent of the \$13,817,526,381 all-industry total in 1950 as compared with \$9,029,210,393 or 72.3 per cent of the preceding year's \$12,479,593,300 total.

In addition, the 40 largest industries accounted for 65.9 per cent of the 35,942 establishments, 67 per cent of the 1,183,297 employees, 68.2 per cent of the \$2,771,267,435 payroll and 76.1 per cent of the \$7,538,534,532 worth of materials used in Canadian manufacturing in 1950. In 1949 the top 40 accounted for 65.7 per cent of the 35,792 establishments, 66.5 per cent of the 1,171,207 employees, 67.8 of the \$2,591,890,657 payroll and 76 per cent of \$6,843,231,064 material costs.

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LARGE WHEAT SUPPLY: Canadian wheat supplies for 1953-54 will amount to 966,500,000 bushels, 61,400,000 bushels greater than in 1952-53 if the current forecast of production is realized. This total comprises July 31, 1953 carryover stocks of 362,700,000 bushels and the new crop forecast of 603,800,000 bushels on the basis of conditions at August 1. Supplies of this size would be the second largest on record, being exceeded only by those of 1942-43 when the total reached 980,400,000 bushels. This year's supplies are about 51 per cent above the 10-year average of 638,000,000 bushels.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK: Mr. Graham Towers, President of the Industrial Development Bank, announced on September 14 that the Directors had appointed Mr. S.R. Noble, O.B.E. as Vice-President, Mr. D.G. Marble, C.B.E. as General Manager and Mr. A.N.H. James as Assistant General Manager.

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Canadians visiting the United States for more than 48 hours in 1952 spent an estimated average \$88 each, or over 72% more than the average expenditure of \$51 by Americans visiting Canada for more than two days.

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During the 1941-51 decade the annual payroll of Canada's retail stores soared by \$596,832,100 or 190% to \$911,269,600 from \$314,437,500.