

BUSINESS RALLY TO LEAD CANADA TO NEW HEIGHTS IN 1940 'TIS EXPECTED

Position of Farm, Factory and General Industry at Year-End Big Factor for National Prosperity in 1940

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Canadian business swung into a spectacular sprint in the closing months of 1939, partly on the stimulus of war's demands, passing the 1938 level and giving promise of setting a new all-time peak in 1940. Industrial production, in fact, attained a new Canadian volume in the last quarter of the year, showing output fully a third greater than for the corresponding period of 1938.

The improvement in the first half of the year over the same months of 1938 was on a conservative scale but the summer and fall months brought more definite evidence that the slump from the 1937 peak was but an intermediate recession in a major upward trend. The sharp rally in the war months of 1939 lifted the general average for the year about eight per cent higher than that of 1938.

The long period of uncertainty preceding the outbreak of hostilities had fostered a hand-to-mouth policy in Canadian business. The rush to enlarge inventories immediately following the war declaration moved the wheels of industry into high gear even before war orders began to make their appearance.

Farm Crops Boost

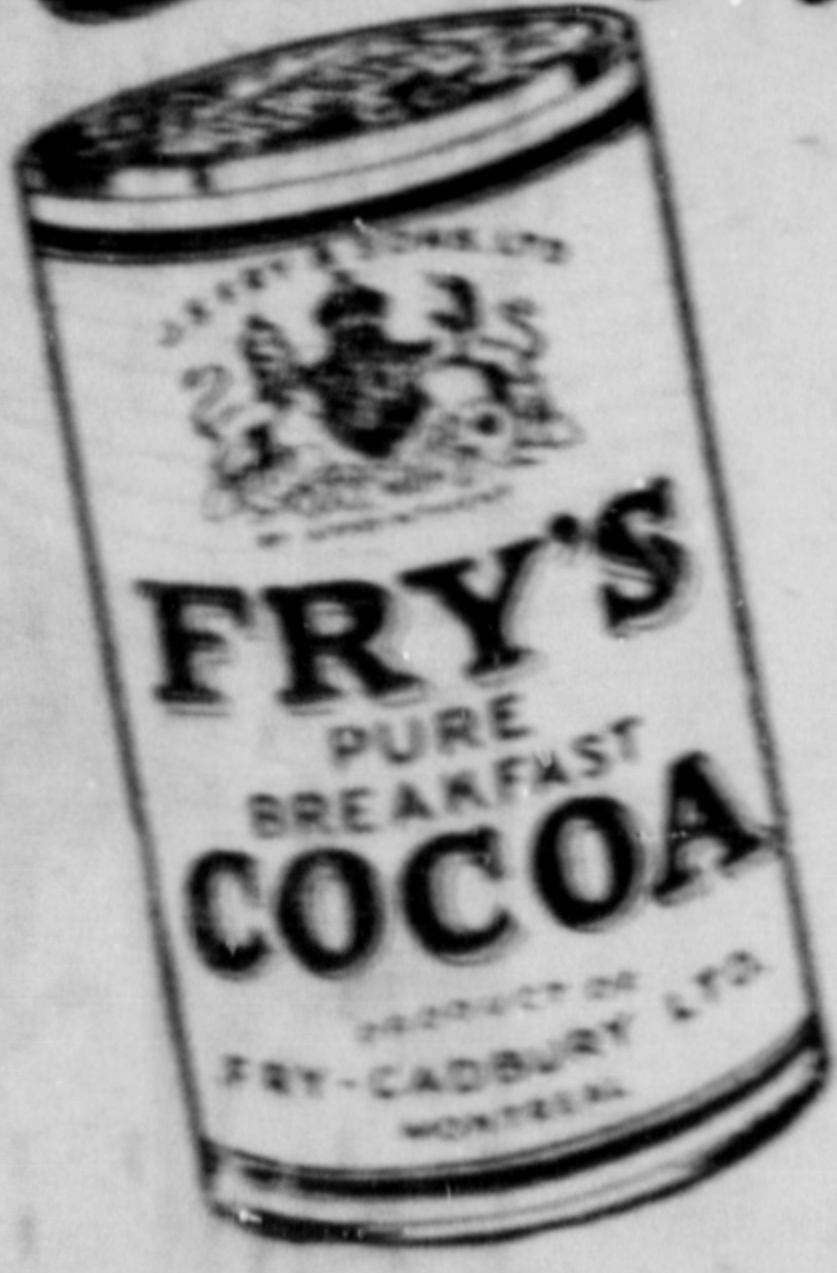
The heavy field crops, valued at about \$645,000,000 and the best since 1930, along with the consistent prosperity of the mining industry had stimulated Canadian trade before the war started. Retail sales around October 1 indicated a pick-up of better than five per cent over 1938 and the tempo continued to rise as the fall advanced. Department store sales and wholesale order bookings were up 15 to 20 per cent by Dec. 1. The 1939 Christmas trade was in record figures according to mercantile authorities. Collections in western Canada in the fall months were reported to be the best in 20 years.

Practically all departments of Canadian industry were on an upward trend in the last quarter of 1939 except building and logging. The war rocked many lines out of their accustomed grooves but on the whole the upheaval was more beneficial than detrimental.

Decline of the Canadian dollar in

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New York put a premium of 10 per cent or more on the value of Canadian gold, assuring producers of extra income, sufficient, perhaps, to cover the prospective rise of mining costs. Canadian production of gold from 155 mills in 1939 was estimated at \$183,000,000, compared with \$166,529,156 in 1938, an increase of about 10 per cent. Towards the end of the year the mines were receiving about \$38.50 an ounce for gold in Canadian currency.

Other metal production, marketed outside the Dominion, benefitted similarly from the exchange factor but the base metal mines received their chief lift from an undertaking given by the British government to buy Canada's entire production for the duration of the war. Canada exported 505,682,000 pounds of copper in 11 months of 1939 compared with 514,012,700 in 11 months of 1938, showing a minor decline. Nickel exports were up 20 per cent in the same months, and zinc exports 13 per cent. Mineral production totals all show gains. Coal production increased by 7.7 per cent.

Farming, lumbering and of course, the infant aircraft industry, stand to benefit heavily from the demands of war. The British government has already contracted to take hams and bacon up to 5,500,000 pounds weekly which is a greater quantity than the Dominion has ever had available for export. Canadian sales of pork products to the British market are expected to reach \$50,000,000 in 1940.

Meat Industries

Hog slaughterings in Canadian plants in 10 months of 1939 totalled 1,747,733, an increase of 8.1 per cent over the comparable 1938 period. The total of hogs shipped direct to packing plants and sold at public stock yards in the 50 weeks to December 14, was 3,482,578, an increase of 12 per cent over the run for the same 50 weeks of 1938. Calves show a small increase and sheep a small decline.

From January 1 to December 14 Canada exported 177,399 beef cattle and 79,549 calves to the United States, recording gains of 124 per cent and 72 per cent respectively.

The status of the newsprint industry improved vastly in the last months of 1939, partly owing to the premium on United States funds which increased income from Canadian sales in the U. S. by 10 per cent and partly owing to diminishing shipments to the U. S. market from war-threatened Scandinavian countries. Exports of newsprint in the 11 months for which figures are available totalled \$104,440,875, a gain of \$8,875,505 or better than nine per cent.

MINERAL ACT

Notice to Delinquent Co-owners
To John W. Alden and Gander Brinkland of Seattle, Washington, U. S. A.
WHEREAS there are owners other than myself to the extent of more than one quarter interest in each and all of the Star No. 1, Star No. 2, Star No. 3, Star No. 4, Star No. 5, Star No. 6, Star No. 7, Star No. 8, Star No. 9 and Star No. 10 Mineral Claims situate on the north side of Puvion Island in Chisnoke Passage about 500 feet from the beach in the Skeena Mining Division, Province of British Columbia:
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over the total for the comparable period of 1938.

Launching of the commonwealth air training scheme is expected to call for greater output in numerous Canadian plants to equip the many training centres. The scheme is expected to cost about \$500,000,000 in three years and to require personnel of 40,000 men aside from the numbers in training.

Industrial production in October was indexed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 139.7, the highest level since 1939 and more than 15 per cent over the level of October, 1938. The volume of output continued to rise in the succeeding months. Orders for boots for soldiers boosted production of footwear by nearly 50 per cent over output in the last quarter of 1938. The shoe industry had shown a gain of 6.6 per cent in the first nine months of 1939.

Flour production gained 22.4 per cent in the year, steel production 10 to 15 per cent and electric power production about nine per cent. Sugar, pig iron and motor car production registered narrow declines in the 10 months to the end of October. Planks and boards exports in 11 months increased 38 per cent wood pulp exports six per cent, fish seven per cent and cheese nine per cent.

Stability of Trade

Canadian external trade continues its strong upward trend. The total of domestic exports in 11 months of 1939 was \$823,980,256, compared with \$768,696,252 in the first 11 months of 1938, a gain in \$55,284,004, or more than seven per cent.

Imports in 10 months of 1939 declined 4.4 per cent while the favorable balance of exports over imports increased by 15 per cent. Raw rubber products, a barometer of industrial activity, were up 30 per cent in 10 months over the comparable 1938 period.

Prospects have brightened considerably for railways in recent months. Carloadings for the year are up about five per cent over 1938, and the November and December figures show some weekly gains of 15 per cent. Earnings are up correspondingly.

Banking factors are uniformly favorable. Commercial loans, totaling around \$900,000,000 at the end of October, were greater by nine per cent than at the end of October 1938. Deposits increased 4.5 per cent, bank debits 2.5 per cent and bank note circulation expanded to its highest level in 20 years.

Dividends paid by Canadian corporations in the year aggregated \$297,174,290, a total exceeded only in the years 1937 and 1938. Reductions in millions of dollars by Imperial Oil, International Petroleum and Brazilian Traction solely because of exchange conditions brought the unfavorable showing.

Whifflets

From The Waterfront

Aboard the steamer Princess Norah, which was in port yesterday afternoon southbound from Skagway to Vancouver, were ninety-one passengers of whom ten disembarked at this port. Eight went on board at Prince Rupert for the south.

Frank Waterhouse freighter Chilliwack sailed today on her return south after having been here since Tuesday night discharging general cargo. The Chilliwack as well as other vessels of the Waterhouse line have now passed into control of the Union Steamship Co. which recently took over the Waterhouse American interests.

REORGANIZE CANADIENS

Johnny Gagnon is Sold to New York Americans—Last of Famous Flying Frenchmen Line

MONTREAL, Jan. 4: (CP)—Re-organization of the Montreal Canadiens National Hockey League team has commenced with announcement of the sale of Johnny Gagnon, veteran right winger, to the New York Americans. Known as "The Chicoutimi Black Cat," Gagnon was the last remaining member of the famous Morenz-Joliat-Gagnon Stanley Cup line of 1930 and 1931. Illness has been keeping him out of the game the most of this year.

Officers Of Church Army At Kitwanga

KITWANGA, Jan. 4: — The Church Army of Kitwanga has elected officers for the year as follows:

- Honorary Captain, Paul Benson.
 - First Captain, Edward Tait.
 - Second Captain, Solomon Bryant.
 - Field Captain, Thomas Weget.
 - First Lieutenant, Eddie Benson.
 - Second Lieutenant, Arthur Matthews.
 - Third Lieutenant, Harold Daniels.
 - Fourth Lieutenant, Harold Sinclair.
 - Sergeant Major, Simon Fowler.
- The council of St. Paul's Church has been chosen as follows: Matthias Bright, Charles Smith, James Ryan, Joseph Williams, George Moore, Henry Wiltsqu, Fred Johnson, Charles Derrick, Solomon Bryant, Thomas Weget, Paul Benson, Edward Tait and Harold Sinclair (secretary).

STORY OF MARRIAGE

Modern Drama in "In Name Only" At Capitol Theatre Tonight and Friday

An unusually absorbing story of modern marriage, "In Name Only," with Cary Grant, Carole Lombard and Kay Francis, is the feature picture for tonight and Friday at the Capitol Theatre. It tells how a wife's mercenary interest in her husband restrains her from giving him his freedom so that he may marry the woman he really loves. Grant and Miss Francis are the unhappily married pair, Grant the son of a millionaire real estate operator and Miss Francis as a thoroughly selfish woman who has married him only for his prospects and social position.

When Grant meets Miss Lombard, a young widow, they fall in love with each other. He appeals to his wife to give him his freedom, but she refuses to give up her position and threatens scandalous notoriety if Grant dares to take any steps. A series of pulsating dramatic episodes carry the picture to a stirring denouement.

Other members of the cast of "In Name Only" are Charles Coburn, Helen Vinson, Katherine Alexander, Jonathan Hale and Maurice Moscovitch.

Gypsy Women Are Rounded Up For Robbing Stars

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 4.—Sixteen Gypsy women have been rounded up in connection with jewelry and money thefts here. One of the victims was Lupe Velez, noted screen actress.

Organizing Local Women Service Club

Public Meeting To Be Addressed In Near Future By Mrs. Wharton Of Victoria

Mrs. G. Wharton of Victoria has been addressing several small meetings of ladies with the object of organizing a local organization of the B. C. Women's Service Club.

an organization which started in Victoria. Recently she spoke to the Cambrai Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, and last night to Queen Mary Chapter.

A public meeting is planned for the near future at which Mrs. Wharton will explain the whole scheme when it is hoped that a strong organization will be formed in Prince Rupert.

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