

Construction Material Cost Declines During Last Month

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OTTAWA (CP)—Though lumber prices hit an all-time high in August, the cost of construction materials for non-residential building projects fell last month to their May level this year.

But residential building materials continued their forward march, led by lumber and lumber products, according to latest available indexes compiled by the bureau of statistics.

Many of the construction materials indexes remained unchanged in August from their July levels. Some actually fell. But federal government economists say the industry still is encountering dangerous inflationary thrusts.

Earlier this year, the upward drive of prices was recorded mainly among iron and steel products—structural steel and metal work, plumbing and heating equipment and hardware. This was attributed to the increase in basic steel prices announced by Canadian mills last winter.

On the basis of 1949 prices equalling 100 in the index of non-residential building materials,

however, the steel and metal work index remained at 179.5 in August, the same as in July and only one-tenth of a point above June. Indexes for plumbing and last month to 137.3 from 138.3 in July.

HEAT COSTS LESS

In the case of residential building materials, the plumbing and heating equipment index was off last month to 253.9 from 255.7. The residential index is based on 1935-39 prices equaling 100.

Lumber and its products took over the dominant role in construction cost increases in August, up nearly 2½ points to 502.7 in the residential index and up half a point in the non-residential index to 154.9.

The over-all index for residential building materials, announced earlier, stood at 344.0 for August, a all-time high compared with 343.7 in April and July this year, and with 330.0 in August last year.

The non-residential index was off last month to 148.0 from 148.5 in July. In August last year it was 141.2.

Ducks Will Get Cool Reception

CALGARY (CP)—Ducks heading south for the winter may find Calgary an unwelcome stopping point.

Wildlife officials say feed will be reduced at the Ingelwood sanctuary and other feeding points, and visual and explosive noisemakers employed to encourage the birds to keep heading south.

Last year during a bitterly cold winter between 10,000 and 15,000 mallards were enticed to loiter in Calgary because of open water and artificial feeding.

But wildlife authorities fear that if the ducks decide to stay—getting fat on man's concern for their welfare—they could increase to 30,000 or 50,000 within a few years.

This prospect gives the shudders to pilots and personnel at McCall Field airport, already troubled by heavy duck traffic interfering with flights.

The project, dubbed Operation Move-on, is sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Service and fish and wildlife division.

Project Survives Close Vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—The proposed \$227,000,000 Dickey-Lincoln School power project in Maine near the New Brunswick border survived a close test in the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday by a 100-to-100 tie vote, but faces another challenge.

The house turned down an amendment to a water projects authorization bill that would have eliminated the Maine project.

On a tie, a motion to amend loses.

Another effort can be made to eliminate the project when it comes to a final vote.

Representative Frank Clark (Dem. Pa.), who introduced the amendment, said the Dickey-Lincoln project is unneeded. He argued that electricity may be generated more cheaply in the future from either nuclear or conventional power.

SEES WIDE BENEFIT

Representative William D. Hathaway (Dem. Me.), who represents the district in which the project would be located, said it would benefit not only that area but also other parts of the U.S. because construction materials would come from many states.

Representative Stanley R. Tupper (Rep. Me.) said Maine industrial development has been retarded because of high electrical rates and accused private power companies of leading the opposition.

Representative Bernard F. Grabowski (Dem. Conn.), supporting Representative Clarke's amendment, said the project would deter progress by private power companies in connection with possible uses of nuclear energy.

The project is unneeded, Grabowski said, and it could not be in the public interest to authorize it.

OBITUARY

Inserted by the family
ANDREW H. GRAHAM

A wide circle of relatives and friends knew sorrow on Tuesday, August 31st, 1965, when it was learned that after a brief illness Andrew H. Graham of Cambridge, P.E.I., had passed away at the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague in his 85th year.

Son of the late John Graham and his wife Isabelle Millar, Andrew was born in Cambridge, P.E.I., on February 7, 1881. On November 27, 1907, he was united in marriage to Lillian Ada White. A life-long resident of the community of Cambridge, Andrew chose a fisherman's life, and was a familiar figure at the Bluff for many years. His amiable manner endeared him to his family and friends. He was blessed with good health until the closing year of his life. God spared him a lingering illness at the last, and in the early hours of Aug. 31st, 1965, God called him home. Besides his sorrowing wife, he leaves to mourn his passing four sons and four daughters: Lester, William, Gertrude, (Mrs. Archie MacLeod), Cambridge, P.E.I., Myrtle (Mrs. Albert MacLeod), Ernest, and Almira, (Mrs. Weir McClure), Murray Harbour North, Roulston, Murray River, and Martha (Mrs. Ernest Carver, Halifax, N.S., twenty-one grand children and three great grand children. A son Elmer, predeceased him on May 14, 1938.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

The largely attended funeral was held from the Murray River Funeral Home to the Peters Road Presbyterian Church on Thursday, September 2, 1965, and was conducted by Rev. Russell Burns and Rev. Carl Currie. Taking his text from I John 3: 11— "And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son", Mr. Currie brought a message of comfort to the bereaved family and friends. Congregational hymns were "The Lord Is My Shepherd", and "The Lily Of The Valley". The choir sang the hymn, "Good Night and Good Morning".

Pallbearers were Welster Clow, Clyde Kerwin, Harmon Irving, Eugene McCarthy, Elmer Millar, and George White. The many beautiful floral tributes were carried by A.A. (Joey) Fraser, Seymour Henderson, Harry Irving, Howard Kerwin, Hazen MacLure, and Guy Reid. Interment took place in the Murray Harbour North Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The wife and family of the late Andrew H. Graham wish to express sincere thanks to all those who sent flowers, letters, and cards of sympathy, and to express appreciation to all their friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness shown them during their recent sad bereavement. A special thanks to Dr. Inman, nurses and staff of the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Rev. Russell Burns, Rev. Carl Currie, and Mr. Parker Hamilton.

Ontario's Hydro Extends Plant

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission announced Wednesday plans for an \$11,500,000 extension to its Stewartville generating station on the Madawaska River eight miles southwest of Amnoriq. Ontario is 35 miles west of Ottawa.

The announcement said two 50,000-kilowatt generators will be installed at Stewartville. On completion of the expansion plans in 1969, the plant will have a total capacity of 151,000 kilowatts.

GIVES UP COMMAND

NORTH BAY (CP)—Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Harvey, commander of northern region headquarters, North American Air Defence Command, Wednesday signed over his command to his successor, Air Vice-Marshal Charles Greenway. Air Vice-Marshal Harvey, who officially retired from the RCAF Sept. 27, has held the post of commander of northern NORAD region since 1962. His successor formerly held the post of air officer commanding, air training command at Winnipeg.

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