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GENERAL SURVEY

A high level of activity, reflected by both production and trade figures, has continued to mark the Finnish economy in recent months. The corrected figures for the first half-year show that *industrial production* reached a new all-time peak, the total volume being 14 per cent higher than in the corresponding months last year. The forest industry, working up to capacity, increased its production by 27 per cent, and several factors indicate that new top figures will be recorded in many branches of it this year. The rise in the metal industry was, quite naturally, considerably smaller or about 6 per cent. The consumer goods industries showed an increase of 13 per cent on an average. — The total volume of *building* remained slightly below 1953 in the first half-year, but there will evidently be a considerable rise in activity towards the end of the year. From the sales of staple building materials i. a. the conclusion may be drawn that the total result for the current year will in no case fall short of that for 1953, but probably exceed it by 4–5 per cent. — The tendencies outlined above have not failed to create certain optimism in regard to the *employment* situation next winter. Whereas a peak of 54,000 unemployed was recorded last season, it is now estimated that unemployment in 1954/55 should not exceed 25,000.

Both the value and volume of *foreign trade* have moved on a considerably higher level than in 1953. Exports in January—August totalled about 95,200 mill. marks, exceeding

the corresponding figure for 1953 by 13,700 millions. This development has made it possible to let imports increase as well and to strengthen the foreign currency holdings.

Simultaneously with the favourable tendencies within the real economy, however, a complex of problems has gathered which, if not satisfactorily solved, threaten to upset the arduously established balance in the Finnish economy. There are three inter-related sets of factors amounting to what is called the index crisis: wages, prices and income within agriculture, or, more accurately, the regulated level of basic wages, the cost of living as measured by the official cost of living index, and income within agriculture as calculated by the Agricultural Income Committee.

When the price and wage level was stabilized by a compromise agreement between the Government and the labour market organizations, enacted on September 29, 1951, wages were tied to the official cost of living index (October 1951 = 100). This meant in practice that if the quarterly average of the monthly index figures were to show a rise of five per cent, a corresponding rise in the wage level would automatically follow. Although the index has been remarkably stable since the autumn 1951, the long-term trend has been slightly rising. In the last few months 104 points have been recorded, and several factors exert a continued upward pressure on the index.

A rise in the internal price level can hardly be avoided if the 5 per cent increase

in wages is effected, considering, in addition, the present booming tendencies within the economy. The problem is rendered more difficult still by the now existing tie between agricultural income on the one hand and wages and prices in general on the other. The principle was enacted in November 1952 that if agricultural income as yearly calculated by the Agricultural Income Committee showed a deviation of 3 per cent or more from its ratio to the general level of wages in October 1951 (base), a correction should be made. As a matter of fact, the recently published calculation shows a lag of 4—5 per cent as compared with the basis ratio, which agriculture now should be made good for by price increases or subsidies.

The Finnish economic policy is thus encountering difficulties emerging from the very factors that a few years ago formed a basis for the stabilization efforts. Principally, there are two ways out of the situation: either the laborious pressing down of prices affecting the official cost of living index (which would involve application of subsidies and firmer price regulation than at present) or trying to get rid of the present rigid system through negotiations between the parties concerned. The newly appointed Economic Council (see Items) has already tackled the problem and negotiations between the labour market organizations have been launched as well.

PUBLIC FINANCES

In the initial months of the current year the outlook for Government finances was far from good. A considerable deficit seemed to suggest itself for 1954 and this would of course have rendered it difficult to check the inflationary impulses originating in for-

eign trade when the trade balance turned active in summer. The pessimistic attitudes have, however, proved unfounded. In the late spring and the summer there was a decisive improvement in Government finances, and by the end of August a surplus of 1,200 mill. marks was recorded as against a deficit of 11,100 million for January—August last year. The relation between revenue and expenditure thus showed an improvement of 12,300 million. This development has, however, mainly been due to an exceptional running down of stocks by 8,100 mill. marks as compared with 600 million last year. Yet, the rise in the current Government revenue has been considerable, too. This rise reflects, on its part, the present high level of activity within the Finnish economy and was mainly concentrated on the income tax withholdings and the yield of the sales tax and the import duties.

The inflow of revenue is expected to continue on a large scale. In addition, the Government finances are strengthened by the outlay on unemployment relief remaining relatively modest in comparison with last year. On the other hand, the decisions to be made in connection with the index crisis referred to in the General Survey may involve a considerable reduction in revenue and simultaneously additional expenditure.

In any case, it is obvious that a considerable surplus will be recorded for the whole of 1954. It should, however, not be forgotten that the improvement primarily relates to the second and third quarters of the current year and thus to the past. As to the near future, the surplus that normally marks the last months of the year seems to turn out smaller than last year.

September 30, 1954.

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STATISTICS
1. STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF FINLAND

	1953	1954				
	Mill. mk	Mill. mk				
	15/9	23/8	31/8	8/9	15/9	
ASSETS						
Gold Reserve	5 862	6 973	6 973	6 973	6 973	
Foreign Currency	12 802	17 403	17 992	18 736	19 493	
Foreign Bills	5 488	6 586	6 593	6 724	6 741	
Foreign Bonds	—	756	756	756	756	
Foreign Bank Notes and Coupons	129	92	91	93	92	
Foreign Clearing Accounts	6 989	7 763	7 722	7 478	7 642	
IMF & IBRD cover ¹⁾	1 662	1 662	1 662	1 662	1 662	
Inland Bills ²⁾	37 710	12 887	12 977	14 119	14 809	
Treasury Bond Loan 1953	—	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	
Loans on Security	33	33	33	33	33	
Advances on Current Accounts	228	291	9	257	2	
Bonds	1 633	2 200	2 233	2 209	2 209	
Sundry Assets	522	618	374	378	369	
Total	73 058	77 264	77 415	79 418	80 781	
LIABILITIES						
Notes in circulation	43 287	45 951	45 850	44 984	45 157	
Other Liabilities payable on demand:						
Current Account of the Treasury	—	5 864	5 853	8 966	9 099	
Other Current Accounts less Banker's cheques	4 079	1 307	1 851	1 912	2 968	
Bank-Post-Bills	33	2	90	2	100	
Mark Accounts of holders abroad	5 004	2 173	1 820	1 622	1 615	
IMF & IBRD ¹⁾	3 387	2 351	2 351	2 351	2 351	
Sundry Accounts	169	455	443	463	487	
Foreign Debt	2 643	6 208	6 215	6 239	6 258	
Equalization Accounts	5 700	3 373	3 346	3 263	3 108	
Capital	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	
Reserve Fund	2 848	3 683	3 683	3 683	3 683	
Earnings less Expenses	908	861	877	897	919	
Undisposed Profits	—	36	36	36	36	
Total	73 058	77 264	77 415	79 418	80 781	

2. NOTE ISSUE OF THE BANK OF FINLAND

	1953	1954				
	Mill. mk	Mill. mk				
	15/9	23/8	31/8	8/9	15/9	
RIGHT TO ISSUE NOTES						
Gold Reserve and Foreign Balances ³⁾	24 281	31 810	32 405	33 282	34 055	
Additional Right of Issue	50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	
Total	74 281	81 810	82 405	83 282	84 055	
AMOUNT OF ISSUE USED						
Notes in circulation	43 287	45 951	45 850	44 984	45 157	
Other Liabilities payable on demand	12 672	12 152	12 408	15 316	16 620	
Undrawn Advances on Current Accounts	797	733	1 015	767	1 022	
Total	56 756	58 836	59 273	61 067	62 799	
NOTE RESERVE						
Available	6 897	5 861	6 109	6 334	6 065	
Dependent on supplementary cover	10 628	17 113	17 023	15 881	15 191	
Total	17 525	22 974	23 132	22 215	21 256	
Grand total	74 281	81 810	82 405	83 282	84 055	

¹⁾ IMF & IBRD — International Monetary Fund & International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

²⁾ All Treasury bills converted into a bond loan on Sept. 16, 1953.

³⁾ Foreign currency, bills payable abroad in foreign currency, foreign bonds listed on foreign Stock Exchanges, bonds and interest coupons in foreign currency which have fallen due and foreign money.

8. BANK OF FINLAND — NOTES IN CIRCULATION, FOREIGN CURRENCY AND COVER FOR THE ISSUE OF NOTES

End of Month	Notes in circulation Mill. mk				Foreign Currency ¹⁾ Mill. mk				Cover for the Issue of Notes Percentage of Liabilities payable on demand				End of Month
	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
	<i>44 774</i>				<i>24 123</i>				<i>105.2</i>				
Jan.	40 134	41 104	42 230	-2 789	22 496	11 079	14 233	+ 598	107.2	117.2	106.8	±0.0	Jan.
Feb.	43 428	44 238	46 225	+3 995	22 654	11 698	14 800	+ 567	103.8	114.4	103.5	-3.3	Feb.
March	44 044	44 078	44 658	-1 567	20 937	11 620	15 623	+ 823	105.8	110.9	103.0	-0.5	March
April	44 338	43 804	45 508	+ 850	18 005	11 355	14 980	- 643	106.2	111.7	104.5	+1.5	April
May	46 579	45 962	47 169	+1 661	17 400	11 106	14 655	- 325	108.2	113.7	105.6	+1.1	May
June	45 052	43 247	44 605	-2 564	14 478	11 176	15 872	+1 217	112.1	116.7	106.7	+1.1	June
July	44 173	42 615	44 720	+ 115	12 831	11 658	17 811	+1 939	116.2	114.1	108.2	+1.5	July
Aug.	45 193	45 075	45 850	+1 130	11 836	12 821	17 992	+ 181	119.3	112.7	110.3	+2.1	Aug.
Sept.	43 768	43 185			9 741	12 882			122.5	110.1			Sept.
Oct.	42 440	42 759			9 467	13 734			119.5	109.0			Oct.
Nov.	45 497	45 590			9 583	13 985			117.7	109.2			Nov.
Dec.	46 153	45 019			9 646	13 835			114.7	106.8			Dec.

¹⁾ Net credit balances with foreign correspondents.

4. BANK OF FINLAND — NOTE RESERVE, HOME LOANS AND REDISCOUNTED BILLS

End of Month	Note Reserve Mill. mk			Home Loans ¹⁾ Mill. mk				Rediscounted Bills (Included in Home Loans) Mill. mk				End of Month
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
	<i>32 359</i>			<i>20 694</i>				<i>16</i>				
Jan.	32 897	18 235	17 587	20 661	41 525	38 298	-5 875	217	14 315	3 068	-5 200	Jan.
Feb.	30 482	18 610	17 756	21 901	39 695	36 442	-1 856	1 995	13 242	1 550	-1 518	Feb.
March	30 467	18 987	15 646	22 961	37 314	38 263	+1 821	4 994	9 781	3 529	+1 979	March
April	29 011	18 195	16 864	24 593	38 653	37 930	- 333	7 655	11 093	2 944	- 585	April
May	26 823	14 429	15 878	28 004	43 711	39 654	+1 724	8 332	9 788	3 677	+ 733	May
June	24 774	16 966	12 794	31 859	42 474	43 543	+3 889	9 961	8 273	7 679	+4 002	June
July	26 091	15 848	19 092	32 311	42 462	37 937	-5 606	7 346	3 756	3 042	-4 637	July
Aug.	21 048	14 838	23 132	39 447	42 926	34 681	-3 256	5 716	1 338	1 084	-1 958	Aug.
Sept.	21 152	15 698		40 657	42 240			7 411	4 442			Sept.
Oct.	20 223	15 301		40 199	41 992			8 422	5 665			Oct.
Nov.	15 976	16 445		44 294	40 993			9 512	5 149			Nov.
Dec.	11 939	12 273		46 915	44 173			17 217	8 268			Dec.

¹⁾ IMF & IBRD cover, inland bills, loans on security, advances on current accounts and, since Sept. 1953, the Treasury Bond Loan 1953.

5. BANK OF FINLAND — BILLS AND BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS

End of Month	Net claims on the State ¹⁾ (Included in Home Loans) Mill. mk			Private Bills (Included in Home Loans) Mill. mk			Balance of Current Accounts due to others than the Treasury Mill. mk				End of Month
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
	<i>8 686</i>			<i>11 567</i>			<i>4 071</i>				
Jan.	8 115	11 886	14 476	12 253	14 777	13 345	2 599	4 148	2 324	-1 514	Jan.
Feb.	6 656	10 226	16 621	12 803	15 720	12 769	2 160	1 118	2 049	- 775	Feb.
March	4 874	10 701	11 159	12 543	16 347	12 694	2 095	801	2 175	+ 126	March
April	3 180	10 581	12 655	13 247	16 489	12 916	1 171	254	1 887	- 288	April
May	4 153	15 824	14 911	14 973	17 857	13 892	1 517	1 653	2 331	+ 444	May
June	5 443	15 133	7 695	16 134	18 906	14 004	2 671	2 027	3 609	+1 278	June
July	8 769	21 005	11 012	15 752	17 459	13 034	693	4 367	2 101	-1 508	July
Aug.	18 057	25 192	15 809	15 247	16 168	11 894	2 635	4 531	2 306	+ 205	Aug.
Sept.	16 935	19 848		15 725	15 782		2 001	5 279			Sept.
Oct.	15 874	16 584		15 406	14 456		2 584	4 277			Oct.
Nov.	18 983	18 519		15 230	13 874		3 389	3 180			Nov.
Dec.	14 739	14 381		14 678	13 812		4 033	4 338			Dec.

¹⁾ Up to August 1953 Treasury bills; thereafter the Treasury Bond Loan 1953 plus the IMF & IBRD cover minus the Current Account of the Treasury.

The figures in italics indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

Bank Rate since December 16, 1951, 5 3/4 %.
(Former Rate 7 3/4 %.)

**6. BANK OF FINLAND
FOREIGN CLEARING ACCOUNTS**

End of Month	Net Claims (+) or Net Indebtedness (-) Mill. mk				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement
	<i>-1 662</i>				
Jan.	- 647	+3 361	+4 174	+ 8 840	- 757
Feb.	+ 355	+4 545	+4 666	+ 9 628	+ 788
March	+ 676	+6 427	+6 154	+10 029	+ 401
April	+ 898	+6 930	+6 473	+ 9 940	- 89
May	- 347	+6 269	+5 300	+ 9 678	- 262
June	-1 644	+4 970	+4 434	+ 8 503	-1 175
July	-1 711	+3 859	+5 651	+ 7 962	- 541
Aug.	-1 922	+2 048	+5 938	+ 7 722	- 240
Sept.	- 763	+1 672	+7 016		
Oct.	+ 846	+3 243	+8 122		
Nov.	+1 373	+3 867	+8 925		
Dec.	+3 297	+4 430	+9 597		

**7. RATES OF EXCHANGE
QUOTED BY THE BANK OF FINLAND**

		1954 15/9
New York	1 Dollar	231:—
London	1 Pound	646:—
Stockholm	100 Kronor	4 450:—
Copenhagen	100 Kroner	3 340:—
Oslo	100 Kroner	3 235:—
Paris	100 Francs	66:—
Brussels	100 Francs	462:—
Amsterdam	100 Guilders	6 090:—
Zürich	100 Francs	5 300:—
Frankfurt a/M	100 DM	5 500:—
Prague	100 Koruny	3 208:—
Montreal, nom.	1 Dollar	238:—
Rio de Janeiro	100 Cruzeiros	1 260:—
Moscow, nom.	100 Rubel	5 775:—

**8. COMMERCIAL BANKS — HOME DEPOSITS AND CREDITS FROM THE BANK
OF FINLAND**

End of Month	Due to the Public				Due to other Credit institutions		Total			Credits from the Bank of Finland		End of Month
	Cheque Accounts		Time Deposits		Mill. mk		Mill. mk			Mill. mk		
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1953	1954	
	<i>28 020</i>		<i>59 742</i>		<i>6 856</i>		<i>97 186</i>			<i>15 294</i>		
Jan.	26 624	32 743	60 629	71 633	8 137	8 785	94 877	95 390	113 161	13 420	2 033	Jan.
Feb.	25 397	31 672	61 798	72 788	8 265	9 862	93 184	95 460	114 322	12 907	1 130	Feb.
March	27 423	31 838	62 734	74 255	8 511	9 893	96 065	98 668	115 986	9 749	3 065	March
April	27 361	31 790	63 489	74 922	8 855	9 950	89 845	99 705	116 662	11 088	2 508	April
May	28 523	33 214	63 906	75 389	8 221	9 436	90 185	100 650	118 039	9 270	3 151	May
June	31 951	34 561	63 922	75 285	8 152	9 064	91 840	104 025	118 910	7 704	4 884	June
July	31 198	34 319	64 781	75 827	10 021	10 481	92 831	106 000	120 627	3 093	3 002	July
Aug.	33 206	34 177	66 183	77 249	9 795	11 302	94 923	109 184	122 728	413	1 108	Aug.
Sept.	33 815		65 907		7 847		95 100	107 569		1 932		Sept.
Oct.	35 132		65 888		8 014		92 739	109 034		2 531		Oct.
Nov.	34 124		66 017		8 092		94 853	108 223		2 595		Nov.
Dec.	32 112		70 455		7 502		94 618	110 069		5 607		Dec.

Tables 8—10 according to Finnish Official Statistics VII, D, Bank Statistics. Mortgage banks are not included.

9. COMMERCIAL BANKS — HOME LOANS

End of Month	To the Public				To other Credit institutions		To the State		Total		End of Month
	Inland Bills		Other Credits		Mill. mk		Mill. mk		Mill. mk		
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	
	<i>64 809</i>		<i>40 072</i>		<i>4 595</i>		—		<i>109 476</i>		
Jan.	65 354	62 713	40 962	44 134	4 901	5 797	—	3 000	111 217	115 644	Jan.
Feb.	66 714	62 470	40 708	45 127	4 489	6 134	—	3 600	111 911	117 331	Feb.
March	67 776	64 814	40 264	46 002	4 470	6 046	—	2 700	112 510	119 562	March
April	68 942	66 671	40 597	46 457	4 429	5 752	—	2 900	113 968	121 780	April
May	68 119	67 351	41 232	46 947	4 601	5 866	—	3 000	113 952	123 164	May
June	66 743	67 805	41 628	49 415	4 761	6 084	—	1 700	113 132	125 004	June
July	65 925	69 351	41 442	49 659	6 224	6 831	—	2 000	113 591	127 841	July
Aug.	64 040	69 736	41 257	50 079	6 269	6 790	2 950	2 500	114 516	129 105	Aug.
Sept.	63 439		41 810		5 680		4 150		115 079		Sept.
Oct.	63 568		42 528		5 892		6 000		117 988		Oct.
Nov.	63 660		43 106		6 443		4 050		117 259		Nov.
Dec.	61 696		43 963		5 120		2 500		113 279		Dec.

The figures in italics indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

10. COMMERCIAL BANKS — POSITION TOWARDS FOREIGN COUNTRIES

End of Month	Claims Mill. mk			Indebtedness Mill. mk			Net Claims (+) or Net Indebtedness (-) Mill. mk				End of Month	
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement		
	<i>10 608</i>			<i>8 202</i>			<i>+2 406</i>					
Jan.	10 052	8 002	5 847	9 238	7 417	4 122	+ 814	+ 585	+ 1 725	+ 662	Jan.	
Feb.	9 535	6 835	6 507	9 572	6 794	5 041	- 37	- 59	+ 1 466	- 259	Feb.	
March	9 078	7 383	6 305	9 834	6 902	5 580	- 756	+ 481	+ 725	- 741	March	
April	7 800	6 952	5 995	11 107	6 200	6 330	-3 307	+ 752	- 335	-1 060	April	
May	7 429	4 581	7 238	10 968	3 824	6 910	-3 539	+ 757	+ 328	+ 663	May	
June	8 158	5 329	6 101	10 016	3 938	6 340	-1 858	+ 1 391	- 239	- 567	June	
July	8 769	5 717	7 529	9 698	3 923	6 731	- 929	+ 1 794	+ 798	+ 1 037	July	
Aug.	8 549	5 556	8 632	8 669	4 165	8 274	- 120	+ 1 391	+ 358	- 440	Aug.	
Sept.	9 091	4 671		9 457	3 854		- 366	+ 817			Sept.	
Oct.	8 906	5 184		9 276	4 693		- 370	+ 491			Oct.	
Nov.	8 338	6 404		8 125	5 528		+ 213	+ 876			Nov.	
Dec.	7 539	6 183		7 282	5 120		+ 257	+ 1 063			Dec.	

11. FOREIGN PAYMENT
POSITION OF ALL BANKS ¹⁾

End of Month	Net Claims (+) or Net Indebtedness (-) Mill. mk				End of Month
	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
	<i>+27 718</i>				
Jan.	+24 494	+10 250	+19 176	+ 904	Jan.
Feb.	+24 972	+10 537	+20 514	+1 338	Feb.
March	+24 214	+12 296	+21 165	+ 651	March
April	+20 427	+12 471	+20 350	- 815	April
May	+19 952	+10 477	+20 315	- 35	May
June	+17 880	+10 415	+20 157	- 158	June
July	+15 779	+12 518	+22 231	+2 074	July
Aug.	+12 680	+14 044	+22 371	+ 40	Aug.
Sept.	+10 030	+15 671			Sept.
Oct.	+10 270	+16 724			Oct.
Nov.	+10 737	+17 972			Nov.
Dec.	+ 9 243	+18 272			Dec.

¹⁾ For the Bank of Finland the net result of the debit and credit accounts with foreign correspondents foreign clearing transactions and the foreign debt as well as foreign bills and the debt to IMF and IBRD are taken into account, and for the Commercial Banks their net position is taken into account according to table 10 above.

²⁾ According to figures supplied by the Post Office Savings Bank. Giro accounts include all private accounts except those of Commercial Banks.

12. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK
DEPOSITS AND GIRO ACCOUNTS ²⁾

End of Month	Giro Accounts Mill. mk		Deposits Mill. mk				End of Month
	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
	<i>10 765</i>		<i>18 243</i>				
Jan.	6 366	7 273	19 461	24 190	27 464	+ 390	Jan.
Feb.	6 598	7 296	20 490	24 817	28 259	+ 795	Feb.
March	12 068	12 936	20 849	25 057	28 743	+ 484	March
April	6 619	7 194	20 927	25 014	28 688	- 55	April
May	6 875	7 391	21 087	25 227	28 687	- 1	May
June	16 143	15 263	21 202	25 181	28 432	- 255	June
July	6 851	7 874	21 375	25 072	28 612	+ 180	July
Aug.	6 548	7 592	22 350	25 691	29 088	+ 476	Aug.
Sept.	11 680		22 449	25 722			Sept.
Oct.	7 332		22 534	25 700			Oct.
Nov.	7 066		22 826	25 883			Nov.
Dec.	10 672		23 562	27 074			Dec.

13. DEPOSITS IN THE SAVINGS BANKS

End of Month	Savings Accounts Mill. mk			Current Accounts Mill. mk			Total Mill. mk				End of Month	
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1951	1952	1953	1954		Monthly Movement
	<i>52 307</i>			<i>2 897</i>			<i>41 895</i>					
Jan.	53 546	66 937	78 448	2 862	2 996	3 381	42 585	56 408	69 933	81 829	+ 1 242	Jan.
Feb.	54 870	68 146	80 034	2 815	3 153	3 406	43 293	57 685	71 299	83 440	+ 1 611	Feb.
March	56 054	69 111	81 350	2 977	3 196	3 481	44 155	59 031	72 307	84 831	+ 1 391	March
April	57 223	70 117	82 428	3 476	3 451	3 581	45 215	60 699	73 568	86 009	+ 1 173	April
May	58 137	70 634	83 017	3 201	3 529	3 841	45 765	61 338	74 163	86 858	+ 849	May
June	58 604	70 372	82 630	3 201	3 412	3 699	45 806	61 805	73 784	86 329	- 529	June
July	59 995	71 061	83 348	3 791	3 851	4 061	46 909	63 786	74 912	87 409	+ 1 080	July
Aug.	61 128	71 641	84 218	3 521	4 043	3 901	47 957	64 649	75 684	88 119	+ 710	Aug.
Sept.	61 041	71 452		3 576	3 689		48 316	64 617	75 141			Sept.
Oct.	61 783	72 085		3 987	4 120		50 343	65 770	76 205			Oct.
Nov.	62 289	72 764		3 557	3 698		51 498	65 846	76 462			Nov.
Dec.	65 799	77 272*		3 159	3 315*		55 204	68 958	80 587*			Dec.

According to figures supplied by the Central Statistical Office.

The figures in italics indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

14. DEPOSITS IN CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES AND CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

End of Month	Deposits in Co-operative Credit Societies ¹⁾ Mill. mk					Deposits in Consumers' Co-operative Societies ²⁾ Mill. mk					End of Month
	1951	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	1951	1952	1953	1954	Monthly Movement	
Jan.	<i>21 609</i>					<i>5 356</i>					Jan.
Feb.	21 887	32 388	39 373	45 174	+ 685	5 528	8 989	11 091	12 213	+ 262	Feb.
March	22 493	33 526	40 291	46 124	+ 950	5 844	9 440	11 621	12 493	+ 280	March
April	23 441	34 639	41 206	47 184	+ 1 060	6 226	9 793	11 696	12 793	+ 300	April
May	24 001	35 426	41 295	47 724	+ 540	6 700	10 047	11 690	12 896	+ 103	May
June	24 401	36 135	41 504	47 973	+ 249	6 794	10 374	11 694	12 867	— 29	June
July	24 549	36 162	41 317	47 550	— 423	6 825	10 260	11 547	12 659	— 208	July
Aug.	25 381	37 040	41 736	48 405	+ 855	6 913	10 293	11 461	12 566	— 93	Aug.
Sept.	27 166	38 517	42 839	49 827	+ 1 422	7 024	10 292	11 461	12 621	+ 55	Sept.
Oct.	27 548	38 106	42 553			7 170	10 204	11 388			Oct.
Nov.	28 667	37 753	42 191			7 459	10 200	11 347			Nov.
Dec.	29 645	37 529	42 197			7 781	10 262	11 424			Dec.
	31 696	39 253	44 489*			8 442	10 798	11 951			

¹⁾ Figures supplied by the Central Bank for Co-operative Credit Societies. — ²⁾ According to data supplied by the Finnish Co-operative Wholesale Society and the Co-operative Wholesale Association.

15. DEPOSITS IN ALL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS¹⁾

End of Month	Time Deposits Mill. mk		Total Deposits due to the Public Mill. mk		
	1953	1954	1953	1954	Monthly Movement
Jan.	<i>197 288</i>		<i>230 719</i>		
Feb.	200 671	232 975	232 406	271 740	+ 4 456
March	205 123	237 802	235 775	275 424	+ 3 684
April	207 991	242 514	241 013	280 423	+ 4 999
May	209 907	244 937	243 171	282 823	+ 2 400
June	211 145	246 185	245 518	285 824	+ 3 001
July	210 395	244 658	248 564	285 593	— 231
Aug.	212 148	246 603	250 795	288 210	+ 2 617
Sept.	215 949	250 831	255 890	292 156	+ 3 946
Oct.	214 996		255 210		
Nov.	215 271		257 231		
Dec.	216 297		256 854		
	229 416*		267 284*		

¹⁾ Commercial Banks, Post Office Savings Bank excl. postal giro accounts, Savings Banks, Co-operative Credit Societies, Central Bank for Co-operative Credit Societies, Consumers' Co-operative Societies, and Mortgage Banks.

16. INSURANCES IN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES

End of Month	New risks accepted ¹⁾			
	1953		1954*	
	Number	Amount Mill. mk	Number	Amount Mill. mk
Jan.	12 706	2 638	9 566	2 285
Feb.	13 308	2 794	11 559	2 800
March	14 101	2 980	12 175	3 003
April	12 956	2 788	11 012	2 651
May	11 751	2 471	10 209	2 460
June	10 785	2 324	9 593	2 345
July	7 916	1 733	7 713	1 921
Aug.	9 038	1 826	7 939	1 942
Sept.	10 695	2 369		
Oct.	11 968	2 646		
Nov.	12 446	2 719		
Dec.	13 548	3 436		
Total	141 218	30 724		
Jan.-Aug.	92 561	19 554	79 766	19 407

¹⁾ According to information supplied by the Finnish Life Assurance Companies.

17. CHANGES IN NUMBER AND CAPITAL OF LIMITED COMPANIES

Year and Quarter	Founded		With increased Capital		Liquidated or with reduced capital		Net increase (+) or reduction (—)				Year and Quarter
	Num-ber	Capital Mill. mk	Num-ber	Increase of Capital Mill. mk	Num-ber	Reduction of Capital Mill. mk	All companies		Housing companies		
							Num-ber	Capital Mill. mk	Num-ber	Capital Mill. mk	
1950	1 421	3 527	1 079	12 826	255	228	+1 209	+16 125	+ 243	+1 773	1950
1951	1 025	3 288	671	8 475	253	611	+ 783	+11 152	+ 172	+1 850	1951
1952	1 225	5 530	878	16 980	316	234	+ 916	+22 276	+ 237	+2 727	1952
1953	1 110	4 414	549	6 981	360	2 230	+ 773	+ 9 165	+ 250	+3 150	1953
1953											1953
Jan. - March	257	643	158	1 315	107	182	+ 156	+ 1 776	+ 81	+ 340	Jan. - March
April-June	295	1 410	143	1 455	80	450	+ 220	+ 2 415	+ 85	+1 136	April-June
July-Sept.	253	1 534	90	235	61	720	+ 194	+ 1 049	+ 71	+1 160	July-Sept.
Oct. - Dec.	306	827	158	3 976	112	878	+ 203	+ 3 925	+ 64	+ 514	Oct. - Dec.
1954											1954
Jan.-March	321	2 661	114	1 888	116	111	+ 211	+ 4 438	+ 76	+ 939	Jan.-March

Figures supplied by the Central Statistical Office.

The figures in italics indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

18. BANKRUPTCIES

Month	Bankruptcies ¹⁾				
	Number				
	1950	1951	1952	1953*	1954*
January	48	20	54	32	115
February	55	26	47	75	104
March	55	12	28	43	114
April	38	26	41	26	64
May	21	15	32	24	69
June	19	10	12	23	22
July	15	4	12	38	
August	5	15	10	11	
September	44	8	18	50	
October	36	41	75	112	
November	42	51	56	111	
December	28	11	44	67	
Total	406	239	429	612	
Jan. - June	236	109	214	223	488

¹⁾ Figures compiled by the Central Statistical Office from the reports sent in by the various Courts including all bankruptcy petitions, of which only about half will lead in due course to actual bankruptcy.

19. STOCK EXCHANGE

Turnover of Stock Exchange ¹⁾					Month
Mill. mk					
1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	
148	287	187	106	125	January
155	248	166	127	136	February
235	264	203	127	173	March
358	281	194	214	131	April
299	219	243	172	139	May
226	238	107	201	124	June
185	162	148	207	122	July
235	230	156	301	110	August
318	216	136	283		September
340	192	169	118		October
228	215	127	144		November
229	229	148	135		December
2 956	2 781	1 984	2 134		Total
1 841	1 929	1 404	1 455	1 060	Jan. - Aug.

¹⁾ According to data supplied by the Stock Exchange Committee.

20. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX 1948 = 100

Month	Share Prices									Month
	All kinds			Bank Shares			Industrial Shares			
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	
January	203	164	243	137	124	148	217	169	262	January
February	199	166	236	139	125	148	211	172	253	February
March	194	165	234	130	118	147	207	172	250	March
April	187	176	224	129	126	140	198	185	239	April
May	169	191	219	121	132	133	178	202	234	May
June	166	199	218	119	135	133	174	211	232	June
July	177	203	231	122	140	137	187	215	248	July
August	180	227	238	123	144	141	191	245	256	August
September	177	227		123	141		187	245		September
October	172	226		122	142		181	243		October
November	166	230		122	144		173	247		November
December	164	231		121	145		170	247		December
Whole year	180	200		126	135		190	213		Whole year

*Units: index based on the prices quoted for the shares of 3 banks and 10 industrial firms.

21. PUBLIC DEBT

End of Year and Month	According to the Finance Accounts									Mill. Dollars ²⁾	End of Year and Month
	Mill. mk ¹⁾										
	Funded Debt			Short-term Credit			Total Public Debt				
Foreign	Internal	Total	Foreign	Internal	Total	Foreign	Internal	Total	Total Public Debt		
1950	60 426	42 650	103 076	5 453	27 176	32 629	65 879	69 826	135 705	587	1950
1951	70 686	42 845	113 531	4 126	13 294	17 420	74 812	56 139	130 951	567	1951
1952	63 857	41 481	105 338	3 874	19 901	23 775	67 731	61 382	129 113	559	1952
1953 ³⁾	63 975	61 343	125 318	1 458	6 159	7 597	65 433	67 482	132 915	575	1953 ³⁾
1954											1954
March	63 136	59 627	122 763	1 430	6 421	7 872	64 566	71 775	136 341	590	March
April	63 133	59 887	123 020	1 390	12 148	13 578	64 523	66 629	131 152	568	April
May	63 090	60 393	123 483	1 325	6 742	8 132	64 415	67 219	131 634	570	May
June	62 993	60 787	123 780	1 286	6 826	8 151	64 279	73 755	138 034	598	June
July	62 801	60 883	123 684	1 190	4 597	5 787	63 991	65 480	129 471	560	July
Aug.	62 798	62 724	125 522	1 014	5 360	6 374	63 812	68 084	131 896	571	Aug.

¹⁾ According to data supplied by the Treasury. Internal loans are given at their nominal value and foreign loans in Finnish currency according to current rates of exchange. — ²⁾ The outstanding amounts of both internal and foreign loans have been converted into United States dollars at the Helsinki rates of exchange of the respective currencies.

³⁾ All Treasury bills converted into a bond loan on Sept. 16, 1953.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

22. STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Year and Month	Total Revenue	Current Revenue				Capital Revenue		Total Expenditure	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure		Year and Month
		Total	Taxes ¹⁾	Interest and Dividends ¹⁾	Profits of Business enterprises ²⁾	Total	Loans			Total	Re-demptions	
1952	205 017	196 555	161 437	2 210	6 295	8 462	5 358	204 180	145 844	58 336	13 396	1952
1953	223 795	185 969	152 439	2 540	3 070	37 826	29 626	221 167	141 943	79 224	14 168	1953
1954 Budget Suppl. ³⁾	183 152 4 862	168 122 820	136 586 —	2 350 —	3 465 -62	15 030 4 042	10 194 3 500	183 144 21 085	129 480 8 403	53 664 12 682	11 589 2	1954 Budget Suppl. ³⁾
1953 Jan.-July	106 135	103 110	83 476	1 546	-2 697	3 025	1 188	101 814	68 781	33 033	4 302	1953 Jan.-July
1954 Jan.-July	115 054	105 884	83 701	2 018	-874	9 170	5 652	100 575	68 439	32 136	7 705	1954 Jan.-July

Tables 22—23 according to the accounts kept by the Treasury.

¹⁾ Taxes here include the surplus of the Alcohol Monopoly. — ²⁾ The figures given refer to net revenue. — ³⁾ Passed in June.

23. COLLECTION OF TAXES AND CHARGES

Year and Month	Direct taxes ¹⁾		Indirect taxes							Stamp duty	Employers' payments for Child allowances	Year and Month
	Total	Income and Property tax	Total	Sales tax	Import duty	Spirits taxes ²⁾	Excise dues					
							Total	On Tobacco	On Coffee			
Mill. mk												
1952	46 082	45 431	109 773	59 306	20 673	16 186	13 608	9 828	905	5 582	17 599	1952
1953	46 050	45 456	100 384	52 861	17 069	16 389	14 065	9 889	1 298	6 005	17 865	1953
1954 Budget	38 930	38 500	91 156	46 200	16 000	15 380	13 576	9 500	1 300	6 500	17 500	1954 Budget
1953 Jan.-July	26 519	26 177	53 293	22 763	10 011	12 863	7 656	5 345	769	3 664	9 819	1953 Jan.-July
1954 Jan.-July	23 884	23 532	55 689	24 497	10 464	12 625	8 103	5 829	483	4 128	10 163	1954 Jan.-July

¹⁾ Excluding direct taxes paid by the Alcohol Monopoly. — ²⁾ Surplus of the Alcohol Monopoly, direct taxes paid by it and excise on spirits.

24. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Month	Imports (c. i. f.) Mill. mk			Exports (f. o. b., commercial exports) Mill. mk			Surplus of Imports (—) or Exports (+) Mill. mk			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	15 197	12 051	10 775	14 637	8 417	9 219	— 560	— 3 634	— 1 556	January
February	15 763	7 273	9 761	13 144	5 847	7 996	— 2 619	— 1 426	— 1 765	February
March	16 287	9 761	10 698	11 559	9 750	9 327	— 4 728	— 11	— 1 371	March
April	17 305	11 767	11 220	11 389	9 345	10 404	— 5 916	— 2 422	— 816	April
May	19 513	10 093	11 831	13 010	9 186	12 431	— 6 503	— 907	+ 600	May
June	18 176	9 986	11 874	12 291	12 180	14 557	— 5 885	+ 2 194	+ 2 683	June
July	16 809	9 630	12 723	14 157	13 801	16 445	— 2 652	+ 4 171	+ 3 722	July
August	12 190	9 719	12 032	12 658	12 900	14 788	+ 468	+ 3 181	+ 2 756	August
September	11 894	9 388		13 537	11 815		+ 1 643	+ 2 427		September
October	12 093	10 636		14 332	13 683		+ 2 239	+ 3 047		October
November	13 278	9 406		13 333	12 543		+ 55	+ 3 137		November
December	13 681	12 150		12 782	12 088		— 899	— 62		December
Total	182 186	121 860		156 829	131 555		— 25 357	+ 9 695		Total
Jan.-Aug.	131 240	80 280	90 914	102 845	81 426	95 167	— 28 395	+ 1 146	+ 4 253	Jan.-Aug.

Tables 24—29 according to Finnish Official Statistics I, A, Foreign Trade of Finland, Monthly Reports.

The term *imports* covers all imported goods which are placed on the market either immediately after importation or after storage. *Exports* covers all goods exported from the open market, including re-exports. Goods are declared to the Customs by their owner who must at the same time state the value of the goods as calculated at the frontiers of the country.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

25. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DIFFERENT CLASSES OF GOODS

Classes of Goods	Imports (c. i. f.) Mill. mk					Exports (f. o. b.) Mill. mk				
	Whole year		January—August			Whole year		January—August		
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1952	1953	1954*
Dairy produce, eggs, honey	473	412	349	400	12	2 826	2 094	1 783	1 222	2 147
Other animal products, live animals	638	709	304	342	279	153	187	89	109	428
Vegetables	123	93	118	90	65	—	1	—	0	1
Eatable fruit	3 594	2 150	2 749	1 324	2 231	152	10	18	2	11
Coffee, tea, spices	5 896	6 855	3 792	4 556	6 196	0	—	0	—	0
Cereals, milling products..	15 911	10 641	11 326	8 521	3 828	643	1 164	0	675	419
Certain seeds and fruit, plants for industrial purposes	483	591	463	540	917	472	636	151	287	77
Raw materials for tanning and dyeing	65	85	48	58	81	1	3	1	1	1
Animal and vegetable fats	2 678	2 530	1 737	1 621	1 386	21	38	11	36	185
Meat and fish products ..	593	432	364	147	180	3	0	3	0	0
Sugar, sweets	4 611	3 722	3 194	2 616	2 003	19	22	13	10	7
Beverages, vinegars	739	547	519	247	460	438	234	27	217	377
Fodder	2 593	1 109	1 893	903	717	89	196	10	126	21
Tobacco	1 551	1 554	1 009	1 003	1 090	—	—	—	—	0
Minerals, ore	2 049	1 198	1 395	603	1 551	693	1 120	443	618	620
Mineral fuel and oils	22 715	16 396	16 221	9 954	10 223	10	30	3	11	10
Chemical and pharmaceutical products	4 445	3 663	3 085	2 219	4 138	246	256	179	174	164
Tanning and dyeing extracts, varnishes	1 645	1 321	1 295	817	1 176	6	6	2	4	3
Casein, albumen, glues	407	336	308	197	355	3	2	1	0	11
Fertilizers	4 272	2 662	2 960	1 597	2 106	0	1	0	0	—
Hides, skins, leather and furs; manufactures of these materials	1 788	1 562	1 055	846	1 201	881	672	527	562	417
Rubber and rubber articles	1 941	1 359	1 386	890	1 215	7	18	3	7	11
Wood and wood goods ..	248	234	200	158	194	70 312	53 085	44 460	33 440	37 584
Woodpulp	14	11	12	5	3	36 307	22 256	27 748	14 239	18 714
Cardboard and paper, their applications	209	116	163	69	127	30 077	26 530	20 864	16 677	20 553
Textile materials, textile goods	24 081	14 883	18 142	9 728	13 022	1 213	1 115	857	662	1 076
Footwear	108	46	82	33	45	21	23	0	15	25
Articles of stone and of other mineral material, glass	1 313	793	976	501	783	494	466	325	270	314
Base metals; articles made therefrom	29 628	13 987	21 704	9 017	11 896	1 823	2 588	1 164	1 468	1 394
Machinery, apparatus	15 570	11 525	10 924	8 187	6 901	3 122	5 702	1 724	3 143	3 068
Electric machinery and apparatus	6 777	4 780	4 651	3 046	3 711	755	1 034	427	502	464
Transport material	19 975	11 851	15 280	7 789	10 016	5 083	11 077	1 507	6 374	6 622
Instruments, clocks and watches, musical instruments	1 676	1 082	1 260	714	995	62	54	41	25	62
All others	3 377	2 625	2 276	1 542	1 811	897	935	464	550	381
Total	182 186	121 860	131 240	80 280	90 914	156 820	131 555	102 845	81 426	95 167
Reparation deliveries						8 215	—	7 449	—	—

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

26. IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES

Month	Wheat Tons			Coffee Tons			Sugar Refined and unrefined Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	20 001	20 956	9 376	1 409	2 075	2 083	6 758	5 725	4 206	January
February	24 219	793	20 531	2 116	1 791	1 250	8 507	7 469	3 996	February
March	30 649	17 208	21 393	1 771	1 583	2 980	7 635	7 771	6 621	March
April	34 448	54 317	13 317	1 187	1 917	1 867	9 921	13 572	7 540	April
May	38 863	35 461	12 539	2 271	1 841	2 448	9 368	12 360	15 092	May
June	31 078	26 780	11 540	1 847	1 988	1 942	13 710	13 820	10 409	June
July	22 783	30 041	21 274	1 949	1 827	2 807	15 540	10 187	16 550	July
August	16 028	23 694	3 804	1 688	1 914	1 709	10 417	14 353	11 603	August
September	1 898	15 726		1 689	1 779		8 963	10 924		September
October	13 302	5 975		1 841	920		8 795	11 391		October
November	42 158	6 952		2 219	2 501		13 720	5 995		November
December	40 521	11 260		1 804	2 881		7 180	9 568		December
Total	315 948	249 163		21 791	23 017		120 514	123 135		Total
Jan. - Aug.	218 069	209 250	113 774	14 233	14 936	17 086	81 856	85 257	76 017	Jan. - Aug.

Month	Raw Tobacco Tons			Coal and Coke Tons			Petrol Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	443	411	402	245 332	188 777	187 653	20 012	15 094	23 447	January
February	425	396	464	190 350	99 657	98 357	17 260	20 200	25 760	February
March	387	407	492	120 097	82 223	91 244	20 436	19 680	25 419	March
April	362	399	470	173 122	84 619	76 466	20 787	25 797	22 585	April
May	461	367	402	253 915	87 770	135 382	24 681	20 251	25 333	May
June	435	375	332	308 438	165 568	145 935	26 130	39 597	31 661	June
July	240	229	381	250 309	193 076	173 954	28 099	31 299	20 089	July
August	443	455	476	300 973	203 479	219 231	19 213	30 141	38 031	August
September	469	497		234 381	230 275		29 688	28 333		September
October	511	395		115 359	245 954		35 408	22 907		October
November	430	439		228 464	253 010		20 780	21 638		November
December	266	362		180 654	191 188		21 771	28 690		December
Total	4 872	4 732		2 601 394	2 025 596		284 265	303 627		Total
Jan. - Aug.	3 196	3 039	3 419	1 842 536	1 105 169	1 128 222	176 618	202 059	212 325	Jan. - Aug.

Month	Mineral oils Tons			Fertilizers Tons			Raw Cotton Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	24 460	32 420	47 937	43 900	5 286	31 024	597	1 020	4 405	January
February	33 365	40 823	45 711	26 194	2 362	32 209	1 401	1 524	732	February
March	26 832	28 171	56 032	23 591	22 526	26 030	876	1 293	2 595	March
April	33 223	25 588	57 560	47 921	15 813	53 312	2 244	463	980	April
May	22 801	30 205	39 571	62 156	44 074	41 288	1 335	724	762	May
June	27 219	41 881	39 074	45 710	27 578	28 217	1 149	518	393	June
July	25 050	25 557	38 505	63 132	36 172	40 932	1 631	—	2 614	July
August	20 192	23 031	35 528	52 957	40 683	33 673	1	2 369	1 939	August
September	27 424	40 861		45 426	19 214		554	348		September
October	36 572	44 061		36 704	56 144		1 032	—		October
November	30 830	40 739		46 336	38 715		2 416	371		November
December	36 118	42 061		35 410	34 319		984	1 607		December
Total	344 086	415 398		529 437	342 886		14 270	10 237		Total
Jan. - Aug.	213 142	247 676	359 968	365 561	194 494	286 735	9 234	7 911	14 420	Jan. - Aug.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

26. IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES — Continued

Month	Pig Iron Tons			Bar Iron and Bar Steel Tons			Sheet Iron and Steel Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	1 630	124	2 018	10 512	9 388	4 517	11 066	7 846	8 178	January
February	1 515	20	1 451	11 258	3 614	3 319	13 689	7 893	6 450	February
March	50	30	3 436	14 462	2 813	5 906	12 356	7 605	6 839	March
April	3 339	130	4 594	11 628	2 841	7 657	11 779	5 968	13 889	April
May	3 016	57	3 623	11 746	3 037	9 674	12 377	6 518	8 844	May
June	1 274	50	5 123	15 493	2 320	7 656	12 004	2 786	11 452	June
July	4 757	327	8 086	12 469	1 945	9 169	11 276	5 899	10 924	July
August	2 073	5	5 871	11 355	1 588	8 978	6 657	3 660	14 055	August
September	2 703	272		10 813	1 519		8 829	4 731		September
October	968	150		8 680	2 768		7 735	5 655		October
November	80	1 857		7 384	4 083		8 278	8 905		November
December	70	3 424		7 096	4 189		8 500	11 890		December
Total	21 475	6 446		132 896	40 105		124 546	79 356		Total
Jan. - Aug.	17 654	743	34 202	98 923	27 546	56 876	91 204	48 175	80 631	Jan. - Aug.

27. EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES ¹⁾

Month	Wooden Houses and Huts Floor area 1 000 m ²			Round Timber All kinds excl. fuel 1 000 m ³			Sawn Timber ²⁾ All kinds 1 000 standards			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	43	19	49	144	47	116	35	49	39	January
February	88	36	88	137	24	60	23	13	21	February
March	70	126	89	139	76	74	21	27	12	March
April	129	115	72	148	66	126	13	34	21	April
May	80	49	95	617	172	276	32	40	36	May
June	62	6	73	678	318	467	40	79	78	June
July	76	93	53	888	381	623	71	120	113	July
August	57	103	37	874	349	558	71	85	102	August
September	53	74		666	297		76	67		September
October	144	118		477	262		92	56		October
November	133	78		203	208		73	63		November
December	114	80		141	188		64	55		December
Total	1 049	897		5 112	2 388		611	688		Total
Jan. - Aug.	605	547	556	3 625	1 433	2 300	306	447	422	Jan. - Aug.

Month	Matches Tons			Plywood 1 000 m ³			Bobbins (spools) Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	239	83	111	27	17	16	169	148	80	January
February	190	78	82	19	11	18	137	44	125	February
March	54	127	199	20	22	25	99	83	151	March
April	72	61	73	24	20	27	80	78	172	April
May	117	111	114	19	15	30	80	166	104	May
June	50	104	70	18	17	25	97	67	156	June
July	61	128	67	15	21	26	117	53	179	July
August	37	29	47	10	10	15	42	107	38	August
September	106	82		17	16		77	56		September
October	83	134		16	23		125	131		October
November	123	125		20	19		76	95		November
December	136	116		17	25		68	115		December
Total	1 268	1 178		222	216		1 167	1 143		Total
Jan. - Aug.	820	721	763	152	133	182	821	746	1 005	Jan. - Aug.

¹⁾ Commercial exports. — ²⁾ 1 standard sawn timber = 4.672 m³.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

27. EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES — Continued

Month	Mechanical Pulp ¹⁾ Tons			Sulphite Cellulose ¹⁾ Tons			Sulphate Cellulose ¹⁾ Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	6 914	18 038	16 843	49 647	39 984	36 898	29 197	22 268	24 092	January
February	11 830	6 911	12 277	48 897	23 542	37 106	24 524	13 872	19 313	February
March	8 124	12 420	14 696	41 843	50 328	44 431	15 118	41 821	26 761	March
April	14 456	19 496	11 639	48 180	37 233	49 246	20 198	25 483	32 780	April
May	20 286	18 892	25 424	29 725	35 430	47 484	19 799	22 964	37 073	May
June	8 835	14 839	20 297	26 413	33 103	55 658	13 174	36 780	35 071	June
July	9 000	13 244	17 857	17 867	27 655	47 789	8 091	22 974	32 020	July
August	2 834	17 498	10 381	22 976	49 017	45 106	7 967	23 254	26 100	August
September	11 549	26 622		39 765	43 035		23 077	29 309		September
October	17 632	18 656		49 671	42 922		17 229	27 801		October
November	17 709	20 739		52 881	36 351		32 691	26 153		November
December	14 274	16 177		48 637	45 524		34 358	30 244		December
Total	143 443	203 582		476 502	464 124		245 423	322 923		Total
Jan. - Aug.	82 279	121 338	129 414	285 548	296 292	363 718	138 068	209 416	233 210	Jan. - Aug.

Month	Cardboard All kinds Tons			Paper All kinds Tons			Newsprint (included in previous column) Tons			Month
	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
January	13 285	9 983	11 230	52 270	48 944	56 245	35 768	35 637	33 686	January
February	11 547	8 666	10 235	44 992	30 401	51 092	27 795	18 699	28 520	February
March	9 074	11 096	13 712	41 623	68 284	59 241	25 338	42 733	32 169	March
April	10 474	9 906	16 345	47 864	57 866	67 053	36 967	34 040	36 115	April
May	7 419	9 004	12 683	50 133	55 299	63 578	39 000	34 553	34 238	May
June	6 339	10 711	12 118	36 184	56 412	56 371	28 576	32 564	28 360	June
July	6 107	9 984	13 329	44 957	53 396	62 681	34 731	33 697	30 559	July
August	4 729	7 011	10 558	37 083	62 111	60 904	28 773	35 279	33 373	August
September	6 794	9 630		50 557	53 196		34 865	31 377		September
October	10 350	10 866		59 928	67 726		38 814	36 762		October
November	11 479	11 545		54 134	58 849		32 982	32 222		November
December	11 604	12 414		49 363	64 109		28 833	34 618		December
Total	109 201	120 816		569 088	676 593		392 442	402 181		Total
Jan. - Aug.	68 974	76 361	100 210	355 106	432 713	477 165	256 948	267 202	257 020	Jan. - Aug.

¹⁾ Dry weight.

28. UNIT VALUE INDEX OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS 1935-100

Year and Month	Total Imports	Groups of Imported Goods				Total Exports	Principal Exported Goods				Year and Month
		Raw ma- terials	Machi- nery	Food- stuffs	Other con- sumption goods		Sawn timber	Mechan- ical pulp	Dry cellu- lose	Paper	
1949	1 105	1 117	1 134	1 089	1 043	1 336	1 440	1 249	1 144	1 199	1949
1950	1 403	1 358	1 395	1 590	1 257	1 500	1 663	1 386	1 355	1 347	1950
1951	1 946	2 133	1 585	1 955	1 594	2 801	2 605	3 258	3 835	2 374	1951
1952	1 841	1 946	1 586	2 017	1 396	2 614	2 457	2 797	2 900	2 298	1952
1953	1 695	1 677	1 633	1 935	1 361	2 074	2 499	2 011	1 702	1 762	1953
1954											1954
Jan. - Feb.	1 710	1 638	1 862	1 951	1 366	1 829	2 468	1 991	1 811	1 787	Jan. - Feb.
Jan. - March	1 719	1 628	1 933	1 963	1 363	1 831	2 450	1 999	1 854	1 802	Jan. - March
Jan. - April	1 709	1 606	1 943	1 942	1 363	1 856	2 511	2 012	1 875	1 815	Jan. - April
Jan. - May	1 686	1 580	1 831	1 956	1 368	1 903	2 509	2 006	1 884	1 819	Jan. - May
Jan. - June	1 684	1 575	1 793	1 974	1 366	1 980	2 569	2 010	1 889	1 822	Jan. - June
Jan. - July	1 678	1 564	1 762	1 987	1 384	2 053	2 583	2 006	1 896	1 822	Jan. - July
Jan. - Aug.	1 663	1 538	1 752	2 002	1 363	2 093	2 582	2 003	1 908	1 821	Jan. - Aug.

Calculated by the Statistical Department of the Board of Customs. For details concerning the calculation of the indices see article in this Bulletin No. 4, 1939.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

29. FOREIGN TRADE WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Country	Imports (s. i. f.)					Exports (f. o. b., commercial exports)				
	Whole year		January—August			Whole year		January—August		
	1952	1953	1953	1954*		1952	1953	1953	1954*	
Europe:	%	%	%	Mill. mk	%	%	%	%	Mill. mk	%
Belgium — Luxembourg ..	3.3	2.7	2.8	2 661	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.5	2 524	2.7
Bulgaria	0.0	0.1	0.1	203	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	94	0.1
Czechoslovakia	1.5	3.4	3.3	2 661	2.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	580	0.6
Denmark	3.7	3.0	3.0	2 300	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3 434	3.6
France	10.1	5.7	6.2	5 446	6.0	7.0	4.5	4.0	4 555	4.8
Germany, Eastern	0.5	1.9	1.7	2 646	2.9	0.4	1.4	1.1	1 700	1.8
Western	12.4	7.7	8.3	5 896	6.5	9.2	7.0	7.0	6 661	7.0
Great Britain	18.8	15.8	14.2	17 483	19.2	23.8	22.0	23.6	21 826	22.9
Greece	0.5	0.8	0.9	449	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	407	0.4
Holland	5.6	6.2	6.6	7 209	8.0	4.9	4.6	4.8	4 171	4.4
Italy	1.3	1.1	1.1	1 293	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.7	1 201	1.3
Jugoslavia	0.1	0.1	0.1	107	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	165	0.2
Norway	1.7	1.6	1.4	1 354	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.8	1 013	1.1
Poland	5.0	6.8	5.5	3 559	3.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2 021	2.1
Rumania	0.0	0.0	0.0	71	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	323	0.3
Soviet Union	12.1	21.4	22.8	16 007	17.6	17.5	25.4	25.0	22 070	23.2
Sweden	5.8	4.3	4.3	3 734	4.1	4.0	3.2	3.1	2 611	2.7
Switzerland	1.2	1.6	1.8	906	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.2	659	0.7
Turkey	0.5	0.9	0.7	798	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.3	1 195	1.2
Rest of Europe	1.9	2.8	2.6	3 091	3.4	1.8	2.6	2.6	3 208	3.4
Total for Europe	86.0	87.9	87.4	77 874	85.6	82.1	83.8	84.3	80 418	84.5
Argentina	1.4	1.5	1.5	1 905	2.1	5.1	0.9	0.7	1 169	1.2
Brazil	1.4	2.3	1.6	4 609	5.1	1.5	1.3	1.1	2 225	2.3
Canada	0.3	0.2	0.2	80	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	80	0.1
United States	7.7	5.0	5.7	3 158	3.5	5.5	7.2	7.8	5 671	6.0
Rest of America	0.9	0.6	0.6	114	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	899	0.9
Africa	0.9	0.4	0.4	461	0.5	1.5	2.2	2.0	2 125	2.3
Asia	1.3	2.1	2.6	2 697	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.6	2 214	2.3
Oceania	0.1	0.0	0.0	16	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	366	0.4
Grand total	100.0	100.0	100.0	90 914	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95 167	100.0

The country of import indicates the land in which goods were purchased, the country of export the land to which goods were sold.

30. WHOLESALE TRADE

Month	Total Sales Mill. mk			
	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	14 541	17 974	15 944	16 207
February	16 375	19 886	16 998	17 949
March	17 820	20 304	19 134	21 288
April	20 765	21 092	19 966	22 604
May	20 584	22 994	20 502	23 228
June	19 785	19 702	20 893	21 658
July	17 070	20 980	19 821	21 723
August	20 620	20 054	22 475	
September	20 544	23 320	24 088	
October	21 667	23 018	22 730	
November	23 363	21 355	20 937	
December	21 722	20 551	22 589	
Total	234 856	251 230	246 077	
Jan. - July	126 940	142 932	133 258	144 657

Calculated by the 'Usni Suomi'. The figures represent about 68 % of the turnover of all wholesalers in Finland.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

31. SALES OF PETROL

Wholesale for Traffic 1 000 tons					Month
1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	
34.4	17.4	15.2	22.2	20.7	January
9.1	16.8	18.4	21.0	21.6	February
16.1	18.3	19.2	21.6	23.6	March
18.8	19.3	20.0	22.2	26.4	April
25.4	22.5	26.1	29.5	27.7	May
21.0	24.2	27.0	29.0	30.9	June
23.3	26.1	28.4	23.8	31.3	July
21.5	24.7	28.1	28.4		August
19.9	23.4	25.6	27.9		September
21.5	24.8	25.7	28.8		October
18.7	23.0	20.9	24.5		November
22.8	26.2	22.1	30.4		December
252.5	266.7	276.7	309.3		Total
148.1	144.6	154.3	169.3	182.2	Jan. - July

Figures supplied by the Ministry of Communications and Public Works.

82. VOLUME INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION 1948 - 100

Month	Total Industry			Home Market Industry			Export Industry			Month
	1952*	1953*	1954*	1952*	1953*	1954*	1952*	1953*	1954*	
January	134	121	129	136	127	131	130	106	126	January
February	132	118	133	135	122	134	125	108	129	February
March	131	126	147	135	129	146	124	117	149	March
April	123	124	139	130	132	142	105	106	132	April
May	133	123	148	140	132	150	119	105	144	May
June	112	122	135	121	134	140	91	97	126	June
July	93	101	117	100	102	109	76	99	138	July
August	107	124		116	131		87	109		August
September	128	140		139	145		103	127		September
October	137	149		147	156		114	133		October
November	134	140		141	145		120	128		November
December	121	135		125	139		111	124		December
Whole year	124	127		130	133		109	113		Whole year
Jan. - July	123	119	136	128	125	136	110	105	135	Jan. - July

Calculated by the Central Statistical Office.

83. BUILDING ACTIVITY

Quarter	Consumption of Cement in Finland ¹⁾ 1 000 tons						Buildings completed in towns and market towns ²⁾ 1 000 m ²						Quarter
							Total			Dwelling houses			
	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954*	1952	1953	1954*	
Jan.-March	100	103	125	194	95	91	1 585	1 396	1 712	922	991	1 083	Jan.-March
April-June	192	240	201	205	272	345	1 190	1 489	1 081	566	691	610	April-June
July-Sept.	219	237	274	219	329		1 659	1 709		885	924		July-Sept.
Oct.-Dec.	133	182	205	133	160		2 556	2 355		1 288	1 079		Oct.-Dec.
Total	644	762	805	751	856		6 990	6 949		3 661	3 685		Total
Jan.-June	292	349	326	399	367	436	2 775	2 885	2 793	1 488	1 682	1 693	Jan.- June

¹⁾ Comprising the total quantity of cement delivered by the country's 2 cement companies and including the quantity imported which is, however, only a negligible part of the total consumption. — ²⁾ Compiled by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs.

84. FOREIGN SHIPPING

Year and Month	Vessels arrived				Vessels departed				Goods transported 1 000 tons		Year and Month
	Number		1 000 net reg. tons		Number		1 000 net reg. tons		Imports	Exports	
	Total	Finnish	Total	with Cargo	Total	Finnish	Total	with Cargo			
1950	7 118	2 845	4 876	2 948	7 088	2 823	4 834	4 199	4 021	6 001	1950
1951	9 079	3 051	5 853	3 590	9 052	3 051	5 846	4 978	5 537	7 527	1951
1952	8 443	3 131	5 946	4 046	8 426	3 094	5 957	4 607	5 475	5 911	1952
1953	6 693	2 624	5 045	3 198	6 721	2 629	5 055	4 321	3 950	5 518	1953
1953											1953
Jan. - July	3 426	1 341	2 539	1 593	3 425	1 371	2 536	2 197	1 772	2 751	Jan. - July
1954											1954
April	331	142	326	239	331	155	341	280	316	331	April
May	616	230	512	348	584	237	479	397	480	485	May
June	886	253	616	348	880	295	596	513	403	691	June
July	1 054	311	675	386	1 107	321	731	637	497	890	July
Jan. - July	3 619	1 343	2 909	1 921	3 618	1 376	2 903	2 497	2 428	3 191	Jan. - July

Figures supplied by the Statistical Office of the Shipping Board.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

85. STATE RAILWAYS

Month	Weight of goods transported 1 000 tons			Axle-kilometres of goods trucks Mill. km			Revenue (less Re-imbursements) Mill. mk			Regular Expenditure Mill. mk			Month
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	
January	1 622	1 145	1 292	87	63	69	2 178	1 666	1 646	1 667	1 609	1 510	January
February	1 483	1 019	1 333	79	63	78	2 015	1 531	1 705	1 981	1 922	1 868	February
March	1 473	1 328	1 492	80	80	91	2 082	1 899	1 996	1 957	1 965	1 759	March
April	1 385	1 200	1 386	75	70	76	2 101	1 843	1 925	1 940	1 849	1 753	April
May	1 565	1 233	1 470	75	68	77	2 058	1 753	1 896	2 193	2 175	2 043	May
June	1 421	1 390	1 549	72	71	78	2 046	2 012	2 112	2 045	2 059	1 919	June
July	1 419	1 355	1 581	74	74	85	2 180	2 125	2 245	1 990	1 820	1 745	July
August	1 246	1 285		69	72		2 034	1 947		1 870	1 810		August
September	1 341	1 398		73	75		1 893	1 806		1 945	1 868		September
October	1 441	1 478		78	77		1 965	1 878		1 976	1 823		October
November	1 466	1 438		74	73		1 864	1 732		1 973	1 793		November
December	1 316	1 285		65	67		1 983	2 425		2 465	2 332		December
Total	17 178	15 554		901	853		24 399	22 617		24 002	23 025		Total
Jan.-July	10 368	8 670	10 103	542	489	554	14 660	12 829	13 525	13 773	13 399	12 597	Jan.-July

According to Monthly Statistics of the Finnish State Railways.

86. WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX 1935 = 100

Month	Index for Goods in Finnish Wholesale trade										Articles of Import (e. i. f.)		Articles of Export (f. o. b.)		Month	
	Finnish Goods										Imported Goods					
	Total Index		Total		Products of agriculture		Products of forestry		Products of industry							
1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	
Jan.	1 765	1 869	1 707	3 026	1 531	1 542	1 679	1 933	1 679	1 539	1 972	1 988	Jan.			
Feb.	1 769	1 733	1 884	1 844	1 733	1 726	3 073	2 884	1 530	1 531	1 525	1 495	1 674	1 539	1 972	1 988
March	1 771	1 733	1 891	1 846	1 765	1 735	3 065	2 892	1 535	1 529	1 516	1 492	1 653	1 553	1 977	2 022
April	1 755	1 738	1 866	1 847	1 717	1 740	2 988	2 892	1 534	1 529	1 517	1 504	1 653	1 519	1 970	2 036
May	1 752	1 731	1 869	1 850	1 736	1 735	2 988	2 929	1 534	1 523	1 502	1 477	1 629	1 590	1 963	2 060
June	1 738	1 732	1 856	1 851	1 743	1 736	2 920	2 935	1 534	1 522	1 484	1 480	1 590	1 588	1 952	2 063
July	1 726	1 733	1 843	1 855	1 725	1 757	2 865	2 935	1 535	1 521	1 477	1 475	1 566	1 597	1 933	2 067
Aug.	1 714	1 727	1 824	1 846	1 744	1 775	2 759	2 877	1 534	1 521	1 478	1 471	1 574	1 581	1 915	
Sept.	1 699	1 725	1 803	1 845	1 757	1 773	2 631	2 877	1 539	1 520	1 475	1 468	1 566	1 545	1 914	
Oct.	1 687		1 789		1 723		2 596		1 538		1 469		1 556		1 907	
Nov.	1 703		1 811		1 703		2 734		1 534		1 474		1 549		1 920	
Dec.	1 703		1 820		1 712		2 806		1 521		1 455		1 534		1 939	
Whole year	1 709		1 825		1 701		2 856		1 516		1 461		1 534		1 967	
Whole year	1 727	1 840	1 730	2 857	1 532	1 486	1 590	1 944								

Calculated by the Central Statistical Office. For details concerning the calculation of the index see article in this Bulletin No. 4, 1939.

87. COST OF LIVING INDEX

Month	1935 = 100														Month		
	October 1951 = 100 ¹⁾		August 1938 - July 1939 = 100		Total index		Foodstuffs		Rent		Fuel and light		Clothing			Taxes	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954		1953	1954
Jan.	102	104	1 117	1 217	1 210	1 210	1 375	1 373	554	689	2 575	2 400	1 445	1 431	2 431	2 574	Jan.
Feb.	103	104	1 119	1 110	1 219	1 210	1 394	1 375	554	689	2 564	2 397	1 441	1 429	2 431	2 062	Feb.
March	103	103	1 119	1 108	1 219	1 207	1 396	1 366	554	689	2 555	2 373	1 440	1 429	2 431	2 062	March
April	103	104	1 119	1 115	1 219	1 215	1 399	1 388	554	689	2 544	2 367	1 428	1 426	2 431	2 062	April
May	103	104	1 122	1 114	1 223	1 214	1 406	1 384	554	689	2 546	2 360	1 433	1 426	2 431	2 062	May
June	103	103	1 117	1 109	1 217	1 208	1 393	1 377	554	689	2 521	2 259	1 439	1 428	2 431	2 062	June
July	103	104	1 121	1 114	1 221	1 213	1 402	1 388	554	689	2 492	2 254	1 437	1 427	2 431	2 062	July
Aug.	103	104	1 125	1 117	1 225	1 217	1 408	1 398	554	689	2 487	2 249	1 448	1 429	2 431	2 062	Aug.
Sept.	103		1 125		1 225		1 406		554		2 487		1 450		2 431		Sept.
Oct.	104		1 130		1 231		1 414		616		2 425		1 454		2 287		Oct.
Nov.	103		1 112		1 212		1 380		616		2 413		1 441		2 287		Nov.
Dec.	102		1 106		1 205		1 364		616		2 408		1 443		2 287		Dec.
Whole year	103		1 119		1 219		1 395		569		2 500		1 441		2 395		Whole year

Calculated by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs according to monthly reports from 33 different centres. — ¹⁾ This index does not include taxes.

The figures in italics indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

38. BANK OF FINLAND BUILDING COST INDEX

Month	1935 - 100					1951 - 100								Month
	Total index			Index of the Contractor		Total index				Index of the Contractor ¹⁾				
	1949	1950	1951	1950	1951	1951	1952	1953	1954	1951	1952	1953	1954	
Jan.	..	..	..	..	..	87	103	101	100	87	104	101	101	Jan.
Feb.	..	..	..	..	..	90	102	100	99	90	103	101	100	Feb.
March	1 208	1 229	1 864	1 223	1 837	98	102	100	100	98	103	101	101	March
April	..	..	..	..	..	98	103	101	99	98	104	102	100	April
May	..	..	..	..	..	99	104	100	99	99	105	101	100	May
June	1 199	1 363	1 936	1 357	1 908	100	103	101	101	100	104	102	102	June
July	..	..	..	..	..	102	105	100	102	102	106	101	103	July
Aug.	..	..	..	..	..	103	104	101	102	103	105	102	102	Aug.
Sept.	1 166	1 441	1 983	1 434	1 955	106	104	101	106	105	105	102	102	Sept.
Oct.	..	..	..	..	..	105	103	101	105	105	104	102	102	Oct.
Nov.	..	..	..	..	..	105	103	101	105	104	102	102	102	Nov.
Dec.	1 170	1 593	1 990	1 570	1 962	105	101	100	105	102	101	101	101	Dec.
Whole year	1 186	1 407	1 943	1 396	1 916	100	103	101	100	104	101	101	101	Whole year

¹⁾ Total index less experts' fees and interest on building capital. For details concerning the calculation of the index see p. 33 in this Bulletin Nos. 3-4, 1952.

39. INDEX OF WORKING HOURS IN INDUSTRY

Quarter	All industries			Branch of Industry								Quarter	
	Total	Home Industries	Exporting Industries	Metal	Glass, Stone, etc.	Chemicals	Foodstuffs and luxuries	Leather	Textile	Paper	Timber		
1952													1952
April-June	94.6	96.8	89.4	98.5	97.3	84.6	101.4	85.5	96.8	98.0	82.6	82.6	April-June
July-Sept.	90.1	94.5	80.6	97.3	80.7	90.3	103.4	87.3	93.4	84.8	77.2	77.2	July-Sept.
Oct.-Dec.	93.7	95.9	88.5	96.4	81.3	83.6	96.6	101.0	100.2	95.3	83.0	83.0	Oct.-Dec.
1953													1953
Jan.-March	93.8	95.3	90.0	94.5	76.3	85.7	96.3	108.9	100.9	93.2	87.2	87.2	Jan.-March
April-June	93.7	94.3	91.9	89.7	73.7	92.1	96.4	114.0	104.3	90.7	93.0	93.0	April-June
July-Sept.	96.8	95.5	100.3	89.9	91.8	98.6	101.9	108.9	99.8	97.4	103.0	103.0	July-Sept.
Oct.-Dec.	97.8	99.1	94.4	96.6	98.3	104.1	108.9	108.1	97.1	93.8	95.0	95.0	Oct.-Dec.
1954													1954
Jan.-March	97.9	98.5	96.3	96.6	99.7	104.8	101.1	103.9	98.3	96.0	96.7	96.7	Jan.-March
April-June	101.6	102.5	99.3	103.3	110.5	107.1	105.2	106.3	96.5	98.7	99.9	99.9	April-June

The index, which is based on the number of working hours during the corresponding quarters in the previous year, is calculated by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs.

40. NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

End of Month	Unemployed qualified for registration					
	Total			On Relief Work		
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954
January	7 763	54 207	51 916	5 703	39 244	42 438
February	10 368	65 726	52 840	8 600	54 822	46 538
March	12 224	61 582	49 837	10 752	56 324	46 091
April	8 273	40 181	36 985	7 765	38 077	34 180
May	2 514	21 457	11 010	2 444	20 978	10 388
June	151	2 390	268	148	2 285	211
July	58	696	—	55	514	—
August	37	1 056	—	37	614	—
September	1 068	5 562	—	627	3 224	—
October	4 139	16 037	—	2 960	9 146	—
November	17 208	34 630	—	9 747	22 130	—
December	35 501	46 096	—	21 946	34 432	—

Statistics supplied by the Ministry of Communications and Public Works according to the Unemployment Records.

41. CESSATION OF WORK

Employers affected	Work-people affected	1953		1954*		Month
		Employers affected	Work-people affected	Employers affected	Work-people affected	
4	1 113	2	68	2	68	January
14	1 572	7	774	7	774	February
8	736	3	100	3	100	March
10	804	2	157	2	157	April
50	5 363	73	10 530	73	10 530	May
12	1 228	41	784	41	784	June
29	1 025	3	220	3	220	July
4	541	—	—	—	—	August
7	1 101	—	—	—	—	September
11	1 462	—	—	—	—	October
3	465	—	—	—	—	November
2	32	—	—	—	—	December

The above particulars, which refer to cessations initiated during the month, are compiled by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs.

CERTAIN PARTICULARS ABOUT FINLAND

1. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Finland formed a part of the kingdom of Sweden from 1154 to 1809; from 1809 it was an autonomous Grand Duchy connected with Russia up to December 6, 1917, when Finland declared its independence, which was acknowledged by all the Powers including Soviet Russia. It became a republic in 1919. The legislative power of the country is vested in the Diet and the President. The highest executive power is held by the President chosen for a period of 6 years. The President for the current period, March 1, 1950, to March 1, 1956, is Juho Kusti Paasikivi who has been in office since March 11, 1946.

The Diet, composed of 200 members, is elected by universal suffrage. The number of seats of the different parties in the Diet elected in 1954 are as follows: Social Democrats 54, Agrarians 53, People's Democrats 43, Conservatives 24, Swedish Party 13, Finnish People's Party (former Liberal Party) 13.

2. LAND

THE AREA is 337,009 square kilometres (Great Britain's area is 245,000 sq. km and Italy's area 301,000 sq. km). Of the total area 9.4 % are inland waters. On an average 14.4 % of the land in the South of Finland is cultivated (1949), 2.0 % in the North, 8.2 % of the whole land. Of the land area 21.7 mill. ha (53.5 mill. acres) or 70.9 % are covered by forests.

3. POPULATION

NUMBER OF INHABITANTS (1953): 4.1 millions. Sweden (1952) 7.1, Switzerland (1953) 4.8, Denmark (1952) 4.3 and Norway (1952) 3.3 millions.

DENSITY OF POPULATION (1953): In South Finland 23.4, in North Finland 3.7 and in the whole country an average of 13.7 inhabitants to the square kilometre.

DISTRIBUTION (1953): 66.8 % of the population inhabit the country, 33.2 % the towns and market towns. The largest towns are (1953): Helsinki (Helsingfors), the capital 394,500 inhabitants, Turku (Åbo) 106,800, Tampere (Tammerfors) 105,000.

OCCUPATION (1950): Agriculture and forestry 42 %, industry 29 %, commerce 7 %, transport and communication 6 %, services 9 %, other economically active persons 1 %, economically inactive persons 6 %.

LANGUAGE (1950): Finnish speaking 91.1 %, Swedish speaking 8.6 %, others 0.3 %.

EDUCATION (1952): Practically all persons over 15 years of age are literate. There are three universities (the oldest founded in 1640) and 12 colleges of university standard.

INCREASE OF POPULATION (1952): Births 23.0 ‰, deaths 9.5 ‰, increase 12.8 ‰. Deaths in France (1952) 12.3 ‰ and in Great Britain (1952) 11.4 ‰.

4. TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS

NATIONAL INCOME (1952, in thousand million marks): Gross national income at market price 793. Net national product at factor cost, by origin: agriculture 80 (13 %), forestry and fishing 77 (13 %), manufacturing 191 (31 %), construction 56 (9 %), transport and communications 44 (7 %), commerce, banking and insurance 76 (12 %), public activities 55 (9 %), other services 31 (5 %), total 610. Volume index 120 (1948 = 100).

FOREST RESOURCES (1950): The growing stock comprises 1,370 million of solid cub. m. incl. bark (48,384 million cub. ft), of which pine is 45.5 %, spruce 32.2 %, the rest 22.3 % being leaf-trees, chiefly birch. Of the growing stock 7,471 million cub. ft, 65.0 % of them pines, are up to the standard required for logs (minimum for sawmill logs 18' × 6" and for veneer logs 18' × 7"). The annual growth is about 41 million of solid cub. m. green wood excl. bark (1.448 mill. cub. ft). The

total removal in 1949 calculated according to the use of wood was 40 million cub. m. (1,413 million cub. ft). In the years 1923 to 1938 in the then area of the country, it averaged 41 million cub. m. (1,448 million cub. ft) per year, the corresponding yearly growth being 46 million cub. m. (1,624 million cub. ft).

AGRICULTURE (1950): Cultivated land 2.5 million hectares, divided as follows: area under cultivation under 10 hectares 41.2 %, 10—50 ha 53.8 %, 50—100 ha 3.6 %, over 100 ha 1.6 %. Cultivated land (1953) is divided between the different kinds of crops as follows: 43.4 % hay, 7.7 % temporary grassland for grazing, 19.0 % oats, 5.0 % wheat, 3.7 % rye, 6.7 % barley, 3.7 % potatoes, 10.8 % others. Dairy units in operation in 1953 amount to 459.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND (1950): The land area is distributed among different classes of owners approximately as follows: private 56.9 %, State 35.0 %, joint stock companies etc. 6.4 %, communities 1.7 %.

INDUSTRY (1952): Number of industrial concerns 5,994, workpeople 270,453, gross value of products of industry 508,355 million marks.

LENGTH OF RAILWAYS (1954): 5,046 km, of which 4,859 km State railways and 187 km private. The gauge is in general 1,524 m.

MERCHANT FLEET (1. 4. 1954): Steamers 327 (419,890 gross reg. tons), motor vessels 145 (236,320 gross reg. tons), sailing vessels with auxiliary engines 124 (11,797 gross reg. tons). Total 596 (668,007 gross reg. tons).

5. FINANCE AND BANKING

CURRENCY. Since 1860 Finland has its own monetary system. From 1877 up to 1914 the currency maintained its stable gold value, and after the disturbances caused by the war a gold standard was again introduced from January 1, 1926. The unit currency is the mark (Finnish «markka» = 100 penniä). Since October 12, 1931, the redemption of bank notes in gold is, however, suspended. In 1948 Finland joined the International Monetary Fund and on June 27, 1951, the official par value of the mark was established at 230 marks per one U. S. dollar, the selling rate of the Bank of Finland being 231 marks and its buying rate 229 marks.

STATE FINANCES. According to the finance accounts for 1953 the State revenue was 223,795 million marks, of which 185,969 million marks were current revenue, and State expenditure 221,167 million marks, of which 141,943 million marks were current expenditure. See tables 21—23 in this issue.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES. According to the finance accounts for 1951 expenditure amounted to 81,026 million marks. Total revenue was 82,398 million marks, of which income from taxation was 45,693 million marks. The municipal income tax (non-progressive) averaged 10.5 % of the ratepayers income.

THE BANK OF ISSUE. The Bank of Finland (founded in 1811) is a State Bank. Its head office is in Helsinki (Helsingfors) with branches in Turku (Åbo), Pori (Björneborg), Vaasa (Vasa), Oulu (Uleåborg), Kuopio, Joensuu, Mikkeli (St Michel), Tampere (Tammerfors), Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus), Jyväskylä, Kotka and Lahti.

THE COMMERCIAL BANKS (1954): Number 6, possess 511 offices, where all kinds of banking business is transacted. There is one banking establishment per 8,200 inhabitants.

The largest banks are Kansallis-Osake-Pankki, Oy Pohjoismainen Yhdyspankki — Ab Nordiska Föreningsbanken and Helsingin Osakepankki — Helsingfors Aktiebank, all with head offices in the capital.

OTHER BANKS (1953): Mortgage Banks 5, Savings banks 431, Co-operative Credit Societies 604 and a Central Bank for the latter.

TRADE BETWEEN FINLAND AND THE USSR

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In the time before the First World War, when Finland was attached to Russia as an autonomous grand duchy, her foreign trade was, quite naturally, directed to a considerable extent towards East. Some 30 to 40 per cent of total Finnish foreign trade fell to the share of Czarist Russia in those decades, and before the revolution of 1917 Russia occupied the first place among Finland's trade relations. After 1920 the position changed materially: the share of the USSR was now only about 1 per cent of the total foreign trade of the newly born Republic of Finland. Not until 1940 was an attempt made to expand the exchange of goods between these countries: a trade agreement to this effect was concluded in June that year, but the war prevented its realization.

TRADE IN 1945—1946

The exchange of goods with the USSR assumed large proportions immediately after the Second World War. The original impulse was partly due to this trade being one of the conditions of the armistice and partly to the trade routes to the West being closed at the time. The USSR was one of the few countries from which Finland could obtain the goods it required to ensure supplies for the population. In this way over 20 per cent of the foreign trade fell to the share of the USSR during the first two years after the war.

In post-war trade between Finland and the USSR *three periods* can be clearly distin-

guished: in 1945—1946 trade was on a compensation basis, for 1947—1950 a clearing basis was adopted and *from 1951* trade between the two countries has proceeded according to a 5-year agreement.

The first compensation agreement was concluded in January 1945 and was followed by two similar agreements in May and August of the same year and one in 1946. Within the framework of these agreements Finland exported to the USSR 725,000 sq.m of prefabricated houses and huts, 122,000 tons of chemical pulp, 130,000 tons of newsprint and 24,000 stds of sawn timber etc. Deliveries from the USSR during this period included 314,000 tons of grain, 140,000 tons of salt, 36,000 tons of oil products and 10,000 tons of scrap iron. The value of trade with the USSR amounted to 2,838 million marks (\$ 24.9 mill.) in 1945 and 9,814 million (\$ 72.2 mill.) in 1946, which represented 23.5 and 20.7 per cent of the total foreign trade. The deliveries to be made by Finland in accordance with the armistice and peace treaties are, of course, not included in these figures.

TRADE IN 1947—1950

By the agreement on payments and exchange of goods concluded between Finland and the USSR in December 1946 the exchange of goods was to proceed on an ordinary clearing basis. Payments were made through dollar accounts opened by the central banks of both countries. According to this agreement legal and physical entities

in Finland and the foreign trade organizations of the USSR were empowered to make contracts, in accordance with the regulations in force in both countries, concerning imports and exports of such goods as were included in a protocol, drawn up in connection with the conclusion of the agreement, but also goods not mentioned in the protocol. Unless otherwise agreed, deliveries were to be made f.o.b. Finnish port on the Baltic or f.o.r. Finnish-Soviet frontier.

The first actual trade agreement between Finland and the USSR was concluded in December 1947, i. e. a year after the payments agreement. This treaty aimed at establishing mutual trade relations and developing them in all respect. It contained stipulations on the most-favoured-nation principle for trade, shipping, customs duties, payments and taxes, the interpretation of customs tariffs, the classification of goods, the refund of customs duties, re-exports, and reloading and storage of goods as well as provisions for customs formalities. According to the agreement the USSR was also entitled to transport goods freely through Finnish territory to and from other countries. In return Finland's right was recognized to transport its goods freely through the territory of the USSR to and from other

countries through the ports of Murmansk, Archangel, Tsoop, Ungen, Ren and the Black Sea ports and to convey transit goods to and from Persia.

As regards the commodity composition of trade in 1947—1950, the Finnish imports for the whole period comprised 330,000 tons of wheat, 200,000 tons of rye, 61,000 tons of sugar, 360,000 tons of oil products, 230,000 tons of apatite and 180,000 tons of potash fertilizer. Finland paid for these imports by delivering 2,350,000 sq.m of prefabricated houses and huts, 140,000 stds of sawn timber, 845,000 cu.m of pulpwood, 103,000 tons of mechanical and chemical pulp, 75,000 tons of newsprint, and 26,000 tons of other paper.

Thus Finnish exports consisted mostly of wood and paper products during those years. In 1950 a considerable change occurred in the structure of exports to the USSR: for the first time the capacity of the metal industry, which had been greatly expanded in the post-war years to meet the war indemnity obligations, could be devoted to commercial exports to any great extent. A considerable quantity of products of the Finnish engineering industry, above all woodworking machinery and vessels, such as lake and river tugs, sea-going tugs and lake barges, were now mentioned in the annual trade protocol.

TRADE WITH THE USSR

Year	Imports from the USSR	USSR of total imports	Exports to the USSR	USSR of total exports	5-year Agreements ¹⁾	
	Mill. mk	%	Mill. mk	%	Imports Mill. mk	Exports Mill. mk
1913	140	28.1	113	27.9		
1938	106	1.2	44	0.5		
1945	1,293	19.0	1,546	29.6		
1946	5,188	21.4	4,627	20.1		
1947	5,306	11.3	5,608	12.4		
1948	8,271	12.5	8,288	14.7		
1949	7,546	11.4	10,010	15.3		
1950	7,070	7.9	6,239	7.7		
1951	11,867	7.6	15,549	8.3	8,778	13,398
1952	22,040	12.1	27,496	17.5	14,733	19,642
1953	26,130	21.4	33,469	25.4	21,377	26,574
1954 ²⁾	16,007	17.6	22,070	23.2	22,243	28,018
1955					22,320	28,596
1956					24,333	34,073
1957					25,121	34,361
1958					27,143	36,333
1959					27,720	36,960
1960					28,586	37,326

1) For 1952—1955 including the supplementary agreement.

2) January—August.

The table above shows that exports and imports balanced each year in 1947—1950, as is generally provided for in bilateral agreements, except in 1949. The considerable surplus of exports recorded for that year is due to two triangular arrangements come to in the summer of 1949 on the proposal of Finland: Finland-USSR-Poland and Finland-USSR-Czechoslovakia. The object was to adjust Finland's deficit in payments to Poland and Czechoslovakia at that time by exports of goods to the USSR and by imports of goods from those countries to the value of the deficit.

THE FIRST 5-YEAR AGREEMENT

The change that occurred in 1950 in the commodity composition of exports to the USSR was finally confirmed in the 5-year trade agreement of that year — within the framework of which trade with the USSR has proceeded since 1951 — and the supplementary agreement made in the autumn of 1952.

The principles of payment laid down in the agreement of 1946 were not altered in the 5-year agreement, except that the prices of goods to be delivered were fixed in roubles and not in dollars. The accounts in the two state banks have consequently been converted into rouble accounts from which payments can also be made for other than commercial transactions.

The commodity lists in the 5-year agreement are fairly detailed, yet in part they were not specified precisely in order that it should be possible to include in the lists to be drawn up for each year commodities according to Finland's current import needs. The following are the main categories of Finnish exports: 351 vessels of different kinds, ships' boilers and floating cranes for 44 million roubles (\$ 11.0 mill.), power station machinery for 101 million (\$ 25.3 mill.) woodworking machinery for 103 million (\$ 25.8 mill.), lifting and transporting apparatus for 48 million (\$ 12.0 mill.), pumps and accessories for 18 million (\$ 4.5 mill.), 14,000 tons of copper and copper tubes, 2,500 km of cables, special steel for 20 million roubles (\$ 5.0 mill.), 3 million sq.m of prefabricated buildings, 1,400,000 cu.m of sawn timber, 1,500,000 cu.m of pulpwood, technical

paper for 18 million roubles (\$ 4.5 mill.) and 5,000 tons of rayon. These quantities are distributed evenly over the years excepting the vessels, machinery and apparatus, deliveries of which increase in the later years, and prefabricated buildings, exports of which fall off towards the end of the period. The value of the exports was estimated to be 13,400 million marks (\$ 58.0 mill.) in 1951 and 18,600 million (\$ 80.5 mill.) in 1955.

The specified imports from the USSR consist of 455,000 tons of wheat, 100,000 tons of rye, 100,000 tons of fodder cakes, 320,000 tons of sugar, oil products for 150 million roubles (\$ 37.5 mill.), 747,000 tons of fertilizers, 110,000 tons of billets, motor vehicles and industrial machinery for 42 million roubles (\$ 10.5 mill.). In the case of grain the quantities are less in the later years than in the earlier ones. In regard to phosphate fertilizers, oil products and machinery, on the contrary, they increase year by year. Altogether Finnish imports from the USSR will amount to 8,800 million marks (\$ 42.4 mill.) in 1951 and to 12,800 million (\$ 55.4 mill.) in 1955.

The export surplus, which fluctuates annually between 80 and 100 million roubles (\$ 20.0—25.0 mill.), is reserved for the triangular agreements to be made between Finland, the USSR and third countries. The object of the arrangement is to enable Finland to pay in the form of exports to the USSR for any potential surplus of imports from these countries. Hitherto Poland, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Roumania and Hungary have been parties to such settlements. The agreement also stipulates that the delivery programme embodied in it shall be the minimum scheme to be fulfilled by the parties concerned.

Owing to agreed additions and to the course of prices in the world market, trade between Finland and the USSR in 1951, the first year of the agreement, considerably exceeded the figures fixed in the agreement. Finnish exports to the USSR actually amounted to 15,500 million marks (\$ 67.3 mill.) in that year and imports to 11,900 million (\$ 51.4 mill.). A still greater rise is visible in 1952.

As already mentioned, a supplementary agreement was made in 1952. It provided for an increase of 25 million roubles (\$ 6.3

mill.) in that year and of about 175 million roubles (\$43.7 mill.) for 1953—1955 above the original sums. Finnish imports from the USSR were planned to grow in the same proportion. The Finnish exports in 1952 were to consist principally of products of the woodworking industry, prefabricated houses, sawn timber, paper and cardboard — altogether to the value of 77 million roubles (\$19.3 mill.). For 1953—1955, on the other hand, the additional exports are divided fairly evenly between the engineering and woodworking industries. The additional imports in 1952—1955 consisted of 529,000 tons of grain, 60,000 tons of sugar, 207,000 tons of petrol, 180,000 tons of fuel oil, other oil products for 15 million roubles (\$3.7 mill.), 7,000 tons of cotton, 95,000 tons of billets, 150,000 tons of shipbuilding materials, 475 tons of nickel, 3,075 tons of iron alloys and 150,000 tons of scrap iron.

Even thus raised, the export and import estimates have been exceeded year by year. The exports planned for 1954 are estimated to be 8.6 per cent higher than provided for in the original and the supplementary agreement or 582 million roubles (\$145.6 mill.), of which vessels form 32.8 per cent, products of the engineering and other metal industries 13 per cent, raw materials and requisites 5.2 per cent, wooden and paper products 40.6 per cent, and sundry goods 2.4 per cent. The direct imports are estimated at 400 million roubles (\$100.0 mill.), besides which the triangular agreements amount to 108 million (\$27.0 mill.) and 65 million roubles (\$46.3 mill.) are reserved for goods to be agreed upon later.

THE NEW 5-YEAR AGREEMENT

As the 5-year agreement between Finland and the USSR expires at the end of 1955, it was important — especially in view of the planned economy of the USSR — to conclude a new agreement in good time, so that this trade should proceed unimpeded.

The new 5-year agreement can be regarded as a direct continuation to the first one, forming a framework for trade in 1956—1960 which will, with some exceptions, follow the lines of the earlier agreement. The value of exports and imports in the different years is stated precisely, exports

amounting to 34,100 million marks (\$147.6 mill.) in 1956 and rising to 37,800 million (\$163.6 mill.) in 1960 or slightly more than at present. As in the current agreement, Finnish exports are to consist mostly of products of the shipbuilding and engineering industries and of woodworking articles. Imports from the USSR are to amount to 24,800 million marks (\$107.4 mill.) in 1956, and will increase parallel to exports, so that their value in 1960 is planned to be 28,600 million marks (\$123.4 mill.). As before, they are to consist principally of grain, liquid and solid fuel, metal and rolling mill products and other raw materials and requisites for production. The prices are again fixed in roubles on the basis of world market prices and payments are to be made through rouble accounts opened for the purpose at the Bank of Finland and the State Bank of the USSR. A swing credit of 60 million roubles (\$15.0 mill.) is fixed by the new agreement. A rate of interest of 2 per cent will be paid by the parties, if the debt exceeds the swing. The wording does not differ essentially from that of the current 5-year agreement. The Governments do not accept responsibility for the fulfilment of the agreement according to its wording, but will do their best to ensure it.

An important point is that the USSR undertakes to pay Finland freely convertible foreign currency to the value of 2,300 million marks (\$10.0 mill.) annually. The payments can also be made in gold by agreement between the two parties. The clause concerning the freely convertible foreign currency, which does not figure in the current 5-year agreement, should facilitate the supply of raw materials to Finland from the West and ease the foreign currency situation. As the total Finnish export surplus is estimated at 9,200 millions of marks (\$40.0 mill.) *per annum* there will be left some 6,900 millions (\$29.0 mill.) to be covered by triangular arrangements.

The agreement stipulates that the USSR will deliver grain to Finland in such quantities that the estimated import requirements may be regarded as fulfilled. It is calculated that imports of wheat will amount to 160,000 tons in 1956 and decrease to 130,000 tons by 1960, as Finland's self-sufficiency in wheat is increasing. (The 1954 delivery will be 180,000

tons of wheat). Finland's need of imported sugar is estimated at 95,000 tons *per annum* and of this the USSR is to deliver 80,000 tons in 1956—1960. About 80 per cent of the requirements in liquid fuel will be obtained from the USSR in 1956 to the value of 82 million roubles (\$20.5 mill.). As the consumption is expected to grow, 92 million roubles (\$23.0 mill.) have been earmarked for 1960. The quantities of fertilizers are the same as in the present agreement. Of metals which appear for the first time on the Finnish import list 2,000 tons of zinc and 1,000 tons of aluminium are to be imported yearly.

According to the new agreement the USSR will also supply part of the Finnish demand for motor vehicles. Import of 4,300 passenger cars is planned for 1956 and in the course of the following four years the number will grow to 5,650. Motor lorries are a new item of which the USSR will supply 1,600—2,000 annually, and tractors, of which 300—500 are to be imported. It is further stipulated that the USSR will deliver agricultural machinery to the value of about 1 million roubles, mostly harvesters. It is also provided that some quantities of timber are to be supplied to Finland annually, namely 90,000 cu.m of pulpwood, 170,000 cu.m of sawn logs and 500 cu.m of hardwood logs.

According to the agreement, Finland will export two 20,000 HP icebreakers to the USSR, the one in 1958 and the other in 1960. A 10,500 HP icebreaker mentioned in the earlier agreement is to be delivered in 1956. Further, it is provided that Finland is to export eight motor vessels of 7,800 tons, 12 tankers of 4,000 tons, 15 cargo ships of 3,100 tons, eight tankers of 1,100 tons in 1956—1958, 60 sea-going tugs of 800 HP, 15 salvage tugs of 1,000—1,200 HP, 20 lake and river tugs of 400 HP, 15 trawlers of 800 HP, 38 medium-sized trawlers of 300—400 HP, 42 fishing vessels of 300—400 HP, 300 barges

of 1,000 tons, 5 floating docks of 1500—3,000 tons and 25 floating cranes of 30 tons.

Finnish exports of machinery are to increase from 13 per cent in 1954 to 22 per cent in 1960. Copper products are to be exported on the same scale as during the current year or 300 tons and pure copper tubes to the amount of 3,000 tons yearly.

The proportion of wooden and paper products among Finnish exports to the USSR, which will be 40.6 per cent in 1954, is to decrease to 33.4 per cent according to the new agreement, mainly because the demand for prefabricated houses has fallen off in the USSR. Exports of sawn timber will be reduced from 60,000 stds in 1954 to 38,520 stds in 1956 and 25,685 stds in 1960. Exports of paper and cardboard products start in 1956 on the same scale as in 1954, but will increase to some extent up to 1960.

Finnish exports during the whole 5-year period are estimated to amount to about 3,200 million roubles (\$800.0 mill.) calculated at 1954 prices. Of this, vessels and ships' equipment represent 1,200 million roubles (\$300.0 mill.) or 38.0 per cent; products of the engineering and other metal industries 708 million (\$177.0 mill.) or 22.0 per cent; raw materials and requisites, including rayon and sulphite alcohol, 158.5 million (\$39.6 mill.) or 4.9 per cent; wooden and paper products 1,070 million (\$267.5 mill.) or 33.4 per cent; and various goods 54 million (\$13.5 mill.) or 1.7 per cent. Direct imports from the USSR will amount to 2,300 million roubles (\$575.0 mill.). Of these, wheat represents 13.3—22.8 per cent, oil products 18.7 per cent, iron and rolling mill products 9.7 per cent, fertilizers 6.3 per cent, spinning and weaving materials and articles manufactured from them 7.7 per cent, chemical products 2.2 per cent, motor vehicles and industrial machinery 9.1—13.2 per cent, and woodgoods 3.7—4.2 per cent.

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Balance of Payments. In the case of Finland, seasonal factors make for another foreign payments situation early in the year than in later months. Exports do not get well under way until summer as many convenient harbours are closed by ice till late spring. Until then short-term liabilities often increase while short-term assets are reduced. Considering this, the balance of payments for the first half of 1954 was fairly satisfactory. Current transactions yielded a surplus of 2,110 million marks as against a deficit of 5,340 million in the same period last year. The improvement was mainly due to the deficit in the trade balance of the first six months having dropped to 1,460 million in 1954 from 6,320 in 1953. The excess of payments for travel was 1,200 million, and net interest and similar payments amounted to 1,230 million. These net payments were more than counterbalanced by the net income from transportation, estimated at 4,940 million marks, and other services, 1,060 million.

Official and private loans were utilized to the amount of 2,510 million marks, the greater part consisting of bank-guaranteed or direct credits on ship purchases and of loans granted by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in previous years. This exceeded the repayments on loans, which were 1,780 million in the same period. In accordance with normal seasonal requirements the prepayments received for exports increased by 3,860 million marks. As a whole the net private short-term liabilities increased by 4,700 million marks. In the meanwhile the official policy of strengthening the foreign exchange reserves could be maintained as funds accumulated on short-term banking accounts: short-term liabilities increased by 440 million marks, but short-term assets also increased, by 4,470 million, while gold for 1,160 million marks was added to the reserve. Including certain minor items the total capital movement implied an in-

crease in the known net assets by 380 million marks, while in January—June 1953 there was a corresponding reduction of 2,790 million marks. In the 1954 figures there is a difference of 1,740 million marks between the known current transactions and the parallel known capital movement, which most likely relates to unrecorded changes in short-term assets and liabilities.

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Trade Agreements. A protocol concerning trade between Finland and the *Federal Republic of Germany* in the period October 1, 1954—September 30, 1955 and a payments agreement based on DM were signed in Helsinki on September 17, 1954.

As to Finnish imports, a new method has been agreed upon to the effect that only part of the goods has been fixed by quotas whereas about three fourths of imports are left free. The list of goods fixed by quotas amounts to DM 46 million, and includes iron, steel, sheet metal and metal products to the amount of DM 6.8 mill., cars, lorries and tractors DM 9.7 mill., various machinery DM 4.2 mill., chemicals DM 6.0 mill., and textiles DM 9.5 million.

Most of the Finnish exports fall within the German free-lists.

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Budget Proposal for 1955. In the beginning of September the Government introduced its Budget for the ensuing calendar year. The following figures give a general idea of it compared with the 1954 Budget.

	1955 Budget proposal Mill. mk	1954 Budget Mill. mk
<i>Revenue</i>		
Current	176,252	168,122
Capital	18,960	15,030
Total	195,212	183,152
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Current	141,523	129,480
Capital	53,646	53,664
Total	195,169	183,144

The total of the proposal exceeds the original estimate for the current year by 12,000 mill. marks. The expansion of the State economy implied by this rise is, however, only apparent because expenditure for 1954 was originally estimated far too low. Up to now two supplementary budgets have been passed, including new items of expenditure or additions to existing ones to a total of 21,100 million, and a third supplementary budget is expected before the end of the year. The proposal for 1955 therefore, in so far as it proves realizable, actually implies a restriction of public finance in comparison with the current year.

In the 1955 budget expenditure for the maintenance of employment is lowered in particular. Owing to the satisfactory employment situation the allowance for combating unemployment are estimated at only 8,000 mill. marks, whereas in the current year altogether 20,000 million have been allocated for this purpose. Other appropriations are more or less on the current level. — It may be mentioned that this is the last time that redemption of the Second Indemnity Loan figures in the budget as the loan will be fully repaid next year.

As revenue has been large enough this year to promise an appreciable surplus, income from taxation has been considerably lowered in the estimate for 1955. In order to reduce prices and thus also costs of production the Government has proposed a reduction of the sales tax by one fourth. Taking into account consequent refunds and an anticipated increase in turnover, the reduction is estimated to reduce revenue from the sales tax from about 56,000 mill. marks this year to 40,000 million in 1955. The rates of the income and property tax have not

been altered, but import duties are proposed to be slightly increased, so that their annual yield can be estimated to exceed the current level by some 2,000 million.

New bond loans to the amount of 12,500 mill. marks are included to balance the budget. As similar revenue for the current year will probably exceed 10,000 million, this means that the reduction of the sales tax does not necessitate any great increase in borrowing.

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Economic Council. After the Economic Planning Committee, which was appointed in May 1951, had issued its final report it was wound up and a new body of the same character was appointed. This Economic Council is composed on more or less the same basis as its predecessor. Its members, 15 altogether with Mr Teuvo Aura as chairman, represent different economic spheres of interest. The first task of the Economic Council is to prepare a plan for maintaining stability — now threatened by the so-called index crisis (see Market Review) — within the Finnish economy.

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New Paper Mill. In the beginning of September work was started in the Kaipola newsprint factory, situated at Jämsä in Central Finland and owned by the Yhtyneet Paperitehtaat Oy (United Papermills Ltd.). It will have two big paper making machines, of which one is installed so far. When completed in 1955, its output will be about 120,000 tons annually. This means an addition of some 27 per cent to the present Finnish production of newsprint. A mechanical pulp mill and a steam power plant are attached to the paper mill.

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