

themselves unable to handle the additional volume, and in the face of stiff resistance in consuming markets, selling prices overseas declined several dollars per bale.

Dealers in Davao continued their holding tactics and were able to freeze supplies to the extent of forcing buying prices up to the highest point since February, 1951. Values were entirely out of line with competing fibers, and manufacturers in all world markets adamantly refused to support the new high levels in spite of rather short inventories. It would appear that a more realistic appreciation of true values by producers is necessary before Davao abaca prices itself out of the market, as there are indications that moderately priced synthetics are becoming available and may supplant abaca to a large extent in the next few years.

Balings in Davao for February amounted to 33,806 bales, as compared with 34,414 for January. Considering the short month and the hoarding by dealers, February in effect indicated an improvement in production. It is anticipated that March pressings will exceed 43,000 bales, which should result in dealers being unable to freeze supplies to any great extent. Any drop in prices should see renewed buying in consuming centers as manufacturers are only awaiting a return to reasonable levels.

We attach hereto baling and export figures for the month of January:

BALINGS—JANUARY

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Davao	38,060	44,606	40,025	22,822	19,278
Albay-Camarines Sur	27,875	15,220	25,813	14,966	9,724
Leyte and Samar	8,484	13,319	14,821	9,618	9,111
All other Non-Davao	9,024	6,390	10,268	6,710	8,684
Total	83,443	79,535	90,927	54,116	46,797

EXPORTS—JANUARY

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
United States and Canada	22,136	38,466	43,153	21,704	13,903
Continental Europe	17,799	15,683	14,887	5,619	10,773
United Kingdom	12,364	14,306	9,650	9,546	1,849
Japan	29,445	8,500	4,910	9,464	17,877
South Africa	700	1,300	970	80	300
China	200	1,120	310	550	1,904
India	512	520	300	500	200
Korea	—	—	—	—	—
Australia and New Zealand	400	—	—	625	—
All other countries	20	—	—	—	—
Total	83,576	79,895	74,180	48,088	46,806

Imports

By S. SCHMELKES
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ALL figures are in kilos with the exception of those for foodstuffs which are given in package units:

Commodities:	December,	
	1952	1951
Automotive (Total)	1,305,935	2,926,920
Automobiles	223,689	232,801
Auto Accessories	76	1,860
Auto Parts	184,022	363,271
Bicycles	256	99
Trucks	45,495	32,243
Truck Chassis	250,956	519,395
Truck Parts	92,091	103,144
Building Materials (Total)	3,499,043	3,506,546
Board, Fibre	20,952	—
Cement	33,981	389,247
Glass, Window	362,117	191,627
Gypsum	1,009,072	—
Chemicals (Total)	6,637,828	14,081,179
Caustic Soda	364,125	885,721
Explosives (Total)	61,376	—
Firearms (Total)	2,410	9,270
Ammunition	2,398	9,270
Hardware (Total)	4,253,773	4,461,954
Household (Total)	898,656	1,406,755
Machinery (Total)	1,828,102	2,334,086

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Metals (Total).....	9,334,778	8,487,562
Petroleum Products (Total).....	77,427,220	79,879,226
Radios (Total).....	17,492	13,168
Rubber Goods (Total).....	902,751	1,600,525
Beverages, Misc. Alcoholic.....	3,684	6,045
Foodstuffs, (Total Kilos).....	30,064,923	27,506,266
Foodstuffs, Fresh (Total).....	120,027	150,320
Apples.....	32,922	28,036
Oranges.....	19,001	12,608
Onions.....	6,628	39,132
Potatoes.....	2,457	22,156
Foodstuffs, Dry Packaged (Total).....	35,986	70,724
Foodstuffs, Canned (Total).....	383,429	246,887
Sardines.....	97,386	103,314
Milk, Evaporated.....	147,181	1,200
Milk, Condensed.....	19,100	14,149
Foodstuffs, Bulk (Total).....	616,485	542,681
Rice.....	563,992	490,500
Wheat Flour.....	2,437	1,179
Foodstuffs, Preserved (Total).....	693,286	882,898
Bottling, Misc. (Total).....	96,269	70,647
Cleaning & Laundry (Total).....	2,147	21,996
Entertainment Equipment (Total).....	25,877	13,172
Livestock-bulls-seeds (Total).....	437,534	409,562
Medical (Total).....	20,713	26,284
Musical (Total).....	59,892	25,609
Office Equipment (Total).....	46,234	79,335
Office Supplies (Total).....	4,559,658	7,610,556
Paper (Total).....	26,783	30,666
Photographic (Total).....	1,933,481	801,764
Raw Materials (Total).....	19,924	27,063
Sporting Goods (Total).....	153,866	288,244
Stationery (Total).....	1,111,797	792,120
Tobacco (Total).....	47,795	79,902
Chucheria (Total).....	595,569	605,895
Clothing and Apparel (Total).....	33,438	33,917
Cosmetics (Total).....	824,928	594,181
Fabrics (Total).....	334	—
Jewelry (Total).....	85,506	134,335
Leather (Total).....	2,856,769	3,729,443
Textiles (Total).....	23,934	46,660
Twine (Total).....	18,444	113,490
Toys (Total).....	1,240,393	742,305
General Merchandise (Total).....	110,431	72,001
Non-Commercial Shipments (Total).....	44,226	38,471
Advertising Materials, Etc. (Total).....		

Food Products

By C. G. HERDMAN

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ALTHOUGH several bills have been presented in the present Congress which would extend the life of the Import Control Law beyond the present expiry date of June 30, 1953, no decisive action of any nature has as yet been taken, nor are there positive indications as to what action, if any, will be taken, although undoubtedly some such action will be taken before the present Congress adjourns.

During February, the Import Control Commission started issuing licenses covering imports for the present semester and such licenses have been coming out in good volume as far as pertains to controlled essentials and non-essentials. There has been very considerable delay, however, in issuing the licenses for decontrolled goods.

FLOUR imports licensed for the present semester amount to an average of 533,000 bags (50 lbs. each) for shipment monthly, January to April inclusive, and 580,000 bags monthly during May and June. These quantities include approximately 1/6 of non-IWA flour, the remainder being the unshipped portion of the Philippine allotment for the present crop-year under the International Wheat Agreement. These quantities are far short of the 700,000 bags, average monthly imports, for the year 1952. However, quantities considerably in excess of immediate requirements were either in hand or afloat at the beginning of the year. A shortage is now beginning to develop on flour stocks, particularly in Manila, and the most popular