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Foodstuffs, Bulk (Total)	285,075	221,454
Rice	213,730	
Wheat Flour	33,323	189.095
Foodstuffs, Preserved (Total)	969	257
Bottling, Misc. (Total)	1,186,537	706.391
Cleansing and Laundry (Total)	123,029	224,913
Entertainment Equipment (Total)	659	2,446
Livestock-bulbs-seeds (Total)	79.916	716
Medical (Total)	730,942	249,987
Musical (Total)	25,653	43,195
Office Equipment (Total)	39,747	30,213
Office Supplies (Total)	75,604	11,192
Paper (Total)	6.134.721	3,142,938
Photographic (Total)	50,968	21,566
Raw Materials (Total)	439,155	196,598
Sporting Goods (Total)	15,955	31,432
Stationery (Total)	374,735	120,302
Tobacco (Total)	599,026	323,297
Chucheria (Total)	106.359	42.685
Clothing and Apparel (Total).	126,256	278,315
Cosmetics (Total)	70,762	52,470
Fabrics (Total)	1,463,659	761,672
Jewelry (Total).	1,403,039	701,072
Leather (Total)	119.509	137,466
Textiles (Total)	2.833.560	1.749.870
Turing (Total)	42,517	8,748
Twine (Total)	10,198	12,924
Toys (Total)		
General Merchandise (Total)	613,270	133,366
Non-Commercial Shipments (Total)	88,063	30,766
Advertising Materials, Etc. (Total).	12,695	10,875

## Food Products

By C. G. HERDMAN
Director, Trading Division
Marsman & Company, Inc.

THERE have been no changes of any consequence in the market conditions in the Philippines since the preceding month. The market continues heavily overstocked on canned milk, canned meats, and canned



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fish. There have been large sales of evaporated milk by established importers at prices showing an absolute loss of P4 to P5 a case on the landed cost.

It is in a way fortunate that there are ample stocks of canned fish in the Philippines. Pack this year in California in the Monterey District is practically nil. Fishing in Southern California started early October and the catch was fairly heavy at the beginning but has been dropping off ever since and by late October was insignificant. It seems most probable that the canned fish pack in Southern California as well as in the north for the current season will be far below normal and probably insufficient to take care of more than a small portion of the customary export demand. Many packers are withdrawn altogether. Those offering are asking considerably higher prices than were ruling previously.

The Import Control Commission has stated it will issue licenses for flour importations for approximately 1,750,000 bags for November and December shipments. Corresponding applications are now being processed and it is expected licenses will be issued for the entire quantity very shortly.

Considerable delay is still being encountered in securing import licenses from the I.C.C. That body has presented its problem to President Quirino with the request that an increased budget be authorized so that it can properly handle the work. Up to this date no action has been taken on this request and applications continue to pile up in the I.C.C. Office awaiting processing.

#### **Textiles**

By W. V. SAUSSOTTE General Manager Neuss, Hesslein Co., Inc.

HE weakening in local prices for cottons which began in mid-September, continued during early October and appears to have reached present levels around October 10. Since that time prices have remained steady. As noted previously, this weakening has been caused primarily by the relatively heavy arrivals during the last three months against the old PRISCO licenses for decontrolled cottons.

Prices for rayons likewise continued to fall in sympathy with the reductions in cottons, but this was caused primarily by lower prices in the United States rather than by heavy arrivals. However, in the instance of rayons, the decline has not been as marked.

During October, prices in the United States remained firm in respect to cottons, with slight decreases in print

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