

Ocean Shipping and Exports

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TOTAL exports for the month of March of this year, showed a small increase over exports during March of last year.

95 vessels lifted 262,778 tons of exports during the month, as compared to 252,350 tons lifted by 106 vessels during the same month last year.

Commodities which have registered a sharp increase over last year's figures for the same month, are: hemp from 66,616 to 106,277 bales; logs from 3,760,757 to 12,102,779 bft., molasses from 2,832 to 9,370 tons; and rattan, palasan, from 115 to 437 tons.

• Exports for March, 1951, as compared with exports for March, 1950, were as follows:

	1951	March	1950
Alcohol.....	215 tons		57 tons
Beer.....	75 "		— "
Cigar and cigarettes.....	16 "		11 "
Coconut, desiccated.....	5,894 "		10,992 "
Coconut oil.....	5,243 "		3,789 "
Concentrates, gold.....	118 "		546 "
Copra.....	42,104 "		43,185 "
Copra cake meal.....	5,425 "		6,258 "
Embroideries.....	190 "		163 "
Empty cylinders.....	552 "		400 "
Fruits, fresh.....	354 "		119 "
Furniture, rattan.....	826 "		625 "
Glycerine.....	168 "		176 "
Gums, copal.....	109 "		62 "
Gums, elemi.....	30 "		— "
Hemp.....	106,277 bales		66,616 bales

Household goods.....	366 tons		293 tons
Junk, metal.....	9,902 "		2,039 "
Logs.....	12,102,779 bft.		3,760,757 bft.
Lumber, sawn.....	3,985,920 "		3,476,149 "
Molasses.....	9,370 tons		2,832 tons
Plywood and plywood products.....	35 "		14 "
Ores, chrome.....	21,503 "		24,808 "
Ores, iron.....	61,427 "		58,657 "
Pineapples, canned.....	5,676 "		4,737 "
Rattan, palasan.....	437 "		115 "
Rope.....	698 "		213 "
Rubber.....	63 "		83 "
Shell, shells waste.....	60 "		26 "
Skins, hides.....	170 "		114 "
Soap.....	28 "		— "
Sugar cent./raw.....	47,622 "		57,517 "
Tobacco.....	539 "		696 "
Vegetable oil.....	94 "		42 "
Transit cargo.....	472 "		823 "
Merchandise, general.....	2,710 "		2,413 "

Lumber

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THE shipping situation remains critical and many logs and much sawn lumber cannot be shipped because of the shortage of bottoms.

During the month of March a total of 24,642,178 bd. ft. was inspected for export mostly to Japan and the United States. Reports from Japan state that the supply of luan logs from the Philippines has reached saturation to the point that the tendency of the market is to demand a higher grade of logs. Certain sections of this country have shipped mostly saw-logs to Japan. Future shipments, it

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