

Ocean Shipping and Exports

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TOTAL exports during the month of July this year showed a decrease of 26,486 tons over exports during July of last year; 152 vessels lifted 471,619 tons of exports during the month, as compared to 498,105 tons, lifted by 155 vessels, during the same month last year.

The decrease is mainly attributed to a decrease in log exports.

Exports during July, 1954, as compared with exports during July, 1953, were as follows:

Commodity	1954	1953
Beer.....	381 tons	89 tons
Cigars and cigarettes.....	15 "	21 "
Coconut, desiccated.....	5,754 "	6,177 "
Coconut oil.....	5,823 "	4,931 "
Concentrates containing copper, gold, silver, lead, and zinc.....	322 "	537 "
Copra.....	71,971 "	55,519 "
Copra cake meal.....	5,457 "	4,824 "
Embroideries.....	423 "	428 "
Empty cylinders.....	173 "	188 "
Fruits, fresh.....	21 "	11 "
Furniture, rattan.....	664 "	572 "
Glycerine.....	423 "	— "
Gums, copal.....	139 "	91 "
Hemp.....	68,831 bales	72,635 bales
Hemp rugs.....	144 tons	— "
Household goods and personal effects.....	557 "	395 tons
Kapok.....	26 "	— "
Logs.....	33,277,644 bd.ft.	53,288,364 bd.ft.
Lumber, sawn.....	6,254,929 "	4,498,125 "
Molasses.....	18,306 tons	15,161 tons
Ores, chrome.....	23,075 "	44,631 "
Ores, iron.....	153,865 "	121,216 "
Ores, manganese.....	200 "	2,928 "
Pineapples, canned.....	7,532 "	10,980 "
Plywood and plywood products.....	45 "	— "
Rattan, round (palasan).....	203 "	251 "
Rope.....	324 "	521 "
Shells, shell waste.....	71 "	61 "
Sugar, cent./raw.....	80,517 "	95,253 "
Sugar, refined.....	2,332 "	— "
Tobacco.....	1,109 "	1,697 "
Vegetable oil.....	24 "	20 "
Veneer.....	14 "	90 "
Merchandise, general.....	716 "	954 "

Freight Car Loadings

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LOADINGS of revenue freight during the month of July, 1954, totaled 2,550 cars. This was an increase of 584, or 29.71%, over the loadings during July, 1953, of 1,966 cars. The slight increase in carloadings was due to the new traffic in cement, late sugar, and copra and rice which represented 244 carloads. This increase was offset by logs, lumber, wood fuel, and other items by about 120 carloads.

Revenue Carloadings by Class

Group Commodities	July—Tonnage	
	1954	1953
Products of agriculture.....	6,771	3,612
Animal products.....	424	1,059
Products of mines.....	1,608	1,141
Products of forests.....	11,446	14,949
Products of manufactures.....	23,413	19,105
Merchandise less than by carloads.....	6,687	7,184
Total.....	50,351	47,050

There were 43 items considered in this review, with 21 items registering increases of 11,032 tons, while 22 items suffered decreases of 7,731 tons, or an aggregate increase of 3,301 tons. The principal items responsible for the increase were: rice, 1,986 tons; cement, 1,919 tons; copra, 1,831 tons; centrifugal sugar, 1,080 tons, and molasses, 897 tons; resulting in a total aggregate increase of 9,034 tons. On the other hand, the principal items which decreased were: lumber, 2,934 tons; fuel oil, 656 tons; and live-stock, 579 tons, or a total aggregate decrease of 4,170 tons. The aggregate increase on these items was 4,864 tons.

In spite of the dull business during July, 1954, freight carloadings improved over the same month last year mainly because of the movement of NARIC rice. Cement produced at the new Bacnotan Plant and the arrival of imported cement moved by rail also augmented the carloadings. Although copra was at a low price during the month, the stock had to be sold to meet the dealers' need for cash. The need for more gasoline for more flight training was responsible for the increase in the tonnage of this item. Centrifugal sugar, because of the greater production and delayed shipment, contributed to the increased carloadings.

There was a decided decrease in the tonnage of lumber and logs shipped. A demand for reduced freight rates by water by the lumber industry has been turned down.

Another factor contributing to the decrease in minor items was the increase of highway motor competition, which charges fluctuating freight rates in accordance with operating convenience. It is believed that adherence by highway operators to authorized rates and more strict regulation of truck operation would give the Railroad a larger volume of traffic.

Lumber

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DURING the month under review, July, 1954, the Philippines exported 59,677,299 bd. ft. of logs and lumber, 21,616,860 bd. ft. more than the preceding month. The big increase was due to the increase in shipments of logs to Japan, from 29,413,167 bd. ft. in June, 1954, to 40,324,261 bd. ft. in July, 1954, or an increase of 10,911,094 bd. ft. The exports to the United States and Canada also increased by 605,078 bd. ft., from 6,266,194 bd. ft. in June, 1954, to 6,871,272 bd. ft. in July, 1954. The big increase was also due to increases in the shipments of logs and lumber to other countries by 10,100,688 bd. ft., from 2,381,078 bd. ft. in June to 12,481,766 bd. ft. in July, 1954.

Following are the figures in bd. ft. for the logs and lumber inspected for export during July, 1954, as released by the Bureau of Forestry.

Shipper	Destination	Volume in Bd. Ft.	
		Lumber	Logs
Aboitiz & Co., Inc.....	Japan		500,000
Agusan Timber Corp.....	Japan		2,000,000
Aguinaldo Development Corp..	Japan		1,055,484
American Rubber Co.....	Japan		1,600,231
Anacleto O. Ranines.....	Japan		1,000,000
Anakan Lumber Co.....	U. S. A.	168,390	
Aras-Asan Timber Co., Inc....	Japan		1,740,000
Atkins Kroll & Co., Inc.....	Germany		300,000
Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Co.....	U. S. A.		10,000
	U. S. A.		1,746
	Okinawa		23,441