

of commodities for resale. Exceeding \$3,500,000 are funds thus far made available to over 70 Philippine firms including the National Development Company and PRISCO. Commodities approved to date are: Raw cotton, nitrogenous fertilizers, paper of various types, agricultural machinery-parts, motor vehicle engines and parts, caustic soda, soda ash, calcium carbide, paints, varnishes, pigments, unmanufactured leather, yarns, fish hooks, fish nets, and truck and tractor tires and tubes. The major portion of these shipments should arrive during the first quarter of 1952. Additional funds are expected to be made available sometime after January 1.

While Customs House investigations and re-arrangement has temporarily slowed document-clearance, there is still optimism that the general result will be a much easier and faster operation.

## Ocean Shipping and Exports

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**T**OTAL exports for the month of September of this year showed a small increase over exports during September last year.

116 vessels lifted 308,025 tons of exports during the month, as compared to 259,122 tons, lifted by 94 vessels, during the same month last year.

Commodities which registered sharp increases over last year's figures for the same month, are: logs from 4,635,155 to 24,870,034 bft; molasses from 1,787 to 3,311 tons; chrome ore from 12,432 to 26,478 tons, and manganese ore, from nil to 1,067 tons.

Exports for September, 1951, as compared with exports during September, 1950, were as follows:

| Commodity                     | 1951            | 1950           |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Alcohol                       | 79 tons         | 10 tons        |
| Beer                          | 145 "           | 25 "           |
| Cigars and cigarettes         | 14 "            | —              |
| Coconut, desiccated           | 6,288 "         | 14,863 "       |
| Coconut oil                   | 6,497 "         | 10,666 "       |
| Concentrates, gold            | 98 "            | 442 "          |
| Copra                         | 81,015 "        | 76,774 "       |
| Copra cake/meal               | 7,123 "         | 5,233 "        |
| Embroideries                  | 462 "           | 285 "          |
| Empty cylinders               | 645 "           | 343 "          |
| Fish, salted                  | 16 "            | —              |
| Food stuff, preserved, N.O.S. | 11 "            | —              |
| Furniture, rattan             | 1,142 "         | 1,039 tons     |
| Glycerine                     | 286 "           | 181 "          |
| Gums, copal                   | 140 "           | 164 "          |
| Gums, elemi                   | 15 "            | —              |
| Hemp                          | 86,686 bales    | 56,305 bales   |
| Household goods               | 182 tons        | 667 tons       |
| Junk metals                   | 35 "            | 6,885 "        |
| Logs                          | 24,870,034 bft. | 4,635,155 bft. |
| Lumber                        | 4,751,678 "     | 11,460,688 "   |
| Molasses                      | 3,311 tons      | 1,787 tons     |
| Wood and plywood products     | 22 "            | 57 "           |
| Ores, chrome                  | 26,478 "        | 12,432 "       |
| Ores, iron                    | 83,799 "        | 65,229 "       |
| Ores, manganese               | 1,067 "         | —              |
| Pineapple, canned             | 3,166 "         | 4,939 "        |
| Rattan, palasan               | 137 "           | 231 "          |
| Rope                          | 397 "           | 509 "          |
| Rubber                        | 91 "            | 52 "           |
| Shell, shell waste            | 27 "            | 72 "           |
| Shell buttons                 | 10 "            | —              |
| Sugar cent./raw               | 9,850 "         | 12,530 "       |
| Tobacco                       | 1,211 "         | 1,112 "        |
| Vegetable oil                 | 47 "            | 54 "           |
| Transit cargo                 | 851 "           | 198 "          |
| Merchandise, general          | 815 "           | 472 "          |

## Mining

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PHILIPPINE MINING PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER, 1951

### GOLD AND SILVER

|                                       |                    |                     |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Atok-Big Wedge Mining Co., Inc.       | 15,162 tons milled | Value — ₱273,784.00 |
| Balatoc Mining Company                | Au 7,959 oz.       | Ag 5,549 "          |
|                                       | M.O. 36,873 S.T.   |                     |
| Benguet Consolidated Mining Co.       | Au 8,473 oz.       | Ag 5,907 "          |
|                                       | M.O. 35,589 S.T.   |                     |
| Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co.       | Au 2,806 oz.       | M.O. 28,660 S.T.    |
| Mindanao Mother Lode Mines, Inc.      | Au 4,076 oz.       | Ag 4,679 "          |
|                                       | M.O. 9,700 S.T.    |                     |
| Looc-Lead Silver                      | Ag None            |                     |
| Nor-Min Venture                       | Au 190 oz.         | Ag 40 "             |
|                                       | Cu.Yd. 26,500      |                     |
| Surigao Consolidated Mining Co., Inc. | Au 3,113 oz.       | Ag 2,135 "          |
|                                       | M.O. 10,042 S.T.   |                     |
| Surigao Placer                        | Au 248             | Cu.yd. 45,000       |
| Tambis Gold Dredging Co., Inc.        | Au 51 oz.          | Cu.yd. 21,900       |

### BASE METALS

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|--|-------------|
| Consolidated Mines, Inc. (Ref. chrome) | 28,500 M.T. |
| Lepanto Consolidated (Copper)          | 951 M.T.    |
| Mindanao Mother Lode (Lead, copper)    | 40 M.T.     |
| Philippine Iron Mines (Iron)           | 48,058 M.T. |
| Marinduque Iron Mines (Iron)           | 9,843 M.T.  |
| Surigao Consolidated (Zinc)            | 22 M.T.     |

—Compiled from Bureau of Mines data.

## Lumber

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**O**UR timber export for the month of September is about the same as that of the previous months. There was an increase of about 2,000,000 board feet in the volume of logs shipped to Japan, but to the United States and Canada the amount dropped down by about 1,500,000 board feet. The timber trade in the United States has been going through a recession since the spring of this year due to several causes brought about mainly by the Korean conflict.

The demand for logs in Japan continues to be heavy and the quantity that can be shipped seems to be limited only by our capacity to produce the quantities and grades desired. There is less demand for the so-called "merchantable" logs which caused so much trouble during the past few months.