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considerable damage to the sugarcane crops and properties in all districts. In some districts the damage was worse than in others and it is estimated that the overall crop loss will be about 10%. A revised estimate is in course of preparation. Before the typhoon the total crop was estimated at 1,189,756.88 short tons. It is reported that the Philippine National Bank has increased its crop loan basis from ₱7.80 to ₱9.50 per picul in order to assist planters in repairing the damage sustained to their properties.

Tobacco

By LUIS A. PALJTE
Secretary-Treasurer

Manila Tobacco Association, Inc.

LATEST reports from the different tobacco producing regions are that transplanting from seed-beds to the fields has been delayed. In Isabela and Cagayan the delay is from two to four weeks. In Cebu and other Visayan islands transplanting was done in time but typhoon "Amy" damaged most of the transplanted seedlings. Fortunately, enough seedlings were still available at the seed-beds and new seed-beds were planted so that, though delayed, fields will be fully planted. The dangers of delayed transplanting are that insufficient moisture may stunt the plants and the yield would be shorter and of strong gummy leaf. Then also, should the rains and storms come earlier than usual, rains would wash the leaves prior to harvest which would mean a bad crop—easily susceptible to worms and mold.

THE specific taxes on cigarettes collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue during the first 3 quarters of 1951 are as follows:

(All Factories in Manila and its Suburbs Caloocan, Malabon, Pasay City, and Quezon City)

Month	Native Cigarettes	Local Virginia-type Cigarettes	Total
January	₱ 698,620.625	₱ 6,115,132.00	₱ 6,813,752.63
February	709,035.19	2,318,506.40	3,027,541.59
March	731,082.25	2,457,980.20	3,189,062.45
April	693,202.375	2,791,110.70	3,484,313.08
May	800,801.1875	3,734,025.40	4,534,826.59
June	671,114.625	3,850,866.95	4,521,981.56
July	736,114.75	4,325,060.40	5,061,175.15
August	664,218.50	3,766,792.40	4,431,010.90
September	697,337.75	3,902,057.90	4,599,395.65
Total	<u>₱6,401,533.25</u>	<u>₱33,261,532.35</u>	<u>₱39,663,065.60</u>

Imports

By S. SCHMELKES
Mercantile, Inc.

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

Commodities	November, 1951	November, 1950
Automotive (Total)	1,832,089	534,276
Automobiles	183,054	100,575
Auto Accessories	530	715
Auto Parts	277,410	216,201
Bicycles	1,397	2,507
Trucks	58,916	—
Truck Chassis	378,758	69,248
Truck Parts	179,319	34,556
Building Materials (Total)	5,632,866	10,903,143
Board, Fibre	23,667	—
Cement	1,428,087	8,475,101
Glass, Window	830,742	295,304
Gypsum	—	75,582
Chemicals (Total)	16,759,864	6,495,319
Caustic Soda	1,495,718	263,862

Explosives (Total).....	173,367	52,914
Firearms (Total).....	2,659	812
Ammunition.....	840	812
Hardware (Total).....	5,477,612	5,576,279
Household (Total).....	854,419	698,631
Machinery (Total).....	2,186,169	751,962
Metals (Total).....	6,432,056	6,962,215
Petroleum Products (Total).....	75,759,845	61,364,449
Radios (Total).....	23,707	19,990
Rubber Goods (Total).....	1,015,946	408,824
Beverages, Misc. Alcoholic.....	8,369	4,189
Foodstuffs (Total Kilos).....	29,308,603	21,039,216
Foodstuffs, Fresh (Total).....	187,339	107,026
Apples.....	40,869	25,354
Oranges.....	10,780	3,696
Onions.....	62,237	31,163
Potatoes.....	22,648	12,131
Foodstuffs, Dry Packaged (Total).....	18,490	16,815
Foodstuffs, Canned (Total).....	303,675	272,336
Sardines.....	136,801	94,895
Milk, Evaporated.....	36,793	89,228
Milk, Condensed.....	26,485	23,242
Foodstuffs, Bulk (Total).....	395,472	410,990
Rice.....	78,046	5
Wheat Flour.....	297,806	371,530
Foodstuffs, Preserved (Total).....	185	1,002
Bottling, Misc. (Total).....	1,779,992	474,322
Cleansing and Laundry (Total).....	165,280	1,171,189
Entertainment Equipment (Total).....	14,071	2,567
Livestock—bulbs—seeds (Total).....	9,385	8,418
Medical (Total).....	512,444	275,938
Musical (Total).....	17,367	31,460
Office Equipment (Total).....	45,181	44,593
Office Supplies (Total).....	88,526	46,205
Paper (Total).....	5,542,557	4,007,060
Photographic (Total).....	61,177	11,062
Raw Materials (Total).....	757,427	297,268
Sporting Goods (Total).....	20,195	119,964
Stationery (Total).....	313,630	170,295
Tobacco (Total).....	469,467	81,666
Chucheria (Total).....	91,546	47,202
Clothing and Apparel (Total).....	117,209	264,627
Cosmetics (Total).....	80,752	113,399
Fabrics (Total).....	793,320	1,600,360
Jewelry (Total).....	997	—
Leather (Total).....	72,564	180,380
Textiles (Total).....	4,228,479	1,562,882
Twine (Total).....	113,395	34,615
Toys (Total).....	92,785	38,523
General Merchandise (Total).....	501,288	425,803
Non-Commercial Shipments (Total).....	69,002	45,175
Advertising Materials, Etc. (Total).....	18,888	21,339

Food Products

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

THE most important development recently in trading circles is the announcement that the Import Control Commission is to be reorganized, all three commissioners having presented their resignation. It is also rumored that in the forthcoming session of the Congress bills will be presented abolishing the import controls as at present administered and placing all such controls under the Central Bank which would limit imports by control of exchange.

The import control commissioners who are now resigning are to be complimented very highly on the task they have performed. Working under great difficulty with an inadequate budget and untrained personnel, they built up a very good organization which during the last few months has been working very efficiently. It is sincerely to be hoped that the new Commission will be allotted a greater budget, permitting it to employ additional trained personnel with adequate salary so that applications for import licenses can be processed expeditiously and efficiently.

One of the greatest difficulties experienced by importers in general for the past two years under the import

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