

LEAD (METAL)

Loco Lead-Silver Mines.....	56	39,168			71	49,743
San Mauricio Mining Co.....	148	78,734	116	63,163	99	69,792
Surigao Cons. Mining Co.....	116	95,565	84	58,782	128	89,643
United Paracale Mining Co.....	20	12,975	16	10,394	15	10,837
Total.....	340	226,442	216	132,339	313	220,015

IRON ORE

Philippine Iron Mines.....	57,799	1,133,608	48,391	958,175	52,034	1,021,334
Samar Mining Co.....	33,331	609,957	34,381	632,832	33,609	615,045
Marinduque Iron Mines, Inc.....	9,934	188,746	9,837	186,903	9,318	177,042
Gabun Paracale.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....	101,064	1,932,311	92,812	1,777,910	94,961	1,813,421

MANGANESE ORE

Luzon Stevedoring Co.....	2,800	148,400	123	9,840		
General Base Metals.....	—	—	1,000	78,000		
Palawan Manganese Mines.....	—	—	647	51,760		
Palawan Mining Corp.....	—	—	602	48,160		
Cia Minera de Filipinas.....	—	—	—	—		
Total.....	2,800	148,400	2,372	187,760		

GRAND TOTAL OF BASE METAL PRODUCTION	P5,605,056	P5,521,040	P5,006,299
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Lumber

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AFTER having risen during the last 5 consecutive months, the volume of Philippine log and lumber export dropped by 5,446,224 bd. ft. during the month under review, October, 1952—from 36,076,488 bd. ft. in September to 30,630,264 bd. ft. in October. This, however, exceeded by 4,802,805 bd. ft. the 25,433,069 bd. ft. of log and lumber export of the same month, last year. This decrease was the result of a general decline in the shipments of logs to Japan—from 25,240,448 bd. ft. in September to 21,740,574 bd. ft. in October, and of logs and lumber to United States and Canada—from 6,829,487 bd. ft. to 6,404,868 bd. ft., and to all other countries—from 4,008,553 bd. ft. to only 2,484,822 bd. ft.

Hereunder are the figures for the lumber and logs inspected for export during October, 1952, as released by the Bureau of Forestry:

Shippers	Destination	Volume in Bd. Ft.	
		Lumber	Logs
Aguinaldo Development Corp.....	U. S. A.	61,474	199,873
Agusan Timber Corp.....	Japan	1,298,220	199,992
Anakan Lumber Co.....	U. S. A.	200,000	1,049,992
Albert L. Lorente.....	Japan	1,436	685,689
Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Co.	Guam	20,049	
Basilan Lumber Co.....	U. S. A.	1,120,315	191,548
Bislig Bay Lumber Co., Inc.....	Hongkong	828,322	368,915
Cantilan Lumber Co.....	Japan	1,765,473	995,213
Cipriano Luna.....	Japan	2,378,739	600,000
Dahican Lumber Co.....	Formosa		

Findlay Millar Timber Co.....	U. S. A.	188,219	
G. S. Mañalac General	Hongkong	124,000	
Enterprises, Inc.....	Japan	29,997	1,235,475
General Lumber Co., Inc.	U. S. A.	31,685	1,845,758
Hercules Lumber Co., Inc.	Africa		400,147
Higan Lumber Co.....	Japan		305,212
Insular Lumber Co.....	U. S. A.	721,803	
Jorge J. Tirador, Inc.	Hawaii	288,637	1,678,982
Luzon Stevedoring Co., Inc.	Canada	88,454	
Martha Lumber Mill.....	Africa	341,355	
Misamis Lumber Co., Inc.	Japan	3,255	1,550,000
Nasipit Lumber Co., Inc.	U. S. A.	1,421,495	1,400,000
Pama Incorporated.....	Japan		50,000
Sta. Clara Lumber Co., Inc.	U. S. A.	35,000	1,321,437
Sanchez Logging Co.....	Japan		600,000
Valderama C. Bueno.....	U. S. A.		342,560
Western Mindanao Lumber Co., Inc.	U. S. A.	53,943	799,590
Woodcraft Ltd.....	U. S. A.	110,000	799,594
Woodworks, Inc.....	U. S. A.	219,375	212,659
	Africa	28,000	
	Canada	7,132	
	Israel	31,978	
	Hongkong	394,616	
	U. S. A.	85,000	
	Hongkong	61,348	
Totals.....		6,835,242	23,795,022

Trend of Exports to:

	This Month		Month Ago		Year Ago	
	Lumber (Bd.Ft.)	Logs	Lumber (Bd.Ft.)	Logs	Lumber (Bd.Ft.)	Logs
Japan.....	21,740,574	—	25,240,448	—	16,423,504	—
United States and Canada.....	4,970,469	1,434,399	5,087,342	1,740,145	3,070,493	1,838,811
Other Countries.....	1,864,773	620,049	2,154,170	1,854,383	1,346,595	2,753,666
Totals.....	6,835,242	23,795,022	7,241,512	28,834,976	4,417,088	21,015,981

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPORTS MADE TO DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1952.

Period	Lumber in Board Feet					Logs in Board Feet					Grand Total
	Western States	Eastern States	Gulf States	All Others	Total	Western States	Eastern States	Gulf States	All Others	Total	
September, 1952.....	3,369,672	1,417,298	105,239	204,133	5,087,342	875,528	400,000	464,617	1,740,145	6,827,487	
October, 1952.....	3,339,734	1,211,965	254,141	69,043	4,874,883	518,113	466,294	230,000	199,992	6,309,282	
Difference (Increase +; Decrease -).....	20,938	205,333	148,992	135,090	212,559	357,415	66,294	214,617	199,992	305,746	

Résumé of Export to:

	Lumber (Bd.Ft.)	Logs (Bd.Ft.)	Total (Bd.Ft.)
Japan	—	21,740,574	21,740,574
United States and Canada ..	4,970,469	1,434,399	6,404,868
Other countries	1,864,773	620,049	2,484,822
Totals	6,835,242	23,795,022	30,630,264

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS DURING OCTOBER, 1952, ARRANGED BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION IN THE ORDER OF VOLUME OF SHIPMENT TO EACH COUNTRY

Countries of Destination	Lumber (Bd.Ft.)	Logs (Bd.Ft.)	Total (Bd.Ft.)
Japan	—	21,740,574	21,740,574
United States	4,874,883	1,434,399	6,309,282
Hongkong	1,138,427	—	1,138,427
Formosa	—	600,000	600,000
Africa	401,040	—	401,040
Hawaii	291,892	—	291,892
Canada	95,586	—	95,586
Israel	31,978	—	31,978
Guam	1,436	20,049	21,485
Totals	6,835,242	23,795,022	30,630,264

Arrivals of logs and lumber in Manila were again substantially reduced—from 11,213,624 bd. ft. in September to 8,636,510 bd. ft. in October, a decrease of 2,577,114 bd. ft.

The opening week of October, 1952, the month under review, quoted white lauan at ₱140 per 1000 bd. ft. in the local wholesale market, apitong at ₱145, and red lauan at ₱165-₱170. Due to the declining supply of logs and lumber arriving in Manila, these price quotations rose steadily during October, closing at the end of the month at ₱145-₱150 per 1000 bd. ft. for white lauan, ₱150 for apitong, and ₱170-₱175 for red lauan.

THE Wage Board for the Lumber Industry, in view of the decision of the Secretary of Labor disregarding its recommendation for the suspension of the application

of the minimum wage of ₱4 in the provinces for a period of 3 months, has now recommended an early evaluation of the facilities given to labor in the lumber industry, deductible from the wage, in accordance with the individual circumstance of each company. It has recommended further that, in the meantime, a temporary unit-evaluation of these facilities be adopted on an industry-basis.

MR. A. de las Alas, President of the Philippine Lumber Producers' Association, Inc., in speaking of the Philippine Mahogany Case now pending before the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., expressed optimism as to the final outcome. He made due acknowledgment of the representations made by Philippine Embassy officials in Washington toward preserving for Philippine woods the name "Philippine Mahogany".

Copra and Coconut Oil

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DURING the first week of this period now under review, the spectacular gains, mentioned in our previous report, were continued as the market climbed to new and dangerously high levels. The firmness of the market was accentuated by the typhoon "Trix" which roared over Southern Luzon, where considerable damage was reported, particularly in the Bicol provinces. This latter region, a heavy copra-producing area, is one of the chief sources of supplies for the Manila mills. Early reports of extensive damage to plantations, estimated at a 5% decrease in 1953 production, touched off a wave of short-covering which caused the market to soar to new highs for the year.

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