

World Production of Newsprint.—Since the very early years of the Second World War, figures of world production of newsprint have not been available. The latest official information given in the Year Book appears at p. 203 of the 1941 edition where production is given by leading countries for the years 1938 and 1939, as well as the average production over the period 1928-39.

Although it is not possible to continue this series of official figures, a useful estimate of world newsprint production is provided by the Chairman of the Rationing Committee of British Newsprint Supply in collaboration with the British Ministry of Supply. This estimate placed the production of countries outside North America at 1,583,000 short tons for the year 1946, which was 2,250,000 short tons less than the average production of these same countries for 1937-38; on this basis the world production for 1946 would be 6,803,000 short tons, which explains the acute situation that is now being experienced as regards newsprint. Every mill in Canada is working to capacity and yet the world situation is far from being relieved. Until the European mills are rehabilitated and the backlog of demand has been met, a sellers market in newsprint will continue to prevail. A comparison of United States and Canadian production with world production is shown in the chart on p. 413. As official data are made available, the pre-war series of newsprint production by countries will be continued.

Exports of Newsprint Paper.—Total exports of newsprint paper from Canada in the years 1936-45 are given in Table 14.

14.—Exports of Newsprint Paper, 1936-45

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$		tons	\$
1936.....	2,993,089	103,639,634	1941.....	3,262,012	154,356,543
1937.....	3,455,240	126,466,412	1942.....	3,005,291	141,065,618
1938.....	2,424,655	104,615,042	1943.....	2,810,288	144,707,065
1939.....	2,658,723	115,687,288	1944.....	2,805,776	157,190,834
1940.....	3,242,789	151,360,196	1945.....	3,058,946	179,450,771

Since 1913 Canada has led the world in the exportation of newsprint. In 1938 the quantity of newsprint exported by the 11 principal newsprint-producing countries was 3,806,737 short tons, of which Canada contributed 63.7 p.c. World comparisons for later years are not available.

Statistics of the Combined Pulp and Paper Industries.*—The manufacture of pulp, the manufacture of paper and the manufacture of products made of paper may, under certain conditions, be treated as three industries, for they are frequently carried on in separate plants by entirely independent companies. The manufacture of basic stock and the converting of this paper into towels, stationery and other highly processed paper products are often combined in one plant. This

* See Chapter XVIII and the Index for further particulars regarding the pulp and paper and paper-converting industries.