

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. J. Wrench, Sales Manager and Treasurer of Industrial Chemical Sales Co., Inc., manufacturers of "Nuchar" activated carbon, leaves for Europe on July 22nd on the SS "Brittanic." He will be away for two months, during which time he will visit agents in the principal European cities.

W. H. Dickhart, consulting chemist of New York City, has been appointed official chemist of The Olive Oil Association of America.

This association has just held its annual meeting, electing C. A. Tosi, of P. Pastene & Company, as president, for the coming year. Other officers elected were:

Ercole H. Locatelli, vice-president; G. F. Romeo, treasurer; and E. H. Jacobson, secretary, present incumbents, were all re-elected for another year together with the following as directors:

J. Joseph Mylott, L. J. Scaramelli, H. J. Mantia, H. W. Schroeder, P. C. Sozzi, H. T. Asche, Arthur Schuman, and P. J. Segui.

Retiring President, Henry W. Schroeder, has entirely recovered from his long illness abroad last fall and was given a vote of thanks for his services over the last year.

Coconut Industry in Ceylon—First Quarter 1932.—The coconut crop during the first quarter of the year is normally small, but the yield was particularly low during the first quarter of 1932. This was largely a result of the drought in 1931, and to some extent a curtailment of cultivation. Most estates have been forced to restrict manuring operations.

Argentine Flaxseed Acreage Smaller.—According to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome the acreage of Argentine flaxseed is expected to be about 10 per cent smaller next season. The acreage harvested for 1931-32 was placed at 8,178,000 acres compared with 7,262,000 in 1930-31. Sowings are reported going forward well.

Indian Sesamum Crop--1932

A supplementary memorandum (official) on the Indian sesamum crop for 1931-32, which gives revised figures for Burma, Madras, and Hyderabad, makes it necessary to change the figures for the all-India crop issued on January 21. The total area for all-India is now placed at 5,491,000 acres as against 5,618,000 acres in 1930-31. The 1931-32 production is now estimated at 465,000 tons, as against 526,000 tons last year.

The table below shows the changes just made in the estimates:

	Estimate of Jan. 21	Revised Estimates		
	Acres	Yield (tons)	Acres	Yield (tons)
Burma . . .	1,244,000	30,000	1,262,000	30,000
Madras . . .	542,000	71,000	757,000	98,000
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Hyderabad	473,000	available	508,000	24,000

Exports of sesamum seed during the year ended March 31, 1932, totaled 12,322 tons, as against 1,116 tons during the previous year. However, this does not represent a large increase in exports over a period of years in as much as 1930-31 exports were abnormally small. Exports during 1929-30 were 10,789 tons, which was a large decline from the 30,483 tons exported during 1928-29. (Report from Assistant Trade Commissioner Flake at Calcutta, April 22, 1932.)

Cod-Liver Oil Production, Norway.—The production of cod-liver oil in Norway during the current season up to May 28, 1932, amounted to 2,332,200 gallons, as compared with 1,532,600 gallons during the corresponding period of 1931. The relatively high production together with lessened demand is said to have forced prices to an unusually low level. (Acting Commercial Attache Henry C. MacLean, Oslo.)

Notice of Application—(First Publication)

"C. M. Coquenhem, Chemist—Shilstone Testing Laboratories, Houston, Texas, has applied for a Referee Chemist Certificate of the American Oil Chemists' Society."

Committees for 1932

President Hamner has appointed the following committees to serve during the year 1932-33.

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Mr. A. Campbell was requested to appoint three committees: Soap Analysis, Glycerin Analysis, and Detergents, the membership of which is as follows:

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Cosmetic Exports to Estonia Continue Despite Restrictions.—The expectation that strict government control of the imports of cosmetics and perfumery would reduce to a fraction the flow of these goods into Estonia, has not been realized yet. Instead of shrinking to little or nothing as a result of the restrictions imposed November 11, 1931, imports were greater in November, December (1931), and January (1932) than in the year previous. February and March imports this year are still sizeable though reduced in value. Imports throughout the year 1931, valued at \$47,334, were only 12 per cent below the average for the last five years. If they continue to be admitted in 1932 at the rate they have entered in the first three months, they will equal the five-year average. (Consul Harry E. Carlson, Tallinn.)

Notice of Publication of United States Tariff Commission Report.—There has recently come off the press the "Report to the Congress on Certain Vegetable Oils, Whale Oil and Copra" which was prepared by the United States Tariff Commission pursuant to a resolution of the Senate during the 71st Congress.

The report in question, a document of 240 pages, covers a wide field of investigation and study of whale oil and copra also the following vegetable oils: coconut, palm, palm kernel, sesame, parilla and rapeseed. It should be of interest to all who are associated with the phases of production, consumption or trade in these different commodities.

A limited number of copies of this report are available for free distribution on application to the United States Tariff Commission. Ask for Report No. 41, 2nd Series. If you would assure yourself of your copy, write promptly for it. It is suggested that you refer to this journal in writing.

Lard Import Trade at Standstill—Peru.—Assistant Commercial Attache Smith at Lima in a cable to the Bureau under date of May 31st, advised that no orders were being placed for lard, and further that wholesale importers were marking up prices 20 per cent on imported foodstuffs following complete suspension during week of May 16 to 21 of all wholesale foodstuffs sales due to exchange situation, several direct sales being cancelled as a result.

Caustic Soda Imports—Brazil.—Importations of caustic soda into Brazil during 1930 and 1931, according to trade sources, were as follows:

	1930	1931
	Metric	Tons
Great Britain.....	12,991	11,079
United States	3,788	4,970
Europe	653	3,036
Russia (from Montevideo) ..	6
Russia (from River Plata)	1,287
Total	17,438	20,372

United States Exports of Inedible Tallow—April, 1932.—Exports of inedible tallow from the United States during April, 1932, follow:

	Pounds	Value
Italy	53,063	\$ 1,332
Canada	242,310	6,982
Guatemala	68,566	2,629
Mexico	99,241	2,214
Cuba	708,992	16,697
Dominican Republic.....	133,660	4,916
Haiti	63,987	2,190
Other countries	130,458	5,571
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Total	1,500,277	\$42,531

Total exports during the month of March, 1932, were 1,453,894 pounds valued at \$41,659.

Caustic Alkalis, Sweden.—Imports of caustic potash and soda into Sweden in 1930 and 1931 were as follows: Caustic potash, 2,400 and 3,300 metric tons; caustic soda, 1,300 and 1,500 metric tons respectively. Local manufacturing of these chemicals during recent years was as follows: Solid caustic potash, 400 to 500 metric tons annually; liquid caustic potash, 800 to 1,100 tons annually; solid caustic soda, 2,000 to 3,000 tons annually; liquid caustic soda, about 600 tons annually.