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## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRADE

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I - TRADE OF CANADA WITH ALL COUNTRIES

(Millions of Dollars)

Months	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>Imports for Consumption from All Countries (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	223.8	211.9	327.2	307.1	327.8	280.2	306.6	403.7
February.....	206.0	200.2	274.2	282.0	310.0	292.6	307.9	405.0
March.....	235.9	237.4	342.5	327.0	360.1	353.0	376.2	463.5
April.....	242.7	230.9	393.0	324.0	391.8	348.5	382.6	532.4
May.....	250.5	290.2	405.1	386.0	420.6	359.7	434.0	550.0
June.....	250.5	282.5	360.4	324.3	406.3	416.1	402.1	490.6
July.....	230.9	259.5	370.6	343.2	405.4	341.2	372.6	482.5
August.....	212.1	267.3	357.5	302.9	345.2	335.2	429.8	473.6
September....	221.6	279.7	311.5	349.1	367.5	324.8	414.2	437.7
October.....	234.3	320.6	344.1	376.4	358.3	333.1	456.7	542.8
November.....	239.6	327.9	325.7	363.4	351.4	372.1	443.7	525.1
December.....	213.4	266.3	273.0	345.1	338.4	336.7	385.8	403.3
<b>Total.</b>	<b>2,761.2</b>	<b>3,174.3</b>	<b>4,084.9</b>	<b>4,030.5</b>	<b>4,382.8</b>	<b>4,093.2</b>	<b>4,712.4</b>	<b>5,710.4</b>
<b>Domestic Exports to All Countries (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	237.0	221.2	285.1	324.1	317.3	260.7	305.7	359.7
February.....	205.0	199.5	233.9	310.3	275.5	274.7	296.8	347.9
March.....	216.8	228.2	290.2	354.6	307.8	315.7	348.8	327.5
April.....	237.8	205.5	295.2	348.4	301.1	292.4	335.8	382.7
May.....	272.9	287.0	323.4	382.5	380.3	354.7	367.1	428.5
June.....	255.1	289.2	312.5	376.7	411.7	341.8	377.7	423.8
July.....	241.3	253.7	374.5	370.4	393.1	323.9	348.1	424.3
August.....	251.7	257.1	349.8	346.5	342.6	322.0	381.7	420.4
September....	228.4	279.1	320.1	337.0	338.2	330.8	383.9	403.7
October.....	269.1	315.2	371.0	373.9	343.4	314.3	374.0	449.1
November.....	292.3	292.7	379.5	387.2	350.7	365.1	386.3	418.8
December.....	285.5	289.9	379.3	389.4	355.8	385.3	375.8	403.7
<b>Total.</b>	<b>2,993.0</b>	<b>3,118.4</b>	<b>3,914.5</b>	<b>4,301.1</b>	<b>4,117.4</b>	<b>3,881.3</b>	<b>4,281.8</b>	<b>4,790.1</b>
<b>Foreign Exports to All Countries (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	2.0	2.6	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.7	4.4	5.7
February.....	2.1	2.1	2.9	3.7	4.1	5.1	4.7	5.0
March.....	2.2	3.5	3.8	4.7	5.2	5.5	6.1	5.6
April.....	2.5	4.2	5.0	3.8	3.7	5.8	4.6	5.5
May.....	2.7	2.6	3.6	4.4	4.7	5.3	5.9	6.8
June.....	2.3	2.6	3.3	4.0	4.4	5.1	5.6	5.5
July.....	2.4	3.0	4.1	4.7	5.2	5.2	8.8	6.0
August.....	2.3	3.5	3.8	5.2	4.3	5.4	5.8	6.8
September....	2.5	3.6	3.4	5.3	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.7
October.....	2.6	3.7	4.7	5.4	4.4	5.8	7.1	6.9
November.....	3.2	3.7	5.0	4.6	4.4	6.0	5.8	7.0
December.....	2.7	3.6	5.7	4.5	5.2	6.0	5.1	6.9
<b>Total.</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>73.4</b>
<b>Balance of Trade with All Countries (Including Foreign Exports) (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	+ 15.2	+ 11.8	- 38.4	+ 21.4	- 6.6	- 14.8	+ 3.5	- 38.2
February.....	+ 1.2	+ 1.4	- 37.3	+ 32.0	- 30.4	- 12.8	- 6.3	- 52.2
March.....	- 16.9	- 5.7	- 48.5	+ 32.3	- 47.1	- 31.9	- 21.2	- 130.3
April.....	- 2.4	- 21.2	- 92.9	+ 28.3	- 87.0	- 50.3	- 42.3	- 144.3
May.....	+ 25.1	- 0.6	- 78.1	+ 1.0	- 35.5	+ 0.3	- 61.0	- 114.8
June.....	+ 6.9	+ 9.3	- 44.6	+ 56.5	+ 9.7	- 69.2	- 18.8	- 61.3
July.....	+ 12.8	- 2.7	+ 7.9	+ 32.0	- 7.2	- 12.1	- 15.7	- 52.2
August.....	+ 41.9	- 6.6	- 3.9	+ 48.9	+ 1.6	- 7.9	- 42.3	- 46.4
September....	+ 9.4	+ 3.1	+ 12.0	- 6.8	- 23.6	+ 11.9	- 24.9	- 28.3
October.....	+ 37.4	- 1.7	+ 31.5	+ 3.0	- 10.4	- 13.0	- 75.6	- 86.8
November.....	+ 55.9	- 31.5	+ 58.8	+ 28.3	+ 3.8	- 1.0	- 51.6	- 99.4
December.....	+ 74.9	+ 27.2	+ 112.0	+ 48.8	+ 22.5	+ 54.6	- 4.9	+ 7.3
<b>Total.</b>	<b>+ 261.2</b>	<b>- 17.2</b>	<b>- 121.5</b>	<b>+ 325.5</b>	<b>- 210.2</b>	<b>- 146.3</b>	<b>- 361.1</b>	<b>- 846.9</b>

Throughout this bulletin, totals represent sums of unrounded amounts, hence may vary from sums of rounded amounts.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRADE - Continued

2 - TRADE OF CANADA WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

(Millions of Dollars)

Months	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<u>Imports for Consumption from the United Kingdom (Excluding Gold)</u>								
January.....	25.4	26.1	33.9	24.3	30.6	28.3	27.5	33.1
February.....	22.9	25.4	27.8	21.3	27.2	29.0	25.6	30.9
March.....	28.3	32.7	30.4	22.6	37.6	30.9	32.3	33.8
April.....	30.1	29.5	48.9	28.4	37.9	35.3	33.8	50.0
May.....	29.5	36.3	43.6	33.2	43.5	36.0	37.1	49.5
June.....	27.0	37.1	39.9	31.6	42.8	44.6	26.6	41.4
July.....	29.4	32.7	43.3	34.1	47.1	35.0	33.5	45.9
August.....	26.2	34.3	39.1	32.4	38.4	31.1	45.4	42.8
September....	21.9	36.2	28.6	31.5	34.3	30.4	31.7	35.8
October.....	19.4	41.7	32.7	37.1	36.8	31.5	38.6	43.7
November.....	26.5	40.2	33.3	35.3	38.9	26.5	40.3	48.5
December.....	20.8	32.0	19.4	28.0	38.4	33.8	28.1	29.3
Total.	307.4	404.2	421.0	359.8	453.4	392.5	400.5	484.7
<u>Domestic Exports to the United Kingdom (Excluding Gold)</u>								
January.....	55.8	48.6	40.1	43.7	49.2	37.9	62.7	72.6
February.....	44.1	30.4	33.6	44.2	36.2	44.4	55.0	58.4
March.....	39.5	30.1	39.7	68.6	38.5	52.3	65.1	48.9
April.....	63.0	25.8	41.7	72.6	45.1	39.1	69.9	65.2
May.....	72.4	48.5	47.2	87.3	68.2	58.3	66.6	58.6
June.....	60.7	52.5	51.3	84.6	77.0	52.5	65.3	65.4
July.....	70.6	35.2	73.9	69.6	80.9	55.2	63.1	75.6
August.....	62.9	42.5	66.4	72.8	66.8	58.4	62.9	68.2
September....	56.9	30.4	52.5	43.3	44.9	60.7	72.0	75.2
October.....	72.3	47.7	64.0	50.6	55.5	46.4	61.3	67.0
November.....	56.8	38.6	58.0	61.1	55.6	71.0	63.7	83.4
December.....	49.9	39.6	63.1	47.5	47.3	77.1	61.8	74.4
Total.	705.0	469.9	631.5	745.8	665.2	653.4	769.3	812.7
<u>Foreign Exports to the United Kingdom (Excluding Gold)</u>								
January.....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
February.....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5
March.....	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
April.....	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
May.....	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
June.....	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
July.....	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.3
August.....	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.9
September....	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
October.....	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
November.....	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
December.....	0.3	0.4	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Total.	4.3	2.6	4.3	5.2	3.6	4.9	4.7	5.7
<u>Balance of Trade with the United Kingdom (Including Foreign Exports) (Excluding Gold)</u>								
January.....	+ 30.5	+ 22.8	+ 6.2	+ 19.7	+ 18.9	+ 9.8	+ 35.4	+ 39.8
February.....	+ 21.4	+ 5.3	+ 5.9	+ 23.2	+ 9.2	+ 15.9	+ 29.7	+ 27.9
March.....	+ 11.3	- 2.4	+ 9.3	+ 46.3	+ 1.3	+ 21.9	+ 33.2	+ 15.4
April.....	+ 33.4	- 3.6	- 7.1	+ 44.5	+ 7.4	+ 4.2	+ 36.3	+ 15.5
May.....	+ 43.4	+ 12.4	+ 3.8	+ 54.6	+ 25.0	+ 22.8	+ 30.1	+ 9.7
June.....	+ 34.1	+ 15.5	+ 11.5	+ 53.4	+ 34.5	+ 8.2	+ 38.9	+ 24.2
July.....	+ 41.7	+ 2.6	+ 30.8	+ 36.1	+ 34.2	+ 20.9	+ 30.3	+ 30.1
August.....	+ 37.1	+ 8.5	+ 27.6	+ 40.6	+ 28.7	+ 27.6	+ 17.9	+ 26.3
September....	+ 35.5	- 5.6	+ 24.2	+ 12.6	+ 10.7	+ 30.6	+ 40.6	+ 39.8
October.....	+ 53.3	+ 6.3	+ 31.5	+ 14.4	+ 19.0	+ 15.3	+ 23.0	+ 23.7
November.....	+ 30.7	- 1.4	+ 25.7	+ 26.2	+ 17.3	+ 44.9	+ 23.8	+ 35.4
December.....	+ 29.4	+ 7.9	+ 45.3	+ 19.7	+ 9.3	+ 43.7	+ 34.2	+ 45.8
Total.	+ 401.8	+ 68.3	+ 214.7	+ 391.3	+ 215.5	+ 265.8	+ 373.5	+ 333.8

## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRADE - Continued

## 3 - TRADE OF CANADA WITH THE UNITED STATES

(Millions of Dollars)

Months	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>Imports for Consumption from the United States (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	164.8	154.5	233.3	228.7	249.2	202.7	228.0	294.5
February.....	148.8	143.1	199.0	211.8	241.0	217.4	232.7	305.3
March.....	169.0	160.9	245.7	253.5	272.8	270.0	284.9	361.7
April.....	177.3	162.2	278.4	245.6	297.2	255.7	284.8	400.3
May.....	172.1	195.5	273.2	282.9	312.3	260.0	318.5	397.7
June.....	176.9	188.3	241.5	235.3	299.8	297.0	300.3	357.8
July.....	160.3	170.6	234.7	246.6	286.5	240.5	274.4	341.7
August.....	143.6	172.6	229.5	212.8	244.7	238.9	301.7	329.7
September.....	158.0	177.4	211.6	255.1	268.0	227.7	302.4	309.9
October.....	167.6	208.3	238.3	275.2	258.3	234.9	331.1	394.6
November.....	162.7	214.8	224.7	264.2	244.5	273.5	303.5	372.3
December.....	151.0	182.3	203.1	265.2	246.7	243.1	289.9	301.3
Total.	1,951.9	2,130.5	2,812.9	2,977.0	3,221.2	2,961.4	3,452.2	4,166.7
<b>Domestic Exports to the United States (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	116.0	130.9	186.9	187.9	188.6	157.1	179.5	212.7
February.....	106.7	128.8	152.4	168.7	173.3	168.7	177.7	211.9
March.....	122.4	154.3	190.2	185.2	202.4	200.8	209.7	203.8
April.....	110.7	137.8	183.2	181.1	189.3	176.7	190.6	231.7
May.....	121.2	175.4	208.7	198.9	220.3	208.8	217.6	256.5
June.....	113.9	177.7	188.4	191.5	214.6	208.4	228.1	228.8
July.....	104.4	168.2	201.9	187.2	208.8	190.8	197.8	232.4
August.....	115.4	167.1	192.8	176.4	196.5	191.6	238.5	262.3
September.....	113.7	192.8	186.7	192.7	206.7	199.0	225.6	231.0
October.....	148.1	204.4	207.1	206.7	198.6	190.9	232.8	279.7
November.....	171.3	192.0	209.3	209.8	200.7	209.1	235.6	237.6
December.....	159.8	191.5	189.9	220.8	219.2	215.1	225.9	230.4
Total.	1,503.5	2,021.0	2,297.7	2,307.0	2,418.9	2,317.2	2,559.3	2,818.7
<b>Foreign Exports to the United States (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	1.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.7	4.6
February.....	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.9	4.0
March.....	1.6	2.9	3.1	3.5	4.0	4.4	5.4	4.6
April.....	1.5	1.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	5.1	3.8	4.9
May.....	1.8	1.9	2.7	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.4	5.2
June.....	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.8
July.....	1.6	2.5	3.0	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.3	5.1
August.....	1.6	2.9	3.0	4.6	3.4	4.4	4.8	5.2
September.....	1.7	3.1	2.8	3.9	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.9
October.....	1.7	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.3	4.0	4.7	5.9
November.....	2.3	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	4.3	4.5	5.6
December.....	1.9	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.2	5.5
Total.	20.6	29.5	36.2	42.1	44.1	50.3	52.8	60.4
<b>Balance of Trade with the United States (Including Foreign Exports) (Excluding Gold)</b>								
January.....	- 47.3	- 21.5	- 43.0	- 37.4	- 57.5	- 42.6	- 44.9	- 77.2
February.....	- 40.6	- 12.8	- 44.1	- 40.2	- 64.2	- 45.5	- 51.1	- 89.3
March.....	- 44.9	- 3.7	- 52.4	- 64.7	- 66.5	- 64.8	- 69.9	- 153.4
April.....	- 65.1	- 22.9	- 92.3	- 61.6	- 104.9	- 74.1	- 90.4	- 163.7
May.....	- 49.1	- 18.2	- 61.7	- 80.9	- 88.1	- 46.9	- 96.5	- 135.9
June.....	- 61.3	- 8.4	- 50.6	- 40.9	- 81.6	- 84.2	- 67.6	- 124.2
July.....	- 54.2	+ 0.1	- 29.8	- 55.9	- 73.9	- 45.6	- 72.2	- 104.1
August.....	- 26.6	- 2.5	- 33.7	- 31.9	- 44.8	- 43.0	- 58.3	- 62.2
September.....	- 42.6	+ 18.6	- 22.1	- 58.5	- 56.6	- 23.8	- 72.1	- 74.1
October.....	- 17.8	- 0.9	- 27.4	- 64.3	- 56.3	- 40.0	- 93.6	- 109.0
November.....	+ 10.9	- 19.7	- 11.9	- 50.9	- 40.5	- 60.0	- 63.4	- 129.1
December.....	+ 10.7	+ 12.0	- 9.9	- 40.7	- 23.3	- 23.6	- 59.9	- 65.4
Total.	- 427.8	- 80.0	- 479.0	- 627.9	- 758.2	- 594.0	- 840.0	- 1,287.7



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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRADE - Concluded

4 - TRADE OF CANADA - CUMULATIVE TOTALS

(Millions of Dollars)

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>A. Trade of Canada with ALL COUNTRIES (Excluding Gold) Twelve Months Ended December</b>								
Imports for Consumption....	2,761.2	3,174.3	4,084.9	4,030.5	4,382.8	4,093.2	4,712.4	5,710.4
Domestic Exports	2,993.0	3,118.4	3,914.5	4,301.1	4,117.4	3,881.3	4,281.8	4,790.1
Foreign Exports.	29.5	38.7	48.9	54.9	55.2	65.6	69.5	73.4
Total Trade.....	5,783.7	6,331.3	8,048.2	8,386.4	8,555.4	8,040.1	9,063.7	10,574.0
Balance of Trade	+ 261.2	- 17.2	- 121.5	+ 325.5	- 210.2	- 146.3	- 361.1	- 846.9
<b>B. Trade of Canada with the UNITED KINGDOM (Excluding Gold) Twelve Months Ended December</b>								
Imports for Consumption....	307.4	404.2	421.0	359.8	453.4	392.5	400.5	484.7
Domestic Exports	705.0	469.9	631.5	745.8	665.2	653.4	769.3	812.7
Foreign Exports.	4.3	2.6	4.3	5.2	3.6	4.9	4.7	5.7
Total Trade.....	1,016.7	876.7	1,056.7	1,110.8	1,122.3	1,050.8	1,174.5	1,303.1
Balance of Trade	+ 401.8	+ 68.3	+ 214.7	+ 391.3	+ 215.5	+ 265.8	+ 373.5	+ 333.8
<b>C. Trade of Canada with the UNITED STATES (Excluding Gold) Twelve Months Ended December</b>								
Imports for Consumption....	1,951.9	2,130.5	2,812.9	2,977.0	3,221.2	2,961.4	3,452.2	4,166.7
Domestic Exports	1,503.5	2,021.0	2,297.7	2,307.0	2,418.9	2,317.2	2,559.3	2,818.7
Foreign Exports.	20.6	29.5	36.2	42.1	44.1	50.3	52.8	60.4
Total Trade.....	3,475.9	4,180.9	5,146.8	5,326.0	5,684.3	5,328.8	6,064.4	7,045.7
Balance of Trade	- 427.8	- 80.0	- 479.0	- 627.9	- 758.2	- 593.9	- 840.0	- 1,287.7

5 - NEW GOLD PRODUCTION AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT (Net Exports of Non-Monetary Gold)

January.....	9.7	15.8	17.3	13.3	16.0	11.5	11.5	12.4
February.....	9.6	11.7	11.7	13.0	16.1	10.2	14.7	12.7
March.....	12.1	13.5	8.4	15.0	15.6	12.8	12.2	12.0
April.....	9.8	11.4	16.2	11.2	11.7	13.8	10.9	12.5*
May.....	12.4	15.8	13.0	8.5	12.0	13.7	15.0	14.4*
June.....	9.8	15.0	13.8	14.6	13.7	15.6	13.3	12.9*
July.....	9.4	14.8	13.4	14.9	9.3	13.6	11.9	11.1*
August.....	13.8	13.8	11.0	9.6	10.7	13.3	13.1	14.5*
September.....	11.2	10.8	10.8	12.8	10.4	11.9	12.2	12.2*
October.....	13.2	16.4	8.2	10.1	9.9	12.3	11.7	12.3*
November.....	15.4	12.3	7.7	13.6	9.1	12.3	15.0	12.3*
December.....	12.5	11.3	18.3	13.5	9.8	13.7	13.4	10.4*
Total.	138.9	162.6	149.8	150.1	144.3	154.7	154.9	149.7

6 - EXPORT AND IMPORT PRICE AND VOLUME INDEXES (Interim base 1948 = 100)

	DOMESTIC EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	Price Index		Volume Index		Price Index		Volume Index	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
January.....	114.3	119.2	104.4	117.8	109.0	113.3	127.5	161.7
February.....	115.9	119.4	99.9	113.7	109.6	113.7	127.1	161.4
March.....	116.5	120.3	116.8	106.2	110.4	114.3	152.7	183.7
April.....	117.5	120.8	111.5	123.6	110.6	113.8	156.3	210.9
May.....	117.2	121.7	122.2	137.4	109.7	113.1	178.4	219.3
June.....	118.3	121.9	124.6	135.6	109.8	113.5	164.5	195.2
July.....	117.4	121.0	115.7	136.9	109.1	112.4	153.6	194.0
August.....	118.0	121.4	126.2	134.9	109.6	112.4	174.5	189.4
September.....	118.4	121.5	126.5	129.6	111.3	111.9	168.6	175.3
October.....	119.0	121.7	122.6	144.1	112.1	112.8	184.7	217.5
November.....	118.9	121.7	126.7	134.3	112.8	113.1r	178.2	210.3r
December.....	119.4	122.2	122.8	128.9	113.6	113.2p	154.1	160.5p
Annual Index.	117.5	121.3	118.5	128.4	110.5	113.1p	160.3	190.0p

p: preliminary r: revised

\* Since March 21, 1956, mines not receiving aid under the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act have been allowed to sell their gold to private residents and non-residents, either for export or for safekeeping in Canada. Such sales, commencing in April, are now included in the figures for New Gold Production Available for Export.

The above statistics of exports do not include defence equipment or supplies transferred by Canada to North Atlantic Treaty countries under the Defence Appropriation Act, which were as follows: Calendar year 1950, \$56,750,000; Calendar year 1951, \$109,061,583; Calendar year 1952, \$100,900,000; Calendar year 1953, \$181,970,000; Calendar year 1954, \$202,400,000; Calendar year 1955, \$165,922,000; 1st Quarter 1956, \$20,100,000; 2nd Quarter 1956, \$31,222,000; 3rd Quarter 1956, \$18,483,000; 4th Quarter 1956, \$26,956,000.