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Portfolio transactions in outstanding securities between Canadians and nonresidents resulted in a net inflow of almost $\$ 6$ million in January. Net outflows to the United Kingdom of some $\$ 12$ million were more than offset by net inflows of approximately $\$ 14$ million from the United States, $\$ 1$ million from European countries other than the United Kingdom, and $\$ 3$ million from all other countries.

A purchase balance in excess of $\$ 28$ million from trading in Canadian securities was up from the $\$ 20$ million net outflow recorded in December 1970, while the value of gross trading dropped some 18 per cent from the previous month's level. Bonds and debentures accounted for almost $\$ 5$ million of the net outflow, and common and preference stock, over $\$ 23 \mathrm{million}$.

In foreign securities, a net inflow of $\$ 34$ million marked the first sales balance since July 1970. Gross sales, at $\$ 188$ million, were some $\$ 40$ million higher than in December, while gross purchases dropped by over $\$ 30$ million to $\$ 154$ million. These movements resulted mainly from transactions in United States equities, which in January represented 85 per cent of the value of all foreign securities traded between Canadians and non-residents, and gave rise to a net inflow of $\$ 27$ million, a swing of $\$ 64$ million from the net outflow recorded in December.

In the same period a year earlier portfolio security transactions resulted in a net inflow of $\$ 40$ million, as net purchases of Canadian securities of $\$ 13$ million partly offset net sales of foreign securities of $\$ 53 \mathrm{million}$. Net inflows of $\$ 41$ million from the United States and $\$ 2$ million from the United Kingdom were reduced by net outflows of $\$ 2$ million to European residents outside the United Kingdom and of $\$ 1$ million to all other countries.

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