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(1) The short-term trend gives a clearer picture of the direction and rate of change of trade by averaging the substantial monthly fluctuations which frequently occur in trade. The trend for the last month is not shown in the charts above since it frequently changes significantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

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## Month-to-Month

On a seasonally adjusted, balance of payments basis, preliminary estimates indicate that Canada's exports recovered strongly in August, rising $11.8 \%$ or $\$ 1.0$ billion to a level of $\$ 9.9$ billion, following four consecutive monthly declines. The increase was concentrated in automotive products.

Following a $1.8 \%$ drop in July, imports increased $2.9 \%$ or $\$ 253$ million to a record level of $\$ 8.9$ billion.

The net effect of these movements was to increase the merchandise trade surplus to $\$ 1.0$ billion in August from a four-year low of $\$ 247$ million in July.

## Short-Term Trend

The short-term trend rate of growth for exports, which provides a more regular pattern of the month-to-month movements in trade, declined moderately in the most recent months available. Except for the strength in automotive products, all other major commodity groupings for exports - machinery and equipment, industrial goods and materials and forest and energy products - have registered declines since early in the second quarter.

In contrast to exports, the short-term trend rate for imports has shown modest growth throughout 1985. Both industrial goods and materials and machinery and equipment have posted consecutive increases while automotive products declined in the March/April period but have since recovered fairly strongly. Consumer goods have shown steady gains since March. Energy products registered strong increases in April and May - reflecting the effect of stockpiling prior to the deregulation of the petroleum industry in June - but are declining in the current period. Agriculture and fish products have been declining slightly since April.

## Commodity Analysis <br> Total Exports (Seasonally Adjusted), Balance of Payments Basis

The increase in exports in August was not widespread: nearly $90 \%$ of the $\$ 1.0$ billion in-
crease was attributable to a $\$ 876$ million rise in end products of which the most notable change was a gain of $\$ 672$ million in automotive products. Exports of automobiles increased $31.3 \%$ to $\$ 1.6$ billion following a $4.1 \%$ decline in July and exports of trucks grew by $62.0 \%$ to $\$ 573$ million after a $26.5 \%$ drop the previous month, while automobile parts registered a more moderate growth of $9.3 \%$ to $\$ 924$ million following an increase of $3.1 \%$ in July. The short-term trend for exports of automotive products is registering an increase of $3.4 \%$ currently.

Two factors contributed to the strong movement in cars and trucks in August:

- Deliveries had been virtually halted late in July due to a haulers' strike in the United States. Haulers worked extended hours after the strike settlement on August 18 to bring inventories back to normal; the July/August movement should thus be considered in concert. - Financing incentives offered on North American cars set sales records in the United States for the August 21-31 period and peak sales are continuing in early September. Increased exports in August have been meeting some of this demand.


## Imports (Seasonally Adjusted), Balance of Payments Basis

Virtually all of the increase in total imports in August can be attributed to increases posted in the automotive sector: automobile parts increased $14.5 \%$ to a level of $\$ 1.7$ billion following an increase of $5.9 \%$ in July; cars increased $4.7 \%$ to a level of $\$ 1.0$ billion after a $3.1 \%$ rise the previous month, while trucks declined more than $6.5 \%$ for the second month to a level of $\$ 243$ million. Imports of crude petroleum, following a decline of $44.4 \%$ in July, fell a further $18.3 \%$ to a level of $\$ 236$ million and imports of aircraft declined $27.3 \%$ after a gain of $23.3 \%$ in July. Offsetting the decline in August was an increase of $54.2 \%$ in petroleum and coal products.

## Trading Partner Analysis <br> Total Exports (Seasonally Adjusted) Balance of Payments Basis

Canadian exports in August registered increases to all country groupings with the exception of the "other EEC" countries. Some
$75 \%$ of the increase at the total level was attributable to the United States, and that notably in automobile products. Exports to the United Kingdom and "other countries" recovered from deep declines in July to register strong gains in August primarily due to a turnaround in wheat exports. Canadian exports to Japan posted a $6.7 \%$ increase while those to "other O.E.C.D." countries climbed $40.9 \%$.

## Imports (Seasonally Adjusted),

 Balance of Payments BasisThe modest increase in total August imports
was due primarily to a $4.8 \%$ increase in imports from the United States - again as with exports - due to automotive products. The $24.7 \%$ decline registered in imports from the United Kingdom largely reflected a drop in crude petroleum. The decline in imports from the United Kingdom and "other Countries" was largely offset by increases posted in imports from the rest of the world.
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(See tables on pages 8 to 11.)

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Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
August 1985
Balance of Payments Basis


1 Total Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
2 Year to year, quarter to quarter, month to month.
3 Seasonally Adjusted.
Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

Table 2
Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas
August 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | July August $\$$ millions |  | Period-to-Period Change |  |  |  | Year-to date \$ millions | Change Over Previous Year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | July \% | August \% | July August \$ millions |  |  |  |  |
| Total exports to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 7,166.6 | 7,947.8 | -7.0 | 10.9 | -541.1 | 781.2 | 61,819.1 | 10.9 | 6,051.9 |
| Japan | 456.0 | 486.7 | 0.2 | 6.7 | 1.1 | 30.7 | 3,659.3 | 0.8 | 28.6 |
| United Kingdom | 143.4 | 178.4 | -39.1 | 24.4 | -92.1 | 34.9 | 1,591.6 | -3.2 | -52.3 |
| Other E.E.C.Countries | 352.1 | 301.3 | 6.6 | -14.4 | 21.8 | -50.9 | 2,833.7 | -4.2 | -125.1 |
| Other O.E.C.D. Countries | 163.4 | 230.2 | 15.4 | 40.9 | 21.9 | 66.9 | 1,513.9 | 14.2 | 188.7 |
| Other Countries | 612.1 | 795.7 | -23.1 | 30.0 | -183.4 | 183.6 | 7,010.3 | -12.8 | -1,028.5 |
| Total | 8,893.8 | 9,940.1 | -8.0 | 11.8 | .771.8 | 1046.4 | 78,427.8 | 6.9 | 5,063.3 |
| Imports from: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 6,133.7 | 6,427.7 | -0.8 | 4.8 | -46.6 | 294.0 | 48,362.8 | 11.3 | 4,891.9 |
| Japan | 507.3 | 544.2 | 10.6 | 7.3 | 48.5 | 36.9 | 3,807.4 | 7.6 | 270.0 |
| United Kingdom | 373.7 | 281.3 | 32.6 | -24.7 | 91.9 | -92.4 | 1,853.0 | 21.9 | 332.7 |
| Other E.E.C.Countries | 587.5 | 638.6 | -7.1 | 8.7 | -45.1 | 51.1 | 4,453.5 | 18.1 | 682.8 |
| Other O.E.C.D. Countries | 247.0 | 314.6 | 1.1 | 27.4 | 2.8 | 67.6 | 1,817.2 | 16.4 | 256.3 |
| Other Countries | 797.7 | 694.0 | -21.1 | -13.0 | -212.9 | -103.8 | 6,763.6 | 1.7 | 113.0 |
| Total | 8,646.9 | 8,900.4 | -1.8 | 2.9 | -161.5 | 253.5 | 67,057.5 | 10.8 | 6,546.6 |
| Balance with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 1,033.0 | 1,520.1 |  |  | -494.5 | 487.1 | 13,456.3 |  | 1,160.0 |
| Japan | -51.3 | -57.5 |  |  | -47.4 | -6.3 | -148.1 |  | -241.3 |
| United Kingdom | -230.2 | -102.9 |  |  | -184.0 | 127.4 | -261.4 |  | -385.0 |
| Other E.E.C. Countries | -235.4 | -337.4 |  |  | 66.9 | -102.0 | -1,619.8 |  | -807.8 |
| Other O.E.C.D. Countries | -83.6 | -84.4 |  |  | 19.1 | -0.7 | -303.3 |  | -67.6 |
| Other Countries | -185.6 | 101.8 |  |  | 29.5 | 287.4 | 246.7 |  | -1,141.5 |
| Total | 246.8 | 1,039.7 |  |  | -610.3 | 792.9 | 11,370.4 |  | -1,483.3 |

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Table 3
Total Exports by Commodity
August 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis


Table 4
Imports by Commodity
August 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  |  |  | Period-to-Period Change |  |  |  | Year-to- <br> Date <br> \$ millions | Change Over Previous Year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July <br> $\$ \mathrm{mi}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { lions } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | Aug. \% |  | Aug. <br> ions |  |  |  |
| Live animals | 13.8 | 18.9 | 53.3 | 22.5 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 88.0 | 32.9 | 21.8 |
| Food, feed, beverages and tobacco | 467.9 | 477.1 | -2.0 | 2.0 | -9.5 | 9.2 | 3,902.7 | 2.8 | 106.1 |
| Meat and meat preparations | 31.9 | 30.1 | 29.1 | -5.6 | 7.2 | -1.8 | 286.4 | 3.1 | 8.7 |
| Fish and marine animals | 37.6 | 44.1 | -7.4 | 17.3 | -3.0 | 6.5 | 346.3 | 7.6 | 24.6 |
| Fresh fruits and berries | 67.3 | 66.2 | -1.8 | -1.6 | -1.2 | -1.1 | 585.9 | 10.9 | 57.8 |
| Dried fruits, fruits and fruit prep. | 34.6 | 44.0 | -31.1 | 27.2 | $-15.6$ | 9.4 | 337.2 | 2.0 | 6.7 |
| Fresh vegetables ${ }^{\text {Other vegetables and vegetable prep. }}$ | 38.5 27.0 | 47.0 27.4 | -15.4 7.6 | 22.15 | 7.0 1.9 | 8.5 | 356.7 208.1 | -3.5 | -11.9 |
| Cocoa, coffee, tea and other food prep. | 102.4 | 88.8 | 11.4 | -13.3 | 10.5 | -13.6 | 695.2 | -0.8 | -5.8 |
| Dairy products, eggs and honey | 11.5 | 13.2 | 16.2 | 14.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 92.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Corn (maize) shelled | 6.0 | 6.7 | -38.8 | 11.7 | -3.8 | 0.7 | 77.4 | 46.9 | 24.7 |
| Other cereals and cereal preparations | 23.2 | 19.6 | 3.1 | -15.5 | 0.7 | -3.6 | 169.9 | -3.3 | -5.8 |
| Sugar and sugar preparations | 28.6 | 38.2 | -9.2 | 33.6 | -2.9 | 9.6 | 295.1 | 10.3 -2 | - 27.5 |
| Fodder, feed, excluding unmilled cereal Beverages | 18.9 38.5 | 18.7 29.9 | -2.6 | -22.3 | -0.5 | -0.6 | 278.1 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Tobacco | 2.0 | 3.2 | -47.4 | 60.0 | -1.8 | 1.2 | 23.3 | -15.6 | -4.3 |
| Crude materials, inedible | 581.7 | 624.2 | -32.1 | 7.3 | -275.1 | 42.5 | 4,844.3 | -7.9 | -417.2 |
| Metals in ores, concentrates and scrap | 119.0 | 145.4 | 11.3 | 22.2 | 12.1 | 26.4 | 786.8 | -9.2 | -79.6 |
| Coal and other related products | 60.4 | 96.1 | -41.4 | 59.1 | -42.7 | 35.7 | 601.9 | -27.4 | -227.4 |
| Crude petroleum | 288.3 | 235.7 | -44.4 | -18.2 | -230.0 | -52.6 6.0 | 2,396.5 | -2.0 | -89.8 |
| Crude animal products | 15.9 34.6 | 21.9 49.2 | -23.6 | 47.2 | -1.9 | 14.6 | 30.5 | -10.0 | -33.3 |
| Crude wood products | 12.3 | 13.2 | -16.3 | 7.3 | -2.4 | 0.9 | 120.1 | 11.1 | 12.0 |
| Cotton | 5.4 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 53.3 | -35.6 | -29.4 |
| Wool and man-made fibres | 12.1 | 14.2 | -11.0 | 17.4 | -1.5 | 2.1 | 107.1 | -5.7 | -6.5 |
| Crude non-metallic minerals | 33.7 | 43.0 | -12.2 | 27.6 | -4.7 | 9.3 | 316.3 | 1.6 | 4.9 |
| Fabricated materials, inedible | 1,611.2 | 1,619.5 | 6.8 | 0.5 | -117.1 | 8.3 | 12,563.4 | 13.8 | 1,521.6 |
| Wood fabricated materials | 57.5 | 59.5 | 6.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 428.4 | -1.8 |  |
| Textile fabricated materials | 169.6 | 171.9 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 11.3 | 2.3 -7 | 1,209.4 | 4.9 6.3 |  |
| Organic chemicals | 135.9 132.2 | 128.5 | 0.8 0.5 | -5.4 | 1.1 | -7.4 -5.0 | 1,022.2 | 6.3 7.6 | 61.0 71.2 |
|  | 132.2 210.1 | 200.4 | -0.3 | -3.6 | -0.6 | -9.7 | 1,580.8 | 5.5 | 82.5 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 97.6 | 150.6 | -68.4 | 54.3 | -210.8 | 53.0 | 1,265.1 | 33.4 | 316.8 |
| Steel bars, rods, plates, sheets | 110.3 | 89.4 | 5.1 | -18.9 | 5.4 | -20.9 | 757.3 | 23.7 | 145.0 |
| Other iron and steel products | 66.9 | 78.3 | 11.9 | 17.0 | 7.1 | 11.4 | 547.2 | 13.2 | 63.9 |
| Precious metals including alloys | 172.9 | 134.8 | 60.1 | -22.0 | 64.9 | -38.1 | 1,109.1 |  |  |
| Other non-ferrous metals and alloys | 95.7 | 91.8 | 6.8 | -4.1 | 6.1 | -3.9 | 740.4 | -2.5 | -19.2 |
| Metal fabricated basic products | 125.7 | 145.1 19.1 | -7.2 3.0 | 15.4 -7.3 | -9.7 0.6 | 19.4 | $1,027.3$ 157.9 | 9.4 5.8 | 88.3 8.7 |
| Rubber fabricated materials Oils, fats, animal and vegetable | 20.6 16.5 | 19.1 21.2 | 3.0 5.8 | -78.3 | 0.6 0.9 | -1.5 | 155.9 | 5.8 | 8.2 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 86.3 | 85.3 | 1.4 | -1.2 | 1.2 | -1.0 | 662.8 | 17.0 | 96.2 |
| Other fabricated materials | 113.2 | 116.5 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 890.5 | 6.9 | 57.4 |
| End products, inedible | 6,002.8 | 6,200.3 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 259.1 | 197.5 | 45,899.7 | 11.9 | 4,891.3 |
| Engines, turbines and elec. motors | 54.1 | 55.6 | -15.3 | 2.8 | -9.8 | 1.5 | 555.4 | 17.1 | 81.3 |
| Drilling mining machinery | 75.5 | 69.8 | 4.4 | -7.5 | 3.2 | -5.7 | 526.8 | 35.5 | 138.1 |
| Excavating machinery | 77.5 | 90.4 | 38.4 | 16.6 | 21.5 | 12.9 | 544.8 | 31.6 | 130.7 |
| Metal working machinery | 95.9 | 78.1 | 20.0 | -18.6 | 16.0 | $-17.8$ | 655.9 | 21.3 | 115.1 |
| Other industrial machinery | 358.8 | 380.6 | -4.3 | 6.1 | -16.0 | 21.8 | 2,841.7 | 15.1 | 373.6 |
| Agricultural machinery incl. tractors | 148.6 | 155.0 | 8.5 | 4.3 | 11.7 | 6.4 | 1,127.5 | -6.8 | -82.7 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 966.6 | 1,011.6 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 29.4 | 45.0 | 7,357.5 | 43.4 15.5 | 2,227.6 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles <br> Motor vehicle pts., incl, eng. \& eng. pts. | 1,463.6 | 1,675.6 | -6.7 5 | -6.6 | 81.5 | 212.0 | 11,239.1 | 12.0 | 1,203.2 |
| Television, radios, phonographs | , 67.8 | 65.1 | -4.8 | -4.0 | -3.4 | -2.7 | 530.5 | -5.7 | -32.3 |
| Other commun. and related equipment | 321.6 | 313.4 | 5.4 | -2.5 | 16.5 | -8.2 | 2,516.8 | 0.6 | 14.1 |
| Office machines and equipment | 347.7 | 347.9 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 14.6 | 0.2 | 2,823.8 | -1.8 | -51.2 |
| Other equipment and tools | 563.1 | 593.3 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 30.2 | 4,361.4 | 8.6 | 344.2 |
| Aircraft, engines, parts | 253.6 | 184.3 | 23.3 | $-27.3$ | 47.9 | -69.3 | 1,722.8 | 8.7 | ${ }_{-60.6}$ |
| Other transportation equipment \& parts | 111.0 | 1064.4 | 9.0 20.3 | -9.1 | 28.7 | -15.4 | 1,172.3 | 3.7 | 41.8 |
| Footwear | 47.1 | 43.5 | 9.3 | -7.6 | 4.0 | -3.6 | 328.1 | 0.6 | 2.0 |
| Printed matter | 110.1 | 120.6 | 1.6 | 9.5 | 1.7 | 10.5 | 901.9 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Watches, sporting goods and toys | 91.4 | 71.8 | 17.2 | -21.4 | 13.4 | -19.6 | 643.5 | 8.3 | 49.4 |
| House furnishings | 95.7 | 99.8 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 728.5 | 1.5 | 10.5 |
| Photographic goods | 82.4 | 86.5 | -10.1 4.0 | 5.0 5.2 | -9.3 9.2 | 12.5 | 658.5 $1,836.7$ | -12.3 4.6 | -92.5 |
| Miscellaneous end products | 240.2 | 252.7 | 4.0 -197 | 10.5 | 9.2 -32.7 | 14.0 | 1,038.7 | 6.8 | 69.6 |
| Special transactions trade Unallocated BOP adjustments | -163.7 | 147.7 -185.3 | -19.7 -5.1 | 12.8 | -3.9 | 14.0 | -1,339.3 | -2.8 | 353.0 |
| Total imports | 8,646.9 | 8,900.4 | . 1.8 | 2.9 | -161.5 | 253.5 | 67,057.5 | 10.8 | 6,546.6 |

