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Imports, Total Exports, and Trade Balance, All Countries, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis


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# Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade - Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis November 1985 

## Overview

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canada's exports declined to a level of $\$ 10.0$ billion in November 1985, down a sharp $8.4 \%$ from a record $\$ 10.9$ billion attained in October. This decrease followed three consecutive monthly increases.

In contrast, November imports rose strongly by $8.9 \%$ or $\$ 781$ million to a record level of $\$ 9.5$ billion. The increase was concentrated in the automotive sector.

The net effect was a decline in the merchandise trade surplus to $\$ 500$ million from $\$ 2.2$ billion in October.

## Short-term Trends

## Exports

The short-term trend rate of growth for exports, which provides a better measure of month-tomonth movements in trade, slowed substantially - to less than $2.0 \%$ in the current period from over $4.0 \%$ in August and September. The slowdown reflects a moderation in the automotive sector from rates greater than $7.0 \%$ in August and September to less than $2.0 \%$. The trends for machinery as well as forestry, energy, agricultural and fish products showed similar patterns - relative strength in the last two months of the third quarter, followed by weakness in the current period. The rate of growth for industrial goods and materials has displayed continuing weakness since registering rates over $4.0 \%$ in January-February.

## Imports

The short-term trend rate of growth in imports has been positive for 12 consecutive months with an average monthly increase of $1.5 \%$ for the period. The trend for automotive products has shown strength since May, when it first recovered from declines of more than $3.0 \%$ in February and March of this year. The shortterm trends for industrial goods and materials,
machinery and consumer goods have shown moderate strength throughout the year. The trend for agricultural and fish products declined in the current period. Energy products recovered strongly ( $+\mathbf{1 0 . 4 \%}$ ) following average monthly declines of more than $13.5 \%$ in the third quarter of 1985 .

Commodity Analysis, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis

## Exports

The decline in November exports was widespread among all stages of fabrication. In crude materials, the most notable decline was recorded by coal ( $-68 \%$ ), following an increase of $75 \%$ the previous month. Declines in aluminum, precious metals and petroleum were the major contributors to a turndown of $\$ 210$ million in fabricated materials. A drop of $\$ 328$ million in end products was mainly concentrated in motor vehicles, which fell $13.1 \%$ following a decline of $2.3 \%$ in October. The declines reflected weak sales in the United States.

## Imports

In direct contrast to the widespread declines in exports, the increase in November imports was concentrated in the automotive sector. Imports of automobiles posted an increase of $21.2 \%$, while automotive parts rose $18.8 \%$. Imports of trucks registered a more modest rise of $7.8 \%$. Smaller gains were made in imports of crude petroleum, aircraft and coal.

Trading Partner Analysis, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis

## Exports

Canadian exports to almost all country groupings registered declines. The exception was "Other OECD" countries, for which there was a small increase. Almost half of the total decline was attributable to the United States, and most of that in motor vehicles. A further $30 \%$ of the decline was accounted for by Japan, primarily in coal products. Exports to "Other (continued on page 7)

Countries" declined $15 \%$, while more modest declines were registered for the United Kingdom and "Other EEC" countries.

## Imports

The sharp increase in November was primarily due to an $11.5 \%$ rise in imports from the United States, largely reflecting gains in the automo
tive sector. Imports from "Other Countries" advanced $12 \%$, while offsetting changes were recorded for imports from all other countries.

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-Table 1

## Merchandise Trade of Canada

November 1985
Balance of Payments Basis

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Imports } \\ \text { raw } \end{array}$ | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Period-to-period change ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. } 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | \$ millions |  |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |
| 1979 | 65,582 | 61,156 | 65,582 | 61,156 | 4,425 | 22.9 | 24.7 | 108 |
| 1980 | 76,680 | 67,901 | 76,680 | 67,901 | 8,779 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 4.354 |
| 1981 | 84,468 | 77,140 | 84,468 | 77,140 | 7,328 | 10.2 | 13.6 | $\cdot 1,451$ |
| 1982 | 84.540 | 66,726 | 84,540 | 66,726 | 17,814 | 0.1 | -13.5 | 10,486 |
| 1983 | 90,825 | 73,120 | 90,825 | 73,120 | 17,705 | 7.4 | 9.6 | -109 |
| 1984 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 20,667 | 23.4 | 25.1 | 2,963 |
| 1983 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 20,531 | 16,593 | 21,133 | 16,872 | 4,261 | 4.6 | 8.3 | . 370 |
| Second Quarter | 23,506 | 18,414 | 22,242 | 16,963 | 5,279 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 1,018 |
| Third Quarter | 21,533 | 17,867 | 22,655 | 18.772 | 3,883 | 1.9 | 10.7 | $\cdot 1,396$ |
| Fourth Quarter | 25,253 | 20,246 | 24,795 | 20,514 | 4,281 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 398 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 25,776 | 21,818 | 26,298 | 21.832 | 4,465 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 184 |
| Second Quarter | 29,341 | 24,161 | 27,642 | 22,479 | 5,163 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 698 |
| Third Quarter | 27,663 | 22,696 | 29,108 | 23,898 | 5,210 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 47 |
| Fourth Quarter | 29,338 | 22,775 | 29,070 | 23,241 | 5.829 | -0.1 | -2.8 | 619 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 28,928 | 23,793 | 29,812 | 24,393 | 5,418 | 2.6 | 5.0 | -411 |
| Second Quarter | 31,658 | 27,394 | 29,962 | 25,632 | 4,331 | 0.5 | 5.1 | -1,088 |
| Third Quarter | 28,019 | 25,468 | 29,728 | 26,686 | 3,042 | -0.8 | 4.1 | -1,289 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 8,244 | 6,530 | 8,806 | 7,090 | 1,716 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 207 |
| February | 8,353 | 7,226 | 8,548 | 7,205 | 1,343 | -2.9 | 1.6 | -373 |
| March | 9,178 | 8,062 | 8,944 | 7,537 | 1,407 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 65 |
| April | 9,107 | 7,820 | 8,978 | 7,228 | 1,750 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 343 |
| May | 10,258 | 8,509 | 9,409 | 7,736 | 1,673 | 4.8 | 7.0 | -77 |
| June | 9,976 | 7,832 | 9,256 | 7,516 | 1,740 | -1.6 | -2.8 | 68 |
| July | 9,207 | 7,515 | 9,661 | 7,747 | 1,914 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 174 |
| August | 8,924 | 8,026 | 9,763 | 8,453 | 1,310 | 1.1 | 9.1 | -604 |
| September | 9,533 | 7,154 | 9,683 | 7,699 | 1,984 | -0.8 | -8.9 | 674 |
| October | 10,250 | 8,150 | 9,950 | 7,643 | 2,307 | 2.8 | -0.7 | 322 |
| November | 10,114 | 7,725 | 9,644 | 7,670 | 1,974 | -3.1 | 0.4 | -333 |
| December | 8,974 | 6,900 | 9,475 | 7,928 | 1,547 | -1.8 | 3.4 | -427 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9,140 | 7,713 | 9,658 | 8,250 | 1,408 | 1.9 | 4.1 | -140 |
| February | 9,178 | 7,596 | 9,682 | 7,954 | 1,728 | 0.3 | -3.6 | 321 |
| March | 10,610 | 8,484 | 10,471 | 8,189 | 2,282 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 554 |
| April | 10,468 | 9,109 | 10,203 | 8,144 | 2,059 | -2.6 | -0.6 | - 223 |
| May | 10,820 | 9,241 | 10,037 | 8,583 | 1,454 | -1.6 | 5.4 | -606 |
| June | 10,370 | 9,044 | 9,723 | 8,904 | 819 | -3.1 | 3.7 | . 635 |
| July | 8,555 | 8,713 | 8,964 | 8,716 | 248 | . 7.8 | -2.1 | -571 |
| August | 8,934 | 8,227 | 10,050 | 9,010 | 1,040 | 12.1 | 3.4 | 792 |
| September | 10,531 | 8,528 | 10,714 | 8,959 | 1,755 | 6.6 | -0.6 | 716 |
| October | 11,188 | 9,180 | 10,939 | 8,739 | 2,200 | 2.1 | -2.5 | 445 |
| November | 10,367 | 9,255 | 10,020 | 9,520 | 500 | -8.4 | 8.9 | -1,700 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1984 | 103,144 | 84,550 | 102,642 | 83,522 | 19,120 | 24.8 | 26.4 | 2,923 |
| 1985 | 110,160 | 95,089 | 110,461 | 94,969 | 15,492 | 7.6 | 13.7 | -3,628 |

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
November 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis


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


Table 4

## Imports by Commodity

November 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Oct. | Nov. | Period-to-period change |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to- } \\ \text { date } \end{array}$ | Change over previous year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Oct. | Nov. | Oct. | Nov. |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |  | \$ millions | \% | \$ millions |
| Live animals | 7.4 | 4.7 | -5.1 | -36.5 | -0.4 | -2.7 | 107.9 | 21.5 | 19.1 |
| Food, feed, beverages and tobacco | 473.2 | 487.7 | -6.0 | 3.1 | -30.2 | 14.5 | 5,365.1 | 1.0 | 53.5 |
| Meat and meat preparations | 37.0 | 34.2 | -0.8 | -7.6 | -0.3 | -2.8 | 394.9 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Fish and marine animals | 36.2 | 38.9 | -7.2 | 7.5 | -2.8 | 2.7 | 460.5 | 2.9 | 12.9 |
| Fresh fruits and berries | 60.4 | 81.8 | -10.4 | 35.4 | -7.0 | 21.4 | 795.5 | 9.1 | 66.5 |
| Dried fruits, fruits and fruit prep. | 34.1 | 34.7 | -23.4 | 1.8 | -10.4 | 0.6 | 450.5 | -2.1 | -9.8 |
| Fresh vegetables | 38.6 | 50.3 | -19.4 | 30.3 | -9.3 | 11.7 | 493.5 | -2.1 | -10.4 |
| Other vegetables and vegetable prep. | 24.4 | 25.4 | -22.8 | 4.1 | -7.2 | 1.0 | 289.5 | -2.1 | -6.3 |
| Cocoa, coffee, tea and other food prep. | 80.8 | 89.8 | -12.9 | 11.1 | -12.0 | 9.0 | 959.0 | -1.4 | -13.4 |
| Dairy products, eggs and honey | 10.9 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 125.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Corn (maize) shelled | 7.9 | 8.9 | 64.6 | 12.7 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 99.0 | 15.3 | 13.1 |
| Other cereals and cereal preparations | 20.1 | 22.6 | -17.6 | 12.4 | -4.3 | 2.5 | 237.0 | -6.2 | -15.8 |
| Sugar and sugar preparations | 52.8 | 37.8 | 74.3 | -28.4 | 22.5 | -15.0 | 411.5 | 8.4 | 31.9 |
| Fodder, feed, excluding unmilled cereal | 23.6 | 22.0 | 11.3 | -6.8 | 2.4 | -1.6 | 218.4 | -5.7 | -13.3 |
| Beverages | 43.7 | 27.9 | -11.2 | -36.2 | -5.5 | -15.8 | 400.6 | 2.0 | 7.8 |
| Tobacco | 2.8 | 2.3 | 27.3 | -17.9 | 0.6 | -0.5 | 30.6 | -20.7 | -8.0 |
| Crude materials, inedible | 594.1 | 707.7 | -6.3 | 19.1 | -40.0 | 113.6 | 6,766.4 | -1.7 | -119.4 |
| Metals in ores, concentrates and scrap | 88.8 | 73.9 | -29.4 | -16.8 | -36.9 | -14.9 | 1,076.1 | -11.2 | -136.4 |
| Coal and other related products | 41.9 | 83.7 | -39.7 | 99.8 | -27.6 | 41.8 | 797.0 | -23.5 | -245.0 |
| Crude petroleum | 317.9 | 423.0 | 0.3 | 33.1 | 0.9 | 105.1 | 3,439.7 | 11.0 | 341.9 |
| Crude animal products | 18.8 | 20.6 | -2.6 | 9.6 | -0.5 | 1.8 | 220.6 | -3.5 | -8.0 |
| Crude vegetable products | 52.5 | 31.8 | 32.9 | -39.4 | 13.0 | -20.7 | 424.3 | -8.0 | -36.9 |
| Crude wood products | 14.7 | 16.7 | 12.2 | 13.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 164.6 | 10.5 | 15.7 |
| Cotton | 7.7 | 12.3 | 26.2 | 59.7 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 79.4 | -32.1 | -37.6 |
| Wool and man-made fibres | 14.2 | 13.5 | 7.6 | -4.9 | 1.0 | -0.7 | 147.9 | -5.6 | -8.8 |
| Crude non-metallic minerals | 37.4 | 32.3 | 21.8 | -13.6 | 6.7 | -5.1 | 416.4 | -1.1 | -4.7 |
| Fabricated materials, inedible | 1,639.9 | 1,681.7 | -0.2 | 2.5 | -3.1 | 41.8 | 17,542.0 | 14.3 | 2,196.7 |
| Wood fabricated materials | 64.2 | 57.2 | 5.8 | -10.9 | 3.5 | -7.0 | 613.4 | 1.5 | 9.1 |
| Textile fabricated materials | 176.0 | 177.3 | 9.2 | 0.7 | 14.8 | 1.3 | 1,724.4 | 8.6 | 137.1 |
| Organic chemicals | 119.5 | 123.7 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 1,383.8 | 2.8 | 37.5 |
| Plastic materials | 136.9 | 144.4 | 1.0 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 1,425.3 | 9.1 | 118.5 |
| Other chemicals and related prod. | 208.1 | 195.0 | 5.2 | -6.3 | 10.2 | -13.1 | 2,182.0 | 4.3 | 89.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 150.2 | 130.5 | 66.2 | -13.1 | 59.8 | -19.7 | 1,645.7 | 14.5 | 208.3 |
| Steel bars, rods, plates, sheets | 75.5 | 89.7 | -31.4 | 18.8 | -34.6 | 14.2 | 1,032.7 | 25.2 | 208.0 |
| Other iron and steel products | 93.5 | 81.5 | 22.9 | -12.8 | 17.4 | -12.0 | 796.1 | 17.1 | 116.2 |
| Precious metals including alloys | 150.2 | 161.8 | -23.5 | 7.7 | - 46.2 | 11.6 | 1,618.0 | 126.3 | 903.0 |
| Other non-ferrous metals and alloys | 94.7 | 115.0 | -7.3 | 21.4 | -7.5 | 20.3 | 1,054.7 | -0.6 | -6.4 |
| Metal fabricated basic products | 130.0 | 150.4 | -10.5 | 15.7 | -15.3 | 20.4 | 1,453.2 | 11.0 | 144.5 |
| Rubber fabricated materials | 17.5 | 20.0 | -6.9 | 14.3 | -1.3 | 2.5 | 214.3 | 3.6 | 7.4 |
| Oils, fats, animal and vegetable | 15.4 | 18.6 | -30.6 | 20.8 | -6.8 | 3.2 | 211.7 | -6.5 | -14.6 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 93.3 | 99.1 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 2.1 | 5.8 | 946.9 | 19.5 | 154.4 |
| Other fabricated materials | 114.8 | 117.5 | -1.9 | 2.4 | -2.2 | 2.7 | 1,239.6 | 7.3 | 84.2 |
| End products, inedible | 5,971.8 | 6,555.8 | -2.0 | 9.8 | -123.5 | 584.0 | 64,483.2 | 13.4 | 7,619.1 |
| Engines, turbines and elec. motors | 83.7 | 58.2 | 63.5 | -30.5 | 32.5 | -25.5 | 748.4 | 19.8 | 123.9 |
| Drilling mining machinery | 62.8 | 68.8 | -1.4 | 9.6 | -0.9 | 6.0 | 722.6 | 32.6 | 177.6 |
| Excavating machinery | 93.8 | 77.0 | 12.7 | -17.9 | 10.6 | -16.8 | 798.3 | 33.9 | 202.3 |
| Metal working machinery | 97.8 | 101.0 | 11.9 | 3.3 | 10.4 | 3.2 | 942.1 | 27.0 | 200.1 |
| Other industrial machinery | 408.1 | 423.1 | 6.1 | 3.7 | 23.6 | 15.0 | 4,056.2 | 16.0 | 558.1 |
| Agricultural machinery incl. tractors | 160.5 | 152.6 | 4.4 | -4.9 | 6.7 | -7.9 | 1,594.1 | -1.6 | -25.2 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 996.5 | 1,207.6 | 0.4 | 21.2 | 4.3 | 211.1 | 10,554.9 | 47.9 | 3,418.2 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 299.5 | 322.8 | -10.8 | 7.8 | -36.2 | 23.3 | 2,901.2 | 20.2 | 487.4 |
| Motor vehicle pts., incl. eng. \& eng. pts. | 1,403.2 | 1,667.1 | -2.3 | 18.8 | -32.3 | 263.9 | 15,746.4 | 13.5 | 1,870.8 |
| Television, radios, phonographs | 73.6 | 79.8 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 751.5 | -1.4 | -10.4 |
| Other commun. and related equipment | 295.8 | 298.4 | -4.0 | 0.9 | -12.2 | 2.6 | 3,416.7 | -3.0 | -106.8 |
| Office machines and equipment | 339.4 | 329.0 | 1.6 | -3.1 | 5.5 | -10.4 | 3,828.8 | -4.5 | -180.7 |
| Other equipment and tools | 558.7 | 613.7 | -3.4 | 9.8 | -19.5 | 55.0 | 6,115.0 | 9.7 | 542.9 |
| Aircraft, engines, parts | 176.9 | 223.8 | -41.4 | 26.5 | -125.1 | 46.9 | 2,384.9 | 13.7 | 286.5 |
| Other transportation equipment \& parts | 124.8 | 91.2 | 60.6 | -26.9 | 47.1 | -33.6 | 1,171.4 | -8.6 | -110.6 |
| Apparel and apparel accessories | 158.4 | 168.9 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 13.9 | 10.5 | 1,643.9 | 3.5 | 56.3 |
| Footwear | 46.5 | 35.7 | 5.2 | -23.2 | 2.3 | -10.8 | 454.6 | 3.8 | 16.8 |
| Printed matter | 114.9 | 126.5 | -7.3 | 10.1 | -9.0 | 11.6 | 1,267.3 | 0.6 | 7.9 |
| Watches, sporting goods and toys | 76.4 | 79.2 | -7.3 | 3.7 | -6.0 | 2.8 | 880.0 | 6.9 | 56.8 |
| House furnishings | 99.5 | 104.0 | -4.9 | 4.5 | -5.1 | 4.5 | 1,036.6 | 4.2 | 41.5 |
| Photographic goods | 86.9 | 92.1 | -6.9 | 6.0 | -6.4 | 5.2 | 931.4 | -10.5 | -109.7 |
| Miscellaneous end products | 214.3 | 235.5 | -13.9 | 9.9 | -34.5 | 21.2 | 2,537.2 | 4.8 | 116.7 |
| Special transactions trade | 126.2 | 142.4 | -8.6 | 12.8 | -11.8 | 16.2 | 1,498.8 | 6.1 | 88.3 |
| Unallocated BOP adjustments | -73.8 | -59.7 | 17.1 | -19.1 | -10.8 | 14.1 | .794.2 | -66.7 | :,591.3 |
| Total imports | 8,738.8 | 9,520.3 | -2.5 | 8.9 | . 219.8 | 781.5 | 94,969.3 | 13.7 | 11,448.9 |


[^0]:    (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

