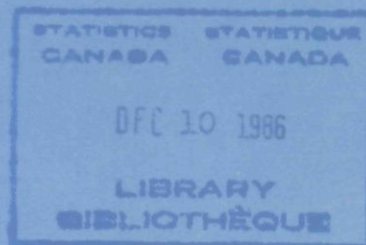


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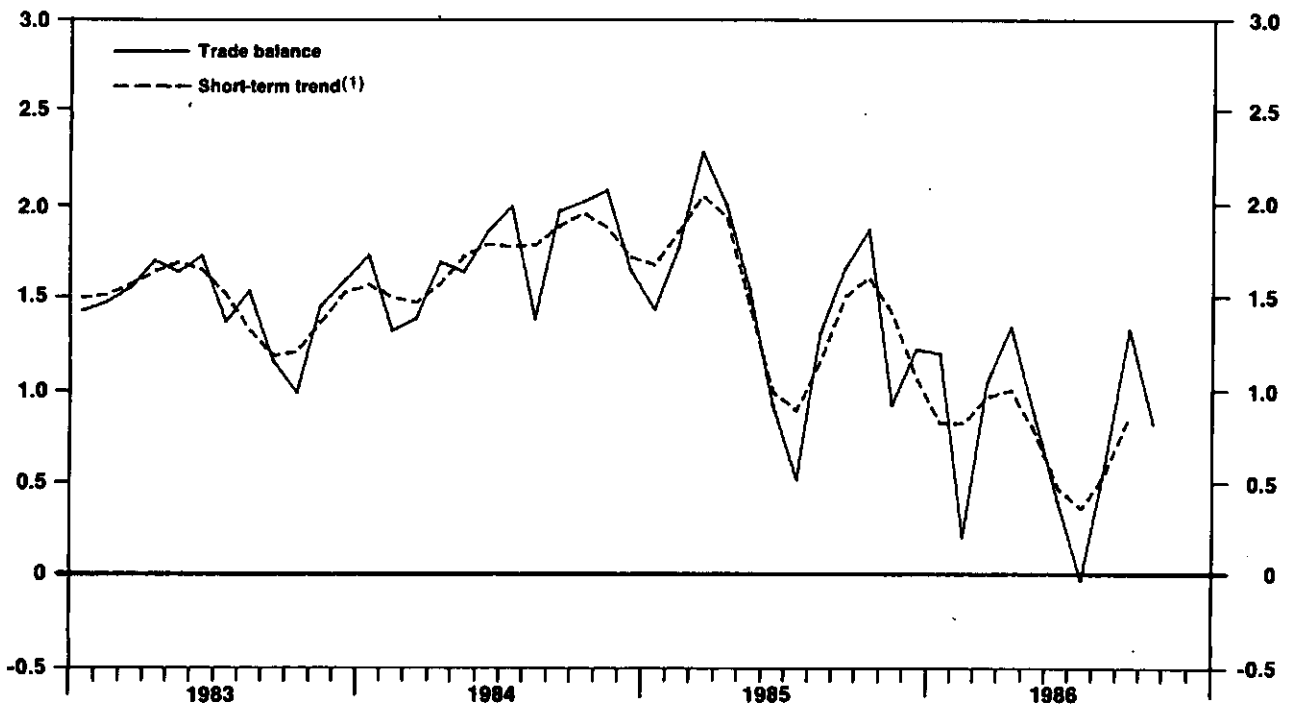
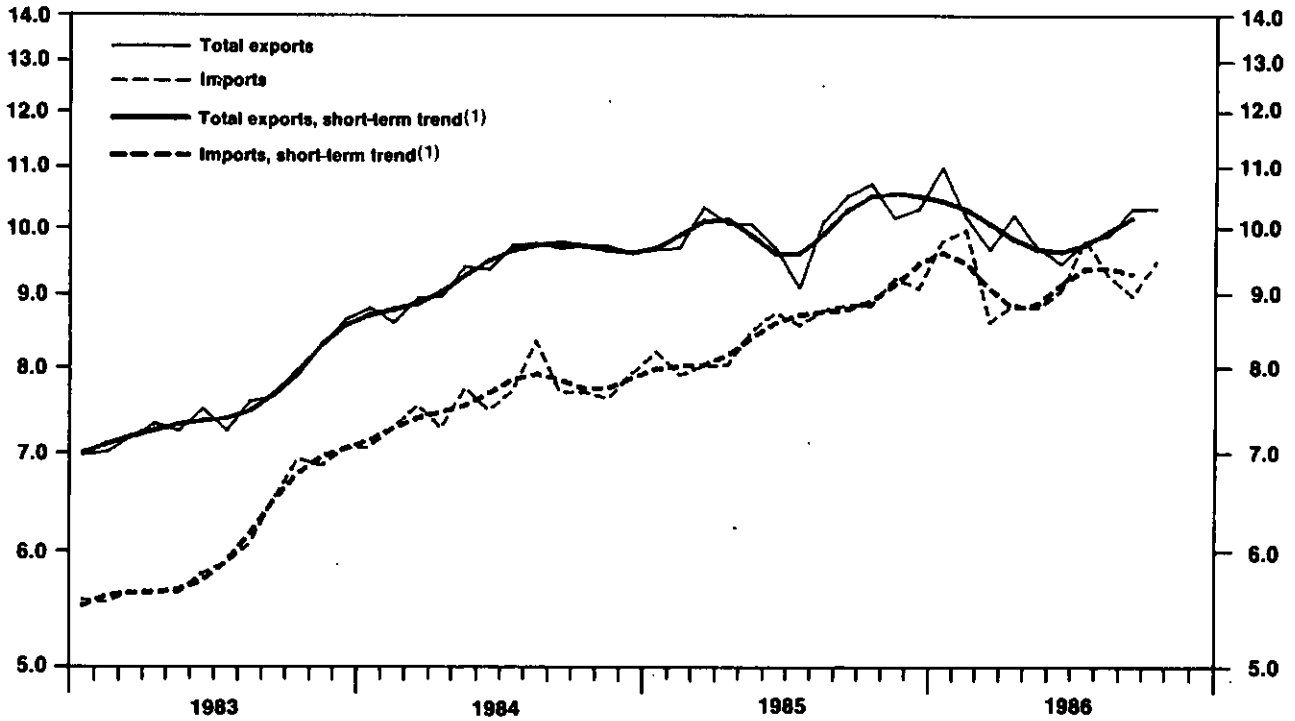
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**Imports, Total Exports, and Trade Balance, All Countries, Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis**

Billions of dollars

Billions of dollars



(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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Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis
October 1986

Month-to-month Overview

Preliminary estimates for October of total exports were \$10.3 billion, unchanged from the September level. Imports, following two monthly declines, rose \$507 million (+5.7%) to \$9.5 billion. As a result the trade surplus declined by an equivalent amount to a level of \$823 million.

Short-term Trend (excludes the latest month)

Total Exports

Total exports are in their third month of growth following seven monthly declines. Major advances were observed in automotive products, especially passenger cars, industrial goods and materials, principally precious metals, and machinery and equipment. Partly offsetting these gains, the trends for trucks and other motor vehicles and metal ores posted modest declines.

Imports

Contrary to the October data, imports registered their first decline after four consecutive advances. The largest drop occurred in motor vehicle parts with small declines observed in petroleum and coal products and industrial and agricultural machinery.

Commodity Highlights

Total Exports

Although total exports remained unchanged from the September level, several large offsetting movements were recorded. Advances were registered for automotive products (\$165 million), especially passenger cars and motor vehicle parts, wheat (\$118 million) and wood pulp and other wood products (\$72 million). Offsetting these gains was a decline in industrial goods and materials (\$321 million), principally in precious metals (\$153 million), other crude non-metallic minerals (\$78 million), and iron ore (\$49 million). Lumber exports also fell by \$59 million.

Imports

Several large advances were registered for imports. Increases occurred in machinery and equipment (\$265 million), primarily due to aircraft (\$151 million), motor vehicle parts (\$155 million), and crude petroleum (\$105 million). Declines were less prominent; \$38 million in precious metals and \$36 million in passenger autos and chassis.

Trading Partner Highlights

Total Exports

Export trade reversals occurred with all country groupings except the United Kingdom, where exports continued to increase for the third month. Exports to "Other Countries" increased \$152 million while declines were registered in exports to the United States, \$114 million and Japan, \$77 million.

Imports

Further gains were registered for imports from the United States (\$254 million) and the United Kingdom (\$118 million). Advances were also registered for Japan (\$130 million) and "Other OECD" (\$44 million) while small cutbacks occurred in imports from "Other EEC" and "Other Countries".

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Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
 October 1986
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Total exports ¹ raw	Imports raw	Total exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³	Period-to-period change ²		
						Total exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³
	\$ millions			%	%	\$ millions		
1980	76,680	67,903	76,680	67,903	8,778	16.9	11.0	4,354
1981	84,432	77,140	84,432	77,140	7,292	10.1	13.6	-1,486
1982	84,560	66,739	84,560	66,739	17,822	0.2	-13.5	10,529
1983	90,702	73,054	90,702	73,054	17,648	7.3	9.5	-174
1984	112,218	91,492	112,218	91,492	20,726	23.7	25.2	3,078
1985	120,258	102,783	120,258	102,783	17,475	7.2	12.3	-3,251
1984								
First quarter	25,764	21,813	26,344	21,900	4,444	5.9	5.0	408
Second quarter	29,442	24,162	27,714	22,527	5,187	5.2	2.9	743
Third quarter	27,657	22,723	29,139	23,791	5,348	5.1	5.6	161
Fourth quarter	29,356	22,794	29,021	23,274	5,747	-0.4	-2.2	399
1985								
First quarter	28,926	23,668	29,662	24,175	5,487	2.2	3.9	-260
Second quarter	31,652	27,169	29,759	25,280	4,479	0.3	4.6	-1,008
Third quarter	28,133	25,392	29,678	26,184	3,494	-0.3	3.6	-985
Fourth quarter	31,547	26,554	31,158	27,143	4,014	5.0	3.7	520
1986								
First quarter	29,576	27,275	30,802	28,348	2,454	-1.1	4.4	-1,560
Second quarter	31,390	29,227	29,313	26,686	2,627	-4.8	-5.9	173
Third quarter	28,353	27,143	29,945	28,042	1,903	2.2	5.1	-724
1985								
January	9,145	7,695	9,654	8,218	1,436	0.7	3.5	-209
February	9,177	7,569	9,685	7,921	1,764	0.3	-3.6	329
March	10,604	8,403	10,323	8,036	2,287	6.6	1.5	523
April	10,453	9,029	10,050	8,050	2,000	-2.6	0.2	-287
May	10,863	9,155	10,040	8,487	1,553	-0.1	5.4	-447
June	10,335	8,986	9,669	8,742	927	-3.7	3.0	-626
July	8,561	8,622	9,086	8,564	522	-6.0	-2.0	-405
August	8,983	8,203	10,083	8,770	1,313	11.0	2.4	791
September	10,589	8,567	10,510	8,850	1,660	4.2	0.9	347
October	11,206	9,245	10,710	8,841	1,869	1.9	-0.1	209
November	10,373	9,118	10,146	9,221	925	-5.3	4.3	-944
December	9,969	8,191	10,302	9,081	1,221	1.5	-1.5	296
1986								
January	10,201	9,145	10,987	9,786	1,201	6.6	7.8	-20
February	9,540	9,481	10,161	9,954	207	-7.5	1.7	-994
March	9,835	8,650	9,654	8,608	1,046	-5.0	-13.5	839
April	10,765	10,246	10,192	8,848	1,344	5.6	2.8	298
May	10,332	9,387	9,679	8,799	880	-5.0	-0.6	-464
June	10,293	9,594	9,441	9,038	403	-2.5	2.7	-477
July	9,241	9,683	9,781	9,807	-26	3.6	8.5	-429
August	8,707	8,513	9,869	9,270	599	0.9	-5.5	626
September	10,405	8,948	10,295	8,966	1,329	4.3	-3.3	730
October	10,644	9,694	10,297	9,474	823	0.0	5.7	-507
Year-to-date								
1985	99,917	85,474	99,810	84,481	15,329	7.4	11.3	-1,670
1986	99,963	93,339	100,357	92,550	7,806	0.5	9.6	-7,523

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
 October 1986
 Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

	Sept.	Oct.	Period-to-period change				Year-to-date	Change over previous year	
			Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		%	\$ millions
	\$ millions		%		\$ millions		\$ millions	%	\$ millions
Total exports to:									
United States	8,181.0	8,067.3	6.6	-1.4	503.4	-113.7	78,036.9	-0.2	-186.7
Japan	548.3	471.7	0.4	-14.0	2.2	-76.6	5,110.2	1.5	73.5
United Kingdom	234.0	268.5	1.7	14.7	3.9	34.4	2,225.5	11.3	226.6
Other EEC Countries	440.0	456.0	-5.3	3.6	-24.8	15.9	4,414.9	20.8	759.4
Other OECD Countries	196.7	186.9	1.2	-5.0	2.3	-9.8	1,779.4	-10.3	-205.0
Other Countries	694.9	846.4	-8.1	21.8	-61.5	151.5	8,789.7	-1.4	-121.0
Total	10,295.0	10,296.7	4.3	0.0	425.6	1.7	100,356.5	0.5	546.8
Imports from:									
United States	6,332.8	6,586.7	0.6	4.0	39.2	253.9	64,540.6	6.4	3,887.6
Japan	542.3	672.4	-19.7	24.0	-132.8	130.1	6,311.6	28.6	1,402.7
United Kingdom	276.5	394.4	9.2	42.7	23.2	118.0	3,033.4	25.3	613.2
Other EEC Countries	769.5	747.3	-1.8	-2.9	-14.1	-22.2	7,388.3	28.3	1,629.5
Other OECD Countries	186.5	230.8	-37.7	23.8	-112.6	44.4	2,300.7	-3.9	-92.9
Other Countries	858.2	842.3	-11.1	-1.8	-107.0	-15.9	8,975.6	7.5	629.5
Total	8,965.7	9,474.1	-3.3	5.7	-304.1	508.3	92,550.2	9.6	8,069.7
Balance with:									
United States	1,848.2	1,480.6			464.3	-367.6	13,496.3		-4,074.3
Japan	6.0	-200.8			135.1	-206.8	-1,201.4		-1,329.2
United Kingdom	-42.4	-126.0			-19.3	-83.5	-807.9		-386.6
Other EEC Countries	-329.5	-291.3			-10.7	38.1	-2,973.4		-870.1
Other OECD Countries	10.2	-44.0			115.0	-54.2	-521.3		-112.1
Other Countries	-163.3	4.1			45.5	167.4	-185.9		-750.5
Total	1,329.2	822.6			729.7	-506.6	7,806.3		-7,522.9

Note: Prior to 1986 Portugal and Spain were not included in the EEC.

Table 3
Total Exports by Commodity Groupings
 October 1986
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Year-to-date		Percentage changes		
				Value	% change	Oct. '86/ Oct. '85	Oct. '85/ Oct. '84	Oct. '84/ Oct. '83
	\$ millions							
Agricultural and fishing products	813.6	867.5	937.5	9,073.6	3.3	-6.0	3.8	9.3
Wheat	108.2	144.5	262.5	2,418.0	-19.5	-37.3	19.4	-8.6
Other agricultural and fishing products	705.4	723.1	675.0	6,655.7	15.2	16.9	-5.5	23.2
Energy products	888.7	896.8	885.9	9,595.2	-31.0	-43.2	20.6	26.5
Crude petroleum*	287.3	280.4	290.9	3,144.5	-35.8	-47.9	36.2	36.8
Natural gas	212.6	209.2	201.2	2,141.8	-36.9	-37.8	0.6	19.6
Other energy products	388.9	407.2	393.8	4,308.9	-23.4	-41.8	20.3	23.8
Forestry products	1,531.7	1,435.7	1,473.8	14,705.3	10.6	7.4	-2.0	19.1
Lumber and sawmill products	550.8	533.9	473.7	5,445.5	11.2	-11.4	6.7	10.9
Wood pulp and other wood products	345.5	302.4	374.9	3,314.5	16.3	37.4	-23.7	35.2
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	635.4	599.4	625.3	5,945.3	7.2	10.3	4.6	17.7
Industrial goods and materials	1,980.2	2,182.3	1,861.2	19,321.1	1.9	0.1	1.0	18.4
Metal ores	277.8	326.8	247.8	3,392.0	-5.6	-25.7	-15.6	56.4
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	413.6	421.0	414.1	4,190.1	-1.1	1.3	-1.6	12.0
Metals and alloys	818.4	928.7	776.5	7,253.3	8.5	18.3	13.6	-8.0
Other industrial goods and materials	470.4	505.8	422.8	4,485.7	0.8	-4.1	4.8	41.4
Machinery and equipment	1,563.0	1,593.3	1,629.2	15,363.3	8.8	10.7	10.4	34.1
Industrial and agricultural machinery	374.3	365.3	363.4	3,615.9	5.0	5.6	-0.9	33.9
Aircraft and other transportation equip.	435.8	427.7	463.1	3,938.2	34.9	48.6	13.1	22.0
Other machinery and equipment	753.0	800.3	802.7	7,809.2	0.7	-1.6	14.8	39.6
Automotive products	2,729.4	2,927.8	3,092.3	28,588.0	4.9	-3.8	20.7	33.3
Passenger autos and chassis	1,326.6	1,655.1	1,743.1	14,112.0	9.9	8.3	22.0	63.5
Trucks and other motor vehicles	515.3	338.5	364.0	5,001.8	-2.6	-33.8	15.8	10.7
Motor vehicle parts	887.5	934.1	985.2	9,474.2	2.3	-4.4	21.6	16.8
Other consumer goods	212.2	210.7	217.0	1,952.2	19.2	23.6	14.6	21.7
Special transactions trade*	23.1	33.8	28.9	274.3	-18.2	-11.9	-28.6	141.5
Unallocated BOP adjustments	127.6	147.1	170.8	1,483.6	-2.8	-4.5	35.3	536.3
Total exports	9,869.4	10,294.9	10,296.7	100,356.5	0.5	-5.0	10.3	25.7

* Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted.

Total Exports by Major Country Groupings, 1983 to 1986

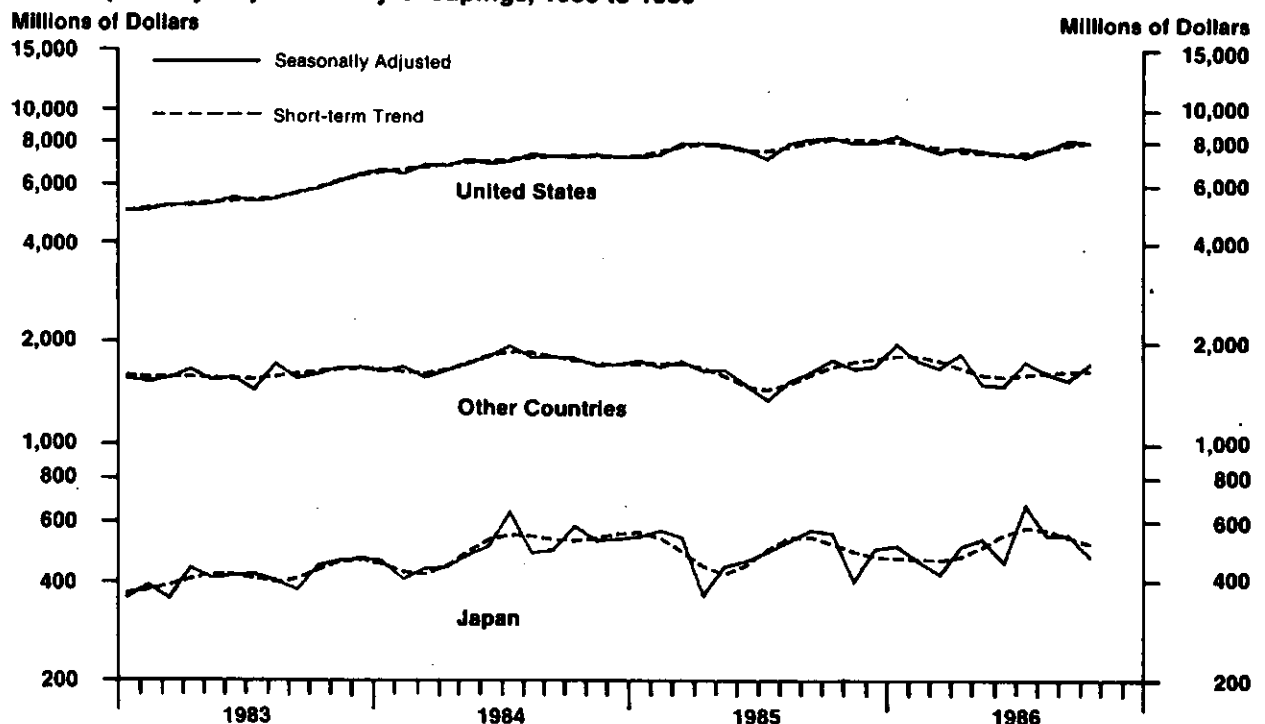


Table 4
Imports by Commodity Groupings
 October 1986
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Year-to-date		Percentage changes		
				Value	% change	Oct. '86/ Oct. '85	Oct. '85/ Oct. '84	Sept. '84/ Sept. '83
	\$ millions							
Agricultural and fishing products	577.6	599.5	601.5	5,933.7	10.2	9.5	-6.7	32.3
Fruits and vegetables	197.8	189.9	187.4	1,945.6	7.1	9.1	-12.1	22.1
Other agricultural and fishing products	379.8	409.6	414.1	3,988.1	11.9	9.7	-4.4	37.2
Energy products	390.2	338.6	432.7	4,426.4	-15.7	-17.8	6.3	-30.0
Crude petroleum	176.3	167.0	271.7	2,404.6	-21.5	-19.3	37.1	-55.7
Other energy products	213.9	171.5	161.0	2,021.8	-7.6	-16.0	-16.9	24.0
Forestry products	83.4	88.6	100.4	824.9	17.5	30.2	12.1	12.6
Industrial goods and materials	1,806.5	1,710.6	1,668.0	17,000.7	9.7	0.2	13.7	19.0
Metals and metal ores	692.5	628.3	569.4	5,802.7	15.6	1.2	23.4	20.7
Chemicals and plastics	469.6	462.7	461.9	4,809.9	6.1	-2.6	4.8	25.6
Other industrial goods and materials	644.4	619.6	636.7	6,388.0	7.4	1.3	12.8	13.0
Machinery and equipment	2,667.9	2,476.9	2,741.9	25,766.2	10.9	10.2	9.6	27.1
Industrial and agricultural machinery	933.8	851.8	866.3	9,032.1	14.0	-3.4	25.2	26.5
Aircraft and other transportation equip.	463.9	304.9	498.9	3,665.1	15.2	33.5	27.8	3.5
Office machines and equipment	322.8	355.6	373.7	3,646.2	3.7	8.8	-5.6	31.1
Other machinery and equipment	947.4	964.6	1,003.0	9,422.9	9.4	15.2	-1.5	35.1
Automotive products	2,607.5	2,649.6	2,785.6	27,762.5	7.8	0.0	22.3	15.4
Passenger autos and chassis	773.5	1,043.5	1,007.4	10,226.8	10.9	-5.0	48.5	4.7
Trucks and other motor vehicles	280.3	341.4	358.6	2,936.4	14.5	21.6	20.8	35.4
Motor vehicle parts	1,553.7	1,264.7	1,419.5	14,599.3	4.5	-0.7	7.7	19.0
Other consumer goods	1,034.5	1,015.2	1,014.2	9,954.6	16.0	13.4	1.4	30.0
Apparel and footwear	251.4	269.0	246.5	2,391.7	26.4	17.9	8.6	30.3
Miscellaneous consumer goods	783.1	746.2	767.7	7,562.9	13.0	12.3	-0.1	30.0
Special transactions trade	148.2	137.3	183.2	1,489.1	10.8	40.4	-11.8	87.9
Unallocated BOP adjustments	-46.0	-50.5	-53.4	-607.9	-52.5	-4.6	-70.2	67.4
Total imports	9,269.8	8,965.7	9,474.1	92,550.2	9.6	4.9	13.2	17.0

Imports by Major Country Groupings, 1983 to 1986

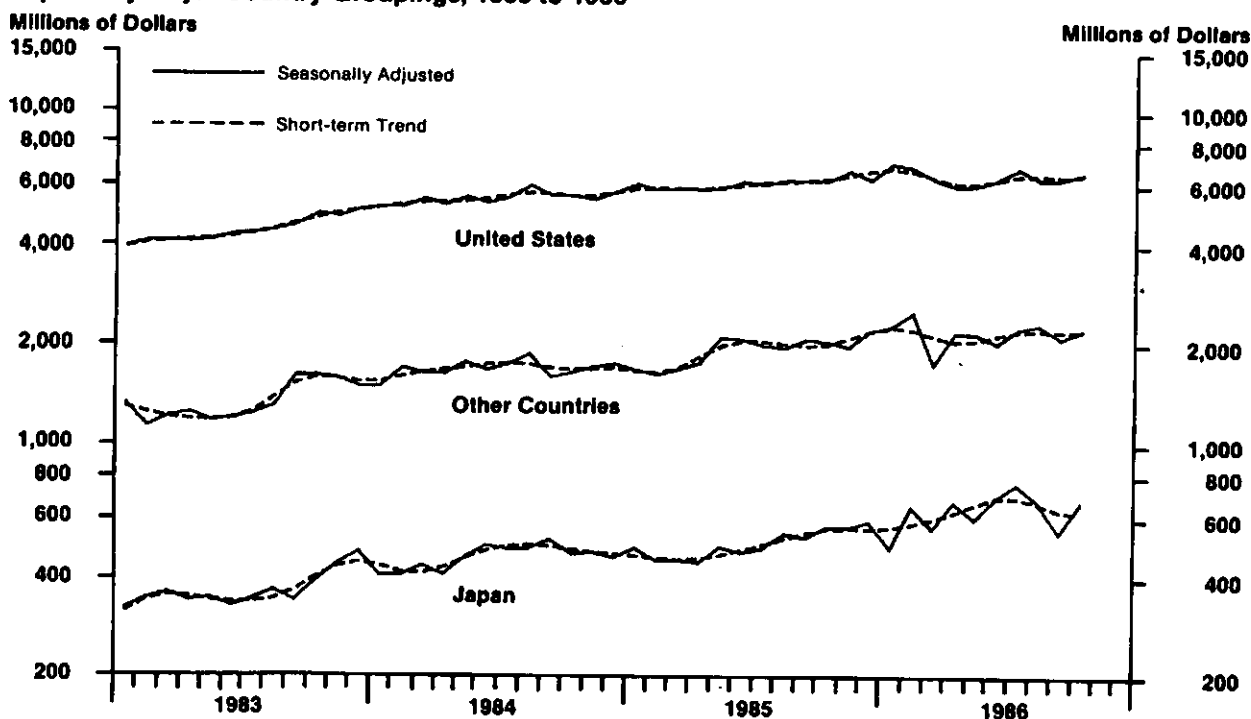


Table 5
Merchandise Trade of Canada
Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes

October 1986

Seasonally adjusted, Balance of Payment basis

	Constant (1981) dollars ¹				Unit value (Laspeyres) price indexes ²			
	Total exports ³ Imports		Period-to-period change ⁴		1981 = 100.0		Period-to-period change ⁴	
			Total exports ³	Imports	Total exports ³	Imports	Total exports ³	Imports
	\$ millions		%				%	
1981	84,432	77,140			100.0	100.0	7.6	11.9
1982	83,782	64,612	-0.8	-16.2	101.3	104.1	1.3	4.1
1983	89,960	70,768	7.4	9.5	101.3	104.1	-0.1	-0.1
1984	106,639	84,453	18.5	19.3	105.4	110.0	4.1	5.7
1985	112,965	92,336	5.9	9.3	106.5	113.7	1.1	3.4
1984								
First quarter	25,311	20,657	3.3	2.8	104.2	107.2	2.4	1.8
Second quarter	26,210	20,865	3.5	1.0	106.3	109.9	2.1	2.5
Third quarter	27,471	21,744	4.8	4.2	106.6	111.9	0.3	1.8
Fourth quarter	27,647	21,187	0.6	-2.6	105.7	112.5	-0.9	0.5
1985								
First quarter	28,371	21,960	2.6	3.6	105.9	112.8	0.2	0.2
Second quarter	27,918	22,752	-1.6	3.6	107.4	114.1	1.3	1.2
Third quarter	27,586	23,518	-1.2	3.4	107.0	113.6	-0.3	-0.4
Fourth quarter	29,089	24,106	5.4	2.5	106.8	115.7	-0.3	1.9
1986								
First quarter	29,197	24,949	0.4	3.5	105.8	116.8	-0.9	1.0
Second quarter	28,346	23,902	-2.9	-4.2	104.3	112.9	-1.4	-3.3
Third quarter	29,060	25,166	2.5	5.3	103.9	113.1	-0.4	0.2
1985								
January	9,284	7,547	1.2	4.4	105.1	111.5	0.1	-0.8
February	9,280	7,170	0.0	-5.0	106.1	112.5	0.9	0.8
March	9,807	7,242	5.7	1.0	106.8	114.5	0.6	1.8
April	9,517	7,235	-3.0	-0.1	107.1	113.8	0.3	-0.6
May	9,399	7,671	-1.2	6.0	107.4	114.3	0.3	0.4
June	9,001	7,845	-4.2	2.3	107.4	114.1	0.0	-0.2
July	8,478	7,706	-5.8	-1.8	106.6	113.4	-0.7	-0.6
August	9,363	7,880	10.4	2.3	106.9	113.5	0.3	0.1
September	9,745	7,933	4.1	0.7	107.5	114.3	0.5	0.7
October	10,026	7,936	2.9	0.0	106.8	114.9	-0.6	0.6
November	9,416	8,170	-6.1	3.0	106.7	115.6	-0.1	0.5
December	9,646	8,001	2.4	-2.1	106.8	116.8	0.1	1.1
1986								
January	10,340	8,605	7.2	7.6	106.8	117.9	0.0	0.9
February	9,598	8,732	-7.2	1.5	105.7	117.3	-1.0	-0.5
March	9,259	7,612	-3.5	-12.8	104.9	114.4	-0.8	-2.5
April	9,846	7,746	6.3	1.8	104.3	113.1	-0.6	-1.1
May	9,410	7,980	-4.4	3.0	104.0	112.8	-0.3	-0.3
June	9,090	8,175	-3.4	2.4	104.7	112.9	0.7	0.1
July	9,508	8,763	4.6	7.2	103.8	112.5	-0.9	-0.4
August	9,656	8,409	1.6	-4.0	103.5	112.7	-0.3	0.2
September	9,896	7,994	2.5	-4.9	104.3	114.0	0.8	1.2
October	9,817	8,446	-0.8	5.7	105.4	114.7	1.1	0.6
Year-to-date								
1985	93,900	76,165	6.5	8.4				
1986	96,419	82,462	2.7	8.3				

¹ The Paasche current weighted price index used to calculate constant dollars can be derived by dividing current values by the constant dollars above.

² The Laspeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1981 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.

³ Total exports = domestic exports + re-exports.

⁴ Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.