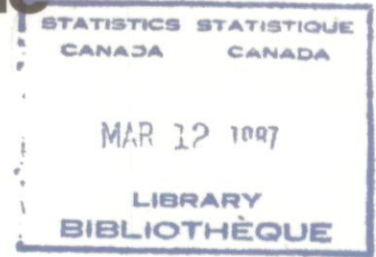




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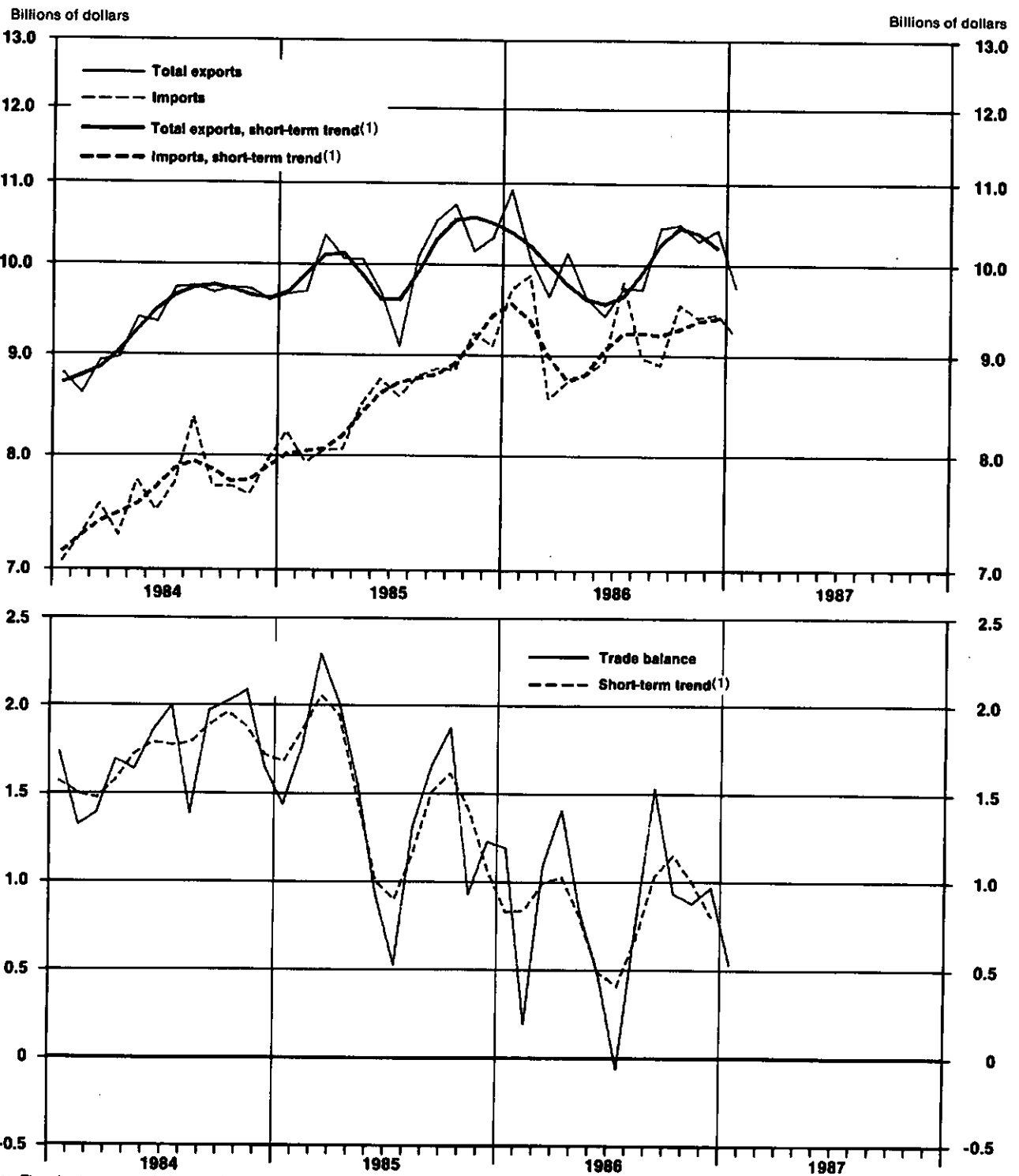
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Exports fell by \$670 million to \$9.7 billion, the largest decrease in eleven months.
- Imports fell by \$237 million to \$9.2 billion.
- The merchandise trade surplus decreased by more than \$400 million, falling to \$533 million, the lowest level since the July 1986 deficit.
- Although there was a downward trend in exports for a second straight month, the upward trend in imports continued.

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



(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

January 1987

Month-to-month Overview

According to preliminary estimates for January 1987, the total value of exports, adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, was \$9.7 billion, a decline of \$670 million, or 6.4%, from the month before. This is the largest decrease in the last eleven months for exports. Imports also fell, though less than exports: they dropped by \$237 million, or 2.5%, to a level of \$9.2 billion. Because exports fell more than imports, the merchandise trade surplus was reduced by more than \$400 million; it dropped from the December 1986 level of \$965 million to \$533 million in January 1987. This is the smallest surplus recorded since the July 1986 deficit.

Short-Term Trend (excludes the latest month)

Total Exports

Total exports fell for the second month straight, reversing the upward trend signalled by the successive increases from July to October 1986. The falling trend for exports of industrial goods, industrial machinery and passenger autos deteriorated further for a second consecutive month. However, the upward trend accelerated for exports of wheat, trucks and aluminum. In the case of truck exports, the improvement represented a reversal of the falling trend recorded in previous months.

Imports

The upward trend for imports continued. The rise was distributed among most of the categories, but applied mainly to imports of industrial and agricultural machinery and crude petroleum, which rose for the third month straight. Although the downward trend for imports of automotive products and, especially, passenger autos and chassis accelerated in January, it was unable to offset the upward trends in the other categories.

Commodity Highlights

Total Exports

The decline in exports in January 1987 was largely attributable to the drop of \$448 million in exports of passenger autos, which fell to \$1.2 billion, their lowest level since July 1985. This decrease coincided with a significant slowing of retail automobile sales in the United States. Other notable decreases were recorded for exports of machinery and equipment, particularly aircraft exports, which fell by \$154 million to \$219 million, and for aluminum exports, which, after reaching a peak in December 1986, fell by \$106 million to \$195 million. These declines were only partly offset by the increase of \$126 million for forestry products, which rose to \$1.6 billion, and the increase of \$83 million in exports of precious metals, which rose to \$102 million.

Imports

The major contributors to the slowing in imports in January 1987 were imports of motor vehicle parts and machinery and equipment, which fell by \$199 million and \$139 million respectively. However, crude petroleum imports, which had fluctuated around \$200 million since March 1986, posted a significant increase on the order of \$103 million, rising to \$356 million. Truck imports, which had fallen by nearly \$70 million in December 1986, rose to \$341 million in January 1987, a gain of \$53 million.

Trading Partner Highlights

Total Exports

The decrease in total exports was attributable to the drop in exports to the United States (-\$648 million), "other countries" (-\$171 million) and the United Kingdom (-\$14 million). Despite this decline, exports to the United States, at \$7.4 billion, continued to represent more than 75% of total Canadian exports. Increases were recorded in exports to Japan (+\$74 million), "other EEC countries" (+\$73 million) and "other OECD countries" (+\$17 million).

Imports

Imports from the United States fell by \$333 million to \$6.2 billion in January 1987, the lowest level in the last five months. Imports from the United Kingdom and "other EEC countries" posted slight drops of \$15 million and \$7 million respectively, but increases were recorded for imports from "other OECD countries" (+\$51 million), "other countries" (+\$45 million) and Japan (+\$22 million). Imports from Japan (\$637 million in January 1987) have stood at more than half a billion dollars a month since February 1986.

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Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
 January 1987
 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
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
1986	120,631	110,498	120,631	110,498	10,132	0.3	7.5	-7,343
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	29,516	27,109	30,566	28,103	2,463	-1.9	3.5	-1,552
Second quarter	31,350	29,036	29,127	26,424	2,703	-4.7	-6.0	241
Third quarter	28,387	26,782	29,829	27,628	2,201	2.4	4.6	-502
Fourth quarter	31,379	27,572	31,109	28,343	2,765	4.3	2.6	565
1986								
January	10,177	9,093	10,894	9,708	1,186	5.7	6.9	-34
February	9,488	9,418	10,049	9,860	189	-7.8	1.6	-997
March	9,850	8,598	9,623	8,536	1,087	-4.2	-13.4	898
April	10,742	10,132	10,116	8,711	1,405	5.1	2.1	318
May	10,307	9,404	9,608	8,787	821	-5.0	0.9	-584
June	10,301	9,500	9,403	8,926	477	-2.1	1.6	-344
July	9,228	9,685	9,716	9,785	-69	3.3	9.6	-546
August	8,581	8,220	9,700	8,957	743	-0.2	-8.5	812
September	10,577	8,876	10,413	8,887	1,526	7.4	-0.8	783
October	10,855	9,764	10,455	9,528	927	0.4	7.2	-599
November	10,494	9,135	10,260	9,387	873	-1.9	-1.5	-55
December	10,030	8,672	10,393	9,428	965	1.3	0.4	92
1987								
January	9,150	8,620	9,724	9,191	533	-6.4	-2.5	-432
Year-to-date								
1986	10,177	9,093	10,894	9,708	1,186	12.8	18.1	-249
1987	9,150	8,620	9,724	9,191	533	-10.7	-5.3	-654

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
 January 1987
 Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

	Dec.	Jan.	Period-to-period change				Year-to-date	Change over previous year	
			Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.		\$ millions	% \$ millions
			\$ millions	%	%	\$ millions			
Total exports to:									
United States	8,021.8	7,374.2	2.3	-8.1	179.2	-647.5	7,374.2	-12.1	-1,012.7
Japan	478.1	551.8	6.6	15.4	29.6	73.7	551.8	9.0	45.6
United Kingdom	238.7	224.3	0.3	-6.0	0.8	-14.4	224.3	2.0	4.4
Other EEC Countries	425.3	498.1	-8.7	17.1	-40.6	72.8	498.1	11.3	50.5
Other OECD Countries	201.3	218.2	-19.8	8.4	-49.6	16.9	218.2	-13.1	-33.0
Other Countries	1,028.3	856.9	1.4	-16.7	14.0	-171.3	856.9	-20.8	-225.1
Total	10,393.4	9,723.7	1.3	-6.4	133.5	-669.8	9,723.7	-10.7	-1,170.2
Imports from:									
United States	6,532.9	6,199.7	-2.3	-5.1	-156.1	-333.2	6,199.7	-11.0	-764.6
Japan	615.5	637.4	-4.5	3.6	-29.2	21.9	637.4	30.9	150.4
United Kingdom	413.1	398.0	90.6	-3.7	196.4	-15.1	398.0	2.6	10.0
Other EEC Countries	773.7	766.9	5.2	-0.9	38.0	-6.8	766.9	3.5	25.9
Other OECD Countries	182.4	233.0	-32.2	27.7	-86.6	50.6	233.0	11.3	23.7
Other Countries	910.8	956.1	9.5	5.0	78.8	45.3	956.1	4.2	38.1
Total	9,428.5	9,191.1	0.4	-2.5	41.4	-237.3	9,191.1	-5.3	-516.4
Balance with:									
United States	1,488.9	1,174.6			335.4	-314.3	1,174.6		-248.1
Japan	-137.3	-85.5			58.8	51.8	-85.5		-104.8
United Kingdom	-174.4	-173.7			-195.6	0.8	-173.7		-5.6
Other EEC Countries	-348.4	-268.8			-78.6	79.6	-268.8		24.6
Other OECD Countries	18.8	-14.8			37.0	-33.7	-14.8		-56.7
Other Countries	117.4	-99.2			-64.8	-216.6	-99.2		-263.2
Total	965.0	532.5			92.1	-432.4	532.5		-653.8

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

Table 3
Total Exports by Commodity Groupings

January 1987

Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
						Percentage changes		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Year-to-date		Jan. '87/ Jan. '86	Jan. '86/ Jan. '85	Jan. '85/ Jan. '84
Value				% change				
	\$ millions							
Agricultural and fishing products	965.1	1,065.6	981.3	981.3	-7.2	-5.4	17.8	-1.1
Wheat	292.0	328.5	315.2	315.2	-23.2	-19.7	46.5	-16.5
Other agricultural and fishing products	673.2	737.1	666.1	666.1	2.9	0.1	9.5	4.4
Energy products	788.3	942.9	900.5	900.5	-36.1	-37.9	22.8	-7.6
Crude petroleum*	295.6	335.9	292.2	292.2	-44.4	-44.4	52.0	9.6
Natural gas	187.4	203.3	192.5	192.5	-33.4	-32.0	-10.5	-12.9
Other energy products	305.3	403.7	415.8	415.8	-30.1	-36.1	31.1	-12.5
Forestry products	1,396.7	1,448.1	1,574.3	1,574.3	12.3	11.7	2.7	6.4
Lumber and sawmill products	410.1	462.1	501.9	501.9	-8.3	-9.6	16.1	-0.9
Wood pulp and other wood products	366.1	367.9	437.4	437.4	53.9	54.1	-16.3	3.5
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	620.5	618.1	635.0	635.0	11.4	11.2	3.0	15.0
Industrial goods and materials	2,203.2	1,810.5	1,881.5	1,881.5	-12.3	-7.8	7.1	21.7
Metal ores	386.2	326.1	408.7	408.7	3.2	12.0	0.0	21.4
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	397.2	378.5	380.3	380.3	-18.3	-17.5	0.1	21.7
Metals and alloys	965.9	708.5	681.9	681.9	-15.6	-10.0	13.3	25.1
Other industrial goods and materials	453.9	397.4	410.6	410.6	-13.9	-9.0	10.5	16.7
Machinery and equipment	1,636.3	1,716.9	1,446.2	1,446.2	3.9	2.3	3.7	20.7
Industrial and agricultural machinery	460.4	325.5	296.9	296.9	-10.9	-14.7	3.2	16.9
Aircraft and other transportation equip.	344.1	506.8	338.8	338.8	9.6	8.9	16.4	10.2
Other machinery and equipment	831.8	884.6	810.6	810.6	8.1	7.7	-0.6	27.0
Automotive products	2,843.6	2,995.0	2,577.7	2,577.7	-17.0	-14.5	14.4	16.1
Passenger autos and chassis	1,633.9	1,672.8	1,224.8	1,224.8	-11.1	-10.7	18.2	9.3
Trucks and other motor vehicles	261.4	343.7	353.8	353.8	-45.2	-43.6	16.9	20.3
Motor vehicle parts	948.2	978.5	999.1	999.1	-7.7	-3.2	8.9	22.6
Other consumer goods	224.9	196.9	204.5	204.5	8.5	6.1	28.7	2.6
Special transactions trade*	26.2	42.2	24.2	24.2	8.3	8.3	-30.8	20.5
Unallocated BOP adjustments	175.7	175.2	133.5	133.5	-22.1	-15.6	15.9	36.8
Total exports	10,260.0	10,393.4	9,723.7	9,723.7	-10.7	-10.1	11.3	11.0

* Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted.

Total Exports by Major Country Groupings, 1984 to 1987

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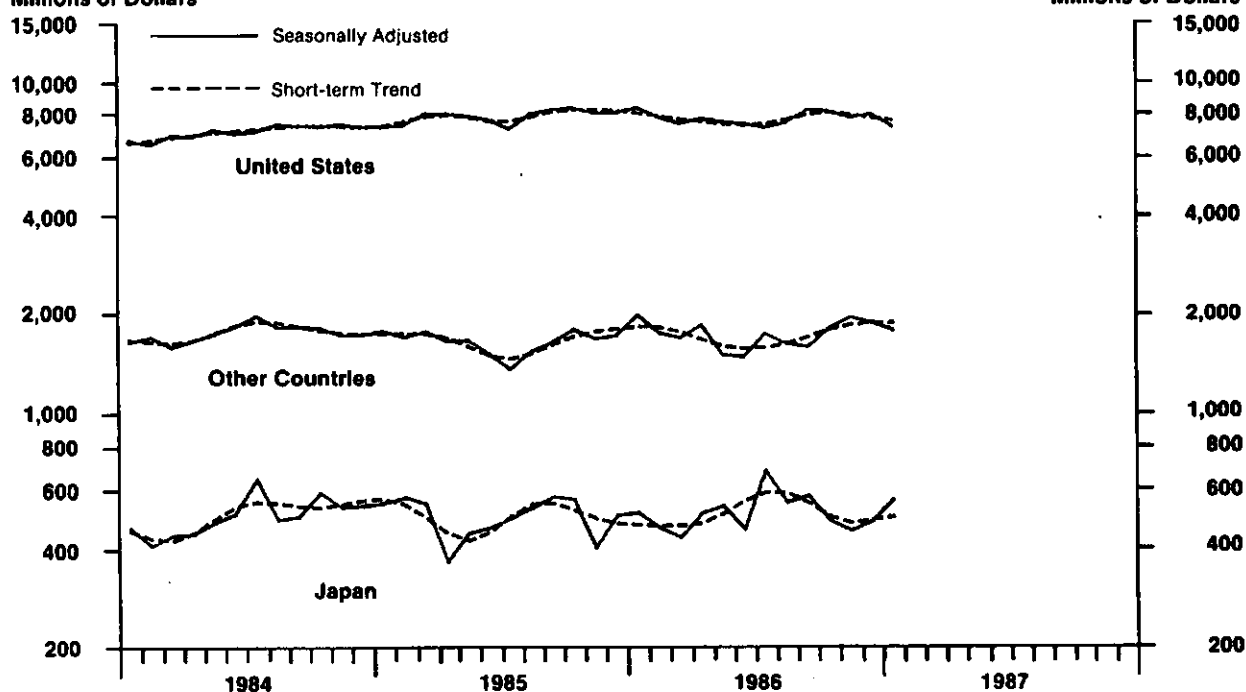


Table 4
Imports by Commodity Groupings
 January 1987
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Year-to-date		Percentage changes		
				Value	% change	Jan. '87/ Jan. '86	Jan. '86/ Jan. '85	Jan. '85/ Jan. '84
	\$ millions							
Agricultural and fishing products	665.5	635.2	638.2	638.2	12.7	9.9	4.8	5.0
Fruits and vegetables	219.1	218.7	219.1	219.1	10.3	6.2	9.5	3.3
Other agricultural and fishing products	446.4	416.5	419.2	419.2	14.1	12.0	2.3	5.9
Energy products	318.4	450.7	561.1	561.1	-9.4	-22.9	32.1	7.9
Crude petroleum	148.5	252.7	355.5	355.5	-0.1	-10.8	51.3	-1.9
Other energy products	167.9	198.0	205.6	205.6	-22.1	-41.5	10.7	21.5
Forestry products	102.0	115.8	103.9	103.9	35.4	30.4	12.8	1.6
Industrial goods and materials	1,599.2	1,685.0	1,661.1	1,661.1	-8.8	-8.5	21.3	20.7
Metals and metal ores	458.7	462.5	496.9	496.9	-26.8	-24.1	32.6	64.7
Chemicals and plastics	499.1	543.6	497.1	497.1	2.8	1.5	13.6	2.0
Other industrial goods and materials	641.4	678.9	667.1	667.1	1.3	-0.9	17.4	11.1
Machinery and equipment	2,675.5	2,842.6	2,704.0	2,704.0	7.5	4.4	15.9	11.8
Industrial and agricultural machinery	899.1	1,014.9	961.5	961.5	6.7	5.2	25.1	14.0
Aircraft and other transportation equip.	349.1	381.5	397.0	397.0	27.0	15.6	20.4	12.1
Office machines and equipment	370.2	437.2	396.3	396.3	7.1	4.0	4.2	9.7
Other machinery and equipment	1,057.0	1,009.0	949.2	949.2	1.9	-0.1	11.6	10.7
Automotive products	2,969.1	2,541.4	2,368.8	2,368.8	-23.0	-16.7	14.0	29.6
Passenger autos and chassis	1,073.3	812.0	785.8	785.8	-38.8	-26.8	21.1	53.4
Trucks and other motor vehicles	356.8	287.7	340.5	340.5	26.7	21.2	15.2	22.6
Motor vehicle parts	1,539.0	1,441.7	1,242.5	1,242.5	-18.5	-17.1	10.3	21.3
Other consumer goods	966.7	1,038.4	1,053.5	1,053.5	9.5	5.2	17.0	11.3
Apparel and footwear	220.8	241.0	260.0	260.0	17.9	11.8	17.5	33.7
Miscellaneous consumer goods	745.9	797.5	793.5	793.5	7.0	2.9	16.8	4.9
Special transactions trade	148.3	188.7	163.3	163.3	15.2	9.4	15.5	-2.1
Unallocated BOP adjustments	-55.6	-69.4	-62.8	-62.8	-12.4	-8.1	-54.6	-14.1
Total imports	9,387.1	9,428.5	9,191.1	9,191.1	-5.3	-5.2	18.2	17.6

Imports by Major Country Groupings, 1984 to 1987

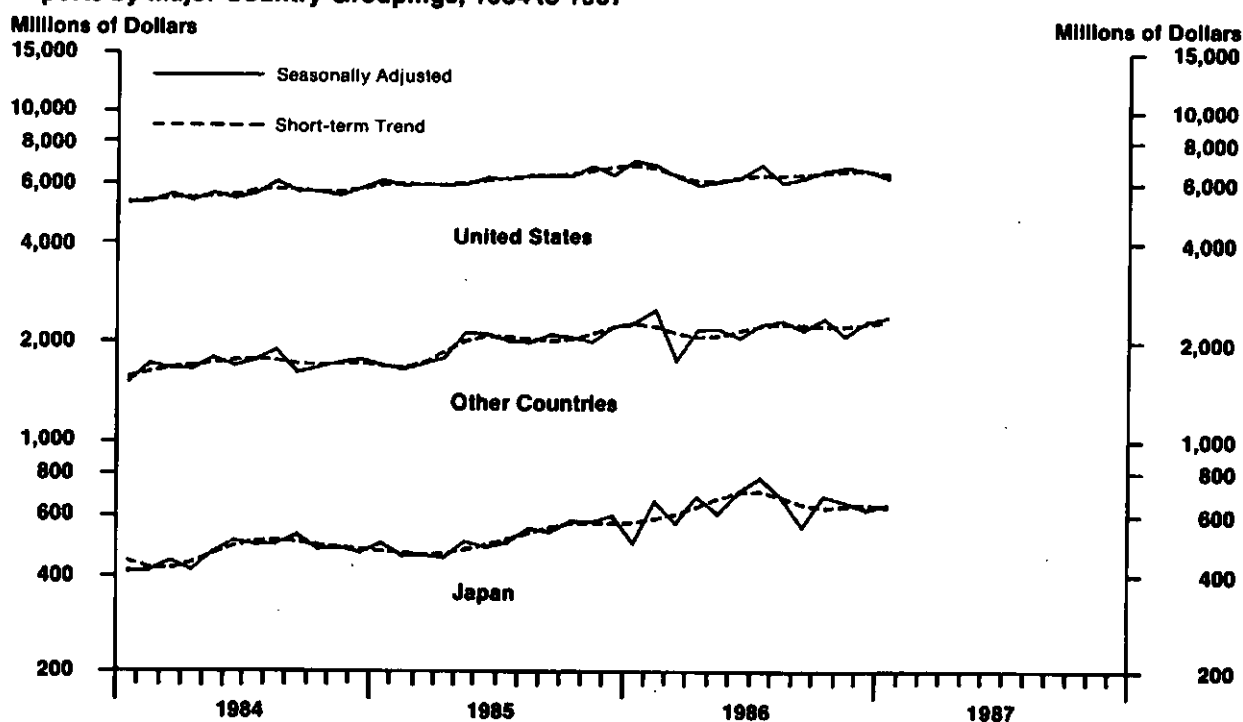


Table 5
Merchandise Trade of Canada
Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes
 January 1987
 Seasonally adjusted, Balance of Payment basis

	Constant (1981) dollars ¹				Unit value (Laspeyres) price indexes ²			
			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	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
1986	115,883	97,900	2.6	6.0	104.9	114.6	-1.5	0.8
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	28,931	24,657	-0.5	2.3	105.8	116.9	-0.9	1.0
Second quarter	28,103	23,575	-2.9	-4.4	104.3	113.0	-1.4	-3.3
Third quarter	28,830	24,651	2.6	4.6	104.1	113.2	-0.2	0.2
Fourth quarter	30,018	25,017	4.1	1.5	104.6	114.3	0.5	1.0
1986								
January	10,241	8,516	6.2	6.4	106.7	117.9	-0.1	0.9
February	9,463	8,621	-7.6	1.2	105.7	117.3	-0.9	-0.5
March	9,228	7,521	-2.5	-12.8	104.9	114.5	-0.8	-2.4
April	9,753	7,575	5.7	0.7	104.4	113.2	-0.5	-1.1
May	9,323	7,960	-4.4	5.1	104.0	113.0	-0.4	-0.2
June	9,028	8,040	-3.2	1.0	104.8	112.9	0.8	-0.1
July	9,425	8,733	4.4	8.6	104.0	112.6	-0.8	-0.3
August	9,433	8,042	0.1	-7.9	103.8	113.0	-0.2	0.4
September	9,972	7,876	5.7	-2.1	104.5	114.2	0.7	1.1
October	9,998	8,443	0.3	7.2	104.8	114.3	0.3	0.1
November	9,981	8,203	-0.2	-2.8	104.6	114.2	-0.2	-0.1
December	10,039	8,371	0.6	2.0	104.4	114.7	-0.2	0.4
1987								
January	9,632	8,257	-4.1	-1.4	103.8	114.6	-0.6	-0.1
Year-to-date								
1986	10,241	8,516	10.3	12.8				
1987	9,632	8,257	-5.9	-3.0				

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.