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## Note to users

With the introduction of the January 1988 trade statistics:

- Collection and compilation of import and export data are henceforth based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. Users should therefore interpret the month to month movements in commodity data with caution.
- Revisions to imports for the previous month are greater than usual but these revisions should be much smaller for subsequent months.
- Recording of imports is henceforth based on the date the merchandise is released by customs, instead of the customs-stamp date.
- The import and export totals in Table 1 of this publication are presented on both a customs and a balance-of-payments basis.
- The customs-basis import data used to derive the Balance of Payments data are presented on a consignment basis, as before.
- For the short-term trend, a 13 -month weighted moving average method is now used instead of a shorter term trend as calculated before.
- Raw and seasonally adjusted data for the previous periods reflect the above changes where applicable.

For more details, please refer to the text and tables.

## Highlights

- Canada's surplus fell by $\$ 614$ million in March, dropping to $\$ 578$ million.
- Exports rose $3.7 \%$ to a level of $\$ 11.6$ billion.
- Imports increased by more than $\$ 1$ billion in March, following decreases in January and February.
- The short-term trend for exports posted an eighth straight increase in February, while there was an eleventh straight increase in the case of imports.
- At $\$ 1.6$ billion, exports of passenger autos were at their highest level since December 1986.
- The reconciled balance of international trade between Canada and the United States was $\$ 4.3$ billion in Canada's favour for the first quarter, a decrease of $\$ 205$ million from the same period in 1987.

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


## Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis March 1988

## Month-to-Month Overview

Canada's international merchandise trade surplus with all its trading partners in March 1988 was $\$ 578$ million - $\$ 614$ million lower than the revised level for February. In January and February, the surplus rose by $\$ 735$ million and $\$ 250$ million. The surplus with the United States alone fell by $\$ 568$ million in March to $\$ 1.0$ billion. The deterioration of the balance in March was largely the result of an increase in imports two times larger than the increase in exports.

Following $1.3 \%$ and $1.0 \%$ decreases in January and February, exports rose $3.7 \%$ in March from the level the month before, reaching $\$ 11.6$ billion.
The "other energy products" category contributed most to the growth in exports.

Imports picked up again in March, following two consecutive decreases in January and February; they rose from $\$ 10.0$ billion in February to $\$ 11.0$ billion in March. Among the commodity categories contributing the most to this increase in imports were miscellaneous consumer goods and industrial and agricultural machinery.

## Short-Term Trend (excludes latest month)

The monthly movements shown by the short-term trend may differ from those shown by the seasonally adjusted values published in other sections of this report. The short-term trend is the result of a weighted moving average it is therefore plausible that the trend of the seasonally adjusted values may not point in the same direction than the short-term trend.

## Exports

The short-term trend for exports in February was up for an eighth straight month. The rate of increase was $0.9 \%$, a slight drop from the $1.2 \%$ the month before. Exports of passenger autos, newsprint paper and precious metals posted the largest increases. In the case of passenger auto exports, this was the seventh straight increase. The trend for Canadian wheat exports, which had been up since September 1987, posted a $7.9 \%$ gain in February, compared to 9.7\% in January. As far as decreases were concerned, the largest declines were those recorded for exports of motor vehicle parts, crude petroleum and "other end products".

## Imports

The short-term trend for imports rose for an eleventh straight month, posting a $0.6 \%$ rise in February, compared to $1.0 \%$ in January. The largest increases were those for imports in the "other industrial machinery", "other equipment and tools" and "miscellaneous end products" groups. Although less significant in terms of value, the increase in the trend for imports of agricultural machinery was still more than $11 \%$; this was the fourth straight month in which the rate of increase for this commodity category was higher than $10 \%$. However, the trend for imports of motor vehicle parts fell $5.3 \%$, compared to decreases of $0.1 \%$ in December 1987 and $3.4 \%$ in January 1988. Other large declines were noted for the trend in imports of passenger autos and petroleum and coal products.

## Commodity Highlights

## Exports

Exports rose by $\$ 409$ million between February and March 1988. This increase followed drops of $\$ 150$ million and $\$ 111$ million in January and February 1988. Exports of coal increased the most $(+\$ 138$ million), followed by exports of passenger autos ( $+\$ 74$ million) and newsprint paper ( $+\$ 70$ million). Exports of organic chemicals also posted a large increase, climbing by $\$ 52$ million to a level of $\$ 173$ million. At $\$ 1.6$ billion, exports of passenger autos were at their highest level since December 1986. The most notable decreases were those for exports of woodpulp ( $-\$ 86$ million), trucks ( $-\$ 74$ million) and television and telecommunication equipment ( $-\$ 57$ million).

## Imports

Imports rose by $\$ 1.0$ billion in March, reversing the downward movements recorded in January and February. Imports of fabricated materials inedible and "other end products" increased by $\$ 217$ million and $\$ 120$ million, while imports of office machines and equipment and "other industrial machinery" climbed by $\$ 96$ million and $\$ 82$ million. Food imports rose to $\$ 600$ million in March; of this total, $\$ 100$ million was for cocoa, coffee and tea, $\$ 86$ million was for fresh fruit and $\$ 55$ million was for sugar. Imports of office machines and equipment increased to $\$ 542$ million. The largest decreases were those for imports of passenger autos ( $-\$ 143$ million), motor vehicle parts ( $\$ 104$ million), aircraft (- $\$ 99$ million) and agricultural machinery ( $-\$ 25$ million).

## Trading-Partner Highlights

## Exports

Exports to the United States went up by $\$ 290$ million in March, rising to $\$ 8.6$ billion. They accounted for $74.4 \%$ of total exports, a decrease from the figure of $76.3 \%$ recorded for all of 1987. Increases were also recorded for exports to "other countries" ( $+\$ 98$ million), "other EEC countries" $(+\$ 49$ million) and Japan ( $+\$ 25$ million $)$. Decreases were noted for exports to "other OECD countries" ( $-\$ 46$ million) and the United Kingdom ( $-\$ 7$ million).

## Imports

Imports from the United States totalled $\$ 7.6$ billion, a gain of $\$ 858$ million from February 1988. They made up $69.3 \%$ of total imports in March, a slight rise from the figure of $68.7 \%$ recorded for all of 1987. Imports from "other countries" ( $+\$ 149$ million), "other OECD countries" ( $+\$ 58$ million), the United Kingdom ( $+\$ 22$ million) and "other EEC countries" ( $+\$ 8$ million) all increased from the month before. Imports from Japan fell by $\$ 72$ million.

## Quarter-to-Quarter Overview

## Exports

Exports totalled $\$ 34.1$ billion in the first quarter, $\$ 865$ million more than in the fourth quarter of 1987. On a quarterly basis, the largest increases were those for exports of passenger autos $(+\$ 760$ million) and agricultural and fishing products $(+\$ 272$ million). The largest decreases were those for exports of motor vehicle parts and lumber, both of which fell by $\$ 419$ million.

## Imports

Imports totalled $\$ 31.4$ billion in the first quarter, $\$ 410$ million less than in the fourth quarter of 1987.
This decrease was mainly the result of a drop of more than $\$ 1.6$ billion in imports of automotive products, of which $\$ 954$ million was for motor vehicle parts alone. Imports of energy products also posted a large
decline on a quarterly basis, falling by $\$ 344$ million from the previous quarter. The largest increase was that for imports of industrial and agricultural machinery, which rose by $\$ 580$ million.

## Canada/United States Reconciliation

## Customs-Basis Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted

Following reconciliation of the statistics for international merchandise trade between Canada and the United States, the cumulative value of Canadian exports to the United States on a customs basis, corrected for undercoverage of exports, differences in the definition of "trade", "transportation charges" and so on, totalled $\$ 25.6$ billion for the first three months of 1988 . This was a $8.0 \%$ increase from the same period in 1987. Imports, for their part, totalled $\$ 21.3$ billion, $11.0 \%$ more than in the first quarter of 1987. As a result of these movements, the reconciled balance of international trade between the two trading partners, as officially recognized by Statistics Canada and the US Bureau of the Census, was $\$ 4.3$ billion in Canada's favour, $\$ 205$ million less than in the first quarter of 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3633-3642, 3651-3678, 3685-3713, 3718, 3719, and 3887-3913.

For more information on the statistics, concepts and definitions, please order the March 1988 issue of Summary of Canadian International Trade, (H.S. Based) (65-001, $\$ 16.50 / \$ 165$ ), available the first week of June 1988, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-951-1711) (for analysis information), or John Butterill (613-951-4808) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

Table 1. Merchandise Trade of Canada


1 Exports = Donestic Exports + Re-exports.
2 Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.
3 Seasonaly Adjusted.
Note: - Due to rounding, monthly date may not add up to quarterly data end quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

- The 1985 and 1987 figures do not include the $f i n e l$ revisions.

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

|  | Period-to-period change |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. 1988 | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Feb. } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to- bate | Change over previoue year |  |
|  | \$ millions |  | $\bar{\chi}$ | \% | \$ mi | ions | \$ milition: | $\chi$ | \$ Billions |
| Exports to: (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 8,339.4 | 8,629.5 | -1.7 | 3.5 | -145.0 | 290.1 | 25.453.4 | 7.2 | 1,706.6 |
| United Kingdom | 269.7 | 262.7 | -15.1 | -2.6 | -47.9 | -7.0 | 850.1 | 1.4 | 12.1 |
| Japen | 672.9 | 698.0 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 11.7 | 25.1 | 2,032.1 | 34.2 | 518.0 |
| EEC'BE excl. UK | 524.4 | 572.8 | -6.5 | 9.2 | -36.6 | 48.5 | 1,658.4 | 5.5 | 86.2 |
| Other OECD'BE | 271.4 | 225.5 | 13.7 | -16.9 | 32.7 | -45.8 | 735.7 | 27.9 | 160.3 |
| Other countries | 1, 107.9 | 1,205.9 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 74.5 | 97.9 | 3,347.3 | 20.0 | 557.3 |
| Totel | 11,185.8 | 11.594.6 | $-1.0$ | 3.7 | -110.7 | 408.8 | 34,077.0 | 8.8 | 3,040.5 |
| Impores from: (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 6.171 .3 | 7.629 .0 | -4.8 | 12.7 | -340.8 | 857.7 | 21,512.4 | 12.3 | 2,359.2 |
| United Kingdom | 404.3 | 425.6 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 16.7 | 22.4 | 1,218.4 | 14.9 | 157.8 |
| Jopen | 728.4 | 656.3 | 14.7 | -9.8 | 93.1 | -72.1 | 2,020.0 | 3.4 | 57.1 |
| EEC'B5 excl. UK | 897.3 | 905.3 | -4.4 | 0.9 | -41.0 | 8.0 | 2.741 .0 | 18.5 | 428.1 |
| Other OECD'B6 | 239.6 | 297.8 | -24.3 | 24.3 | -76.7 | 58.2 | 853.8 | 8.4 | 73.5 |
| Other countries | 952.3 | 1.101 .4 | -1.2 | 15.7 | -11.9 | 149.1 | 3.017.8 | 14.9 | 391.5 |
| Total | 9,993.2 | 11,016.4 | -3.5 | 10.2 | -360.6 | 1,023.2 | 31,363.3 | 12.5 | 3,477.1 |
| Balance with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 1,568.2 | 1,000.5 |  |  | 195.9 | -567.7 | 3,941.0 |  | -652.6 |
| United Kingdom | -134.5 | -163.9 |  |  | -54.7 | -29.4 | -368.3 |  | -145.7 |
| Japan | -55.5 | 41.7 |  |  | -81.4 | 97.3 | 12.1 |  | 450.9 |
| EEC'86 excl. UK | -372.8 | -332.4 |  |  | 4.4 | 40.5 | -1,082.5 |  | -341.8 |
| Dther DECD'86 | $\begin{array}{r}31.8 \\ \hline 55\end{array}$ | -72.2 |  |  | 108.4 | -104.0 | -118.1 |  | 86.8 |
| Dther countries | 155.7 | 104.5 |  |  | 85.4 | -51.2 | 329.5 |  | 165.8 |
| Total | 1, 182.7 | 578.2 |  |  | 249.8 | -614.4 | 2.713 .6 |  | -436.6 |

(1) Exporta to "Other GECD Countriea" and importe from the United Kingdom, "Other OECD Countries" and "Dther Countries" do not have seasonality. Consequently, these eeriea are not seasonally adjusted.

Note: - Portugal and Spain are ineluded in the EEC.

- Inports for March 19B8 by country of origin from the United Stetes lincluding Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin lsiands) anounted to $\$ 7,375.8$ million. This representa the starting figure from which the Canoda/lunited States reconcillation takes pleca.

Table 2A. Reconciled Merchandise Trade between Canada and the Unlted States

| Raw Date |  | January to March |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1987 | 1988 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Exports |  |  |  |
|  | Cuatome Basis United States | 22,954.0 |  |
|  | Puerto Rico | 59.6 | $65.9$ |
|  | U.S. Virgin Island* | 1.4 | $3.6$ |
|  | Published totel | 23,015.0 | 25,378. 1 |
|  | Reconciliation adjuetmenta | 688.3 | 223.5 |
|  | Reconciled Basis | 23,703.2 | 25,601.6 |
|  | Other B.O.P. Adjustments | -128.2 | -223.6 |
|  | B.0.P Babis | 23,574.0 | 25,378.0 |
| Imports |  |  |  |
|  | Customs Basis United States | 19, 153.2 | 21,508. 5 |
|  | Puerto Rico | 56.5 | 58.8 |
|  | U.S. Virgin lslands | 6.0 | 1.0 |
|  | Publiahed total | 19,215.7 | 21,568.4 |
|  | Reconcilistion Adjustments | -22.1 | -271.1 |
|  | Reconciled Basis | 19, 193.6 | 21,297.3 |
|  | Deher B.O.P. Adjustments B.D.P Basis | -249.8 | 549.5 |
|  | B.D.P Basiz | 18,943.7 |  |
| Balance |  |  |  |
|  | Reconciled Besiz <br> B.D.P Basis | $\begin{aligned} & 4,509.6 \\ & 4,630.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,304.3 \\ & 3,331.2 \end{aligned}$ |

Table 3. Exports by Commodity Groupings, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Rew values |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Yeer-to-date |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jon. 1988 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { feb. } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ \text { IB88 } \end{gathered}$ | Value | Change | Merch'a8/ Mareh'97 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March'87/ } \\ & \text { March' } 85 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March'86/ } \\ & \text { March'85 } \end{aligned}$ |
| \$ milliona |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural and fithing products | 1,059.8 | 1,097.8 | 1,071.4 | 3.229 .0 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 24.1 | -5.8 |
| Wheat | 387.2 | 421.3 | 403.8 | 1.212 .4 | 30.8 | 10.2 | 68.1 | -25.5 |
| Dther agricultural and fishing products | 672.6 | 676.6 | 667.5 | 2.015 .7 | -2.9 | -0.8 | 13.6 | 0.6 |
| Energy products | 1,107.8 | 987.1 | 1,175.5 | 3,270.3 | 16.6 | 24.1 | 0.8 | -42.0 |
| Crude petroleum * | 367.7 | 336.8 | 325.4 | 1.031 .0 | 8.8 | 1.3 | 16.7 | -50.4 |
| Netural gas | 237.1 | 240.4 | 286.5 | 764.1 | 29.5 | 31.4 | -2.5 | -40.5 |
| Diher energy products | 502.9 | 409.8 | 562.5 | 1,475.3 | 16.3 | 38.0 | -7.3 | -36. 1 |
| Forestry products | 1.769 .2 | 1,776.6 | 1,784.2 | 5,340.0 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 17.6 | 8.4 |
| Luaber and sammill products | 538.5 | 555.7 | 586.8 | 1,681.0 | -2.3 | 3.6 | 8.8 | 13.0 |
| Mood pulp and other wood producta | 585.1 | 532.5 | 446.2 | 1,573.8 | 20.0 | 5.4 | 38.1 | 10.2 |
| Newaprint end other paper and paperboard | 635.6 | 688.3 | 761.2 | 2,085.1 | 12.3 | 20.6 | 12.7 | 3.1 |
| Industrial goods and meterials | 2,269.4 | 2,420.5 | 2,383.9 | 7,073.8 | 22.8 | 20.0 | 12.0 | -11.9 |
| Metal ores | 398.8 | 464.8 | 402.0 | 1.265 .7 | 16.1 | 4.1 | 35.1 | -16.4 |
| Chamicals, plastics and fertilizers | 534.8 | 548.1 | 589.6 | 1,682.6 | 31.2 | 29.8 | 6.0 | -10.6 |
| Metala and olloys | 815.3 | 870.5 | 876.1 | 2,562.0 | 20.3 | 18.4 | 7.8 | -9.5 |
| Other industrial goods and meteriale | 520.5 | 535.8 | 506.3 | 1,563.7 | 24.1 | 24.3 | 11.8 | -14.5 |
| Machinery and equipaent | 1.681 .5 | 1.727 .2 | 1.648.1 | 5.055 .8 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 13.1 | 6.7 |
| Industrial and agricultural machinery | 417.6 | 4:7.8 | 424.0 | 1.259 .5 | 19.8 | 19.4 | 9.2 | -8.8 |
| Aircraft and other transportation equip. | 301.0 | 311.7 | 293.7 | 905.3 | -20.8 | -31.1 | 16.2 | 41.8 |
| Other machinery end equipaent | 962.8 | 987.6 | 830.4 | 2,891.0 | 16.0 | 9.7 | 13.2 | 1.7 |
| Automotive products | 2,854.8 | 2,867.3 | 3.002 .7 | 8,824.8 | 3.3 | 8.7 | -0.6 | 3.6 |
| Pasaenger autos and chassis | 1.431.1 | 1,487.5 | 1,561.0 | 4,479.6 | 11.4 | 22.9 | -12.9 | 12.6 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 611.8 | 659.1 | 585.3 | 1,856.4 | 31.8 | 20.3 | 5.5 | -11.3 |
| Motor vehicle parta | 811.8 | B20.7 | 856.4 | 2,488.9 | -20.1 | -13.1 | 14.2 | 0.7 |
| Other consumer goods | 224.3 | 242.7 | 232.6 | 688.6 | 8.1 | 10.1 | 25.4 | 3.6 |
| Spacisl transections trade = | 50.4 | 49.4 | 364.6 | 464.4 | 448.3 | 967.7 | 15.0 | -34.3 |
| Unallocated BOP edjustments = | 279.4 | -82.8 | -78.4 | 118.2 | -80.8 | -134.3 | 82.8 | -10.5 |
| Tots 1 | 11.296 .5 | 11,185.8 | 11.594.6 | 34,077.0 | 9.8 | 11.4 | 10.1 | -6.5 |

* Series with no seasonality and, therefore, not seasonally edjusted.


Table 4. Imports by Commodity Groupings, Balance of Payments Basis

| - | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw values |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 1988 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | Year-to-dote |  | March'B8/ March'87 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { March' } 87 / \\ & \text { March' } 86 \end{aligned}$ | March'86/ March'85 |
|  |  |  |  | Value | change |  |  |  |
| \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural and fishing productz | 580.2 | 602.0 | 666.1 | 1,848.3 |  | 8.7 | 23.3 |  |
| Frults and vegetables | 217.8 | 205.0 | 205.9 | 629.8 | 1.8 | 5.9 | 33.2 | -17.8 |
| Other sariculturol and fishing products | 362.4 | 397.0 | 458.1 | 1,218.5 | -0.5 | 10.2 | 18.5 | -2.1 |
| Energy products | 483.8 | 380.4 | 470.4 | 1,334.7 | -2.8 | 4.5 | 24.0 | -8.2 |
| Crude potrolaum * | 313.8 | 223.1 | 286.3 | 823.2 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 45.7 | -10.0 |
| Other energy producte | 170.0 | 157.3 | 184.1 | 511.5 | -7.2 | 4.8 | -8.0 | -5.5 |
| Forestry products | 101.2 | 102.5 | 110.8 | 314.5 | 14.2 | 24.8 | 33.8 | -4.6 |
| Industrial goods and materials | 1.928 .6 | 1.860 .1 | 2.087 .8 | 5.876 .5 | 21.7 | 28.6 | 12.9 | -7.2 |
| Motals and metal orts | 579.8 | 564.1 | 672.4 | 1,816.3 | 31.8 | 43.1 | -1.9 | -9.0 |
| Chomicala and plastics | 535.4 | 524.2 | 608.5 | 1.669.1 | 12.8 | 21.2 | 23.8 | -7.7 |
| Othar industribl goods and materials | 812.4 | 771.8 | 805.8 | 2,391.1 | 21.3 | 28.1 | 15.3 | -5.4 |
| Machinery and equipment | 3,543.5 | 3.212 .1 | 3.390 .5 | 10.146.1 | 26.8 | 29.5 | 25.0 | -3.5 |
| Industrial end agricultural machinery | 1.134 .3 | 1,147.4 | 1,260.1 | 3,541.8 | 26.8 | 39.2 | 17.6 | 3.5 |
| Aireraft and other tranaportation equip. | 689.0 | 434.6 | 384.2 | 1,527.7 | 40.5 | 29.5 | 34.2 | -1.6 |
| Dffice machines and equipment | 400.1 | 446.0 | 541.7 | 1,387.8 | 15.1 | 24.4 | 33.0 | -13.3 |
| Other machinery and equipment | 1.310.1 | 1.184.2 | 1, 194.5 | 3,688.7 | 26.6 | 23.1 | 25.7 | -5.6 |
| Autonotive products | 2,501.2 | 2,636.9 | 2, 367.5 | 7.505 .5 | -7.7 | -13.0 | 4.1 | 14.8 |
| Pasaenger autos and chass is | 777.6 | 1,101.2 | 858.3 | 2,837.1 | -1.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 14.9 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 306.3 | 338.9 | 316.2 | 961.4 | -0.5 | 9.0 | 12.9 | 8.4 |
| Motor vehicle parts | 1,417.3 | 1. 196.8 | 1,082.8 | 3.707 .0 | -13.3 | -27.3 | 4.8 | 16.3 |
| Dther conaumer goods | 1.078.4 | 1,105.5 | 1,261.3 | 3,445.2 | 10.4 | 20.8 | 19.1 | 3.5 |
| Apparel and footwear | 265.5 | 285.4 | 271.7 | 823.7 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 16.4 | 17.5 |
| Miscelianeous consumer goods | B11.9 | 821.1 | 889.5 | 2,522.5 | 11.2 | 25.6 | 20.0 | -0.8 |
| Special trensactions trede | 216.4 | 162.4 | 205.1 | 584.0 | 35.6 | 33.3 | 24.4 | 0.6 |
| Unallocated BOP odjustments * | -79.6 | -69.9 | 457.1 | 307.6 | -370.7 | - 1200 | -32.3 | -29.4 |
| Total | 10.353 .8 | 9.993.2 | 11,016.4 | 31,363.3 | 12.5 | 18.5 | 15.5 | 1.1 |

- Serles with no measonality and, therefore, not seasonally adjusted.

Short-term Trend of Import Value Index,
Major Country Groupings (Monthly, 1986 to 1988)
Index (average of 1986) = 100


Table 5. Merchandise Trade of Canada, Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis


[^0]Note: Due to rounding, monthly data may not add up to quarteriy date end quarterly data may not add up to annual data.


[^0]:    The Passche current weighted price index used to calculate constant dollars can be derived by dividing current values in table 1 by the constant dollars above.
    2 The Lappeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1981 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.
    3 Exports $=$ Dowestic Exports + Re-exports.
    4 Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

