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## Highlights

- The seasonally adjusted trade balance posted a surplus of over $\$ 1.4$ billion for the second straight month.
- The short-term trend for exports and imports was down in June.
- Exports of finished products were down $\$ 533$ million from the average for the first six months of the year.
- Imports from the United States, at $\$ 5.9$ billion, posted their lowest level since March 1985.


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## Note to users

With the introduction of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System which represents a major departure from the previous commodity classification and starting with January 1988 and at least for the balance of 1988;

- users should interpret levels and month-to-month movements in commodity data with caution;
- revisions to imports and exports have been greater than usual but should settle down to more normal levels in the months to come.

Users should also note as a further caution to interpretation of 1988 data as related to 1987 that:

- recording of imports is now based on the date the merchandise is released by Customs and not on the Customs stamp date as before January 1988.

In order to maintain continuity in concepts and definitions:

- the Balance of Payments data continue to be presented on a consignment basis.
- both raw and seasonally adjusted data for the previous periods reflect the above changes where applicable.

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

(1) The shor-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 fequently changes signiticantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

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Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis July 1988

## Month-to-Month Overview

Caution should be exercised in interpreting the monthly preliminary trade data since substantial revisions are expected this year as a result of changes in the customs processing system.

On a balance of payments basis and adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, Canada posted another large international merchandise trade surplus in July, of $\$ 1.5$ billion, while the revised surplus for June was $\$ 1.4$ billion. These results bring the cumulative surplus for the first seven months of 1988 to $\$ 6.7$ billion, $\$ 125$ million less than the same period last year.

There was a marked decline in both imports and exports and the higher surplus reflects a marginally greater decrease in imports than exports.

Total exports were down $\$ 939$ million in July from the average for the first six months of the year, while exports of finished products alone decreased by $\$ 533$ million. Exports to the United States were $\$ 730$ million less than the average for the first six months of the year.

Imports also fell below the average for the first six months of the year, declining by $\$ 1.6$ billion to $\$ 9.0$ billion, the lowest monthly level since April 1987. The largest decrease was recorded for imports of machinery and equipment, and motor vehicle parts.

Sharp declines were posted for both exports and imports of automotive products, since a larger number of Canadian automotive manufacturing plants were closed in July in order to retool for the production of new models.

The Canadian Automobile Manufacturers Association estimated that production of motor vehicles fell by over $40 \%$, which undoubtedly had a major impact on international trade in these products.

## Short-term Trend (excludes latest month)

The monthly movements shown for the short-term trend may differ from those shown for seasonally adjusted values published in other sections of this report. The short-term trend is the result of a weighted moving average of thirteen terms, and it is therefore possible that the trend of the seasonally adjusted values may not point in the same direction as the short-term trend.

## Exports

After revision of the preliminary data for June, the short-term trend indicates a slight decline of $0.1 \%$ for May and a marginally greater decrease of $0.5 \%$ for June.

- The largest contributors to this decline in the trend for June were exports of finished products, notably passenger automobiles, motor vehicle parts and energy products.
- The trend for exports of electricity continued to be down for the fourteenth straight month.
- The largest export gains were for forestry, agricultural and fishing products.
- The trend for wheat exports continued to be up for the tenth consecutive month, although the rate of increase has been decelerating since November 1987, falling gradually from $9.9 \%$ to $1.7 \%$ in June.


## Imports:

The trend for imports continued to be down in June. This is the fourth straight decrease and the rate of decline accelerated between March and June from $-0.1 \%$ to $-1.9 \%$.

- The main contributors to this decline in the overall trend for June were finished products, notably motor vehicles parts and passenger automobiles, and machinery and equipment, including aircraft.
- Imports of crude petroleum fell by $2.1 \%$ in June, compared to a $0.5 \%$ drop in May.
- The trend for imports of aircraft, up between August 1987 and January 1988, has been down since February 1988 and posted a decline of $6.1 \%$ in June.
- The largest increases were recorded for imports of metals, minerals and energy products other than those listed in the breakdown by summary category.


## Analysis by Commodities and Trading Partners

## Commodities

- Exports of finished products were down $\$ 533$ million from the average for the first six months of 1988 , including a decrease of $\$ 242$ million for passenger automobiles.
- Large declines were also posted for exports of fabricated materials, down $\$ 114$ million, and raw materials, down $\$ 159$ million.
- The largest increases were recorded for exports of aluminum, natural gas and nickel. Exports of natural gas totalled $\$ 270$ million in July.
- Imports of machinery and equipment were down $\$ 487$ million from the average for the first six months of 1988 to $\$ 2.8$ billion.
- Imports of automotive products declined by $\$ 759$ million overall from the average, including a decrease of $\$ 561$ million for imports of motor vehicle parts.
- Imports of crude petroleum were up from the previous month, but remained below the average of $\$ 299$ million recorded for the first six months of 1988.


## Trading Partners

- Exports to the United States fell to $\$ 7.8$ billion, their lowest level since April 1987. The figure for June was $\$ 8.6$ billion.
- Like exports to the United States, exports to all of Canada's other major trading partners also declined in July.
- Imports from the United States were down $\$ 1.3$ billion from the average for the first six months of the year to only $\$ 5.9$ billion, the lowest level since March 1985.
- Imports from all of Canada's other major trading partners, excluding "other countries", also fell in July.
- Canada's international merchandise trade surplus with the United States totalled $\$ 9.2$ billion for the first seven months of 1988, compared to $\$ 10.5$ billion for the same period in 1987.
- The surplus with Japan recorded in June decreased substantially in July to $\$ 54$ million.
(This is a translation.)

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Table 1. Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis |  | Balance of Paynents Basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exports (1)Raw | Imports Ram | Exports (1)Raw | Jnports Rav | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Exports (1) } \\ \text { S.A. (3) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Imports } \\ & \text { S.A. (3) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance } \\ & \text { S.A. (3) } \end{aligned}$ | Period-to-period change (2) |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exports (1) } \\ & \text { S.A. (3) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Imports } \\ & \text { S.A. (3) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance } \\ & \text { S.A. } 13\} \end{aligned}$ |
|  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\chi$ | \% | \$millions |
| 1982 | 84,530 | 67.835 | 84,393 | 66,739 | 84.383 | 65.738 | 17.654 | 0.0 | -13.5 | 10.362 |
| 1883 | 90.513 | 73.520 | 90.555 | 73.098 | 90.536 | 73,098 | 17.457 | 3.3 | 9.5 | -157 |
| 1984 | 112,384 | 95,460 | 111.330 | 91,493 | 111,330 | 91.492 | 19,838 | 22.9 | 25.2 | 2,381 |
| 1985 | 119,474 | 104,355 | 119,070 | 102,669 | 119,070 | 102,669 | 16,400 | 7.0 | 12.2 | -3.437 |
| 1986 | 120.670 | 112,51\} | 119.889 | 110.079 | 119,889 | 110.079 | 9.810 | 0.7 | 7.2 | -6.590 |
| 1987 | 125,087 | 115,239 | 126, 125 | 115.149 | 126.125 | 115, 149 | 10,976 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 1.166 |
| 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29, 171 | 27.655 | 29,372 | 26,924 | 30, 105 | 27.913 | 2. 193 | -1.8 | 4.6 | -1.796 |
| Second quarter | 31.283 | 29.637 | 31,020 | 28,949 | 29,451 | 25.872 | 2,578 | -2.2 | -3.7 | 385 |
| third quarter | 28,437 | 27,284 | 28.341 | 25,697 | 29,923 | 27.598 | 2.326 | 1.5 | 2.7 | -253 |
| fourth querter | 31.785 | 27.924 | 31, 155 | 27,508 | 30,409 | 27,685 | 2.713 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 388 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29.714 | 27.776 | 30.278 | 27,346 | 30.833 | 27.662 | 3, 171 | 1.4 | -0.1 |  |
| Second quarter | 31,687 | 29.578 | 31.832 | 29,326 | 30.668 | 27.915 | 2.752 | -0.5 | 0.9 | -418 |
| Third quarter | 29.628 | 27.814 | 30,071 | 27,472 | 31,407 | 28,419 | 2.988 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 236 |
| Fourth quarter | 34.057 | 31,071 | 33.944 | 31,005 | 33.217 | 31, 153 | 2,065 | 5.8 | 8.6 | -924 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,277 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 212 |
| Second quarter | $36,099$ | $33.410$ | $36,207$ | $32.722$ | 34.706 | $31,794$ | 2,912 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 635 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9. 154 | 8.757 | 9.353 | 8.487 | 9,924 | 9.074 | 850 | -2.1 | -1.8 |  |
| February | 9.889 | 8,974 | 10.074 | 9.001 | 10,460 | 9,185 | 1.274 | 5.4 | 1.2 | - 424 |
| March | 10,671 | 10,034 | 10.851 | 9,858 | 10.448 | 9, 403 | 1,045 | -0.1 | 2.4 | -229 |
| April | 10.223 | 9,407 | 10,334 | 9, 310 | 10.090 | 8.882 | 1,208 | -3.4 | -5.5 | 162 -154 |
| May | 10.658 | 9.493 | 10,589 | 9,432 | 10.285 | 9,242 | 1.043 502 | 1.8 | 4.0 5.9 | -164 |
| Jume | 10,807 | 10,578 | 10,909 | 10,585 | 10,293 | 9.791 | 502 889 | 0.1 | -4.9 | -542 388 |
| July | 9.528 | 9,508 | 9.635 | 9,476 | 10.280 | 9,391 | 889 1.158 | -0.1 | -4.1 -0.3 | 388 278 |
| August | 9.362 | 8,560 | 9,564 | 8,496 | 10.532 | 9,364 | 1,168 | 2.4 | -0.3 3.2 | 278 -237 |
| Septenter | 10.738 | 9.747 | 10.872 | 9.500 | 10.595 | 9,654 | 931 | 0.6 2.4 | 3.2 1.8 | -237 65 |
| Destober | 11.336 | 10.138 | 11,343 | 10.073 | 10,850 | 9,853 | 997 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 66 -446 |
| Novenber | 11.513 | 10.622 | 11,382 | 10.670 | 11.003 | 10,452 | 551 | 1.4 | 6.1 3.8 | -446 -34 |
| Deceaber | 11,207 | 10,311 | 11.220 | 10.262 | 11,365 | 10,848 | 517 | 3.3 | 3.8 | -34 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 10.269 | 12.332 | 10.153 | 9,989 |  | 10,277 | 564 | -4.6 | -5.3 | 47 |
| February | 11.204 | 10.467 | 10.937 | 10,252 | 11, 158 | 10. 137 | 1,021 | 2.9 | -1.4 | 457 -328 |
| March | 12,454 | 12,229 | 12,247 | 12,089 | \$1,673 | 10.988 | 693 | 4.6 | 8.3 | -328 |
| April | 11,382 | 10.612 | \$1,421 | 10,450 | 11.277 | 10,355 | 923 | -3.4 | -5.7 | 230 |
| may | 11,995 | 11.579 | 12.035 | 11, 174 | 11,495 | 10,926 | 568 | 1.9 | 5.5 -3.8 | -354 |
| June | 12,722 | 11,218 | 12,759 | 11.098 8.868 | 11,934 10,457 | 10,514 8,858 | 1.421 1.499 | 3.8 -12.4 | -3.8 -14.8 | 852 |
| July | 8,495 | 8.845 | 9,549 | 8,868 | 10,457 | 8,858 | 1,499 | -12.4 | -14.8 | 79 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 1988 | 70.929 79.519 | 66.862 77.283 | $\begin{array}{r} 71.745 \\ 79,093 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 65,149 \\ & 73,930 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 71,780 \\ 78,834 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 64,968 \\ 72,146 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,812 \\ & 5,688 \end{aligned}$ | 3.2 9.8 | 1.0 11.0 | 1.515 -125 |

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

- The 1885 and 1987 figures include the final revisions.

Tabie 2. Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas, Seasonally Adjusted

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Balance of Payments Basis
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(1) Exports to "Other OECD Countries" and imparts from the United Kingdom, "other oECo Countrias" and mother Countriag" do not have memonsifiy. Consequently, these aeries are not seasonally adjusted.

Note: - Portugel and Spain are included in the EEC.

- Importa for Juiy 1988 by country of origin from the United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) amounted to \$5, 807.4 million. This represents the starting figure from which the Canada/United States reconciliation tekes plect.

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

|  | Seazonaliy edjusted |  |  |  |  | Rew values percentege changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Year-to-date |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { duly'88/ } \\ & \text { duly' } 87 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { duly' } 87 / \\ & \text { duly } 86 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July'86/ } \\ & \text { July' } 85 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | June 1988 | July 1988 | Value | change |  |  |  |
| \$ aillions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agrieultural and fishing producte | 1. 154.9 | 1,218.6 | 1.024.2 | 7.648 .0 | 11.1 | 7.7 | -7.7 | 40.3 |
| Wheat | 430.6 | 1.276.6 | 378.8 | 2,808.0 | 45.0 | 72.5 | -30.0 | 65.4 |
| Other agricultural and $\mathbf{f i s h i n g ~ p r o d u c t : ~}$ | 724.3 | 742.0 | 645.3 | 4,840.1 | -2.2 | -12.8 | 2.6 | 31.1 |
| Energy products | 1,032.5 | 1.038 .0 | 970.5 | 7.235 .0 | 3.7 | -16.7 | 32.8 | -26.0 |
| Crude petroleum = | 389.7 | 395.2 | 371.7 | 2.586.0 | -5.1 | -23.2 | 73.8 | -32.2 |
| Natural gas | 246.2 | 254.7 | 270.3 | 1.738.5 | 22.2 | 24.4 | 8.0 | -35.9 |
| Other energy products | 396.6 | 388.0 | 328.5 | 2.910.5 | 7.9 | -25.9 | 14.5 | -14.2 |
| Forestry products | 1,711.7 | 1.809 .0 | 1.745 .0 | 12,338.0 | 9.5 | 3.2 | 12.0 | 16.9 |
| Luaber and samill products | 551.2 | 645.9 | 535.2 | 4.218 .6 | 3.0 | -9.9 | 6.5 | 9.2 |
| mood puip and other mood products | 500.5 | 536.6 | 537.3 | 3,489.0 | 14.8 | 22.2 | 16.4 | 38.8 |
| Newsprint and other paper and paperboerd | 660.0 | 726.5 | 652.5 | 4.630.4 | 12.1 | 3.0 | 14.7 | 12.5 |
| Industrial goods and asterials | 2,466.8 | 2,626.1 | 2.241 .5 | 16,862.1 | 22.3 | 5.0 | 22.9 | 4.1 |
| Metal ores | 369.9 | 422.3 | 286.1 | 2.686 .5 | 9.0 | -19.6 | 4.9 | 16.0 |
| Chemicals, plastice and fertilizers | 588.4 | 673.8 | 523.9 | 4,003.0 | 30.2 | 12.6 | 20.9 | 10.0 |
| Hetals and alloys | 984.2 | 1,013.4 | 994.4 | 6.657 .3 | 24.5 | 16.2 | 42.6 | 5.0 |
| Other industrial goods and materials | 524.3 | 516.7 | 437.1 | 3,515.3 | 21.1 | 1.6 | 11.8 | -10.4 |
| Machinery and equipent | 1,675.6 | 1,741.8 | 1.584 .7 | 11,893.2 | 7.7 | -3.8 | 0.1 | 19.2 |
| Industrial and agriculturai amchinery | 413.0 | 398.6 | 375.4 | 2,858.1 | 14.0 | -4.7 | 7.0 | 12.8 |
| Aireraft and other tranaportation equip. | 329.4 | 358.5 | 255.8 | 2.294 .8 | -13.1 | -27. 7 | -11.8 | 65.5 |
| Other machinery and equipaent | 933.2 | 884.7 | 842.5 | 5,730.2 | 14.3 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 5.4 |
| Autcootive producta | 3,004.8 | 2,817.7 | 2,568.3 | 20,173.3 | 8.5 | 2.5 | -17.3 | 8.4 |
| Passenger autos and thassis | 1,535.2 | 1.427.4 | 1.215 .7 | 9,958.8 | 22.5 | 18.1 | -31.5 | 3.5 |
| Trucks and other notor vehicles | 398.1 | 646.6 | 641.2 | 4,330.8 | 24.9 | 23.3 | -0.4 | 44.3 |
| Moter vehicle parts | 871.5 | 843.7 | 710.4 | 5,872.7 | -15.7 | -23.0 | -8.9 | 1.8 |
| Other consuner gooda | 216.4 | 232.0 | 201.4 | 1,509.5 | 5.2 | -15.8 | 22.2 | 19.8 |
| Special transactions trade = | 49.7 | 58.5 | 45.0 | 406.7 | 88.5 | 72.1 | 13.4 | -36.5 |
| Unallocated mop adjustments * | 182.3 | 192.5 | 76.7 | 568.0 | -59.2 | -60.0 | -24.6 | 56.7 |
| Tatel | 11,494.5 | 11.934. | 10,457.3 | 78,833.8 | 9.8 | -0.9 | 3.8 | 9.8 |

* Series with no seasonality and, therefore, not seasonolly adjusted.

Short-term Trend of Export Value Index, Major Country Groupings (Monthly, 1986 to 1988)


|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw valuea percentege changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Year-to-date |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 87 / \\ & \text { duly } 86 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July' } 85 / \\ & \text { July } 85 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ \text { t988 } \end{gathered}$ | June 1988 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | Value | change | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July' } 88 / \\ & \text { July' } 87 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| \$ aillions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural and fishing producta | 654.0 | 634.7 | 576.1 | 4,276.0 | 0.1 | -8.2 | -5.9 | 22.5 |
| Frulta and vegetebles | 217.8 | 204.7 | 185.3 | 1,445.4 | 0.5 | -8.9 | -4.5 | 21.3 |
| Other agricuitural and fithing products | 435.1 | 429.9 | 380.8 | 2,828.6 | 0.0 | -7.8 | -6. 7 | 23.1 |
| Energy products | 546.8 | 397.2 | 475.8 | 3,245.7 | -0.6 | -7.0 | 25.2 | - 15.7 |
| Crude petroleur | 378.4 | 233.8 | 270.1 | 2,065.5 | 6.6 | -8.6 | 57.5 | -38.7 |
| Other onergy products | 167.5 | 163.4 | 205.7 | 1,179.2 | -11.0 | -5.0 | -1.3 | 21.5 |
| Forusery products | 124.7 | 115.3 | 100.8 | 776.8 | 18.2 | -4.3 | 16.0 | 28.3 |
| Indugtrial goods and materials | 2,135.3 | 2.157.5 | 1,859.9 | 14.144.4 | 22.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 2.8 |
| Metala and metal ores | 654.5 | 702.3 | 647.6 | 4,508.8 | 35.0 | 35.0 | -2.9 | -12.5 |
| Chemicala and plastics | 603.3 | 579.6 | 523.3 | 3.982 .1 | 12.8 | -6.8 | 9.7 | 8.8 |
| Other industrial goods and asterisis | 877.6 | 885.7 | 589.0 | 5,653.6 | 18.0 | -9.8 | 9.3 | 13.9 |
| Mechinery and equipment | 3,312.3 | 3,354.9 | 2,758.7 | 22.232.4 | 18.5 | -8.8 | 12.0 | 15.2 |
| Industrial and egricultural machinery | 1,046.4 | 1,050.8 | 940.7 | 7.134.8 | 10.6 | -6.6 | 4.9 | 13.4 |
| Aircraft and other trensportation equip. | 459.6 | 392.6 | 355.1 | 3,074.5 | 22.4 | -21.6 | 36.4 | 25.2 |
| Office machines and equipmant | 480.3 | 531.6 | 405.7 | 3,294.9 | 11.5 | -18.5 | 32.2 | 6.2 |
| Dther machinery and equipmant | 1,325.9 | 1,378.9 | 1.057 .2 | 8,728.3 | 27.8 | -0.4 | 3.6 | 17.5 |
| Autcmotive products | 2,835.8 | 2,520.2 | 2,032.6 | 18,782.3 | 1.1 | -13.7 | -25.2 | 11.1 |
| Pessenger autos and chassis | 1,048.3 | 798.3 | 815.4 | 6,641.2 | -3.3 | -4.4 | -21.3 | 8.4 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicies | 293.0 | 270.0 | 256.7 | 2.051 .6 | -8.1 | -9.7 | -16.3 | 23.6 |
| Motor vehicle perts | 1,494.5 | 1,450.8 | 960.5 | 10,089. 5 | 5.5 | -21.3 | -28.5 | 10.6 |
| Other consumer goods | t. 165.0 | 1,138.1 | 983.2 | 7,710.4 | 6.8 | -8.8 | 5.3 | 20.8 |
| Apparel and footwear | 299.6 | 255.2 | 235.5 | 1,831.3 | 2.6 | -8.4 | 5.8 | 25.4 |
| Miscellaneous conaumer goods | 885.4 | 882.9 | 755.6 | 5.879.1 | 8.2 | -9.1 | 4.6 | 18.8 |
| Spacial tronasctions trade * | 232.0 | 265.6 | 225.8 | 1,504.0 | 36.2 | 24.7 | 14.7 | 14.5 |
| Unallocated BDP adjustments * | -80.1 | -80.0 | -65. 1 | -526.2 | 13.8 | -8.2 | 4.0 | -15.0 |
| Potel | 10.825 .0 | 10.513 .5 | 8,858.0 | 72,146.0 | 11.0 | -6.4 | -1.2 | 11.3 |

- Seritas with no suasonality 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

|  | Constant (1981) dollars $\mathrm{ith}^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | Laspeyres price indexes (2) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Period-to-period change (4) |  | $1981=100.0$ |  | Period-to-period change (4) |  |
|  | Exports (3) | Imports | Exports (3) | Imports | Exports (3) | Imparts | Exports (3) | Imports |
|  | \$milliont |  | \% |  |  |  | \% |  |
| 1983 | 90. 194 | 71.526 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 100.8 | 103.7 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| 1984 | 106,931 | 85.581 | 18.6 | 19.7 | 105.0 | 109.5 | 4.2 | 5.7 |
| 1985 | 113,829 | 94, 123 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 105.0 | 113.4 | 1.0 | 3.5 |
| 1985 | 118,110 | 101.345 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 104.0 | 112.8 | -2.0 | -0.5 |
| 1987 | 126,027 | 109,825 | 6.7 | 8.2 | \$05. 1 | 112.3 | 1.1 | -0.4 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29.105 | 25. 282 | -0.7 | 4.2 | 105.1 | 115.2 | -0.8 | 1.0 |
| Second quarter | 29.050 | 24,805 | -0.2 | -1.9 | 103.8 | \$12.2 | -1.2 | -3.4 |
| Third quarter | 29,640 | 25,630 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 103.5 | 112.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| fourth quarter | 30,314 | 25,828 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 103.9 | 112.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| first quarter | 31.049 | 25, 177 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 102.8 | 111.6 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| Second quarter | 30.829 | 26,688 | -0.7 | 2.0 | 104.9 | 112.3 | 2.0 | 0.6 |
| Third quarter | 31.340 | 27.267 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 105.8 | 112.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| four th quarter | 32,809 | 29,693 | 4.7 | 8.9 | 106.8 | 113.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter Second quarter | $\begin{aligned} & 34,171 \\ & 35,547 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30.453 \\ 31,576 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.2 \\ & 4.0 \end{aligned}$ | 2.6 $-\quad 3.7$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106.3 \\ & 106.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 111.3 \\ & 110.1 \end{aligned}$ | -0.5 -0.1 | -1.8 -1.0 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 8,555 | -0.9 | -2.1 | 103.1 | 112.3 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| February | 10.391 | 8.653 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 102.6 | 111.5 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| March | 10.594 | 8.968 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 102.9 | 111.0 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| April | 10.268 | 8.531 | -3.1 | -4.9 | 103.5 | 110.8 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| May | 10.299 | 8,812 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 105.2 | 112.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| June | 10.262 | 9,345 | -0.4 | 6.1 | 105.7 | 113.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| July | 10,260 | 9,009 | 0.0 | -3.6 | 105.8 | 112.5 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| August | 10.534 | 8. 990 | 2.7 | -0.2 | 105.7 | 133.2 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| September | 10.547 | 9,269 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 105.8 | 112.7 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| October | 10.916 | 9,400 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 105.9 | 113.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| November | 10,838 | 9,898 | -0.7 | 5.3 | 107.3 | 113.7 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| Dacember | 11.055 | 10,395 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 107.6 | 113.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 10.887 | 9,582 | -1.5 | -6.9 | 106.5 | 112.5 | -1.0 | -0.8 |
| Februtary | 11.222 | 9,874 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 106.6 | 111.0 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| March | 12.063 | 10.897 | 7.5 | 10.4 | 105.9 | 110.4 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| April | 11.581 | 10,253 | -4.0 | -5.9 | 105.8 | 110.3 | -0.1 | -0. 1 |
| may | 11,764 | 10.821 | 1.6 | 5.5 | 106.2 | 110.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| June | 12.202 | 10.502 | 3.7 | -2.9 | 106.5 | 109.7 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| duly | 10.675 | 9,031 | -12.5 | -14.0 | 107.4 | 109.2 | 0.8 | -0.5 |
| . Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 1988 | $\begin{aligned} & 72,138 \\ & 80,393 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61.873 \\ & 71.060 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.0 \\ 11.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.0 \\ 14.8 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |

[^1]Note: Due to rounding, monthly data may nat add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not edd up to annul data.


[^0]:    1 Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
    2 Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.
    3 Seasonaly Adjusted.

[^1]:    The Pansche current weighted price index used to celculate constant dolkars can be derived by dividing current values in table 1
    by the constant dollars above.
    2 The Laspeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1981 trade end therefore reflects changes in price only.
    3 Exports = Donestic Exporis + Re-exports.
    4 Year-to-yesr, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

