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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Exports declined for the second consecutive month to total \$11.1 billion.
- Imports fell by $8.4 \%$ to $\$ 10.0$ billion, the lowest level since a year ago.
- The short-term trend for exports dropped in June for the fourth consecutive month while the trend for imports was down for the third uninterrupted month.
- Exports of automotive products slipped to their lowest level since July 1988.
- Imports of machinery and equipment posted a decrease for the second straight month.
- As a result of the larger decline in imports over exports, the trade surplus soared to its highest level since January of this year.

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, order the July 1989 issue of "Summary of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)" ( $65-001, \$ 17.30 / \$ 173$ ), which will be available the first week of October 1989, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-951-1711) (for analysis information), or Denis Pilon (613-951-4808) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, Intermational Trade Division.

## Monthly Summary

According to preliminary statistics adjusted for seasonal variation, Canada's international merchandise trade vis- d -vis all of its trading partners declined in July. This is the second straight month-to-month decrease. Compared to the levels recorded in June, imports and exports were down $8.4 \%$ and $1.0 \%$ respectively. Revised statistics for the month of June show declines from May of $11.3 \%$ for exports and $8.0 \%$ for imports. These decreases lowered exports and imports to levels well below the monthly averages recorded in 1988. For the second consecutive year, the marked slowdown of merchandise trade in July coincides with temporary closings of plants in the automotive industry.

Exports in July totalled \$11.1 billion, \$117 million less than the revised value for June. This is the fifth drop in exports since the beginning of the year and their lowest level since July 1988. In general, the recent slowdown in exports is primarily attributable to a weakening in the automotive products sector, which alone accounts for approximately $25 \%$ of Canada's total merchandise exports. Following sharp drops in sales, American vehicle production fell substantially, restraining the growth of Canadian parts exports to the United States. Excluding the automotive products sector, total exports rose $1.3 \%$. In addition, the agricultural products sector, specifically wheat exports which remain at exceptionally low levels as a result of the drought, continue to hinder the growth of total exports.

In spite of the declines registered in June and July, exports to the United States for the first seven months are $\$ 2.8$ billion higher than the total for the same period in 1988. However, the relative strength of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar in 1989 continues to exert downward pressure on Canadian exports to the United States.

After having dropped $\$ 947$ million in June, imports fell by $\$ 924$ million in July to total $\$ 10.0$ billion, their lowest level in a year, following the peak recorded in May. In spite of the sharp declines observed in June and July, imports for the first seven months of the year totalled $\$ 77.6$ billion, $\$ 4.9$ billion more than the total observed during the same period in 1988. As in the case of exports, the automotive products sector was the major cause of the downturn in total imports. This slowdown coincides with the declining rate of growth in overall retail sales and the rise in wholesale inventories noted during the past three months.


As a result of the more pronounced decline in imports compared with exports, the trade surplus rebounded to its highest level of the past six months, totalling $\$ 1.0$ billion in July compared to $\$ 222$ million in June. For the first seven months of the year the surplus totalled $\$ 4.3$ billion, down $\$ 2.2$ billion from the total observed for the corresponding period in 1988. The trade surplus for automotive products almost doubled in July.


## Short-term Trend

(excluding last month)
The short-term trend is the result of a weighted moving average of thirteen terms, and it is therefore possible that the seasonal-ly-adjusted series may not point in the same direction as the short-term trend. In addition, the trend for the last month is not analysed since it frequently undergoes extensive change with the inclusion of data for the following month. (For further details on the methodology used to calculate the short-term trend, please refer to the January 1989 issue of this bulletin.)

## Exports

The short-term trend for exports was down for the fourth straight month, with the rate of decline increasing from $0.9 \%$ in May to $1.0 \%$ in June.

- The trend for exports of automotive products has been decreasing since December 1988. In June the rate of decline was $1.1 \%$, up slightly from May. The trend for parts exports alone dropped by $2.4 \%$.
- The downward trend for wheat exports, observed since July 1988 as a result of the drought, continues, with the rate of decline rising from $19.1 \%$ in May to $21.3 \%$ in June.

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- The trend for exports of forestry products fell $1.3 \%$ for the third uninterrupted month. In particular, the trend for exports of wood pulp fell by $2.6 \%$.
- The trend for natural gas exports, down for the months of August 1988 to January 1989, underwent a reversal in February and has since posted increases.


## Imports

The short-term trend for imports was down in June for the third consecutive month, declining by $1.4 \%$. For May, the revised data indicates a drop of $0.8 \%$.

- The trend for imports of automotive products was the major factor behind the overall decline in June. This trend was down $4.8 \%$ from the previous month, the seventh consecutive decline. Import trends tumbled $8.5 \%$ in the case of passenger automobiles, $6.7 \%$ in the case of trucks and $1.8 \%$ in the case of motor vehicle parts.
- The trend for imports of machinery and equipment declined by $0.6 \%$ in June. Imports of aircraft, in particular, slid 2.4\%, following decreases of $\mathbf{1 . 8 \%}$ in May and $1.4 \%$ in April.
- After seven uninterrupted increases between November 1988 and May 1989, the trend for imports of crude petroleum dropped $2.2 \%$ in June.


## Detailed Analysis by Commodities and Trading Partners

## Commodities

Although imports were down in several commodity categories, the automotive products sector alone accounted for $46 \%$ of the total decline observed in July and was therefore the major factor behind the slowdown in imports. On the export side, the automotive sector accounted for $25 \%$ of the total decline.

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Exports of automotive products in July were down $\$ 227$ million from June, to total $\$ 2.7$ billion, their lowest level since July of last year. Compared to June data, there were declines in exports of passenger automobiles ( $-\$ 86$ million), trucks ( $-\$ 78$ million) and parts ( $\mathbf{\$} \mathbf{\$ 6 4}$ million). Although sales of motor vehicles appear to have recovered in July, U.S. motor vehicle production fell sharply, hindering Canadian parts exports.

Exports of aircraft were down $\$ 89$ million in July and $\$ 74$ million in June, while in May aircraft exports had increased by $\$ 125$ million. For the first seven months of 1989 , aircraft exports totalled $\$ 2.1$ billion, a $\$ 468$ million increase compared to the same period in 1988.

Total exports of machinery and equipment fell by $\$ 213$ million. This decrease lowered exports of machinery and equipment in July to $\$ 1.8$ billion, their lowest level since October 1988.

After six successive monthly declines, wheat exports edged up $\$ 12$ million to total $\$ 106$ million. Despite this slight increase, wheat exports remain well below their customary level. In July 1988, wheat exports had totalled $\$ 418$ million.

Between May and July 1989, imports of automotive products fell by $\$ 758$ million to $\$ 2.0$ billion, the lowest level since December 1983. In July, imports of automobiles were down $\$ 235$ million, following declines of $\$ 56$ million in June and $\$ 190$ million in May. Parts imports were down $\$ 227$ million, following a drop of $\$ 117$ million in June.

Imports of machinery and equipment continued to decline for the second straight month, falling $\$ 209$ million in July to $\$ 3.3$ billion, the lowest level in a year. These results appear to be consistent with the most recent statistics indicating a slowdown in the growth of investment in Canadian industry. The decline in imports of machinery and equipment in June and July totalled $\$ 600$ million. Imports of office machinery and equipment alone fell $\$ 49$ million.

Imports of industrial goods, a series which fluctuates considerably from month to month, dropped $\$ 119$ million in July following a $\$ 48$ million decrease in June. In addition, there were declines in imports of metalfabricated basic products and metals and ores of \$51 million and $\$ 29$ million respectively.


## Trading Partners

Exports to the United States fell $\$ 163$ million in July to total $\$ 8.4$ billion, their lowest level of the past twelve months. On the other hand, revised data for June indicate a drop of $\$ 1.1$ billion. Exports to the United States accounted for $75.6 \%$ of total exports in July.

Declines were also recorded in exports to E.E.C countries with the exception of the United Kingdom ( $-\$ 68$ million) and to "Other O.E.C.D. countries" ( $-\$ 50$ million). On the other hand, increases were recorded in exports to the United Kingdom ( $\$ 66$ million) and countries other than O.E.C.D. members ( $\$ 60$ million).

Imports from the United States slipped by $\$ 832$ million in July, compared to $\$ 625$ million in June. This decrease brings the total to $\$ 6.8$ billion or $67.5 \%$ of total imports in July.

There were also declines observed in imports from Japan (- $\$ 85$ million), the United Kingdom ( $-\$ 58$ million) and "Other O.E.C.D. countries" ( $-\$ 28$ million).

There were increases in imports from the E.E.C. excluding the U.K. ( $\$ 25$ million) and from all countries other than O.E.C.D. members ( $\$ 53$ million).

Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
July 1989
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Exports <br> (1) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ (1) \end{gathered}$ | ExportsRaw | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { Raw } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exports } \\ & \text { S.A.(3) } \end{aligned}$ | ImportsS.A.(3) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance } \\ & \text { S.A.(3) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Period-to-period change(2) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Exports <br> S.A.(3) | Imports S.A.(3) | Balance S.A. (3) |
|  |  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  | \% | \% \$ millions |  |
| 1983 | 90,613 | 75,520 | 90,556 | 73,098 | 90,556 | 73,098 | 17,457 | 7.3 | 9.5 | -197 |
| 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 | 119,061 | 102,669 | 119,061 | 102,669 | 16,392 | 6.9 | 12.2 | -3,446 |
| 1986 | 120,670 | 112,511 | 119,865 | 110,079 | 119,865 | 110,079 | 9,787 | 0.7 | 7.2 | -6,606 |
| 1987 | 125,087 | 116,239 | 126,120 | 114,767 | 126,120 | 114,767 | 11,353 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 1,567 |
| 1988 | 138,150 | 131,664 | 137,294 | 127,486 | 137,294 | 127,486 | 9,809 | 8.9 | 11.1 | -1,545 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29,714 | 27,776 | 30,273 | 27,357 | 30,794 | 27,673 | 3,122 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 449 |
| Second quarter | 31,687 | 29,578 | 31,832 | 29,221 | 30,686 | 27,810 | 2,876 | -0.4 | 0.5 | -245 |
| Third quarter | 29,628 | 27,814 | 30,071 | 27,475 | 31,487 | 28,422 | 3,065 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 189 |
| Fourth quarter 1988 | 34,057 | 31,071 | 33,944 | 30,714 | 33,152 | 30,862 | 2,290 | 5.3 | 8.6 | .776 |
| First quarter | 34,172 | 35,337 | 33,397 | 32,530 | 33,747 | 31,681 | 2,066 | 1.8 | 2.7 | -224 |
| Second quarter | 36,399 | 33,711 | 36,142 | 32,957 | 34,684 | 31,663 | 3,022 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 956 |
| Third quarter | 32,221 | 30,518 | 32,392 | 30,026 | 34,305 | 31,487 | 2,817 | -1.1 | -0.6 | -205 |
| Fourth quarter | 35,358 | 32,098 | 35,363 | 31,972 | 34,558 | 32,655 | 1,904 | 0.7 | 3.7 | -914 |
| 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 34,504 | 33,841 | 35,223 | 33,486 | 35,666 | 33,330 | 2,336 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 432 |
| Second quarter | 35,980 | 36,425 | 36,496 | 35,923 | 35,223 | 34,240 | 983 | -1.2 | 2.7 | -1,353 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 10,366 | 12,470 | 10,220 | 10,102 | 10,884 | 10,465 | 419 | -3.6 | -2.5 | - 141 |
| February | 11,282 | 10,520 | 10,911 | 10,289 | 11,225 | 10,225 | 999 | 3.1 | -2.3 | 581 |
| March | 12,524 | 12,348 | 12,266 | 12,140 | 11,639 | 10,991 | 648 | 3.7 | 7.5 | -352 |
| April | 11,475 | 10,693 | 11,397 | 10,447 | 11,327 | 10,229 | 1,097 | -2.7 | -6.9 | 450 |
| May | 12,067 | 11,706 | 12,013 | 11,447 | 11,516 | 10,985 | 530 | 1.7 | 7.4 | -567 |
| June | 12,857 | 11,312 | 12,732 | 11,063 | 11,842 | 10,448 | 1,394 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 864 |
| July | 9,651 | 8,900 | 9,800 | 8,847 | 10,866 | 9,385 | 1,481 | -8.2 | -10.2 | 87 |
| August | 10,906 | 10,752 | 10,958 | 10,502 | 11,945 | 11,162 | 783 | 9.9 | 18.9 | -698 |
| September | 11,664 | 10,866 | 11,634 | 10,677 | 11,494 | 10,940 | 553 | -3.8 | -2.0 | -230 |
| October | 11,917 | 11,005 | 11,751 | 10,903 | 11,327 | 10,858 | 469 | -1.5 | -0.7 | -85 |
| November | 12,351 | 11,254 | 12,375 | 11,215 | 11,782 | 10,939 | 842 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 374 |
| December | 11,090 | 9,838 | 11,237 | 9,854 | 11,449 | 10,857 | 593 | -2.8 | -0.8 | -250 |
| 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 11,327 | 10,612 | 11,674 | 10,564 | 12,187 | 11,089 | 1,098 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 506 |
| February | 11,183 | 11,047 | 11,461 | 10,894 | 11,879 | 11,048 | 831 | -2.5 | -0.4 | -267 |
| March | 11,994 | 12,181 | 12,087 | 12,028 | 11,600 | 11,193 | 407 | -2.3 | 1.3 | 424 |
| April | 11,627 | 11,914 | 11,626 | 11,756 | 11,443 | 11,375 | 68 | -1.4 | 1.6 | -339 |
| May | 12,405 | 12,601 | 13,014 | 12,410 | 12,599 | 11,907 | 693 | 10.1 | 4.7 | 625 |
| June | 11,948 | 11,910 | 11,856 | 11,757 | 11,181 | 10,959 | 222 | -11.3 | -8.0 | 471 |
| Juty | 9,745 | 9,462 | 9,935 | 9,417 | 11,064 | 10,035 | 1,029 | -1.0 | 8.4 | 807 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 80,222 | 77,948 | 79,339 | 74,335 | 79,297 | 72,728 | 6,569 | 10.3 | 12.1 | -441 |
| 1989 | 80,229 | 79,728 | 81,654 | 78,826 | 81,953 | 7,605 | 4,348 | 3.3 | 6.7 | -2.221 |

(1) Customs Basis
(2) Change over previous period
(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
July 1989
Scasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis


Imports for July 1989 by country of origin from the United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) amounted to $\mathbf{\$ 5 , 8 1 . 9}$ million. This represents the starting figure from which the Canada/United States reconciliation takes place.

- Series with no seasonality.


Table 3
Exports by Commodity Groupings
July 1989
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw values Percentage change |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | June | July |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { change } \end{gathered}$ | July'89/ July'88/ July'87/ July'88 July'87 July'86 |  |  |
| \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS | 845.8 | 824.6 | 873.1 | 6,514.2 | -15.8 | -24.4 | 9.7 | -7.7 |
| Wheat | 127.7 | 94.0 | 106.3 | 1,342.7 | -52.7 | -74.2 | 74.2 | -30.0 |
| Other agricultural and fishing products | 718.1 | 730.6 | 766.8 | 5,171.6 | 5.6 | 6.3 | -10.7 | 2.6 |
| ENERGY PRODUCTS | 1,090.0 | 1,035.8 | 1,092.3 | 7,119.6 | -1.5 | 13.0 | -18.7 | 32.9 |
| Crude petroleum* | 421.2 | 414.5 | 376.6 | 2,597.8 | 1.2 | 11.5 | -30.2 | 73.8 |
| Natural gas | 261.6 | 272.4 | 342.5 | 1,791.1 | 3.5 | 28.2 | 22.5 | 8.0 |
| Other energy products | 407.2 | 348.9 | 373.2 | 2,730.6 | -6.9 | 5.1 | -22.6 | 14.5 |
| FORESTRY PRODUCTS | 1,809.6 | 1,701.2 | 1,695.8 | 12,430.3 | 0.4 | -4.4 | 4.9 | 12.0 |
| Lumber and sawmill products | 556.4 | 498.0 | 569.6 | 3,946.4 | -4.7 | 1.6 | -9.5 | 6.6 |
| Woodpulp and other wood products | 566.1 | 555.6 | 496.5 | 3,968.0 | 11.1 | -8.7 | 26.4 | 16.4 |
| Newsprint and other paper and paperboard | 687.1 | 647.5 | 629.7 | 4,515.9 | -3.4 | -5.9 | 4.1 | 14.7 |
| INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIAL | 2,826.3 | 2,424.9 | 2,446.4 | 17,789.7 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 7.7 | 23.0 |
| Metal ores | 597.0 | 481.6 | 391.6 | 3,233.8 | 17.5 | 26.4 | -12.2 | 4.9 |
| Chemicals, plasties and fertilizers | 622.8 | 536.5 | 496.6 | 3,917.7 | -3.7 | -10.4 | 16.1 | 20.9 |
| Metals and alloys | 1,162.5 | 931.2 | 1,112.6 | 7,489.7 | 15.9 | 10.6 | 15.9 | 42.6 |
| Other industrial goods and materials | 444.1 | 475.6 | 445.6 | 3,148.5 | -7.0 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 12.4 |
| MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT | 2,015.7 | 1,991.1 | 1,778.0 | 13,295.3 | 7.8 | 9.2 | -1.4 | 0.1 |
| Industrial and agricultural machinery | 455.3 | 437.3 | 426.8 | 3,130.2 | 9.0 | 9.1 | -2.0 | 7.0 |
| Aircraft and other transportation equipment | 525.9 | 449.5 | 348.0 | 2,959.5 | 28.2 | 41.4 | -34.8 | -11.9 |
| Other machinery and equipment | 1,034.5 | 1,104.3 | 1,003.3 | 7,205.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 14.8 | 3.6 |
| AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS | 2,994.8 | 2,895.6 | 2,668.3 | 20,281.1 | -1.2 | 1.8 | 4.3 | -17.5 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 1,342.6 | 1,295.3 | 1,209.7 | 9,134.2 | -8.8 | -0.4 | 18.3 | -31.5 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 682.8 | 712.3 | 634.8 | 4,640.6 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 22.8 | -0.4 |
| Motor vehicle parts | 969.4 | 888.0 | 823.7 | 6,506.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | -18.6 | -8.9 |
| OTHER CONSUMER GOODS | 224.3 | 214.8 | 209.4 | 1,578.8 | -1.8 | -0.5 | -16.3 | 22.2 |
| SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE* | 65.2 | 73.3 | 65.6 | 454.6 | 2.0 | 31.2 | 91.0 | 13.4 |
| UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS* | 727.8 | 20.1 | 235.1 | 2,489.0 | 576.2 | 23.1 | -0.3 | -24.6 |
| TOTAL | 12.599.4 | 11,181.4 | 11,064.0 | 81.952 .9 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 3.8 |

[^0]Table 4
Imports by Commodity Groupings
July 1989
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw values Percentage change |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | June | July | Value | date \% change | July'89/ July'88 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Change } \\ & \text { July'87/ } \\ & \text { July'86 } \end{aligned}$ |
| \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS | 723.0 | 705.2 | 631.6 | 4,756.7 | 10.6 | 3.9 | -7.8 | -5.9 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 245.6 | 231.8 | 222.6 | 1,604.7 | 10.2 | 75 | 8.6 | 4.5 |
| Other agricultural and fishing products | 477.4 | 473.4 | 409.1 | 3,152.0 | 10.7 | 2.0 | -7.4 | -6.7 |
| ENERGY PRODUCTS | 605.4 | 462.7 | 449.2 | 3,581.0 | 12.9 | -6.4 | -7.7 | 25.2 |
| Crude petroleum | 367.3 | 275.7 | 233.6 | 2,082.2 | 6.7 | -12.9 | -8.7 | 57.5 |
| Other energy products | 238.1 | 187.0 | 215.6 | 1,498.9 | 22.7 | 1.9 | -6.4 | -1.3 |
| FORESTRY PRODUCTS | 112.5 | 114.1 | 115.8 | 789.3 | 1.9 | 8.0 | -3.6 | 16.0 |
| INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS | 2,267.0 | 2,218.7 | 2,099.4 | 15,386.2 | 10.9 | 8.0 | 4.5 | 5.6 |
| Metals and metal ores | 636.7 | 599.2 | 570.6 | 4,392.4 | 9.9 | -3.7 | 18.4 | - 2.9 |
| Chemicals and plastics | 672.0 | 697.9 | 706.5 | 4,787.4 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 2.3 | 9.7 |
| Other industrial goods and materials | 958.3 | 921.6 | 822.2 | 6,206.4 | 8.8 | 12.3 | -3.5 | 9.3 |
| MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT | 3,943.7 | 3,553.3 | 3,344.1 | 25,017.1 | 9.2 | 12.9 | -5.9 | 12.1 |
| Industrial and agricultural machinery | 1,182.7 | 1,101.5 | 1,082.7 | 7,855.8 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| Aircraft and other transportation equipment | 564.1 | 454.9 | 425.3 | 3,416.1 | 1.7 | 17.7 | -20.2 | 37.0 |
| Office machines and equipment | 548.8 | 512.4 | 463.2 | 3,669.5 | 10.8 | 5.8 | -16.4 | 32.2 |
| Other machinery and equipment | 1,648.2 | 1,484.5 | 1,372.9 | 10,075.7 | 12.7 | 18.1 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS | 2,732.4 | 2,502.6 | 1,974.2 | 18,310.0 | -3.8 | -8.0 | -18.2 | -25.2 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 927.4 | 871.0 | 636.4 | 6,813.6 | 0.5 | -32.1 | -4.2 | -21.3 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 318.7 | 262.7 | 196.3 | 2,034.4 | -2.0 | -25.9 | -7.4 | -16.3 |
| Motor vehicle parts | 1,486.3 | 1,368.9 | 1,141.5 | 9,462.1 | -7.0 | 21.4 | -30.8 | -29.5 |
| OTHER CONSUMER GOODS | 1,326.9 | 1,203.3 | 1,233.8 | 8,654.3 | 12.0 | 14.9 | -8.1 | 5.3 |
| Apparel and footwear | 312.9 | 266.2 | 285.8 | 1,967.3 | 8.2 | 12.6 | -8.0 | 6.8 |
| Miscellaneous consumer goods | 1,014.0 | 937.1 | 948.0 | 6,687.0 | 13.2 | 15.9 | -8.2 | 4.6 |
| SPECLAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE* | 281.4 | 280.9 | 257.8 | 1,663.5 | 13.1 | 15.0 | 23.2 | 14.7 |
| UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS* | -85.9 | 81.7 | -70.9 | -553.3 | 5.0 | 7.8 | -8.6 | 4.0 |
| TOTAL | 11,906.5 | 10,959.1 | 10,034.9 | 77,604.9 | 6.7 | 6.4 | -6.7 | -1.2 |

(*) Series has no seasonality.

Table 5
Merchandise Trade of Canada
Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes
July 1989
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Constant doilars (1981)(1) } \\ \text { Period-to-period } \\ \text { change(3) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | Exports | aspeyres $1 \times 100.0$ Imports | ice index Period ch | (2) o-period nge (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports |
|  | \$ millions |  | \% |  |  |  | \% |  |
| 1984 | 106,931 | 85,581 | 18.6 | 19.7 | 105.0 | 109.6 | 4.2 | 5.7 |
| 1985 | 113,822 | 94,442 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 106.0 | 113.4 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| 1986 | 117,822 | 101,513 | 3.5 | 7.5 | 104.0 | 112.8 | -1.9 | -0.5 |
| 1987 | 126,399 | 110,707 | 7.3 | 9.1 | 105.1 | 112.2 | 1.1 | -0.5 |
| 1988 | 139,052 | 126,877 | 10.0 | 14.6 | 107.8 | 110.5 | 2.6 | -1.6 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 30,939 | 26,432 | 25 | 2.0 | 102.9 | 111.6 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| Second quarter | 30,810 | 26,745 | -0.4 | 1.2 | 104.8 | 112.2 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| Third quarter | 31,558 | 27,533 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Fourth quarter | 33,093 | 29,997 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 106.7 | 113.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| 1988 ( 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 34,379 | 31,100 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 106.2 | 111.3 | -0.5 | -1.7 |
| Second quarter | 35,363 | 31,514 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 106.4 | 110.1 | 0.1 | -1.0 |
| Third quarter | 34,670 | 31,530 | -2.0 | 0.1 | 108.6 | 110.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| Fourth quarter | 34,640 | 32,734 | -0.1 | 3.8 | 109.8 | 110.4 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| 1989 quart |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 34,946 | 33,598 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 111.4 | 110.8 | 1.4 | 0.3 |
| Second quarter | 34,804 | 34,516 | -0.4 | 2.7 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 11,076 | 9,962 | 0.2 | -5.0 | 106.7 | 112.0 | -0.8 | -1.1 |
| February | 11,448. | 10,105 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 106.5 | 110.6 | -0.2 | -1.3 |
| March | 11,855 | 11,032 | 3.6 | 9.2 | 105.7 | 109.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| April | 11,544 | 10,175 | -2.6 | -7.8 | 106.0 | 109.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| May | 11,762 | 10,862 | 1.9 | 6.7 | 106.3 | 109.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| June | 12,057 | 10,477 | 2.5 | -3.5 | 106.9 | 109.5 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| July | 11,185 | 9,530 | -7.2 | -9.0 | 1075 | 109.1 | 0.6 | -0.4 |
| August | 11,870 | 11,050 | 6.1 | 15.9 | 108.9 | 109.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| September | 11,615 | 10,950 | -2.1 | -0.9 | 109.2 | 110.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| October | 11,393 | 10,824 | -1.9 | -1.1 | 108.9 | 109.7 | -0.3 | -0.6 |
| November | 11,844 | 10,971 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 110.4 | 110.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| December | 11,403 | 10,938 | -3.7 | -0.3 | 110.1 | 109.7 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 11,919 | 11,134 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 111.8 | 110.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| February | 11,540 | 11,145 | -3.2 | 0.1 | 111.5 | 110.5 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| March | 11,487 | 11,319 | -0.5 | 1.6 | 112.2 | 110.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| April | 11,279 | 11,524 | -1.8 | 1.8 | 112.1 | 111.6 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| May | 12,402 | 12,001 | 10.0 | 4.1 | 112.1 | 111.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| June | 11,123 | 10,990 | -10.3 | 8.4 | 111.3 | 111.9 | -0.8 | 0.1 |
| July | 11,023 | 10,121 | -0.9 | -7.9 | 111.1 | 111.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 80,928 | 72,144 | 12.1 | 15.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 1989 | 80,773 | 78,234 | -0.2 | 8.4 |  |  |  |  |

[^1]
## MONTHLY YECONOMIC INBICATORS (Trends of Seasonally Adjusted Data)

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[^0]:    * Series has no seasonality.

[^1]:    (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) Change over previous period.

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

