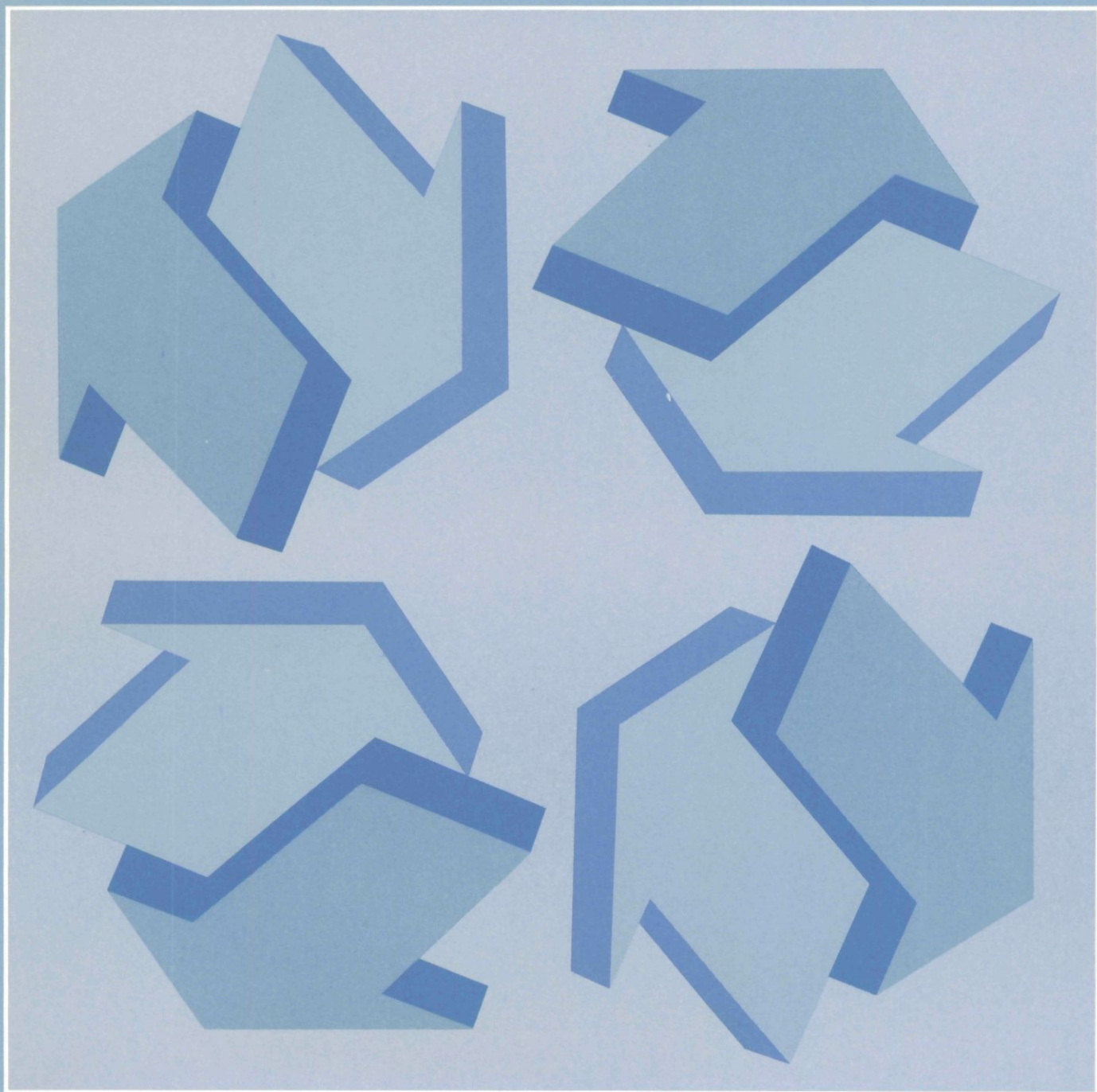




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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Exports rose by \$518 million to reach \$12.0 billion and imports increased by \$678 million to a level of \$11.2 billion.
- Exports of automotive products, particularly cars, rose substantially in April, but January to April exports were 16.3% lower than for the same period last year.
- The larger increase in imports relative to exports caused the trade surplus to fall by \$160 million to \$892 million in April.

## Monthly Summary

A turnaround in the April merchandise trade figures and the recent easing of declines in the short-term trends for both imports and exports may be signs of an upcoming recovery in the external trade sector. Exports rose by \$518 million to reach \$12.0 billion, and imports increased by \$678 million to a level of \$11.2 billion.

Exports of automotive products, particularly cars, rose substantially in April, despite lower passenger car sales in the United States and some temporary plant shutdowns in Canada during the month. Nevertheless, January to April exports of automotive products were 16.3% lower than in the same period last year.

Advances were noted in the machinery and equipment sector. A \$129 million hike in exports of "other machinery and equipment", due primarily to a rise of \$89 million for television and telecommunication equipment, brought total machinery and equipment exports to \$2.5 billion, contributing to a much higher year-to-date total than for the same period in 1990.

Higher import levels in April included increases in industrial goods and materials of \$252 million, in ma-

chinery and equipment of \$246 million and in motor vehicle parts, up by \$187 million. Increases were also noted for other consumer goods.

The larger increase in imports relative to exports caused the trade surplus to fall by \$160 million to \$892 million. Canada posted a trade surplus of \$1.2 billion with the United States. Even though this represented a decrease of \$277 million from March figures, the year-to-date surplus with the United States was higher than the year-to-date in 1990 because of the very large surplus in March.

Canada also registered a surplus with Japan (\$49 million), which was the first surplus recorded since January 1990. However, on a cumulative basis, Canada has been in a deficit situation with Japan during 1991 and the year-to-date deficit is larger than for the same period last year (-\$342 million in 1991 versus -\$257 million in 1990).

Deficits were registered with all other major trading partners in April.

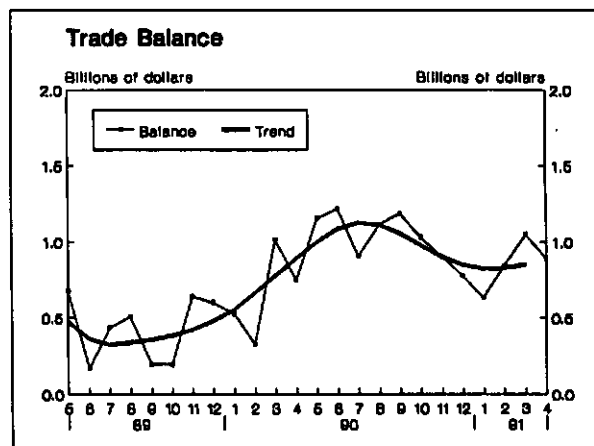
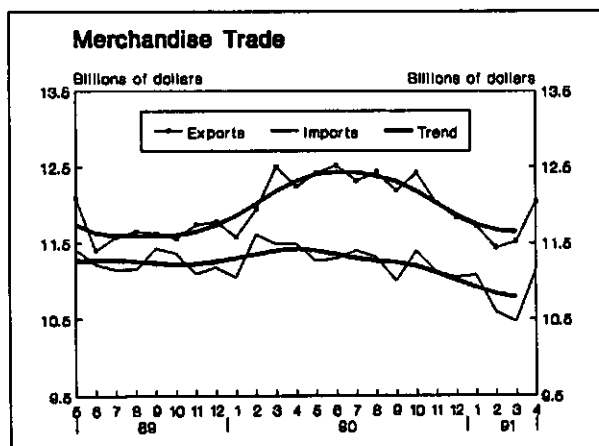




Table 1  
Merchandise Trade of Canada  
April 1991

	Customs Basis		Balance of Payments Basis							
	Exports	Imports	Raw Values		Seasonally Adjusted					
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Balance	Period-to-period change		
								Exports	Imports	Balance
\$ millions							%	%	\$ millions	
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	120,318	110,374	120,317	110,374	9,943	1.1	7.5	-6,449
1987	125,087	116,239	126,340	115,119	126,340	115,119	11,222	5.0	4.3	1,279
1988	138,498	131,172	138,742	128,321	138,742	128,321	10,421	9.8	11.5	-801
1989	138,701	135,191	141,768	134,673	141,768	134,673	7,095	2.2	5.0	-3,326
1990	148,665	136,224	146,482	135,557	146,482	135,557	10,926	3.3	0.7	3,830
1989										
First quarter	34,684	33,753	35,817	33,542	36,703	33,377	3,326	5.4	2.4	1,078
Second quarter	36,345	36,434	37,030	36,087	35,097	33,906	1,191	-4.4	1.6	-2,135
Third quarter	32,291	31,444	32,852	31,623	34,879	33,740	1,139	-0.6	-0.5	-53
Fourth quarter	35,381	33,560	36,069	33,422	35,089	33,650	1,439	0.6	-0.3	300
1990										
First quarter	36,181	35,171	35,579	34,944	36,037	34,166	1,871	2.7	1.5	432
Second quarter	39,239	35,852	38,761	35,576	37,186	34,058	3,128	3.2	-0.3	1,257
Third quarter	35,304	31,354	34,772	31,566	36,952	33,738	3,214	-0.6	-0.9	87
Fourth quarter	37,941	33,847	37,371	33,471	36,308	33,595	2,712	-1.7	-0.4	-502
1991										
First quarter	34,739	32,480	33,823	32,432	34,706	32,174	2,532	-4.4	-4.2	-180
1990										
January	11,394	10,826	11,161	10,682	11,582	11,054	528	-1.7	-1.1	-74
February	11,474	11,385	11,373	11,425	11,946	11,620	326	3.1	5.1	-203
March	13,312	12,961	13,046	12,838	12,509	11,492	1,017	4.7	-1.1	691
April	12,313	11,602	12,112	11,560	12,242	11,489	753	-2.1	0.0	-264
May	13,773	12,385	13,590	12,405	12,422	11,266	1,156	1.5	-1.9	403
June	13,153	11,866	13,059	11,611	12,522	11,303	1,219	0.8	0.3	63
July	11,213	10,080	11,116	10,085	12,322	11,412	910	-1.6	1.0	-309
August	11,807	10,949	11,567	11,083	12,436	11,319	1,118	0.9	-0.8	208
September	12,284	10,325	12,089	10,397	12,194	11,007	1,187	-1.9	-2.8	70
October	13,847	12,293	13,574	12,218	12,429	11,399	1,031	1.9	3.6	-157
November	12,676	11,522	12,558	11,439	12,036	11,132	903	-3.2	-2.3	-127
December	11,418	10,032	11,238	9,814	11,843	11,064	778	-1.6	-0.6	-125
1991										
January	11,626	11,001	11,294	10,905	11,731	11,097	634	-0.9	0.3	-144
February	11,194	10,313	10,856	10,393	11,446	10,600	846	-2.4	-4.5	212
March	11,919	11,166	11,673	11,134	11,529	10,478	1,051	0.7	-1.2	205
April	12,630	11,877	3,759	11,611	12,047	11,156	892	4.5	6.5	-160
Year-to-date										
1990	48,494	46,773	47,691	46,505	48,279	45,655	2,624	0.0	2.3	-1,043
1991	47,368	44,357	37,582	44,043	46,753	43,330	3,424	-3.2	-5.1	800

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

## Short-Term Trend

### Exports

Exports fell for the ninth consecutive month, but the rate of decline, slowing since December, was only 0.3% in March, half the drop registered in February.

- Industrial goods and materials decreased by 1.1%. All commodity series registered decreases, led by a 2.7% drop in metal ores, which fell for the seventh consecutive month.
- Energy products also contributed to the downward movement, falling 4.3%, due primarily to a 10.5% drop in exports of crude petroleum, as other energy products fell only marginally and natural gas exports actually rose by 1.1%.
- In the forestry products sector, both lumber and woodpulp continued a downward trend recorded through all of 1990, but in both cases the rate of decline has been slowing somewhat.
- An increase in the trend for machinery and equipment exports (2.0%) helped in the easing of the decline in total exports. This was the fourth monthly increase following six declines. The largest increase occurred in the "other machinery and equipment" grouping, which includes television and telecommunication equipment, office machines and other equipment and tools, up by 3.0% in March.
- The increase of 0.4% for automotive products was the first registered since the trend began to fall last July. It was chiefly due to higher car exports

(1.1%), as truck exports were relatively flat, and parts exports continued to fall (-0.7% in March) for the ninth month in a row, though the rate of decrease was considerably slower than in previous months.

- Exports to the United States dropped by 0.4%, continuing the downward movement first observed in August 1990. An increase of 2.8% was registered for exports to Japan; this was the third consecutive monthly increase and the rate is accelerating.

### Imports

The import trend has been falling for eleven months, but the rate of decline began to slow in February, and fell only 0.5% in March.

- Automotive products, which have been falling since last June, decreased a further 0.4%. The decline was entirely the result of reduced car imports (-1.7%), as imports of trucks and parts rose. The increase in parts was the first monthly increase since last June.
- Energy products declined by 12.5%, attributable mainly to lower prices.
- Upward movements registered for agricultural and fishing products, forestry products, machinery and equipment, and other consumer goods contributed to the slowdown in the decline of total imports.
- Imports from the United States and Japan were up marginally, while trends for imports from Canada's other trading partners were down in March — imports from the United Kingdom and "Other O.E.C.D. countries" fell 7.9% and 6.9% respectively.

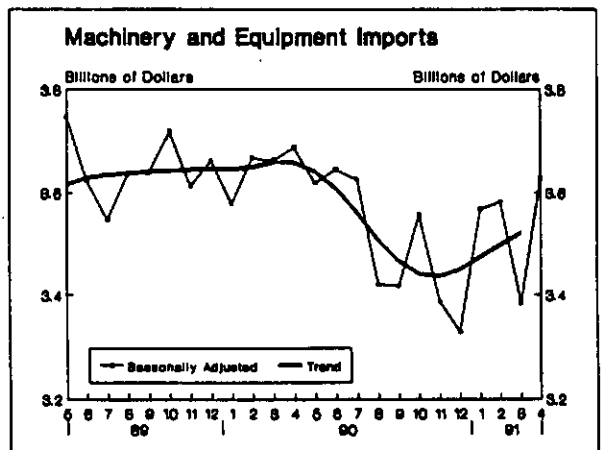
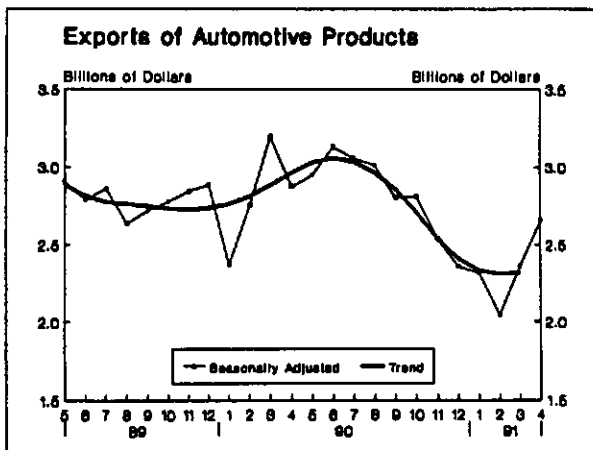


Table 2  
**Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas**  
 April 1991  
 Balance of Payments Basis  
 Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar.	Apr.	Period-to-period change				Year-to-date Total	Change over previous year	
			Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.		\$ millions	%
	\$ millions		%	%	\$ millions		\$ millions	%	\$ millions
<b>Exports to:</b>									
United States	8,610	9,079	1.8	5.5	151	470	35,023	-3.1	-1,107
United Kingdom	266	274	-0.8	3.1	-2	8	1,066	-8.3	-97
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	762	674	-0.8	-11.4	-6	-87	2,903	11.2	292
Japan	561	725	-9.6	29.2	-60	164	2,461	-8.1	-216
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	200	173	-5.8	-13.4	-12	-27	819	-32.1	-386
Other countries	1,131	1,122	1.0	-0.9	11	-10	4,481	-0.3	-12
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,529</b>	<b>12,047</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>46,753</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-1,525</b>
<b>Imports from:</b>									
United States	7,103	7,850	-2.3	10.5	-166	747	29,857	-4.9	-1,527
United Kingdom *	368	387	17.0	5.1	54	19	1,436	-9.3	-147
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	845	752	0.0	-11.0	0	-93	3,177	-7.2	-248
Japan	680	676	-6.1	-0.6	-44	-4	2,803	-4.5	-131
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	409	353	8.2	-13.7	31	-56	1,561	-0.5	-7
Other countries *	1,072	1,138	0.3	6.2	3	67	4,495	-5.6	-265
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,478</b>	<b>11,156</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-122</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>43,330</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-2,325</b>
<b>Balance with:</b>									
United States	1,507	1,230			318	-277	5,165		420
United Kingdom	-103	-113			-56	-10	-370		50
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	-83	-77			-6	6	-274		540
Japan	-120	49			-16	168	-342		-85
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	-210	-180			-43	30	-742		-379
Other countries	60	-16			8	-76	-13		254
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>892</b>			<b>205</b>	<b>-160</b>	<b>3,424</b>		<b>800</b>

\* Raw series

Table 2A  
**Statistical Alignment of Canadian Exports to the United States with United States Imports from Canada**  
 Customs Basis  
 April 1991

	\$ millions
Total Canadian exports to United States	9,524.1
Freight and other related charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the Canadian border	-268.6
Canadian re-exports of goods of foreign origin to United States	-470.8
United States imports of goods of Canadian origin from other countries	10.5
Re-exports of U.S. goods returned through Canada and designated as Canadian origin by the U.S.	307.7
Monthly average exchange rate (\$US/\$Cdn)	1.1533
Total United States imports from Canada (Country of Origin and F.O.B. place of lading Basis)	US \$7,892.9

Notes:

1. United States trade data includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
2. Totals may not add due to rounding.
3. Readers interested in aligning Canadian imports from United States to United States exports to Canada should refer to the *United States Department of Commerce News Release (FT900)* or contact International Trade Division Data Dissemination Section at 613-951-9647.

Table 3  
**Exports by Commodity Groupings**  
 April 1991  
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values			
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Year-to-date		Percentage change			
				Value	% change	Apr.'91/ Apr.'90	Apr.'90/ Apr.'89	Apr.'89/ Apr.'88	
	\$ millions								
<b>AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS</b>	1,060	1,118	1,173	4,366	-5.1	3.6	31.8	-14.3	
Wheat	280	288	335	1,186	-12.8	-4.1	93.4	-48.0	
Other agricultural and fishing products	780	830	839	3,179	-1.9	8.0	11.4	9.0	
<b>ENERGY PRODUCTS</b>	1,228	1,217	1,250	5,078	19.6	21.6	5.6	-5.5	
Crude petroleum *	548	458	406	2,051	40.7	21.7	-8.0	-2.6	
Natural gas	246	301	330	1,168	3.7	5.5	23.2	8.2	
Other energy products	434	459	514	1,859	12.0	34.1	7.7	-15.5	
<b>FORESTRY PRODUCTS</b>	1,680	1,619	1,659	6,665	-8.6	-6.9	-1.9	3.8	
Lumber and sawmill products	490	470	520	1,952	-15.6	-4.4	-3.2	-4.1	
Woodpulp and other wood products	465	437	436	1,800	-16.1	-16.7	-11.1	19.7	
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	725	712	703	2,913	2.9	-1.7	7.2	-0.5	
<b>INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS</b>	2,454	2,366	2,367	9,671	-1.6	0.5	-9.5	8.5	
Metal ores	396	366	370	1,582	-10.2	-22.8	7.6	15.0	
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	607	607	592	2,401	3.5	1.3	0.0	5.1	
Metals and alloys	1,016	975	955	3,953	2.1	11.5	-24.4	16.4	
Other industrial goods and materials	435	419	451	1,734	-7.5	0.2	0.2	-8.3	
<b>MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	2,539	2,474	2,524	9,886	4.7	7.8	13.4	13.6	
Industrial and agricultural machinery	476	510	466	1,898	-7.9	0.9	2.9	15.2	
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	631	580	545	2,292	13.3	18.2	9.1	6.3	
Other machinery and equipment	1,432	1,385	1,513	5,696	6.2	6.8	19.2	15.8	
<b>AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS</b>	2,042	2,363	2,655	9,376	-16.3	-3.6	-4.1	-2.0	
Passenger autos and chassis	847	1,246	1,401	4,661	-10.5	11.4	-2.6	-9.5	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	543	531	608	2,225	-18.2	-13.2	8.1	-3.4	
Motor vehicle parts	652	586	646	2,489	-24.0	-19.5	-14.3	11.9	
<b>OTHER CONSUMER GOODS</b>	242	258	254	993	7.5	18.5	-5.0	-0.5	
<b>SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE</b>	237	149	200	858	-8.1	-5.3	94.6	-3.5	
<b>UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *</b>	-35	-35	-35	-140	-26.5	-2.1	-36.0	1.1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>11,529</b>	<b>12,047</b>	<b>46,753</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	

\* Raw series

Table 4  
**Imports by Commodity Groupings**  
 April 1991  
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Year-to-date		Percentage change		
				Value	% change	Apr. '91/ Apr. '90	Apr. '90/ Apr. '89	Apr. '89/ Apr. '88
	\$ millions							
<b>AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS</b>	708	729	785	2,914	0.9	13.5	3.1	17.3
Fruits and vegetables	247	250	266	1,001	3.3	20.4	0.8	12.2
Other agricultural and fishing products	461	479	519	1,913	-0.3	9.8	4.3	20.3
<b>ENERGY PRODUCTS</b>	603	592	454	2,221	-12.8	-23.0	-6.1	50.6
Crude petroleum	411	445	322	1,557	-3.0	-13.0	-5.5	49.5
Other energy products	192	146	132	664	-29.6	-39.7	-7.0	52.5
<b>FORESTRY PRODUCTS</b>	98	94	102	390	-21.1	-18.2	12.6	-1.5
<b>INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS</b>	1,958	1,883	2,136	7,974	-10.3	1.2	-1.9	6.0
Metals and metal ores	535	480	533	2,088	-12.6	6.6	-19.8	-4.7
Chemicals and plastics	637	642	734	2,666	-4.1	5.6	8.2	8.6
Other industrial goods and materials	786	761	869	3,221	-13.3	-5.3	2.4	12.5
<b>MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	3,582	3,384	3,629	14,162	-3.0	2.2	-0.9	18.7
Industrial and agricultural machinery	899	870	958	3,661	-18.3	-9.6	-7.5	13.6
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	591	450	429	1,882	9.6	11.8	-16.1	60.5
Office machines and equipment	565	568	550	2,322	7.8	8.6	0.4	12.8
Other machinery and equipment	1,527	1,496	1,692	6,296	0.8	5.8	10.2	13.8
<b>AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS</b>	2,140	2,237	2,418	9,459	-8.6	-7.8	-6.3	1.6
Passenger autos and chassis	776	811	772	3,542	-5.2	-12.5	-14.2	6.4
Trucks and other motor vehicles	259	275	309	1,168	-1.7	-8.0	10.8	7.4
Motor vehicle parts	1,105	1,150	1,337	4,749	-12.4	-3.9	-3.2	-3.5
<b>OTHER CONSUMER GOODS</b>	1,284	1,293	1,388	5,288	0.8	9.8	2.3	17.5
Apparel and footwear	275	270	274	1,105	-12.0	-10.2	4.5	23.8
Miscellaneous consumer goods	1,010	1,023	1,114	4,183	4.9	14.7	1.7	16.2
<b>SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE</b>	295	340	321	1,214	26.5	52.0	-2.6	29.9
<b>UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *</b>	-69	-73	-78	-293	-5.9	1.4	-6.2	13.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,600	10,478	11,156	43,330	-5.1	0.4	-2.1	12.1

\* Raw series

Table 5

**Merchandise Trade of Canada**

Constant Dollars, Laspeyres Price Indexes and Terms of Trade

April 1991

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

	Constant 1986 dollars (1)				Laspeyres price index (2)					
			Period-to-period change (4)		1986=100			Period-to-period change (4)		
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade(3)	Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade(3)
	\$ millions		%					%		
1986	120,317	110,374	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	...	...
1987	124,665	117,271	3.6	6.2	101.8	98.8	103.1	1.8	-1.2	3.1
1988	136,280	133,265	9.3	13.6	102.9	97.5	105.6	1.2	-1.4	2.5
1989	137,765	139,680	1.1	4.8	104.8	97.9	107.1	1.8	0.4	1.4
1990	143,995	139,159	4.5	-0.4	104.3	99.4	105.0	-0.5	1.5	-2.0
1989										
First quarter	35,393	34,506	4.2	2.1	105.7	97.4	108.6	1.3	-0.3	1.6
Second quarter	33,685	34,866	-4.8	1.0	106.2	98.2	108.1	0.4	0.9	-0.5
Third quarter	34,138	35,128	1.3	0.8	104.2	97.7	106.6	-1.9	-0.5	-1.4
Fourth quarter	34,549	35,181	1.2	0.2	103.8	97.6	106.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
1990										
First quarter	35,428	35,007	2.5	-0.5	104.3	99.5	104.8	0.5	1.9	-1.4
Second quarter	37,119	35,502	4.8	1.4	102.9	98.5	104.6	-1.3	-1.0	-0.3
Third quarter	36,579	34,879	-1.5	-1.8	103.3	98.7	104.7	0.4	0.3	0.1
Fourth quarter	34,869	33,771	-4.7	-3.2	106.3	101.5	104.7	2.8	2.8	0.0
1991										
First quarter	34,232	33,214	-1.8	-1.7	103.2	99.4	103.8	-2.9	-2.1	-1.0
1990										
January	11,378	11,451	-2.4	-2.2	103.6	98.6	105.1	0.1	1.4	-1.3
February	11,636	11,785	2.3	2.9	105.7	100.5	105.2	2.0	2.0	0.1
March	12,413	11,771	6.7	-0.1	103.7	99.4	104.3	-2.0	-1.1	-0.9
April	12,244	11,993	-1.4	1.9	103.0	98.5	104.5	-0.6	-0.9	0.2
May	12,343	11,706	0.8	-2.4	103.3	98.7	104.7	0.3	0.2	0.1
June	12,531	11,803	1.5	0.8	102.5	98.3	104.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.3
July	12,405	11,890	-1.0	0.7	101.4	97.8	103.7	-1.1	-0.5	-0.6
August	12,375	11,754	-0.2	-1.1	102.6	98.1	104.6	1.2	0.3	0.9
September	11,799	11,235	-4.7	-4.4	105.9	100.4	105.5	3.2	2.3	0.8
October	11,918	11,523	1.0	2.6	106.9	101.4	105.4	1.0	1.0	-0.1
November	11,480	11,217	-3.7	-2.7	106.6	101.9	104.6	-0.3	0.5	-0.8
December	11,471	11,032	-0.1	-1.7	105.4	101.4	103.9	-1.1	-0.5	-0.6
1991										
January	11,498	11,381	0.2	3.2	104.4	100.1	104.3	-0.9	-1.2	0.3
February	11,246	10,970	-2.2	-3.6	103.3	99.4	103.9	-1.1	-0.8	-0.3
March	11,488	10,862	2.1	-1.0	102.0	99.0	103.1	-1.2	-0.4	-0.9
April	12,157	11,663	5.8	7.4	101.2	98.2	103.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.0
Year-to-date										
1990	47,672	47,000	2.5	2.0						
1991	46,389	44,877	-2.7	-4.5						

(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 1986 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.

(3) The Terms of Trade are the ratios of export price indexes to import price indexes, multiplied by 100.

(4) 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.

... figures not appropriate.

Table 6  
**Exports by Commodity Groupings in 1986 Dollars**  
 April 1991  
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values			
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Year-to-date		Percentage change			
				Value	% change	Apr.'91/ Apr.'90	Apr.'90/ Apr.'89	Apr.'89/ Apr.'88	
	\$ millions								
<b>AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS</b>	1,105	1,148	1,201	4,515	4.2	16.0	37.5	-25.5	
Wheat	311	313	372	1,312	10.1	20.1	138.2	-63.1	
Other agricultural and fishing products	794	835	829	3,203	1.9	13.7	11.9	0.3	
<b>ENERGY PRODUCTS</b>	1,244	1,377	1,440	5,366	15.0	18.3	10.3	-10.5	
Crude petroleum *	443	424	415	1,713	30.5	27.0	-0.5	-17.6	
Natural gas	350	418	441	1,622	-0.1	-9.8	25.5	15.3	
Other energy products	451	535	584	2,031	17.4	43.5	5.0	-21.5	
<b>FORESTRY PRODUCTS</b>	1,583	1,541	1,613	6,331	-3.1	-0.8	5.3	-1.8	
Lumber and sawmill products	523	502	564	2,090	-10.5	0.9	-2.4	-4.1	
Woodpulp and other wood products	382	368	378	1,491	7.4	9.8	-4.9	2.2	
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	679	671	671	2,751	-2.1	-7.0	18.5	-1.7	
<b>INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS</b>	2,408	2,311	2,359	9,502	-1.3	1.7	0.6	3.1	
Metal ores	360	347	363	1,499	-1.2	-9.0	5.9	6.4	
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	585	578	573	2,292	-3.9	-6.3	10.4	2.6	
Metals and alloys	1,003	943	924	3,842	5.4	14.1	-11.5	12.3	
Other industrial goods and materials	460	443	500	1,868	-9.9	-0.4	8.6	-12.9	
<b>MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	2,421	2,382	2,447	9,514	4.7	8.2	12.6	11.4	
Industrial and agricultural machinery	406	435	396	1,623	-10.1	-1.6	-1.4	11.6	
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	565	511	480	2,033	13.0	17.2	7.3	-0.3	
Other machinery and equipment	1,451	1,436	1,571	5,858	6.9	8.6	19.3	15.7	
<b>AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS</b>	2,077	2,392	2,717	9,597	-19.3	-8.4	-1.9	-1.0	
Passenger autos and chassis	870	1,264	1,444	4,806	-15.6	2.8	2.1	-8.3	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	551	539	621	2,280	-21.1	-17.3	8.2	-1.6	
Motor vehicle parts	656	589	652	2,511	-24.2	-20.1	-14.6	12.5	
<b>OTHER CONSUMER GOODS</b>	209	224	215	853	6.5	16.6	-8.1	-7.2	
<b>SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *</b>	233	148	202	850	-7.9	-4.4	103.2	-7.2	
<b>UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *</b>	-34	-35	-35	-139	-26.2	-1.2	-33.2	-2.8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,246	11,488	12,157	46,389	-2.7	3.0	7.3	-1.7	

\* Raw series

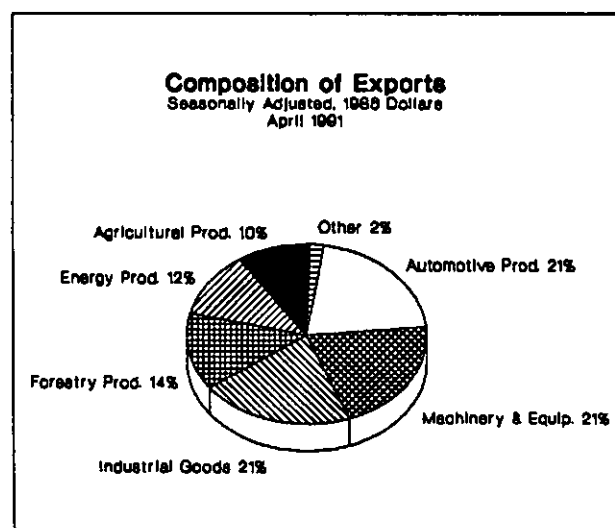
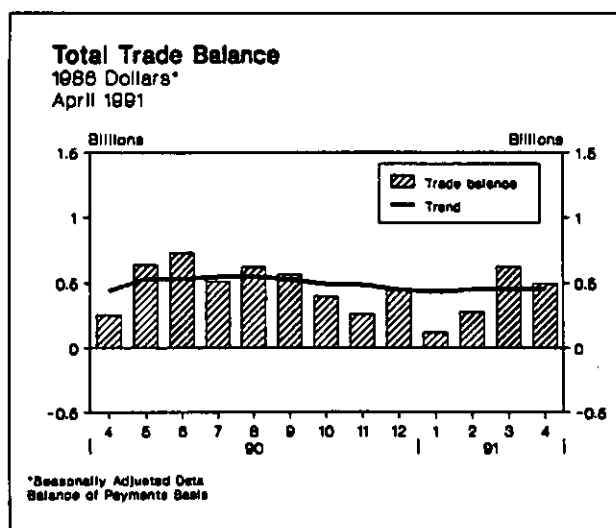


Table 7  
Imports by Commodity Groupings in 1986 Dollars  
April 1991  
Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values			
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Year-to-date		Percentage change			
				Value	% change	Apr.'91/ Apr.'90	Apr.'90/ Apr.'89	Apr.'89/ Apr.'88	
	\$ millions								
<b>AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS</b>	714	713	783	2,936	-1.0	9.4	5.6	16.7	
Fruits and vegetables	225	214	222	886	-7.1	1.8	4.3	12.0	
Other agricultural and fishing products	489	499	561	2,050	1.9	13.5	6.3	19.4	
<b>ENERGY PRODUCTS</b>	547	556	467	2,008	-20.0	-24.6	-2.9	45.1	
Crude petroleum	370	409	327	1,354	-6.0	-7.9	-3.0	34.7	
Other energy products	177	148	140	654	-38.8	-47.0	-2.8	61.8	
<b>FORESTRY PRODUCTS</b>	91	88	94	362	-18.3	-13.5	14.0	-5.3	
<b>INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS</b>	1,972	1,848	2,140	7,944	-8.4	2.6	1.8	2.5	
Metals and metal ores	519	449	522	2,018	-10.3	12.0	-16.2	-7.4	
Chemicals and plastics	656	638	732	2,682	-5.6	1.7	14.8	4.3	
Other industrial goods and materials	796	761	886	3,243	-9.4	-1.5	3.0	8.3	
<b>MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	4,020	3,858	4,061	15,990	-0.9	2.8	0.2	19.6	
Industrial and agricultural machinery	921	903	987	3,783	-20.0	-12.3	-8.3	12.8	
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	599	458	433	1,908	6.8	9.6	-16.0	53.7	
Office machines and equipment	971	989	945	3,989	19.4	18.2	10.6	21.2	
Other machinery and equipment	1,530	1,509	1,696	6,310	0.5	4.6	9.3	15.3	
<b>AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS</b>	2,170	2,300	2,498	9,614	-7.9	-7.1	-6.3	-0.1	
Passenger autos and chassis	705	768	728	3,254	-1.9	-9.1	-14.1	0.2	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	269	285	324	1,220	-4.6	-11.1	9.9	6.9	
Motor vehicle parts	1,196	1,246	1,446	5,140	-12.0	-4.7	-4.3	-1.9	
<b>OTHER CONSUMER GOODS</b>	1,223	1,222	1,367	5,069	-1.9	7.3	3.7	15.7	
Apparel and footwear	203	199	227	849	-13.3	-3.2	-5.7	25.9	
Miscellaneous consumer goods	1,020	1,024	1,139	4,220	0.8	9.2	5.6	13.7	
<b>SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *</b>	306	352	336	1,258	27.3	52.3	-1.1	26.5	
<b>UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *</b>	-71	-75	-81	-303	-5.3	1.5	-4.8	10.2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,970	10,862	11,663	44,877	-4.5	0.6	-0.6	10.9	

\* Raw series

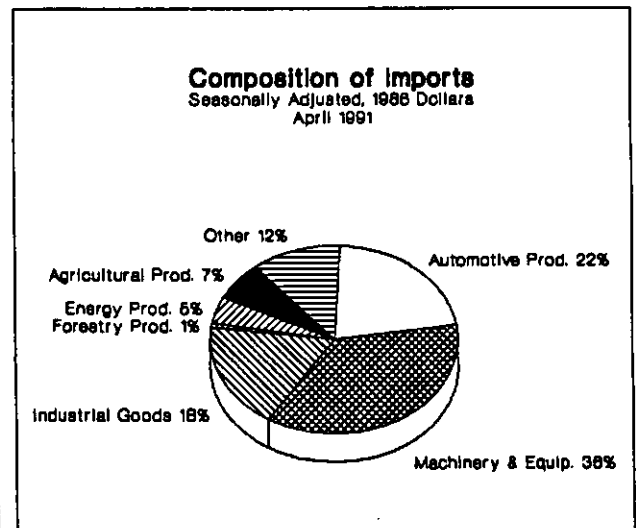
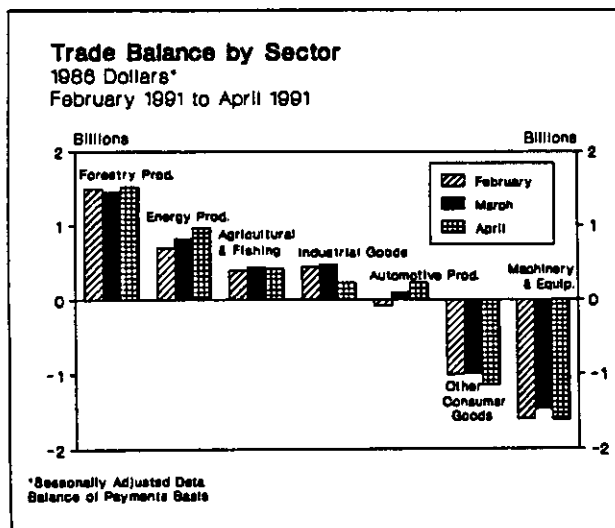




Table 8  
**Data Revisions for Imports and Exports**  
 Current Dollars and Constant 1986 Dollars  
 Seasonally Adjusted Data, Balance of Payments Basis

	Current Dollars				Constant 1986 Dollars			
	Previous	Revised	Revision	Percentage	Previous	Revised	Revision	Percentage
	Estimate	Estimate		Revision	Estimate	Estimate		Revision
	\$ millions				\$ millions			
	%				%			
1987	115,119	115,119			117,271	117,271		
1988	128,321	128,321			133,265	133,265		
1989	134,528	134,673	145	0.11	139,647	139,680	34	0.02
1990	135,259	135,557	298	0.22	138,861	139,159	299	0.22
1987								
First quarter	27,706	27,706			28,341	28,341		
Second quarter	27,810	27,810			28,413	28,413		
Third quarter	28,454	28,454			28,818	28,818		
Fourth quarter	31,148	31,148			31,700	31,700		
1988								
First quarter	32,001	32,001			32,762	32,762		
Second quarter	31,799	31,799			33,047	33,047		
Third quarter	31,932	31,932			33,280	33,280		
Fourth quarter	32,589	32,589			34,176	34,176		
1989								
First quarter	33,357	33,377	20	0.06	34,522	34,506	-16	-0.05
Second quarter	34,138	33,906	-232	-0.68	35,155	34,866	-289	-0.82
Third quarter	33,268	33,740	473	1.42	34,582	35,128	546	1.58
Fourth quarter	33,765	33,650	-115	-0.34	35,387	35,181	-207	-0.58
1990								
First quarter	34,069	34,166	97	0.29	34,913	35,007	94	0.27
Second quarter	34,107	34,058	-49	-0.14	35,558	35,502	-56	-0.16
Third quarter	33,485	33,738	253	0.75	34,668	34,879	211	0.61
Fourth quarter	33,599	33,595	-3	-0.01	33,722	33,771	50	0.15
1991								
First quarter	31,997	32,174	177	0.55	33,054	33,214	160	0.48
<b>Exports</b>								
	Current Dollars				Constant 1986 Dollars			
	Previous	Revised	Revision	Percentage	Previous	Revised	Revision	Percentage
	Estimate	Estimate		Revision	Estimate	Estimate		Revision
	\$ millions				\$ millions			
	%				%			
1987	126,226	126,340	115	0.09	124,717	124,665	-52	-0.04
1988	138,435	138,742	307	0.22	136,376	136,280	-96	-0.07
1989	141,462	141,768	306	0.22	137,498	137,765	267	0.19
1990	146,057	146,482	426	0.29	143,524	143,995	471	0.33
1987								
First quarter	30,803	30,878	75	0.24	31,003	31,153	150	0.48
Second quarter	30,861	30,865	4	0.01	30,578	30,538	-39	-0.13
Third quarter	31,596	31,603	7	0.02	30,984	30,969	-15	-0.05
Fourth quarter	32,965	32,994	29	0.09	32,153	32,006	-147	-0.46
1988								
First quarter	33,647	33,874	227	0.67	33,201	33,529	328	0.99
Second quarter	35,250	35,288	37	0.11	34,955	34,948	-7	-0.02
Third quarter	34,593	34,743	150	0.43	34,003	33,846	-158	-0.46
Fourth quarter	34,944	34,837	-107	-0.31	34,217	33,958	-259	-0.76
1989								
First quarter	36,214	36,703	489	1.35	34,920	35,393	474	1.36
Second quarter	35,262	35,097	-165	-0.47	33,848	33,685	-164	-0.48
Third quarter	35,081	34,879	-202	-0.57	34,390	34,138	-252	-0.73
Fourth quarter	34,905	35,089	184	0.53	34,341	34,549	209	0.61
1990								
First quarter	35,779	36,037	258	0.72	35,185	35,428	242	0.69
Second quarter	37,172	37,186	14	0.04	37,098	37,119	21	0.06
Third quarter	36,678	36,952	274	0.75	36,311	36,579	268	0.74
Fourth quarter	36,427	36,308	-119	-0.33	34,930	34,869	-60	-0.17
1991								
First quarter	34,129	34,706	577	1.69	33,669	34,232	563	1.67

