

Indies, Australia, British Guiana, Fiji and Mauritius), tea (from India and Ceylon), raw wool (from Australia and New Zealand), cocoa and crude rubber.

Imports from Europe at \$325,000,000 were about 3.5 per cent more than in 1957, as an increase of some 26 per cent in the fourth quarter combined with a small increase in the third to more than offset decreases recorded in the first half of the year. In the year as a whole the increase in Canadian imports from the area resulted mainly from higher totals for France and the Federal Republic of Germany and, to a lesser extent, Switzerland and the Netherlands. The most significant commodity gain was in the import of passenger automobiles, especially from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Imports from Latin America declined by about 8 per cent in 1958 to \$350,200,000, an

increase of some 6 per cent in the fourth quarter being insufficient to offset the decreases recorded in the previous three quarters. The overall decline was mainly due to reductions in imports of petroleum from Venezuela and of coffee from Brazil. Imports from Mexico increased considerably as a result of a large increase in the purchase of cotton.

Canadian imports from other foreign countries increased by more than 23 per cent over 1957 to \$197,900,000 in 1958. Much of the increase resulted from greatly increased shipments of crude petroleum from Arabia and of a higher level of total imports from Japan. Imports from the Netherlands Antilles, comprised mostly of petroleum products, also increased, but only slightly.

Details of the main commodity imports in 1958, together with figures for the month of December, are given in the following table:

IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES BY SELECTED SUB-GROUPS

Commodity	December		January-December	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
	(Thousands of dollars)			
Machinery (non-farm).....	40,685	39,053	631,600	532,929
Petroleum, crude.....	22,877	23,187	305,557	273,948
Automobile parts.....	18,670	25,072	260,075	240,526
Electrical apparatus, n.o.p.....	18,505	18,586	249,328	240,099
Farm implements and machinery.....	8,853	13,882	202,230	198,292
Automobiles, freight and passenger..	12,061	17,096	135,923	165,211
Fruits.....	11,820	13,378	139,173	154,046
Rolling-mill products (steel).....	10,554	17,675	221,257	148,926
Engines and boilers.....	9,061	10,019	138,451	134,603
Petroleum products, n.o.p.	12,281	14,803	149,851	128,274
Cotton products.....	7,749	9,101	103,565	104,890
Aircraft and parts.....	6,676	6,990	93,691	94,820
Books and printed matter.....	6,411	6,476	83,912	88,553
Pipes, tubes and fittings (steel)...	7,582	3,901	147,727	88,371
Coal.....	6,127	6,490	117,714	88,016
Plastic and products.....	5,111	6,376	70,937	80,375
Canadian tourists' purchases.....	4,954	4,867	77,403	78,947
Sugar and products.....	3,532	4,319	92,949	76,302
Coffee and chicory.....	6,374	5,573	71,510	67,211
Paper.....	5,269	4,919	62,249	65,735

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PARK FOR ALBERTA

A 2,100 square mile region of mountains and lakes near Alberta's western boundary, and north of Jasper National Park, will become Alberta's newest park area, according to the Alberta Government.

The mountain playground, to be known as Wilderness Provincial Park, will be open for hunting and fishing, and is a region noted for its superb scenery and abundance of wildlife. Big game animals inhabiting the area include mule deer, moose, elk, caribou, Rocky Mountain sheep, mountain goat and bear. Dolly Varden trout, Rocky Mountain whitefish, Arctic grayling and lake trout provide excellent fishing.

CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS

Mr. Brooke Claxton, Chairman of the Canada Council, has announced that grants amounting to \$157,000 were made at the Council's latest meeting in Ottawa, to organizations of the arts, humanities and social sciences.

The Stratford Shakespearean Festival was given \$50,000 for continued operations in 1959. The Council previously made a grant of \$12,000 for the Festival's exhibition of Eskimo Art to be shown this summer. The Montreal Festivals Society received \$25,000 for this year's programme.

Awards to art galleries and associations totalled \$16,000. The Montreal Museum of Fine

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