

\$281,400,000 from \$299,900,000, but purchases from the United Kingdom rose to \$35,900,000 from \$29,200,000, from other Commonwealth countries to \$11,500,000 from \$11,100,000, and from the other remaining countries to \$66,500,000 from \$61,700,000.

The table following gives export totals and preliminary import totals for December and the full year 1957. Detailed export figures for these periods will be issued shortly, but final import figures will not be ready for several weeks.

	December		January - December	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
	(Millions of Dollars)			
<b>Exports (domestic &amp; Foreign):</b>				
United Kingdom .....	75.0	64.5	818.4	742.7
Other Commonwealth countries .....	19.7	28.6	245.2	236.5
United States .....	235.9	246.0	2,879.1	2,943.5
Other foreign countries .....	80.0	114.2	920.4	1,013.3
Totals.....	410.6	453.3	4,863.1	4,936.0
<b>Imports:*</b>				
United Kingdom .....	29.2	35.9	484.7	521.3
Other Commonwealth countries .....	11.1	11.5	221.2	237.6
United States .....	299.9	281.4	4,161.7	4,007.7
Other foreign countries .....	61.7	66.5	837.8	863.1
Totals.....	401.9	395.3	5,705.4	5,629.7

\* Estimate only for 1957; subject to revision.

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## CANADA'S ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAMME

Canada produced 6,687 tons of uranium in 1957, and may by 1959 reach an annual production of 15,500 tons. Trade and Commerce Minister Gordon Churchill announced in the House of Commons February 1.

Mr. Churchill said:

"In March 1948, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited was designated by the Government as the sole purchaser of uranium produced in Canada. Since that time Eldorado has entered into purchase contracts with 16 companies and has entered into matching sales contracts. The total value of these contracts is approximately \$1,425,723,000.

"Six of the companies are now in full production, four are producing but not at the rated capacity, and six have still to come into production. In addition, Eldorado has entered into sales contracts covering production from its own mines, which contracts have a total value of approximately \$211 million.

"During 1957 Canada produced 6,687 tons of uranium. It is estimated that 13,000 tons will be produced in 1958, and it is expected that production will rise to approximately 15,500 tons in 1959. The total value of shipments made under contracts as at December 31, 1957, was \$223,162,037.

"The bulk of the uranium to be produced under existing contracts will be delivered to the United States Atomic Energy Commission under an arrangement entered into in March 1948. This arrangement provided that Canada would reserve for its own use such quantities of uranium as might be required for the Canadian programme. In 1956 the United Kingdom expressed a desire to obtain some part of its

uranium requirements from Canada. As announced on March 26 last at the conclusion of the Bermuda Conference, a contract with an approximate value of \$115 million has been entered into with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. Deliveries will be made over a period ending March 31, 1962, by diversion from existing contracts.

"It was also stated in the joint communiqué issued following the Bermuda Conference that consideration was being given to the supply from Canada of a substantial part of the uranium requirements of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in the period after March 31, 1962. Arrangements have now been made whereby the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority will obtain an additional quantity of uranium with an approximate value of \$105 million. The delivery of this quantity will be made over the period April 1, 1962, to March 31, 1963, by a diversion from quantities now under contract which are scheduled for delivery in that period.

"Negotiations are now under way with regard to the supply from Canada of a substantial part of the uranium requirements of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority over the period April 1, 1963, to December 31, 1966. These negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily, and Canada has undertaken to supply the quantity which the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has requested in this period. This will be supplied from quantities under option in the present purchase contracts.

"In each of the three periods in question Canada has undertaken to supply in full the quantities requested by the United Kingdom