

Ontario, it is believed, will lead all the provinces of Canada and states of the U.S.A. with its recently-instituted lake-survey analysis programme. However, officials of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests point out that it will be more than a year before the first results will be made available in a form useful to sportsmen.

The size and complexity of the programme has necessitated the establishment of a fisheries-inventory unit, which will increase and co-ordinate lake surveys across Ontario and develop modern data-processing techniques, so that the vast amount of information collected can be fed to computers.

Three thousand lakes have already been surveyed in detail, while information is being gathered on many others as a basis for future surveys. Ontario has more than 200,000 lakes, and the problems of obtaining factual fisheries management information are immense, say Lands and Forests officers. This year, 443 lakes were surveyed, compared to 385 in 1966.

Survey crews carry out annual lake mapping, physical and chemical observations and netting, to determine the capability of individual lakes for the production of sports and commercial fish and in some cases, for waterfowl.

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### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Canadian commodity imports climbed 15.6 per cent to \$915,500,000 in July from \$791,800,000 in July 1966, while commodity exports rose 12.6 per cent to \$961,100,000 from \$853,700,000. This resulted in an export balance of \$45,600,000.

During the cumulative period, imports rose 12.9 per cent to \$6,385,400,000 this year from \$5,658,200,000, and exports increased 16.2 per cent to \$6,584,400,000 from \$5,668,700,000. The resulting export balance of \$199,000,000 was substantially higher than the preliminary revised 1966 balance of \$10,500,000.

### UNITED STATES

Imports from the United States rose 12.4 per cent in July to \$593,300,000 from \$528,000,000 and exports increased 19.1 per cent to \$597,000,000 from

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### BRITAIN

Imports from the United Kingdom climbed 26.3 per cent in July to \$69,100,000 from \$54,700,000 and exports were down 0.7 per cent to \$91,100,000 from \$91,700,000. This placed the export balance at \$22 million - a decrease from the July 1966 figure of \$37 million. In the seven-month period, imports rose 8.4 per cent to \$412,300,000 from \$380,400,000 and exports were up 5.8 per cent to \$684,200,000 from \$646,800,000, bringing the export balance to \$271,900,000, compared to \$266,400,000 in 1966.

### COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Imports from other Commonwealth and preferential-rate countries increased 8.5 per cent in July to \$48,600,000 from \$44,800,000, and exports rose \$57,400,000, 17.9 percent higher than \$48,700,000 in July 1966, resulting in an export balance of \$8,300,000 against last year's balance of \$3,900,000. During the cumulative period, imports rose 5.4 per cent to \$237,100,000 from \$225,000,000, and exports increased 48.6 per cent to \$414,700,000 from \$279,100,000. The resulting export balance of \$177,600,000 was substantially higher than \$54,100,000 last year.

### OTHER COUNTRIES

Imports from other countries in July increased 24.5 per cent to \$204,500,000 from \$164,300,000, and exports rose 1.7 per cent to \$215,600,000 from \$212,100,000, placing the export balance at \$11,100,000 - down substantially from last year's July balance of \$47,800,000. During the seven-month period, imports rose 13.8 per cent to \$1,093,000,000 from \$960,400,000, and exports increased to \$1,367,100,000 from \$1,290,900,000 - a rise of 5.9 per cent. This resulted in an export balance of \$274,100,000 - which is down \$330,500,000 from the same period in 1966.