

Exports to the United States went up 18.7 per cent to \$768.3 million in the first quarter of 1960, and imports from that country rose 7.8 per cent to \$938.3 million. As a result, Canada's import balance with the United States was reduced to \$170 million from \$223.3 million in the corresponding period of 1959. Between the first quarters of 1959 and 1960, the United States' share of Canada's exports declined to 59.5 per cent from 61.5 per cent, and the proportion of Canada's imports accounted for by that country declined to 70.5 per cent from 71.5 per cent.

Exports to the United Kingdom increased 27.8 per cent to \$209.3 million in the first three months of 1960, and imports from that country rose 37 per cent to \$147.6 million. Canada's export balance with the United Kingdom went up to \$61.7 million from \$56.1 million in the same period of 1959. Over the two periods, the proportion of Canada's exports going to the United Kingdom increased to 16.2 per cent from 15.6 per cent and the share of Canada's imports coming from that country rose to 11.1 per cent from 8.8 per cent.

Exports to the Commonwealth (excluding the United Kingdom) went up 9.1 per cent to \$69.6 million in the first quarter of 1960, and imports from that area increased 26.7 per cent to \$47.5 million. There was thus a reduction in Canada's export balance with the Commonwealth to \$22.1 million from \$26.3 million. Between the first quarters of 1959 and 1960, the share of Canada's export total accounted for by the Commonwealth declined to 5.4 per cent from 6.1 per cent, but the proportion of the Canadian import total coming from that area rose to 3.6 per cent from 3.1 per cent.

Exports to all the remaining countries increased 38.6 per cent to \$244.3 million in the first three months of 1960, but imports from that group of countries declined 2.5 per cent to \$196.7 million. As a result, last year's import balance of \$25.4 million gave way to an export balance of \$47.6 million. Over the two periods, the proportion of Canada's exports going to all the remaining countries rose to 18.9 per cent from 16.8 per cent, but there was a reduction of the share of those countries in the Canadian import total to 14.8 per cent from 16.6 per cent.

Our exporters have responded dramatically to this challenge, but even with these increases, the breakdown of the 1960 figures is as follows:

raw materials	31 per cent
partly manufactured	32 per cent
chiefly manufactured	37 per cent