

CANADA-JAMAICA TRADE

Canada and Jamaica have benefitted from a steady expansion in their bilateral trade. Growth in commercial exchanges continued in the latter half of the 1980's and into the 1990's.

Canadian exports to Jamaica averaged \$108 million over the period 1988 to 1992, and included wheat, pulp and paper, and telecommunications equipment.

Canada's imports from Jamaica averaged \$165 million over the same period. Of 1992 exports (\$174 million), some 79% was attributable to shipments of alumina bauxite. The remainder of our imports from Jamaica consisted largely of rum, fruits and vegetables, and clothing.

Export opportunities for Canadian firms in the Jamaican market are excellent, particularly in the areas of construction and building materials, processed, semi-processed and fresh food products and telecommunications equipment and consulting services, particularly in the areas of public utilities, health and education. A Canadian firm recently won the project management and consulting services contract for an InterAmerican Development Bank (IADB) Electricity Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, which augers well for further technology transfer exports to the market.

Canada-Jamaica trade has shown steady and consistent growth based on an expanding product base. Both nations look forward to the continuation of this advantageous relationship.