

CANADA - JAMAICA TRADE

Canada and Jamaica have benefited from a steady expansion in their bilateral trade. Growth in commercial exchanges continued during the 1980's.

Jamaican exports to Canada increased from a total value of \$136.8 million in 1984 to \$150 million in 1988. Of the total 1988 figure, 90% was attributable to shipments of alumina bauxite. The remainder of Jamaica's exports to Canada consisted largely of chemicals, rum, vegetables, clothing and knitwear.

Canadian exports grew over the same period from \$73.9 million to \$126.35 million and included a diverse range of fish and seafood products, pulp and paper, energy, transportation and telecommunications equipment and construction machinery and parts.

Export opportunities for Canadian firms in the Jamaican market are excellent, particularly in the areas of building materials, processed and fresh food products, telecommunications and pre-engineered structures for industrial and tourism facilities. A Canadian firm has recently won three orders totalling \$85 million for the supply of telecommunications equipment, which bodes well for introduction of other high technology 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.