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November Exports Set New Record: Ottawa, December 20, (CP) — Canada exported more goods in November than in any previous month in history, chalking up the biggest monthly trade surplus in almost two years.

A preliminary Bureau of Statistics statement today estimated November exports at a record \$384,400,000, nosing out the previous high of \$378,600,000 last July.

This peak in exports, outpacing imports which dropped to \$326,600,000 — one of the lowest monthly totals for the year — gave Canada a \$57,800,000 surplus in her November trade — the biggest since the \$74,900,000 favorable balance in December, 1949..

It chopped the country's foreign-trade deficit from \$292,300,000 for the 10 months to \$234,500,000 for the 11 months. The Trade Department previously had predicted that the 12-month deficit may be about \$250,000,000.

The record-making month included a peak in exports to the United States. Shipments totalled \$212,800,000, slightly higher than the previous high of \$211,400,000 last May.

Imports from the U.S. declined to \$226,300,000 — the third lowest monthly total for 1951 — but higher than the \$214,800,000 in November last year.

Nevertheless, the higher exports sliced the traditional deficit in U.S. trade to \$13,500,000 for the month — lowest for the year — and only a fraction of the 1951 monthly peak of \$92,300,000 last April.

A surplus in trade with all countries helped to counter the impact of the U.S. deficit, which, for the 11-month period rose to \$470,700,000 — about six times the 12-month deficit of \$80,000,000 last year.

Shipments to the United Kingdom increased to \$59,100,000 from \$38,800,000 in November, 1950, but purchases from the U.K. declined to \$33,300,000 from \$40,200,000.

This gave Canada a favorable balance of \$25,800,000 — slightly higher than the surpluses in the first part of the year, but below the peak monthly surplus of \$31,500,000 in October.

The November surplus boosted the 11-month favorable balance to \$169,500,000 — double the 12-month total of \$68,300,000 for 1950. In 1949 Canada had a surplus of \$401,800,000.

November trade with other Commonwealth countries also was favorable. Exports climbed to \$24,000,000 from \$15,400,000 last year. Imports dropped to \$17,800,000 from \$29,900,000 — resulting in a \$6,200,000 surplus.

Total exports to all other countries climbed to \$88,500,000 from \$47,200,000 in November, last year, and imports increased to \$49,200,000 from \$43,000,000, with the balance of \$39,300,000 in Canada's favor.

May Invoke Closure In Commons: Ottawa, December 20, (CP) — The House of Commons tonight completed a day of complex manoeuvrings that brought Government legislation to a full stop temporarily, and choked off an attempt at non-stop sittings with an embattled House rushing towards Christmas.

Facing a government threat to apply the throttle of "closure" to debate on anti-price-fixing legislation, the Progressive Conservative group opposing the legislation switched its fight for the day to what developed into a hot issue over House hours.

At the end of morning, afternoon and night sessions, the Commons was still debating the last of a series of Progressive Conservative amendments to a CCF Social Credit motion for round-the-clock sittings. Liberals had sided