

JUNE EXPORTS SET ALL-TIME RECORD

\$416,016,000 TOTAL: Canada's export trade below last year's level of values in the first five months this year - climbed sharply in June, domestic exports rising to \$411,659,000 for a gain of \$35,000,000 or 9.3 per cent over last year's June value of \$376,700,000, and exports of foreign produce at \$4,357,000 showing a moderate gain, to make a total export trade for the month of \$416,016,000 as against \$380,738,000 for June last year. The June value is the highest ever recorded for any month.

In terms of volume, June's export trade was also exceptional. Average export prices for the month were an estimated 2.1 per cent below those for June last year. With the increase in value, the volume was consequently about 11.5 per cent greater.

For the half-year, the total value of exports - domestic and foreign - amounted to \$2,019,698,000, down somewhat less than five per cent from \$2,121,759,000 for the first half of 1952. Over the half-year, prices were about 3.5 per cent lower than a year ago, and there was a decline in volume of about 1.7 per cent.

LOWER TO U.K.

Domestic exports in June were lower in value than a year ago to the United Kingdom, but higher to the other Commonwealth countries as a whole, to the United States, the Latin American and European groups, and to the group of remaining foreign countries. Half-year totals were higher only to the latter group besides the United States, June gains being insufficient to offset earlier decreases for the other groups.

Among the commodities, there were widespread gains and some sharp decreases. Largest gain was in wheat, up about \$25,000,000 over June 1952. Moderate increases were recorded for other grains, alcoholic beverages, newsprint, iron ore, engines and boilers, passenger automobiles and automobile parts, copper, nickel, electrical apparatus, abrasives, fertilizers, and ships and vessels, while some of the larger decreases were for farm and other machinery, motor trucks, zinc, pulpwood, aircraft and parts.

Domestic exports to the United States in June were valued at \$214,588,000, up from \$191,483,000 for June last year but below this

year's May value of \$220,255,000, and representing about 52 per cent of total exports. For the half-year, domestic exports to the United States were up in value to \$1,188,420,000 as against \$1,113,307,000 in the 1952 period, accounting for nearly 60 per cent of all domestic exports as against 53 per cent. Both in June and the half-year the increases to the United States were spread mainly through the animals and animal products, wood and paper, iron, non-ferrous metals, non-metallic minerals, and chemical products groups.

June shipments to the United Kingdom showed a smaller decline in value from last year than in recent months, amounting to \$77,026,000 as against \$84,632,000 a year ago. The half-year total was \$314,234,000 compared with \$400,976,000 for 1952. Exports of agricultural and vegetable products and the miscellaneous commodities groups were higher in the month, and the latter and animals and animal products in the six months.

COMMONWEALTH

Domestic exports to the other Commonwealth countries totalled higher in June at \$26,521,000 as compared with \$18,647,000, marked increases being recorded for the Union of South Africa, India and Australia, a continued decline for New Zealand and minor gains and losses for other smaller markets. In the half-year, the total for Commonwealth countries was down to \$119,695,000 as against \$147,417,000 last year.

In contrast with the trend of previous months this year, exports to Latin America increased in June to \$20,817,000 from \$19,952,000 last year, the six-month total standing at \$99,528,000 compared with \$148,330,000. Shipments to Europe rose in value to \$52,560,000 from \$47,102,000 a year ago, large increases to the German Federal Republic, the Netherlands and Switzerland more than offsetting decreases to Belgium and Luxembourg, France, Italy and Norway. The half-year total, however, remained lower at \$174,887,000 against \$191,959,000. June value for the remaining foreign countries totalled \$18,993,000, up from \$13,373,000 last year, the half-year aggregate standing at \$88,815,000 compared with \$86,853,000. Major gains in June were to Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

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ARCTIC HEALTH SURVEYS: More than 900 Eskimos and 25 whites were given chest x-rays to detect tuberculosis during a survey recently completed in the Western Arctic, the Indian Health Services of the federal Health Department has reported.

Thirty-four cases of tuberculosis were found among the 927 Eskimos x-rayed. These have all been brought to the Charles Cammell Indian Hospital, Edmonton, for treatment. Thirty-six other Eskimos were brought out for further observation or for treatment of diseases other than tuberculosis.