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of orders and commitments for stores on United Kingdom account up to September 30, 1941, amounted to \$751,872,000. Commitments were also made on behalf of United Kingdom to that date for capital expenditure on plant extensions, and for the output of some of these plants, to the extent of \$215,789,000, an estimated figure which includes the United Kingdom's share in joint projects. Thus, the total contracts placed and commitments made on behalf of the British Government, up to September 30, 1941, amounted to approximately \$967,661,000.

The sum of the contracts actually signed for financial assistance on Canadian account and of commitments for capital expenditure on United Kingdom account is \$363,525,380.

For some months this Department has also been placing contracts on behalf of the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Greece, the Netherlands, and the United States, the purchases in Canada by the United States being made through War Supplies, Limited, a Government-owned subsidiary company. The total contracts for each of these countries is as follows:

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Australia.....	\$3,712,394	Greece.....	\$ 45,320
New Zealand....	2,701,408	Netherlands..	57,451
South Africa...	26,591	United States	73,692,515

All told, the dollar value of contracts placed on the various specified accounts by the Department of Munitions and Supply and its predecessor purchasing bodies and by the Civil Aviation Division of the Department of Transport, up to September 30, 1941, is estimated at \$2,578,186,766.

The number of contracts awarded on Canadian account, including those of the local purchasing offices, amounted to a grand total of 181,096. The number of such contracts averaged 14,734 per month in the third quarter of 1941, compared with 13,231 per month in the preceding quarter, 7,905 per month in the first quarter of the year, and 8,315 per month in the third quarter of 1940. During August, 1941, contracts were placed at the average rate of 577 per working day, as compared with 286 per working day in the corresponding month of last year. The total number of contracts awarded on Canadian account in August and September, 1941, was approximately 14,400 per month, while an all-time peak of nearly 15,370 was attained in July.