

\$334 million in 1984. The 1984 trade surplus in Canada's favour was \$945 million; in 1983, Canada's trade surplus with China was \$1.4 billion and in 1982 it was \$1.0 billion. During the period between 1970 to 1982, Canada had a cumulative merchandise trade surplus with China of about U.S. \$5.6 billion. Trade figures for 1984 dropped in Canadian exports due to a decline in sales of wheat and spot metals, while Chinese exports to Canada have increased by more than 40 per cent.

China has become a very important market for Canadian goods. In 1983, China was our fifth-largest market. Only the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union were higher. Canada is also regarded by the PRC as one of its top five trading partners.

In 1984, Canada's exports to China included wheat, aluminum, copper, wood pulp, fertilizer, zinc and softwood lumber. In 1984, except for aluminum and zinc, manufactured exports, although still low in value, increased significantly. Summary trade tables are provided below.

Export and Import Permits Act

Under the *Export and Import Permits Act*, the export of defence and defence-related (i.e., dual-use) equipment and technology listed on the Export Control List is controlled and export permits are required. Applications for permits to export defence and defence-related equipment and technology to China are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Department of External Affairs (and, where appropriate, the Department of National Defence).

Transportation

Bulk cargo such as grain, potash, sulphur and pulp is carried by Chinese vessels or vessels chartered by the China National Chartering Corporation (Sinchart). Sinchart is represented in Montreal and Toronto by March Shipping Ltd. for bulk shipments and non-containerized cargo; and in Vancouver by North Pacific Co. Ltd. for forest products and general cargo; Sino-Cana Shipping and Enterprises Ltd. for sulphur and potash; and Montreal Shipping Co. Ltd. for grain.

Three-Year Summary of Principal Canadian Exports to China

	(\$000s)		
	1982	1983	1984
Wheat	736,562	916,937	602,245
Fertilizers and fertilizer material	7,818	59,441	93,055
Aluminum, including alloys	190,224	139,109	70,519
Copper and alloys	0	135,242	67,642
Wood pulp and similar pulp	89,137	118,784	65,648
Other crude wood products	19,528	31,974	57,136
Zinc, including alloys	20,289	45,255	47,738
Copper in ores, concentrates and scraps	0	4,064	37,341
Lumber, softwood	9,116	39,420	32,501
Hard spring wheat flour	0	6,332	31,551
TOTAL, PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	1,072,673	1,496,558	1,105,375
TOTAL, ALL EXPORTS	1,232,070	1,608,479	1,278,542

Source: Statistics Canada, External Trade Division

Three-Year Summary of Principal Canadian Imports from China

	(\$000s)		
	1982	1983	1984
Outerwear, except knitted	38,489	55,939	80,948
Outerwear, knitted	12,913	21,999	40,253
Other apparel and apparel access.	16,009	21,097	29,215
House furnishings	24,944	29,810	28,423
Cotton broad woven fabrics	13,461	13,719	19,545
Broad woven fabrics, mixed fibres	11,268	12,386	18,580
Other vegetables and vegetable preparations	14,818	15,956	17,362
Nuts, except oil nuts	10,609	12,696	10,698
Other basic hardware	2,379	2,377	7,443
Other oil seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	3,156	2,838	7,350
TOTAL, PRINCIPAL IMPORTS	148,047	188,817	259,816
TOTAL, ALL IMPORTS	203,654	245,772	333,502

Source: Statistics Canada, External Trade Division