

## JULY DOMESTIC EXPORTS \$253,700,000

**INCREASED TRADE WITH U.S.:** A summary of foreign trade figures for July released by the Bureau of Statistics shows a rise in Canada's total domestic exports to \$253,700,000 from \$241,300,000 in July, 1949, and an increase in estimated total imports to \$259,800,000 as compared to \$230,900,000. Domestic exports to the United States increased to \$168,200,000 as against \$104,400,000, but declined to the United Kingdom to \$35,200,000 as compared to \$70,600,000. Estimated imports from the United

States amounted to \$172,000,000 as compared to \$160,300,000, and from the United Kingdom to \$32,800,000 as against \$29,400,000.

The import figures are only preliminary and therefore subject to revision. Final and detailed statistics of imports will not be available for about three weeks. Those for exports will be issued in a few days.

The preliminary figures on the month's foreign trade are summarized in the following table.

	<u>July, 1949</u>		<u>July, 1950</u>	
	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Foreign</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Foreign</u>
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>				
<b>Exports:-</b>				
United Kingdom .....	70.6	0.5	35.2	0.1
Other Commonwealth countries ..	30.0	0.1	16.3	0.1
United States .....	104.4	1.6	168.2	2.5
Other foreign countries .....	36.3	0.2	34.0	0.3
Total, all countries .....	241.3	2.4	253.7	3.0
<b>Imports:-</b>				
United Kingdom .....	29.4		32.8	
Other Commonwealth countries ..	15.2		21.8	
United States .....	160.3		172.0	
Other foreign countries .....	26.0		33.2	
Total, all countries .....	230.9		259.8	

\* Estimate only. Subject to revision.

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**C.T.C.S. OFFICE IN CEYLON:** The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on August 29 that an office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service would be established in Colombo, Ceylon, and that Paul Sykes, formerly Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Singapore, would be transferred to that post.

The value of Canada's trade with Ceylon in 1949 was \$13,794,000 as compared with a value of \$3,871,000 in 1938. Exports to Ceylon last year were valued at \$2,159,000, whereas Canadian imports from Ceylon were valued at \$11,635,000, consisting principally of tea, rubber and desiccated coconut. Although Ceylon is a small market, it is a net dollar earner. It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that with a trade commissioner located in Colombo, the value of Canada's sales to Ceylon can be increased.

The appointment of a Canadian Trade Commissioner to Ceylon will provide for closer liaison with the Consultative Committee for South and Southeast Asia, an office of which was recently established in Colombo to handle administrative problems involving technical assistance for countries in that area.

**EMPLOYMENT AND RAILWAY DISPUTE:** The following is the partial text of a statement released on August 29 by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg, on employment conditions in relation to the railway dispute:

"One week after the 125,000 railway workers left their jobs as a result of their dispute with the two major companies, about 20,000 workers in other industries had been reported by local National Employment Service offices as laid off temporarily as a result of shortages of materials or of the growing scarcity of storage facilities for finished goods. In addition, some 47,000 non-striking railway employees were out of work for the duration of the strike.

"Lay-offs as a result of the railway strike have occurred in a large number of industries and they have not been confined to any one region. In the first week of the strike, the mining industry has been the hardest hit with some 11,000 persons laid off to date, most of whom were coal miners. Lay-offs have also been numerous in the flour milling and meat packing industries and in plants producing pulp and paper, iron and steel, chemicals and non-