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Canada - Sweden Agreement: The Department of External Affairs announced on July 4 that Canada and Sweden have concluded an agreement modifying their visa requirements for temporary visitors.

Beginning July 1, Canadian citizens, who are bona fide non-immigrants (visitors, not seeking employment nor permanent residence) and who are in possession of valid Canadian passports may, without previously obtaining a Swedish visa, visit Sweden for periods each not exceeding three consecutive months.

Swedish subjects, who are bona fide non-immigrants coming to Canada and who are in possession of valid Swedish passports, will receive, from the Canadian Legation in Stockholm, visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of such visas.

This agreement in no way exempts Canadian citizens or Swedish subjects from the necessity of complying with the Immigration and residence regulations of Sweden and Canada.

May Export Statistics: Canada's domestic exports in May, showing the usual seasonal trend, increased in value to \$272,900,000 from \$237,800,000 in April, but were 3.4 per cent below the value of \$282,300,000 for May last year, according to trade returns released by the Bureau of Statistics. Aggregate value for the five months ended May, was slightly above that for the corresponding period of 1948, amounting to \$1,169,600,000 as against \$1,166,600,000.

Shipments to the United States during May increased in value over both April and May last year, while those to the United Kingdom showed a further gain over the preceding month but a drop from last year. Sharp gains over a year ago were recorded in exports to the Union of South Africa, India and Pakistan, and decreases in sales totals to European and Latin American countries.

Wheat exports during May, as in April, were sharply above a year ago, shipments of farm implements and machinery nearly doubled in value, and smaller but distinctive gains were registered for grains other than wheat, cattle, fish and fishery products, newsprint, zinc and products, and ships and vessels. Major commodity decreases were in flour, bacon and hams, planks and boards, wood pulp, automobiles and parts, aluminum, asbestos, and coal.

Merchandise exports to the United States in May were valued at \$121,199,000 as compared with \$110,654,000 in April and \$114,711,000 in May last year. For the first five months this year the value of sales across the border was \$577,004,000 as against \$536,264,000 in the January-May period of 1948, a gain of nearly eight per cent.

May shipments to the United Kingdom amounted in value to \$72,403,000, up from \$63,049,000 in April but down from last year's May figure of \$85,058,000, which was the highest monthly value in 1948. Cumulative value for the five months stood at \$274,887,000 compared with \$305,201,000 last year, a decrease of nearly 10 per cent.

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