

FOREIGN TRADE AND COMMERCE



Freighter leaves
Toronto Harbour

In total value of trade, Canada normally ranks fifth, after the United States, West Germany, Britain and France. On a population basis, it usually ranks eighth.

Over 55 per cent of Canada's imports are fully-manufactured goods. Over half of Canada's imports enter duty-free. Exports, on the other hand, are mainly semi-manufactured products, finished products, raw materials and food products. These classifications account for almost four-fifths of total exports.

The total value of Canada's foreign trade has advanced each year since 1958. Since 1961, exports have exceeded imports in all but one year. Canadian trade with all countries in 1967 reached \$22.2 billion, and there was a trade surplus of \$31 million.

The main components of Canadian export trade, by stages of manufacture are fabricated materials, followed

Principal Domestic Exports

Commodity ⁽¹⁾	Calendar Year		
	1965 \$'000	1966 \$'000	1967 \$'000
Motor vehicles and parts ..	355,975	993,596	1,730,068
Newsprint paper	869,586	968,224	955,261
Wheat	840,175	1,060,670	734,760
Wood pulp and similar pulp	493,501	520,068	543,433
Lumber	489,934	478,054	509,639
Copper and alloys	272,681	396,965	494,187
Nickel and alloys	397,200	399,158	433,278
Aluminum, including alloys	372,494	387,024	416,788
Crude petroleum	279,956	321,681	397,875
Iron ores and concentrates	360,819	369,009	383,063
Aircraft and parts	207,037	210,188	313,611
Iron and steel alloys	229,774	244,069	251,551
Machinery, except farm ...	160,470	209,668	243,558
Fish	196,566	201,819	216,241
Farm machinery	161,931	182,497	194,298
Asbestos unmanufactured ..	158,657	182,484	172,397
Zinc, including alloys	141,437	145,579	167,064
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	111,831	139,560	154,623
Whisky	116,983	127,508	141,479
Grains other than wheat ..	87,169	92,685	124,267

⁽¹⁾ Commodities ranked by value of exports in 1967.

Principal Imports

Commodity ⁽¹⁾	Calendar Year		
	1965 \$'000	1966 \$'000	1967 \$'000
Motor vehicles and parts ..	1,124,828	1,580,655	2,173,793
Non-farm machinery	1,017,705	1,161,075	1,149,780
Aircraft and parts	206,331	227,229	361,064
Crude petroleum	312,259	299,001	355,940
Steel, all types	397,639	347,044	345,880
Communications equipment	180,029	258,078	288,212
Electrical equipment	188,788	213,204	258,844
Scientific equipment	182,368	217,462	250,707
Tractors and parts	200,175	230,973	233,508
Fruit and fruit products ...	197,190	200,118	210,092
Other petroleum and coal products	177,530	176,726	198,315
Printed matter	151,619	161,058	189,483
Farm equipment	154,202	182,614	184,934
Chemicals	178,180	171,371	180,828
Wearing apparel and accessories	118,310	134,045	165,225
Cotton, including yarn, thread and fibre	153,163	146,807	155,469
Coal	126,200	141,038	145,544
Plastic materials	101,639	110,223	119,983
Wood, lumber and plywood	99,838	98,113	110,294
Vegetable and vegetable products	90,795	99,389	107,069

⁽¹⁾ Commodities ranked by value of imports in 1967.