

except in the cases of the United Kingdom and continental Europe for which cumulative totals were appreciably higher.

Import values were higher in the month than in October last year for six of the nine main commodity groups as compared with seven of the nine in the 10 months, the iron and products group being down for the month although higher for the 10 months. Fibres and textiles and the non-metallic minerals group were lower both in the month and 10 months.

October purchases from the United States increased in Canadian dollar value to \$167,600,000 compared with \$158,000,000 in September and \$160,200,000 in October last year. But the volume would appear to have been slightly less than in September as the increase in value was less than the premium on the United

States dollar cost. Total imports for the 10 months rose to \$1,638,200,000 as compared with \$1,482,900,000 last year.

Imports from the United Kingdom had a lower Canadian dollar value in October -- the second time this year -- declining to \$19,500,000 from \$29,300,000 a year ago, the aggregate for the year remaining above last year at \$260,200,000 as compared with \$246,500,000. But the volume of imports from the United Kingdom remained high in October and appears to have been only moderately lower than the high levels earlier in the year and considerably higher than in September. Much of the reduction in the Canadian dollar value from levels earlier in the year may be attributed to the reduced exchange value of the pound in terms of Canadian dollars.