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## DOMESTIC EXPORTS REDUCED

Canadian domestic exports were valued at \$413,400,000 in July, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics summary of final figures for the month. This compared with a total of \$438,000,000 for July 1957, and the year-to-year decline reflected reduced shipments to the United States, Latin America and other foreign countries, although these were somewhat offset by moderately higher domestic exports to the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries. Because of increased exports in five of the six previous months, the seven-month total for 1958 was, at \$2,751,700,000, somewhat higher than the \$2,725,100,000 recorded in the corresponding period of 1957.

On a commodity basis, there were significant increases, in the month, in exports of grains other than wheat, aluminum and products, cattle, uranium ores and concentrates and aircraft and parts, while the larger declines were recorded for wheat, copper and products, petroleum and products and ships and vessels. In the seven-month period, the higher figure of 1958 was due mainly to considerable increases in the exports of wheat and other grains, cattle, uranium ore and concentrates, and aircraft and parts. Exports of nickel and fishery products also increased in this period, but by smaller proportions; and there were more or less severe reductions in the exports of wood and paper products and the non-ferrous metals with the exception of nickel and uranium.

Domestic exports to Europe were valued at \$44,000,000 in July compared to a total of \$53,600,000 for July 1957, while the relevant figures for the seven-month period were \$348,100,000 and \$316,400,000, respectively. The smaller total for July 1958 was due to sizeable declines in exports to France, Belgium and Luxembourg and a smaller decline in exports to the Federal Republic of Germany and several other countries which more than offset slight increases in exports to Denmark, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands and Switzerland. In the seven-month period very large increases in exports to Belgium and Luxembourg and the Federal Republic of Germany contributed significantly to the overall increase.

In July domestic exports to the United Kingdom were valued at \$73,446,000 and this brought the total for the seven-months to \$440,304,000. The respective figures for 1957 were \$68,833,000 and \$407,314,000 and the year-to-year increase for the month was consequently somewhat sharper than the increase for the seven-month period. In the month, the increase was chiefly due to higher exports of agriculture and vegetable products, forest products and non-ferrous metals, and in the seven-months to agricultural products, forest products and chemicals.

From \$19,696,000 in July 1957, domestic exports to other Commonwealth countries increased to \$25,764,000 in July 1958. Increases in exports to India, which were three times their 1957 value, in exports to Australia,