

DOMESTIC EXPORTS LOWER IN JANUARY

DOWN 23 P.C. TO U.K.: Figures on Canada's export trade in January by main commodity items and countries, released on March 5, show that reduced shipments of wheat, newsprint, planks and boards, motor vehicles, farm machinery, base metals (except aluminum) accounted for most of the decline of \$55,900,000 in the month's trade from a year earlier reported in summary figures issued two days ago. Sales to all main markets or groups of countries were lower, with the exception of European countries.

17.4 PER CENT DROP

Total exports in January were valued at \$265,400,000 as compared to \$321,300,000 in January last year, domestic exports amounting to \$260,700,000 as against \$317,300,000. Most of the drop of 17.4% in value was due to a reduction of about 15% in volume, prices of exports averaging about 3% less than a year earlier.

Domestic exports to the United States fell by \$31,253,000 or nearly 17% from \$188,590,000 to \$157,067,000. Largest decrease in shipments to the United States was in the wood and paper group, down from \$88,278,000 to \$71,149,000. Exports in the non-ferrous metals group were also sharply lower at \$28,238,000 compared to \$35,911,000, and substantial decreases were recorded as well for iron and products at \$10,598,000 against \$15,987,000 and agricultural and vegetable products at \$12,463,000 against \$15,799,000. Exports of animals and animal products, on the other hand, rose to \$14,874,000 from \$12,352,000. There were small increases in fibres and textiles and non-metallic minerals and minor decreases in chemicals and the miscellaneous group.

ARMY, RCAF CHANGES: Three changes in senior appointments involving the Army and the RCAF will take effect in August, 1954.

Major-General J.D.B. Smith, CBE, DSO, CD, presently Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff, London, and Canadian National Military Representative to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, will replace Air Vice Marshal Dunlap as Commandant of the National Defence College. Air Vice Marshal C.R. Dunlap, CBE, CD, now Commandant of the National Defence College, Kingston, Ont., will be transferred to Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa.

Air Vice Marshal D.M. Smith, CBE, CD, at present Air Member for Technical Services at Air Force Headquarters will replace Major-General Smith as Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff, London, and Canadian National Military Representative to SHAPE.

The month's sales to the United Kingdom fell nearly 23% to \$37,931,000 from \$49,235,000, with shipments lower for all except the generally small non-metallic minerals and miscellaneous groups. The major decreases were in agricultural and vegetable products, down to \$14,279,000 from \$17,166,000, and non-ferrous metals, off sharply to \$12,748,000 from \$17,776,000.

Domestic exports to all other Commonwealth countries declined to \$12,020,000 from \$16,974,000 last year, but most of the drop in the total was in shipments to countries in Asia, mainly India and Pakistan, which were down to \$2,114,000 compared to \$8,610,000, but exports to the Oceania group rose to \$4,380,000 from \$1,882,000 with most of the gain in shipments to Australia.

LATIN AMERICA

Shipments to the Latin American countries fell in January to \$10,156,000 as compared to \$18,225,000 last year, lower figures being recorded for all the major markets except Venezuela and most of the lesser markets. Largest decreases were in trade with Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Panama and Peru. Exports to Venezuela showed a moderate rise in value.

With chief gains in shipments to the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland, total exports to European countries advanced to \$22,573,000 as against \$21,521,000 in January, 1953. Exports were down to Belgium and Luxembourg, France and Italy. Total exports to the remaining foreign countries amounted to \$20,091,000 compared to \$21,096,000. Sales to Japan climbed to \$15,256,000 from \$11,188,000, largely offsetting decreases for most other countries.

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DESTROYERS AT TOKYO: Arrangements have been made with United Nations authorities for the three Canadian destroyers serving with the UN Naval Command in the Far East to be at Tokyo, Japan, during the visit there of the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, this month.

This visit will mark the first time three Canadian destroyers have called at Tokyo at one time. It will also be the first visit to Tokyo for the Haida, Cayuga and Crusader during their current tours of Korean duty. The Haida and Crusader have each served one tour previously in the Far East while the Cayuga is now doing her third stint with the UN fleet.

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Milk production in Canada totalled an estimated 16,424,800,000 lbs. last year, up 4.4% from 15,734,603,000 in 1952.