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### Auto trade turnaround with U.S.

A vigorous rise in imports shifted the trade position in automotive products with the United States in 1973, reports Statistics Canada. The trade balance turned from a surplus of \$75 million in 1972 to a deficit of \$356 million in 1973, the first deficit since 1969.

Exports of automotive products to the U.S. increased 16.4 per cent to \$5,300 million in 1972. This was over one-fourth higher than the growth recorded in the previous year. Imports, on the other hand, climbed 26.3 per cent to \$5,656 million, a gain of over one-half from the growth in 1972. For the third successive year import growth exceeded export expansion, with the spread widening.

The trend of exports to the U.S. differed for vehicles and parts. In the case of vehicles, despite a 37 per cent decline in snowmobiles to \$66 million, sales of other types of vehicle were up 13 per cent to \$3,000 million. Parts exported advanced strongly by 24.4 per

cent to \$2,240 million, in line with the buoyancy of the U.S. car market last year.

For imports from the U.S., growth rates differed between purchases of vehicles and parts. However, the vehicle component of imports grew more strongly. In response to higher sales of automobiles in Canada, vehicles imported increased by 33.8 per cent to \$2,080 million, while parts imported advanced more moderately at 22.3 per cent to \$3,576 million.

### Other countries

In trade in automotive and related products with countries other than the U.S., Canada's deficit was little changed. At \$179 million in 1973, exports were lower by 14.8 per cent while imports at \$633 million were down by some 7 per cent. The slackening in overseas demand for Canadian products was confined to vehicles, mainly due to lower sales to Venezuela. The lower level of Canadian demand was wholly owing to a fall in purchases of overseas passenger automobiles.

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### Road safety program

Increased co-operation in the form of a co-ordinated five-year program to improve highway safety in Canada has been announced jointly by the ten provincial governments and the Federal Government.

The cabinet ministers responsible for road safety and motor-vehicle administration are calling for a reduction of 15 per cent in the nation's traffic-fatality rate during the next five years.

While total statistics for Canadian road casualties for 1973 are not yet available, more than 6,200 fatalities and over 200,000 injuries resulting from motor-vehicle operations occurred in 1972, representing a 12 per cent increase over those of the previous year. The cost of road accidents in Canada exceeds \$1.5 billion a year including health-care cost of some \$400 million.

### International exchange

The program, which is designed to achieve its goal in five years, is based on an international road-safety resolution proposed by the Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, following a three-year study by member

governments. This NATO resolution seeks to ensure continued co-operation in the international exchange of road-safety technology to promote a common endeavour in the NATO community to reduce road casualties and enhance international travel. The new Canadian program will benefit from research information received from other countries as a result of co-operation through NATO and other international organizations.

The provincial governments have primary authority for motor-vehicle administration, licensing, road construction and road operations, while the federal Ministry of Transport has an active program in traffic-safety research, international co-operation and enforcing safety standards for new motor vehicles at the point of manufacture or importation.

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### Weekend hockey results

#### National Hockey League

##### Results March 30

Toronto 7, NY Rangers 3  
 Montreal 5, Los Angeles 2  
 NY Islanders 4, Vancouver 2  
 Philadelphia 5, Boston 3  
 Chicago 2, Detroit 1  
 St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3  
 Atlanta 4, Minnesota 1

##### Results March 31

Toronto 3, NY Rangers 3  
 St. Louis 2, Chicago 2  
 Vancouver 7, California 0  
 Buffalo 6, Minnesota 1  
 Boston 6, Detroit 1

#### World Hockey Association

##### Results March 30

Cleveland 5, Los Angeles 4  
 Toronto 3, Quebec 1

##### Results March 31

Edmonton 4, Chicago 1  
 Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 3  
 Minnesota 5, Houston 2  
 Toronto 5, Los Angeles 4  
 New England 3, Quebec 2  
 Cleveland 4, New Jersey 2

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