

JULY EXPORTS SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD

INCREASE TO U.S.: Canada's domestic exports in July were valued at \$393,100,000, second highest monthly total on record, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This was 4.5 per cent under June's record value of \$411,700,000, but 6.1 per cent above last year's July total of \$370,400,000. The gains in June and July partly offset declines in the January-May period, and the cumulative value to the end of July dropped narrowly -- 3.3 per cent -- to \$2,386,700,000 as compared with \$2,467,100,000.

Average export prices for the month were an estimated two per cent below those for July last year and the volume consequently was over 8 per cent greater. Over the seven-month period, prices averaged 3.3 per cent lower than a year ago, but volume was approximately unchanged.

HIGHER TO U.K., U.S.

Domestic exports in July were higher in value than a year ago to the United Kingdom and the United States, but lower to the rest of the Commonwealth, Latin America, Europe, and other foreign countries. Seven-month values were higher for the United States, but lower for most other main geographic areas.

Among the principal commodities, there were sharp advances in July in the exports of planks and boards, wood pulp, newsprint paper, aluminium, copper, and aircraft, and declines in grains other than wheat, wheat flour, farm machinery and implements, and pulpwood. Changes in wheat, asbestos, and nickel were moderate.

Domestic exports to the United States in July were valued at \$208,758,000, up from \$187,238,000 in July last year. In the seven-

month period the value climbed to \$1,397,178,000 from \$1,300,545,000. Largest gains in exports to the United States occurred among animal products, wood and paper products, iron and products, non-ferrous metals, and chemicals.

July exports to the United Kingdom were up in value to \$80,897,000 from \$69,576,000 in the corresponding month last year, but the seven-month total was down to \$395,131,000 from \$470,552,000. There were increases in July in agricultural products, wood and paper, but declines in animal products, and non-ferrous metals.

COMMONWEALTH

Value of exports to the rest of the Commonwealth in July was down slightly to \$22,787,000 from \$23,274,000, with declines in shipments to India, Australia and New Zealand, but increases to the Union of South Africa, and Pakistan. The group total for the seven-month period was \$142,482,000 as compared with \$170,690,000.

Exports in July to Latin American countries were down in total value to \$16,132,000 as compared with \$21,439,000, while the seven-month total dropped to \$115,661,000 from \$169,763,000. Reduced values were common to most major markets in the group both in July and the seven-month period.

The European total for July was off narrowly to \$47,958,000 from \$49,997,000, with reduced shipments to Belgium and Luxembourg, and the Federal Republic of Germany, and larger exports to France, Italy, Norway, and Spain. The area value for the seven-month period was \$222,848,000 compared with \$241,958,000.

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MINISTER OF ISRAEL: His Excellency Michael Saul Comay, on September 1 presented to the Honourable Mr. Justice C.H. Locke, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor General on this occasion.

Mr. Comay was born in Capetown, Union of South Africa, in 1908. He obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Capetown, and practised as a barrister-at-law in South Africa until the outbreak of the Second World War. He served with the South African Forces during the War, with the rank of Major. In January, 1946, he settled in Palestine, and was connected with the Political Department of the Jewish Agency

until May, 1948, when he entered the service of the Government of Israel. He was appointed Director of the British Commonwealth Division of Israel's Foreign Ministry in 1948, and Assistant Director General of the Ministry in 1952. He was also a member of Israel's Delegation to the United Nations in 1948.

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ARTHRITIS RESEARCH: Research into the causes and methods of preventing arthritis, the world's leadingcrippler, is being carried out this year at university and hospital research centres in Montreal with the support of federal health grants.

In making this announcement the federal Health Department said that public health authorities estimate that rheumatic diseases of various kinds strike more people than cancer, heart disease, diabetes and tuberculosis combined.