

## 10 MONTHS' DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT ALL-TIME PEAK

**TOTAL \$3,512,700,000:** Canada's domestic exports in the first ten months of this year soared to an all-time peak value of \$3,512,700,000 for the period, outstripping by 11 per cent last year's corresponding January-October value of \$3,155,600,000. There were gains over 1951 in each month of the year except July and August. The value for October was \$372,400,000, slightly above last year's high October total of \$371,000,000.

Exports of foreign produce rose in value in October to \$5,430,000 from \$4,658,000 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the cumulative total for the first 10 months of this year to \$45,820,000 as compared with \$38,300,000.

### EXPORT PRICES

The steady decline in export prices which has continued for almost a year was halted in October due in part to the lower foreign exchange value of the Canadian dollar. For the first 10 months of 1952 the average prices of exports were almost the same as in the first 10 months of 1951. The volume of domestic exports was almost 12 per cent above that of the first 10 months of 1951, although the volume gain in October alone was only about six per cent.

The gain in export volume in 1952 has been chiefly in sales to overseas countries. Ten-month exports were larger to the United Kingdom, but slightly lower to the United States. Shipments to other Commonwealth countries as a whole moved up in value and there were large increases in the totals to Continental Europe, Latin America, and other foreign countries. In October, exports to the United Kingdom dropped in value, while exports to the United States were practically unchanged. To the rest of the Commonwealth shipments were generally lower in value but there were substantial gains to Europe, Latin America, and other foreign countries.

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**MONTGOMERY TO VISIT:** Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Deputy Supreme Commander, will visit Canada and the United States for a month in the Spring of 1953, it was announced on December 2 at National Defence Headquarters.

Field Marshal Montgomery will arrive in New York March 25 and remain in the United States until April 15. From April 15 to April 24 he will visit Canada before returning to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe.

In addition to meetings with Defence and governmental officials in Canada and the United States, the Field Marshal will devote much of his time to visiting military schools and installations to enable study at first hand of Canadian and American training methods.

There was a mixed trend in the value of exports of major commodities in the 10 months ending October. Chief among the gains were wheat and other grains, newsprint paper, aluminum and products, copper and products, nickel, zinc, and asbestos. There were declines in wheat flour, planks and boards, and wood pulp. In October, wheat, other grains, wheat flour, aluminum and products, and copper and products advanced in value, but the majority of other principal commodities declined.

Exports to the United States in the 10-month period amounted in value to \$1,876,338,000 as compared with \$1,898,474,000 in the similar period of 1951, while the October total was down slightly to \$206,709,000 compared with \$207,132,000. Principal increases both in the 10 months and October occurred in agricultural products, and non-ferrous metals, while chief declines were in animals and animal products, due to the U.S. embargo on Canadian beef and cattle, and in wood and paper.

### EXPORTS TO U.K.

Exports to the United Kingdom advanced 22.5 per cent in the January-October period to \$625,433,000 from \$510,329,000 in the similar 1951 period, but the October value dropped 23 per cent to \$49,143,000 from \$63,960,000. Advances were general among the principal commodities in the 10 months, but October values were lower for the most part.

Shipments to other Commonwealth countries climbed in value in the 10 months to \$223,526,000 from \$194,747,000 in the similar 1951 period, but the October value fell to \$15,403,000 from \$27,030,000.

There was a steep gain in exports to the Latin American group of countries in the January-October period to \$228,383,000 from \$153,013,000 in the corresponding period of 1951.

Gains in exports to the majority of countries raised the 10-month exports to Continental Europe to \$396,030,000 from \$273,374,000 in the corresponding period of 1951.

**AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY:** In recognition of the desirability of establishing direct diplomatic relations between them, and the importance of their commercial relations, the Governments of Canada and Uruguay have agreed to exchange missions of embassy rank.

Major-General L.R. LaFlèche, D.S.O., has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Uruguay and will act in that capacity as well as carry out his present functions as Ambassador to Argentina. An Embassy will be established in Montevideo which, during the absences of the Ambassador, will be under the direction of a resident Chargé d'Affaires.