

than in 1957 and contrasted with a decline of almost 12 per cent between the fourth quarters of 1957 and 1958, respectively. Exports of aircraft, which increased fourfold and were shipped to Belgium and Western Germany, were largely responsible for the higher annual total. Internal combustion engines exports were also higher and there were increased exports of nickel, especially to Norway, Western Germany and Italy. Increases in exports of wheat to the Soviet Union, Norway and the Netherlands were more than offset by reductions in exports to Poland and Western Germany, and there were also lower shipments of flaxseed, wood pulp, iron ore, scrap iron and steel and asbestos to Europe as a region.

At \$180,000,000 exports to Latin America were some 10 per cent lower than in 1957 and this annual reduction compared to a fall of about 13 per cent in the fourth quarter. Over

the year the decline in the sale of used ships to Panama contributed greatly to the overall reduction but there were also declines in the export of railway rails to Mexico, and of locomotives to Argentina and Brazil. The overall decline would have been greater but for increased sales of wheat to Peru and Venezuela and of wheat flour to Venezuela, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

Canadian exports to the rest of the world fell by some 17 per cent to \$164,300,000 in 1958 but increased by more than 9 per cent in the fourth quarter. The annual decline was largely due to considerable reductions in exports of flaxseed, wood pulp and pig iron to Japan and lower sales of wheat flour to the Philippines.

Details of the main commodity exports, together with figures for the month of December are given in the following table:-

	December		January-December	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
	(Thousands of dollars)			
Newsprint paper.....	\$53,440	\$66,698	\$715,490	\$690,209
Wheat.....	44,358	37,393	380,415	446,078
Planks and Boards.....	22,466	24,262	281,681	292,013
Wood pulp.....	17,723	27,524	292,406	285,449
Uranium ores and concentrates .....	18,099	34,694	127,935	276,506
Aluminum, primary & semi-fabricated	23,091	19,414	229,386	222,442
Nickel, primary & semi-fabricated..	20,073	6,938	248,253	212,580
Copper, primary & semi-fabricated..	13,112	9,817	162,109	137,113
Aircraft & parts.....	18,149	8,414	39,910	109,274
Iron ore.....	2,309	2,425	152,281	107,674
Farm implements & machinery.....	7,846	8,437	67,339	93,829
Asbestos, unmanufactured.....	9,242	8,918	107,058	90,745
Cattle.....	8,624	5,901	41,678	84,101
Barley.....	5,936	8,328	67,522	78,118
Petroleum, crude & partly refined..	6,224	6,840	140,975	73,044
Fish, fresh and frozen.....	4,601	4,141	63,186	70,898
Whisky.....	6,942	8,091	66,994	70,276
Wheat flour.....	6,831	5,680	61,175	69,398
Zinc, primary & semi-fabricated....	4,841	6,187	64,921	55,385
Machinery (non-farm and parts).....	4,985	4,030	57,177	46,869

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## POPULATION INCREASES

Canada's population on January 1 this year reached an estimated 17,284,000, an increase of 397,000 or 2.4 per cent from the January 1, 1958 total of 16,887,000, according to estimates released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This compares with increases of 425,000 and 543,000 in the calendar years 1956 and 1957, respectively. The increase from June 1 last year was 236,000.

Since the 1956 Census, the population of Canada has increased by 1,203,000 or 7.5 per cent. The provincial rate of growth over this period was highest in British Columbia at 11.7 per cent, followed by 9.3 per cent in Alberta and 8.9 per cent in Ontario. Quebec and Newfoundland each recorded increases of around 7 per cent. Population growth in the Maritime Provinces in this period was somewhat below

the national rate at 5.2 per cent in New Brunswick, 2.9 per cent in Nova Scotia and 2.0 per cent in Prince Edward Island. Slower rates of growth were also shown in Manitoba at 3.3 per cent, and in Saskatchewan at 1.7 per cent.

Estimated provincial totals for periods other than the traditional June 1 Census date are available for January 1 this year for the first time, and it is planned to continue to publish these at quarterly intervals. The following are national and provincial estimates for January 1 this year:

(In Thousands)

Canada 17,284; Newfoundland 443; Prince Edward Island 101; Nova Scotia 715; New Brunswick 584; Quebec 4,955; Ontario 5,887; Manitoba 878; Saskatchewan 896; Alberta 1,228; British Columbia 1,563; Yukon 13; Northwest Territories 21.