

Consumption of Manufactured Products .-- One of the beneficial results of adopting the same classification for foreign trade and for production is exhibited in Table 5, where the value of commodities made available for consumption in Canada is derived from these statistics. For example, the value of all manufactured commodities made available in 1947 was \$9,884,536,356, a figure obtained by adding to the value of manufactured products the value of the imports of manufactured and partly manufactured goods and deducting the value of the exports. In this table more accurate statistics could be presented were it possible to exclude from the gross value of manufactured products the duplications involved when the products of one manufacturing establishment become the material worked upon in another. Iron, vegetable, textile, wood and paper, and animal were, in that order, the leading groups in the value of finished products made available for consumption in 1947. Vegetable, animal, wood and paper, and non-ferrous metal products were manufactured in Canada in greater quantities than required for home consumption, providing export balances in these groups.

On balance, Canada in the past imported large quantities of iron and steel, textile and non-metallic mineral products in spite of large home production. The expansion of the iron and steel, chemical and non-ferrous metals industries will enable Canada to meet more of her requirements for home consumption and to export greater quantities in the future.