

21.—Exports according to Purpose, by Groups, 1950 and 1951—concluded

Group and Purpose	1950			1951		
	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fuel, Electricity and Lubricants						
Fuel.....	951	11,110	14,374	1,329	8,767	13,483
Electricity.....	—	6,102	6,102	—	7,938	7,938
Lubricants.....	—	54	107	1	14	197
Totals, Fuel, Etc.....	951	17,266	20,583	1,330	16,718	21,618
Transport						
Road.....	218	1,979	48,041	369	4,785	98,569
Rail.....	—	358	15,411	1	504	4,345
Water.....	—	467	22,603	—	628	8,638
Aircraft.....	296	2,356	4,383	162	5,814	7,524
Totals, Transport.....	514	5,160	90,439	532	11,731	119,076
Auxiliary Materials for Commerce and Industry						
Containers.....	479	2,367	6,796	1,247	5,614	14,171
Other.....	—	—	68	—	7	237
Totals, Auxiliary Materials.....	479	2,367	6,863	1,247	5,621	14,408
Consumer Goods						
Foods.....	92,362	145,513	344,866	64,534	173,215	358,145
Beverages.....	378	35,501	43,937	640	46,514	56,929
Smokers' supplies.....	—	15	40	—	24	181
Clothing.....	571	6,262	8,268	2,090	5,037	9,636
Household goods.....	283	2,780	8,918	467	3,048	12,681
Jewellery, timepieces, etc.....	43	46	473	75	158	1,216
Books, educational supplies, etc.....	163	2,011	5,072	244	3,325	9,456
Recreational equipment, etc.....	374	4,330	6,486	733	6,483	10,161
Medical supplies, etc.....	255	1,812	6,489	403	1,180	7,470
Other.....	2	72	349	18	134	924
Totals, Consumer Goods.....	94,432	198,340	424,896	69,203	239,118	466,800
Totals, Munitions and War Stores.....	1	385	3,825	235	347	3,189
Totals, Live Animals for Food.....	—	65,876	66,001	—	45,626	45,773
Totals, Unclassified.....	6,379	35,519	68,974	8,656	45,484	96,009
Grand Totals.....	469,910	2,020,988	3,118,387	631,461	2,297,675	3,914,460

Section 6.—Comparison of Value, Price and Volume of Foreign Trade

Since the end of World War II the value of Canada's exports and imports has increased steadily. At the same time, the level of prices at which exports are sold and imports purchased has risen consistently. Changes in the value of exports and imports are the joint product of changes in the volume of goods traded and the prices at which transactions are conducted. To obtain a clear picture of the fluctuations in Canada's merchandise trade it is desirable to isolate the contributions made to these fluctuations by the price and volume factors.

Special indexes of export and import prices have been developed to give this information. These indexes are based chiefly on average prices calculated from the trade statistics (supplemented in some cases by wholesale and other price