

### Subsection 1.—Consumption of Manufactured Products

The value of all manufactured commodities made available for consumption in 1955 was \$20,152,020,318, 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. 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, wood and paper, non-ferrous metals and non-metallic minerals were, in that order, the leading groups in the value of finished products made available for consumption in 1955.

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, textiles, chemicals and non-metallic mineral products despite large home production. The expansion of the iron and steel, chemical and non-metallic mineral products industries will enable Canada to meet more of her requirements for home consumption and to export greater quantities in the future.

