

1.—Net Value of Canadian Government Defence Contracts Placed, by Program 1956 and 1957 with Cumulative Totals from 1951

Program	1956	1957	Total Apr. 1, 1951- Dec. 31, 1957
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Aircraft.....	236,175	193,950	2,502,804
Ships.....	61,160	55,743	499,804
Tank-automotive.....	13,464	12,277	296,484
Weapons.....	9,551	Cr. 18,064	176,314
Ammunition and explosives.....	8,042	6,497	298,103
Electronics and communication equipment.....	105,304	123,209	698,069
Fuels and lubricants.....	64,156	58,231	336,757
Clothing and equipage.....	12,108	7,614	254,335
Construction.....	125,052	60,316	846,657
Other.....	111,489	106,279	843,547
Totals.....	746,501	606,054	6,752,874

The value of expenditures on defence procurement and construction, which reached a peak in 1953, continued to decline in 1956 and 1957. Expenditures in 1956 decreased by 2.4 p.c. from the preceding year to \$958,500,000 and by a further 9.3 p.c. in 1957 to \$869,600,000. In the aircraft and ships programs, expenditures declined in 1956 but increased slightly in 1957. In electronics and communication equipment and in construction the reverse movement took place, with expenditures increasing in 1956 and decreasing in 1957. The tank-automotive, weapons, ammunition and explosives, and clothing and equipage programs all registered declines in both years. Expenditures on defence construction increased 45 p.c. in 1956 over 1955 but declined by one-third to \$105,400,000 in 1957.

2.—Value of Expenditures on Canadian Government Defence Contracts, by Program 1956 and 1957 with Cumulative Totals from 1951

Program	1956	1957	Total Apr. 1, 1951- Dec. 31, 1957
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Aircraft.....	329,671	346,435	2,548,436
Ships.....	80,759	83,579	567,725
Tank-automotive.....	22,398	13,992	287,140
Weapons.....	18,423	15,628	150,418
Ammunition and explosives.....	46,558	31,085	270,856
Electronics and communication equipment.....	129,670	98,676	628,659
Fuels and lubricants.....	47,775	47,826	276,104
Clothing and equipage.....	16,004	10,652	257,954
Construction.....	159,403	105,380	915,152
Other.....	107,829	116,382	788,020
Totals.....	958,489	869,636	6,690,463

The ability of Canadian industry to produce a greater variety of defence items made it possible to place 96.5 p.c. of the value of defence contracts in this country in 1956 and 91.0 p.c. in 1957. This represents a significant achievement over earlier periods of the defence program when industry in Canada received a much smaller proportion of the defence contracts. Contracts placed abroad are for items that cannot be economically produced in Canada within the limits of current and anticipated defence requirements.