

1.—Canadian Merchandise Exports, by Main Commodities or Groupings, 1960-64

(Millions of dollars)

Group or Commodity	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Farm and Fish Products—					
Wheat and wheat flour.....	473	724	659	849	1,124
Barley, oats and rye.....	61	58	46	54	72
Other farm and fish products.....	484	518	559	561	648
Totals, Farm and Fish Products.....	1,018	1,301	1,264	1,464	1,844
Forest Products—					
Softwood lumber.....	323	335	371	427	450
Wood pulp.....	325	347	370	405	461
Newsprint.....	758	761	753	760	834
Other forest products.....	181	180	207	232	263
Totals, Forest Products.....	1,587	1,623	1,701	1,824	2,009
Minerals and Mineral Products—					
Iron ore.....	155	143	221	271	356
Primary iron and steel.....	161	157	162	197	249
Aluminum and products.....	269	252	294	316	327
Copper, nickel and products.....	473	535	523	530	604
Lead, zinc and products.....	90	86	87	83	153
Crude petroleum and natural gas.....	112	194	305	310	360
Uranium ores and concentrates.....	264	193	166	138	75
Other metals and minerals.....	289	301	306	325	371
Totals, Minerals and Mineral Products.....	1,814	1,861	2,063	2,169	2,493
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	238	251	248	268	308
Other manufactures and miscellaneous.....	600	719	902	1,073	1,441
Exports of foreign produce.....	129	140	169	182	209¹
Totals, Exports.....	5,387	5,895	6,348	6,980	8,304

¹ See reference to "General Trade" basis, p. 914.

Prominent among the reasons for this unparalleled increase in exports was the \$275,000,000 expansion in wheat and flour exports associated with the completion of the 1963-64 contract with the Soviet Union together with larger shipments to mainland China and Eastern Europe. However, omitting this item, the remaining increase of over \$1,000,000,000 was of exceptional proportions and was shared extensively by all the main export groups except uranium which continued its declining trend, and aluminum which showed only a small increase. The increase in "Other manufactures and miscellaneous" of \$368,000,000 was particularly notable; it was much the largest increase on record for this group and brought the 1964 group total to double its 1961 level and to triple the level of a decade previously. Of the 1964 increase, \$142,000,000 was accounted for by aircraft and parts, \$88,000,000 by automobiles and parts and \$24,000,000 by farm implements; the remainder, amounting to over \$100,000,000, was widely distributed.

The pattern of distribution of exports by area in 1964 reflected the change in product components. As a result, partly but by no means wholly, of sharply expanded wheat exports, the proportion of overseas exports went up 3 p.c. in 1964 to account for 47 p.c. of