

settlers' effects, private donations and gifts, and identifiable tourist purchases—generally, all temporary exports and goods merely moving in transit through Canadian territory.

The most important exclusions from import totals are: current coin, gold, goods for use of the United States Armed Forces stationed at treaty bases in Canada, Canadian-owned military equipment returned to Canada, ships imported for use in foreign trade and ships of British construction and registry imported for use in the coasting trade, temporary imports for exhibition or competition, fuel and stores purchased by Canadian vessels and aircraft abroad, settlers' private donations and gifts, tourist purchases exempt from duty, and goods imported for foreign armed forces or diplomats stationed in Canada—generally, all temporary imports and goods merely moving in transit through Canadian territory.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1964, Canada's trade statistics are compiled on a "General Trade" basis instead of on the "Special Trade" basis used previously. The main difference for figures recorded on the General Trade basis is that imports are entered as such whether the goods are cleared through customs for immediate domestic use or stored in a customs warehouse. Domestic exports remain the same on both bases but re-exports, after Jan. 1, 1964, include exports from customs warehouses which were previously excluded. Over a period of years, the totals of Canadian exports or imports would be almost the same on either basis but considerable differences might appear in individual years because of time of clearance and extent of business activity.

From Jan. 1, 1960, a new category was established in both export and import statistics entitled "Special Transactions—Non-trade". This category includes certain commodity movements which either have no international financial implications or, for various reasons, are better considered separately from merchandise trade in economic analysis. The value of transactions of these types is now excluded entirely from published totals of Canadian merchandise trade and does not appear in this volume, but statistics for the classes of this category are contained in the regular monthly export and import reports.

Beginning with statistics for January 1961, a new export commodity classification was used, based on the Standard Commodity Classification developed by the DBS as a tool for integrating statistical series derived from different sources. Whereas the classification previously used classified commodities primarily according to the material of which they were chiefly composed, the new classification places commodities in sections mainly according to stage of processing and purpose, as follows: Live Animals; Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco; Crude Materials, Inedible; Fabricated Materials, Inedible; End Products, Inedible; and Special Transactions—Trade.

As from Jan. 1, 1964, a new commodity classification was also introduced for import statistics, based on concepts similar to those embodied in the export classification, so that there is now a closer approach to comparability between the two sets of statistics. As part of the change to the new classifications, the commodity detail shown in trade returns has been modernized by eliminating statistics on some commodities of minor significance and instituting new classes for many commodities of greater importance. The grouping system employed in the new classification also makes easier the identification of other commodities which may merit separate specification. For most of the commodities of greatest importance in Canadian exports, the classes of the new export commodity classification are substantially identical with those of its predecessor. The import classification is more extensive than the export classification and in its new form gives an up-to-date and comprehensive coverage of those commodities which constitute the bulk of Canada's import trade.

Valuation.—Export entries define the value of exports as the "actual amount received or to be received in terms of Canadian dollars, exclusive of all charges" (freight, insurance, handling, etc.). This definition would give values f.o.b. point of consignment for export