

For imports it is not possible to give the quantities as well as the values; but Table 47, besides indicating the progress attained at each of these national stock-taking periods, is interesting as showing the nature of the imports Canada receives in exchange for commodities produced and exported. They consist largely, it will be noted, of the products of tropical countries and of articles not manufactured in Canada. Two other points are illustrated by the trade returns, (1) the so-called balance of trade, or the reciprocal relationship between the volume of exports and imports, and (2) the value per capita of exports, imports and total trade. Both points are illustrated by Table 4 in Section IX (Trade and Commerce), page 288.

47.—Selection of Principal Imports for Home Consumption, 1874-1918.

Items.	1874.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1918.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Animals living.....	640,804	545,237	709,846	920,040	2,243,259	2,764,371
Breadstuffs.....	15,777,869	2,781,356	2,848,832	8,070,496	10,284,382	16,941,510
Carriages, bicycles, etc.....	131,221	151,438	316,626	1,110,654	7,257,859	22,508,227
Clocks and parts thereof.....	128,869	83,634	107,885	208,846	501,649	596,554
Coal, coke, etc.....	3,805,353	4,097,322	9,501,017	13,835,672	32,264,134	81,614,515
Chocolate paste, etc.....	4,517	9,445	38,881	163,216	382,834	3,008,427
Coffee, all kinds, including chicory.....	449,932	318,443	699,647	494,319	1,408,593	2,122,058
Cotton and manufactures of.....	11,990,208	11,783,243	7,987,200	12,301,899	32,876,059	58,922,808
Drugs, dyes, chemicals and medicines.....	1,536,672	1,804,596	2,744,603	4,996,671	12,188,979	26,522,172
Earthenware and china.....	611,755	439,029	634,907	1,114,677	2,398,416	2,562,776
Electric apparatus.....	-	12,001	469,046	919,854	5,129,677	11,045,663
Flax, hemp, jute and manufactures of.....	1,949,351	1,826,193	2,702,788	3,418,518	5,438,944	11,511,778
Fruits and nuts.....	1,033,230	1,179,688	2,587,498	3,873,489	11,955,008	22,965,285
Furs and skins and manufactures of.....	701,640	867,521	1,022,470	2,385,181	5,001,070	3,967,470
Glass and manufactures of.....	1,187,152	890,849	1,247,692	1,575,619	3,460,088	5,238,920
Grasses and fibres and manufactures of.....	143,599	95,985	87,967	134,122	1,802,713	8,281,342
Gutta-percha, India-rubber and manufactures of.....	479,107	817,464	1,607,300	2,596,804	6,950,583	12,864,355
Hats, caps and bonnets and materials for same.....	984,038	1,246,019	1,359,307	1,927,383	4,013,503	4,581,155
Hides and skins other than fur.....	1,458,325	2,212,653	2,022,810	4,120,443	8,105,330	8,794,289
Jewellery.....	952,071	357,013	351,134	540,220	1,486,787	871,816
Leather.....	1,587,199	1,108,226	946,398	1,728,049	5,331,710	8,916,611
Total metals and manufactures of.....	22,246,110	14,853,739	17,731,050	34,101,053	105,726,942	206,353,477
Oilcloth.....	166,905	176,313	226,026	420,830	1,675,582	2,464,886
Oils.....	800,862	1,024,447	1,779,234	2,159,171	7,869,288	35,338,137
Paper and manufactures of.....	779,253	990,379	1,142,313	1,803,928	5,537,411	7,516,389
Provisions.....	1,917,021	1,530,460	1,402,385	2,345,694	4,634,541	27,543,302
Salt.....	463,275	494,633	380,550	373,974	424,712	1,199,170
Seeds.....	219,982	141,360	428,449	1,322,227	1,708,981	1,887,697
Settlers' effects.....	1,240,618	877,913	1,778,556	3,740,630	14,072,611	6,367,291
Silk and manufactures of.....	2,198,652	2,420,139	2,237,928	3,386,347	6,930,448	14,943,206
Spices.....	169,488	139,454	213,165	228,905	303,742	505,757
Spirits and wines.....	2,378,428	1,221,216	1,445,898	1,921,518	4,538,018	4,005,297
Sugar, molasses, etc.....	6,127,628	6,074,150	6,366,230	9,316,532	17,480,856	39,484,978
Tea.....	3,454,838	3,585,973	2,981,415	3,176,795	5,654,883	13,713,427
Tobacco and manufactures of.....	1,724,020	1,180,635	1,974,815	2,158,776	4,816,292	7,875,796
Tobacco, pipes, pipe mounts, etc.....	40,543	117,207	119,151	292,084	807,989	831,804
Vegetables.....	63,396	100,608	229,794	441,139	1,738,142	4,621,555
Watches.....	-	237,052	506,913	623,945	1,229,973	1,652,380
Wood and manufactures of.....	2,412,672	1,664,768	3,098,855	4,937,072	17,237,372	14,615,607
Wool and manufactures of.....	14,180,219	10,340,901	11,409,501	11,357,449	26,382,771	35,086,969

With the exception of the two years 1880 and 1881, the "balance of trade" was unfavourable to Canada from 1868 to 1893. From 1894 to 1903 the value of exports exceeded that of the imports, though with the exception of the two years 1897 and 1898 not to any marked extent. From 1904 to the outbreak of the war—a period marked by