

treaties and agreements negotiated with foreign countries that goods must be imported *via* a Canadian sea or river port in order to obtain the full benefits of special rates of duty. There was a decrease in imports *via* the United States of \$643,626 in 1928 compared with 1927, the decrease in the imports from the British Empire amounting to \$1,545,840, while such imports from foreign countries show an increase of \$902,214, as follows:—

IMPORTS INTO CANADA VIA THE UNITED STATES.

Imports from—	Years ended Mar. 31—			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
United Kingdom <i>via</i> United States..... \$	554,532	1,853,066	728,001	773,694
Per cent Total Imports from United Kingdom.....	0.4	1.1	0.41	0.42
Other British Empire <i>via</i> United States..... \$	3,779,361	6,260,189	3,832,540	2,241,007
Per cent of Total Imports from Other British Empire.....	8.6	14.2	7.71	3.55
Foreign Countries <i>via</i> United States..... \$	7,281,781	6,106,030	8,209,879	9,102,893
Per cent of Total Imports from Foreign Countries.....	7.9	5.5	6.3	6.48
Total Imports <i>via</i> United States..... \$	11,615,674	14,219,285	12,761,220	12,117,594
Per cent of Total Imports from Overseas Countries.....	4.2	4.5	3.7	3.11

The proportion of exports from Canada to overseas countries *via* the United States continues to remain about stationary, the percentages for the past three fiscal years being:—1926, 39.2; 1927, 39.5; 1928, 38.9. The value of commodities thus exported to overseas countries in 1928 was \$18,677,477 less than in 1927. Decreases in wheat and wheat flour amounted to \$17,841,028. Exports *via* the United States to the United Kingdom and to overseas foreign countries decreased in 1928 as compared with 1927, while those to other countries of the British Empire increased.

Comparisons for four years are as follows:—

EXPORTS FROM CANADA VIA THE UNITED STATES.

Exports to—	Years ended Mar. 31—			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
United Kingdom <i>via</i> United States..... \$	173,556,264	237,327,986	216,313,069	201,784,594
Per cent Total Exports to United Kingdom.....	43.7	46.6	48.4	49.1
Other British Empire <i>via</i> United States..... \$	18,350,573	22,157,401	23,549,163	26,762,373
Per cent of Total Exports to Other British Empire.....	23.1	24.3	25.1	30.2
Foreign Countries <i>via</i> United States..... \$	65,452,730	70,466,599	70,422,646	68,060,424
Per cent of Total Exports to Foreign Countries.....	36.9	29.1	28.7	25.1
Total Exports <i>via</i> United States..... \$	257,359,567	329,951,986	310,284,878	291,607,401
Per cent of Total Exports to Overseas Countries.....	39.3	39.2	39.5	38.9

Details by countries are given in Table 21 of this chapter.

Trade with Other Foreign Countries.—The relative changes in the positions occupied by the United States and other foreign countries in Canada's trade during the period of over 42 years from 1886 to 1928 are shown in the following table. Imports from the United States have increased from about 45 p.c. to nearly 65 p.c. of total imports, while imports from other foreign countries have remained fairly constant around 12 p.c. In the case of Canadian exports, on the other hand, those to the United States have remained at about 40 p.c. of the total, while those to other foreign countries have increased from less than 5 p.c. to over 20 p.c. of total Canadian exports.