

(2) Their chief value lies in the fact that from them a comparison may be made of price movements of Canadian exports and imports. Both series of values are f.o.b. values, that is, they are prices exclusive of customs, insurance and freight charges. (In the case of Canadian exports freight charges would in some cases be included up to the port of exit but this would also be true of some goods shipped from foreign countries to Canada). Since the values are f.o.b. and are fair market values as sold for home consumption, a comparison of the resulting index numbers of exports and imports shows whether or not Canada is receiving in average values for the goods she sells an equivalent in average values for the goods she buys. Since a large proportion of our exports are agricultural products, any disparity between the price of Canadian farm products and the price of goods bought from abroad would be reflected in the index numbers. Moreover, if the index numbers of exports are higher than those of imports, this would indicate a condition tending to prosperity in Canada and *vice versa* if index numbers of exports were lower. In other words, Canadian prosperity depends in no small measure on the purchasing power of our exports. From this point of view it is interesting to compare the index numbers of export and import values in Table 14.

14.—Index Numbers of Export and Import Valuations, calendar years 1920-1927.

(1913=100.)

EXPORTS.

| Groups. | Number of Items. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Vegetables and their products..... | 14 | 256.1 | 159.3 | 129.3 | 122.2 | 133.1 | 155.2 | 150.9 | 143.5 |
| Animals and their products..... | 11 | 209.1 | 150.4 | 136.2 | 142.0 | 136.3 | 155.1 | 148.0 | 160.3 |
| Fibres, textiles and textile products..... | 2 | 190.1 | 139.0 | 117.1 | 134.2 | 161.1 | 165.8 | 140.3 | 126.7 |
| Wood, wood products and paper..... | 8 | 250.5 | 216.3 | 168.3 | 178.0 | 173.3 | 167.9 | 162.4 | 158.5 |
| Iron and its products..... | 4 | 341.4 | 93.8 | 107.9 | 90.8 | 88.3 | 83.8 | 82.9 | 92.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals and their products..... | 6 | 167.3 | 130.8 | 123.6 | 121.2 | 123.3 | 132.9 | 129.4 | 120.0 |
| Non-metallic minerals and their products..... | 2 | 275.9 | 256.3 | 189.2 | 190.1 | 181.1 | 169.9 | 172.8 | 173.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products..... | 3 | 138.8 | 125.7 | 117.0 | 118.2 | 109.0 | 109.6 | 107.6 | 97.0 |
| Total Exports..... | 50 | 229.7 | 164.8 | 137.8 | 136.8 | 139.6 | 151.7 | 147.0 | 144.0 |

IMPORTS.

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|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Vegetables and their products..... | 15 | 264.2 | 200.3 | 131.8 | 174.4 | 167.2 | 154.8 | 149.8 | 153.8 |
| Animals and their products..... | 8 | 203.3 | 91.4 | 85.3 | 87.3 | 78.9 | 93.6 | 86.9 | 95.0 |
| Fibres, textiles and textile products..... | 15 | 285.4 | 165.0 | 156.5 | 182.4 | 181.7 | 184.0 | 158.0 | 143.7 |
| Wood, wood products and paper..... | 3 | 298.6 | 174.8 | 161.3 | 178.2 | 167.0 | 175.6 | 164.4 | 141.7 |
| Iron and its products..... | 11 | 146.4 | 137.6 | 103.5 | 108.8 | 107.4 | 98.6 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals and their products..... | 3 | 111.4 | 87.2 | 89.2 | 91.8 | 92.0 | 100.6 | 107.4 | 106.7 |
| Non-metallic minerals and their products..... | 7 | 207.1 | 179.3 | 181.0 | 162.2 | 145.4 | 143.9 | 141.7 | 130.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products..... | 3 | 230.6 | 215.2 | 164.3 | 143.7 | 143.9 | 140.3 | 148.7 | 148.2 |
| Total Imports..... | 60 | 220.7 | 160.4 | 135.0 | 147.6 | 142.0 | 139.6 | 131.7 | 127.0 |
| Combined Index..... | | 226.7 | 162.8 | 136.6 | 141.7 | 140.7 | 146.3 | 140.1 | 136.3 |