

Subsection 4.—Trade with the United States and Other Foreign Countries.

Trade with the United States.—During the fiscal year 1929, nearly 69 p.c. of Canadian imports came from the United States, including large importations in all the main groups of commodities. Iron and Its Products was the most important group, including automobile parts and engines for Canadian automobile factories, machinery for the expanding industries and mineral development of Canada, and rolling-mill products for further manufacture in Canadian factories, as well as finished motor vehicles and farm implements. The second most important group was Non-Metallic Minerals, which includes coal and petroleum products. Imports of coal are remaining about stationary, while imports of petroleum are expanding rapidly with the increase in motor vehicles. Among Canadian exports to the United States, the Wood and Paper Products group was by far the most important. Indeed newsprint paper constituted almost one-quarter of the total exports to the United States. Since the recent expansion of newsprint mills in Canada, exports of newsprint have increased, while those of pulpwood and wood pulp have declined somewhat. The Animal Products group, including fish, cattle, furs and meats, was second in importance among our exports, while recent mineral development in Canada resulted in largely increased exports of copper and nickel. Values of imports and exports of the main groups and principal commodities in trade with the United States are shown in the following table:—

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, BY GROUPS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, YEAR ENDED MAR. 31, 1929, WITH INCREASES OR DECREASES AS COMPARED WITH 1928.

(Values in Thousands of Dollars.)

Imports.			Exports (Canadian).		
Groups and Commodities.	Value.	Increase (+) Decrease (-).	Groups and Commodities.	Value.	Increase (+) Decrease (-).
	\$	\$		\$	\$
I.—Agricultural and Vegetable Products.....	103,667	+ 1,458	I.—Agricultural and Vegetable Products.....	58,527	+ 2,428
Fruits.....	31,185	+ 1,098	Alcoholic beverages.....	24,051	- 81
Rubber.....	21,332	- 2,443	Wheat.....	12,381	+ 2,877
Grain (chiefly corn).....	16,390	+ 3,606	Seeds (flaxseed)....	7,503	+ 1,064
Vegetables.....	7,338	+ 842	Bran and shorts....	5,352	+ 2,726
Vegetable oils.....	7,287	- 2,535	Vegetables.....	2,411	- 3,400
Tobacco.....	5,895	+ 36	II.—Animals and Products.....	84,994	- 7,250
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Furs.....	13,243	+ 939	Cattle.....	14,463	+ 936
Hides, raw.....	9,286	- 899	Furs.....	13,281	- 1,055
Leather, unmanufactured.....	4,637	+ 239	Meats.....	10,383	- 906
Meats.....	4,283	+ 674	Hides, raw.....	9,244	- 2,173
III.—Fibres and Textiles.....	81,890	+ 12,459	Leather, unmanufactured.....	7,091	- 1,149
Cotton and products	46,267	+ 5,645	Milk and cream....	6,059	- 1,781
Silk and products..	10,700	+ 2,096	III.—Fibres and Textiles.....	4,930	+ 10
Manila and sisal....	5,453	+ 1,624	Wool.....	2,626	+ 202
IV.—Wood and Paper....	50,564	+ 6,572	IV.—Wood and Paper....	235,665	- 3,321
Wood, unmanufactured.....	16,246	+ 2,337	Newsprint paper...	123,098	+ 4,693
Books and printed matter.....	13,383	+ 1,427	Wood pulp.....	36,942	- 874
Paper.....	10,678	+ 1,510	Sawmill products .	50,779	- 5,882
Wood, manufactured.....	10,258	+ 1,298	Pulpwood.....	14,187	- 996
			Logs and round timber.....	6,557	- 763