For a more detailed treatment of the commodities making up our export and import trade with the United States, see Tables 12 and 13 of this chapter.

Canadian Trade via the United States.—Imports from overseas countries via the United States have steadily declined in recent years, especially those from the British Empire. This decrease has followed: (1) general propaganda to utilize Canadian sea and river ports, (2) additional concessions to goods imported under the Preferential Tariff if they come direct. Provision has been made, in trade 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. Between 1920 and 1930 imports via the United States have decreased from 9.5 p.c. to 2.4 p.c. of the total imports from overseas countries.

The proportion of exports from Canada to overseas countries via the United States shows a slight decline since 1927, the percentages for the past nine fiscal years being:—1922, 32·8; 1923, 41·1; 1924, 36·2; 1925, 39·3; 1926, 39·2; 1927, 39·5; 1928, 38·9; 1929, 36·7; 1930, 33·8. 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 in various years from 1886 to 1930 are shown in the following table. Imports from the United States have increased from 44.6 p.c. to 67.9 p.c. of total imports, while imports from other foreign countries have remained fairly constant. In the case of Canadian exports, on the other hand, those to the United States have remained about 35 p.c. to 45 p.c. of the total, while those to other foreign countries have increased from 4.5 p.c. to over 20 p.c. of total Canadian exports.

TRADE OF CANADA WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

(Fiscal Years 1886, 1896, 1914, 1922, 1929, and 1930.)

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Item and Fiscal Year.	Canadian Trade with—			Percentage of Total Trade with-		
	United States.	Other Foreign Countries.	Total Foreign Countries.	United States.	Other Foreign Countries.	Total Foreign Countries.
	*	\$	*	p.ė.	p.c.	p.e.
Imports.  1836	42,818,651 53,529,390 169,256,452 396,302,138 515,958,196 868,012,229 847,442,037	30,694,394 68,365,014 82,736,883	70,148,009 199,950,846 464,667,152 598,695,079 1,008,259,752	59-6 64-0 69-0 68-6	15-8 10-9 11-0 11-1	70-5 75-0 80-0 79-7
Exports (Canadian),  1886	292,588,643 499,612,145	5, 152, 185 13,516, 428 29,573,097 101,816,627 327,970,510	42,941,666 97,062,734 192,945,922 394,405,270	34 · 4 35 · 5 37 · 9 39 · 5 36 · 7	6.8	39·1 41·3 44·7

With further reference to the trade of Canada with countries other than the United Kingdom and the United States, attention is directed to Tables 22 to 35, giving the trade of Canada in leading commodities with 42 British and foreign countries for the fiscal years 1929 and 1930.