

their manufacture within the country. On the other hand, a number of the leading imports of 1890, such as woollen goods and raw wool, sugar and products, cotton goods and raw cotton, tea, grain products and meats have become relatively much less important as imports. Then again there were certain leading imports in 1890, such as coal, rolling-mill products, machinery and fruits, which still remain among the chief items of imports owing to the absence of coal and high grade iron ore deposits in the central portion of Canada where population and industry are chiefly concentrated, and to the demand for fruits which cannot be grown in Canada.

It is estimated that about one-third of the imports during recent years have been for use in the various industries of the Dominion. The decrease in imports of such commodities in the fiscal year 1931 was about proportional to the decrease in total imports. Of the leading 62 commodities imported in the fiscal year 1931 for further manufacture in Canada, 51.8 p.c. by value was raw materials, 22.8 p.c. partly manufactured and 25.4 p.c. was classed as fully or chiefly manufactured goods such as automobile parts and engines, rolling-mill products, etc.

CANADA'S LEADING IMPORTS, FISCAL YEARS, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 AND 1931.

(Commodities arranged in order of importance, 1931.)

Commodity.	1890.	1900.	1910.	1920.	1930.	1931.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Coal.....	8,013,156	11,012,223	27,516,678	60,072,629	56,812,418	52,231,209
Machinery.....	1,377,551	5,159,952	14,690,973	36,716,791	69,117,528	44,207,262
Rolling-mill products.....	5,645,704	11,905,937	15,692,061	39,985,746	61,894,114	40,568,871
Crude petroleum.....	-	23,244	1,199,071	20,306,693	50,951,202	38,578,486
Alcoholic beverages.....	1,695,161	1,988,112	4,459,566	9,135,536	45,026,487	35,434,637
Fruits.....	2,400,851	3,133,407	8,316,462	33,463,270	34,277,882	29,498,549
Electric apparatus.....	317,515	810,900	3,688,538	15,550,254	37,611,263	28,804,362
Sugar and products.....	6,452,654	8,610,845	14,962,770	73,618,354	27,987,156	25,151,230
Woollen goods, including carpets.....	10,900,600	9,427,575	20,767,010	45,545,127	32,682,927	23,281,810
Refined petroleum.....	690,283	830,025	2,326,681	10,566,692	25,180,476	21,759,471
Cotton goods.....	3,792,584	6,399,706	17,923,093	51,435,017	23,554,725	19,861,983
Automobile parts.....	-	-	269,586	12,674,823	35,746,929	19,597,213
Automobiles.....	-	-	1,732,215	15,035,545	34,464,666	17,271,890
Farm implements.....	161,277	2,148,867	2,661,207	14,578,106	30,075,453	16,495,217
Books and printed matter.....	1,404,583	1,588,432	4,127,179	11,228,018	18,130,779	16,136,501
Grain and products.....	3,034,049	8,298,884	7,806,665	9,086,073	25,082,671	13,339,368
Tea.....	3,673,643	3,604,027	5,347,854	8,336,183	10,694,379	13,048,877
Silk goods.....	2,654,505	3,880,535	5,590,829	31,341,944	19,606,589	12,190,105
Paper.....	1,208,683	1,378,749	4,567,810	9,949,574	14,764,804	12,062,870
Raw cotton.....	3,539,249	4,229,198	9,384,801	33,854,457	21,682,463	12,080,188
Settlers' effects.....	1,810,217	3,065,410	10,273,428	10,181,084	11,181,203	11,489,320
Vegetable oil.....	612,671	826,882	1,862,265	15,973,417	12,244,151	10,870,706
Rubber and products.....	1,512,427	2,942,044	6,151,157	18,059,435	20,025,316	10,564,737
Flax, hemp and jute.....	1,416,217	3,551,037	5,340,312	15,923,836	14,716,510	10,472,115
Engines and boilers.....	185,759	778,364	2,019,558	12,997,757	15,146,437	10,033,964
Wood, unmanufactured.....	1,444,727	3,775,240	8,324,585	14,112,391	15,348,150	9,808,816
Artificial silk goods.....	-	-	-	477,754	11,740,460	9,760,575
Clay and products.....	948,876	1,593,255	3,418,844	6,371,567	12,256,769	9,432,135
Leather.....	1,173,777	1,879,333	4,202,934	17,102,702	11,537,331	9,171,686
Vegetables.....	337,859	625,749	1,751,265	5,722,600	11,020,339	8,934,781
Furs.....	1,058,001	2,106,441	5,768,075	12,877,520	11,953,949	8,783,290
Wood, manufactured.....	1,355,230	824,195	3,085,079	7,893,284	12,707,244	8,013,842
Glass and glassware.....	1,268,314	1,658,694	2,932,104	6,926,459	10,453,706	7,875,293
Copper and products.....	454,189	1,271,270	3,488,260	8,598,035	14,898,632	7,070,753
Raw silk.....	193,529	277,708	395,011	3,090,845	8,260,968	6,695,858
Stone and products.....	862,037	1,029,711	1,773,953	3,687,702	8,702,988	6,356,004
Aluminium.....	159	12,543	794,490	2,747,385	6,058,864	6,135,570
Meats.....	1,632,143	1,371,184	2,427,901	22,100,333	7,599,473	5,584,053
Tobacco, raw.....	1,344,985	1,508,359	3,229,239	13,604,757	6,471,626	5,488,949
Coke.....	155,513	506,839	1,695,603	2,476,450	6,403,354	5,245,458
Fertilizers.....	14,444	88,974	5,395,423	1,796,752	5,033,592	5,205,318
Butter.....	62,212	290,220	92,934	176,994	14,471,688	4,786,521
Brass and products.....	554,545	851,606	2,228,215	4,531,015	7,000,455	4,768,722
Hides and skins, raw.....	1,703,093	4,214,012	8,235,819	22,654,661	8,402,074	4,704,924
Woollen yarn.....	117,729	402,325	1,671,755	4,445,240	5,870,353	4,495,916
Paints and varnishes.....	672,885	1,012,535	1,776,232	3,821,890	5,957,078	4,368,048
Coffee, green.....	591,158	491,148	1,194,061	4,711,079	5,924,635	4,363,637

* Imports for 1924, the first year recorded.