

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

(Commodities arranged in order of importance, 1931.)

Commodity.	1890.	1900.	1910.	1920.	1930.	1931.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Scientific and educational equipment.....	200,495	364,198	1,118,437	3,282,803	4,950,519	4,079,851
Nuts (edible).....	231,449	400,441	1,237,292	5,589,573	5,095,109	3,998,144
Drugs and medicines.....	513,331	481,859	962,063	3,402,932	3,868,721	3,802,877
Tubes and pipes (iron).....	484,008	1,122,987	2,358,848	4,160,378	5,948,162	8,528,071
Hardware and cutlery.....	1,250,369	1,434,209	1,937,647	4,210,142	4,950,119	3,404,989
Seeds.....	478,397	1,916,994	1,167,321	4,210,782	5,061,255	3,395,757
Soda and sodium compounds	329,084	624,873	785,524	2,982,371	4,410,621	3,324,615
Cotton yarn.....	17,879	321,348	707,760	4,078,510	3,827,867	3,321,318
Dyeing and tanning materials.....	484,217	711,508	1,412,099	5,623,720	3,548,656	3,285,908
Iron ore.....	551	282,191	3,345,550	4,601,716	5,020,921	3,266,402
Sulphur.....	44,276	215,433	420,632	1,296,458	3,823,245	3,102,740
Manila and sisal fibre.....	-	-	1,548,457	5,195,812	3,822,613	3,068,576
Raw wool.....	1,729,068	1,574,834	1,587,176	7,672,211	4,306,945	3,065,991
Naits and tops.....	12,100	151,510	599,440	5,830,957	3,833,801	2,794,239
Fish.....	899,683	1,060,708	1,630,744	3,491,678	3,474,921	2,671,559
Cocoa and chocolate.....	118,569	286,363	1,130,335	7,626,745	3,651,425	2,641,511
Clocks and watches.....	773,538	698,378	1,459,617	3,126,267	3,495,659	2,551,826
Castings and forgings.....	268,463	538,612	1,027,460	6,519,188	4,497,406	2,476,436
Wire, iron.....	387,490	1,844,788	3,530,226	5,848,623	3,658,798	2,436,667
Refrigerators.....	-	-	22,626	33,896	1,913,591	2,377,670
Gums and resins.....	159,508	287,276	2,256,307	4,987,716	3,431,591	2,350,076
Animals, living.....	823,440	1,160,151	3,118,217	2,570,377	2,802,754	2,251,160
Tools.....	427,305	825,541	891,820	2,050,296	3,192,449	2,078,323
Hats and caps.....	1,258,409	1,637,422	3,420,609	4,216,333	2,908,340	2,038,711
Toys and dolls.....	172,782	199,305	4,997,210	1,534,728	2,691,408	1,981,455
Diamonds, unset.....	110,480	451,792	1,902,710	4,470,846	3,198,871	1,797,225
Nickel plated ware.....	13,578	18,843	573,591	1,630,047	3,022,935	1,773,039
Artificial silk yarn.....	-	-	160,586 ¹	1,436,738	1,678,450	1,760,829
Jewellery.....	444,137	578,963	1,337,431	1,242,010	2,435,869	1,657,303
Musical instruments.....	434,814	390,407	1,207,592	4,329,093	3,130,873	1,623,037

¹ Imports for 1913, the first year recorded.

Canada's Principal Exports.—In the table which follows giving Canada's leading domestic exports for the fiscal years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1931, the pronounced decrease in exports in 1931 as compared with 1930 is clearly shown. This decrease, which altogether amounted to 28.6 p.c., was more than half accounted for by the reduced prices received for exported goods. In other words the decrease resulting from lower prices amounted to 15.3 p.c., while that due to reduced volume of exports was 13.3 p.c. In the case of wheat, the leading export, there was a decrease in value of \$38,000,000 in spite of an increase of 40,000,000 bushels in the quantity. Other large reductions in the value of exports occurred in: automobiles (\$19,000,000); newsprint paper (\$18,000,000); planks and boards (\$18,000,000); raw gold (\$17,000,000); copper ore and blister (\$16,000,000); wheat flour (\$13,000,000); farm implements (\$11,000,000); cattle (\$10,000,000); wood pulp (\$10,000,000); barley (\$9,000,000); meats (\$9,000,000) and aluminium in bars (\$8,000,000). Small increases occurred in the value of some exports, but such commodities were in all cases among the minor exports such as platinum concentrates, electrical energy, bran and shorts, oatmeal, cereal foods, etc.

In the use of the table it should be remembered that the fiscal year 1920 represents the abnormal conditions existing immediately after the close of the war with the great inflation of prices which was nearing its peak in that year. Thus it is