

Over the period of 42 years covered by the table, the changes in Canada's exports have been very great, both in volume and in the relative importance of commodities. The great agricultural expansion of the Canadian West had scarcely begun in 1890. The leading exports then were sawmill and timber products, cheese, fish, cattle, barley, coal and furs, indicating the large dependence of Canadian production at that time upon the eastern forests, mixed-farming areas, and fisheries. Of the five leading exports in 1932 four were very unimportant in 1890. The year 1910 is the first year in this table in which wheat appears as the leading export although this first occurred in 1906. The rise of the great pulp and paper industry to a leading position has been still more recent, and similarly with regard to the production of non-ferrous metals, automobiles and rubber tires. On the other hand, exports of the products of mixed-farming operations, such as cattle, meats, hides, cheese and butter, while showing wide fluctuations, have not expanded proportionately, and in some cases were little or no greater in 1932 than in 1890. Much of the new agricultural area developed since 1890 has been better adapted to grain growing than to mixed-farming operations, so that, with the growth of population, the production of the older mixed-farming districts is to a larger extent consumed within the country. The rising importance during the two past decades of the mining and metallurgical industries producing non-ferrous metals in Canada is illustrated in this table by the increased importance since 1910 of exports of gold, copper, nickel, zinc, silver, lead, aluminium and platinum. Gold refined in Canada and exported as bullion is not shown in the table.

CANADA'S LEADING DOMESTIC EXPORTS, FISCAL YEARS, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 AND 1932.

(Commodities arranged in order of importance, 1932.)

Commodity.	1890.	1900.	1910.	1920.	1930.	1932.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Wheat.....	388,861	11,905,488	52,809,351	185,044,806	215,753,475	115,739,393
Newsprint paper.....	-	-	2,612,243	53,840,122	145,610,519	103,003,352
Wood pulp.....	168,180	1,816,016	5,204,597	41,383,482	44,704,958	27,684,782
Fish.....	8,099,674	10,564,688	15,179,015	49,557,172	34,767,739	23,594,230
Wheat flour.....	521,353	2,791,885	14,859,854	94,262,922	45,467,195	18,897,543
Planks and boards.....	17,637,306	22,015,990	33,100,367	75,216,193	49,446,887	18,766,452
Gold, raw.....	657,022	14,148,543	6,016,126	5,974,334	34,375,003	13,671,565
Copper bars, etc.....	-	-	-	541,338	48,181	13,057,733
Furs, raw.....	1,874,327	2,264,580	3,749,005	20,628,109	18,706,311	12,110,157
Nickel.....	240,490	1,040,498	3,320,054	9,039,221	25,084,975	12,109,400
Whiskey.....	25,383	396,671	1,010,657	1,504,132	25,856,136	11,622,256
Cheese.....	9,372,212	10,856,324	21,607,602	36,336,863	18,278,004	10,593,967
Barley.....	4,600,409	1,010,425	1,107,732	20,206,972	10,388,735	10,002,911
Pulpwood.....	80,005	902,772	6,076,628	8,454,803	13,880,209	8,196,144
Fruits (chiefly apples).....	1,073,890	3,305,662	5,492,197	8,347,549	9,593,484	7,507,040
Copper ore and blister.....	133,251	1,387,388	6,023,925	11,871,039	37,735,413	6,346,192
Vegetables (chiefly potatoes).....	597,074	503,993	1,534,228	11,656,483	11,240,747	5,554,068
Zinc.....	-	-	-	950,082	8,366,712	5,261,647
Silver.....	201,615	1,354,053	15,009,937	14,255,601	11,569,855	5,180,528
Rubber tires.....	-	-	-	7,398,172	18,153,225	5,152,614
Meats.....	895,757	13,615,621	8,013,690	96,161,234	15,030,671	4,960,816
Oats.....	256,156	2,143,179	1,566,612	9,349,455	4,055,855	4,662,335
Asbestos raw.....	444,159	490,909	1,886,613	8,767,856	12,074,065	4,628,117
Lead.....	2,000	688,691	529,422	1,193,144	10,637,867	4,441,562
Films.....	-	-	7,746	1,486,079	4,790,619	4,011,672
Settlers' effects.....	818,001	1,095,536	2,274,006	7,631,496	6,304,199	3,870,005
Machinery.....	143,815	446,391	924,510	6,416,591	7,184,706	3,675,623
Cattle.....	6,949,417	8,704,523	10,792,156	46,064,031	13,119,462	3,634,784
Automobiles.....	-	-	406,011	14,883,607	35,307,645	3,817,251
Rubber footwear.....	-	-	129,618	1,750,967	9,986,392	3,611,517
Stone and products.....	949,158	575,749	956,636	3,631,916	6,909,442	3,254,804
Aluminium in bars, etc.....	-	-	1,202,723	5,680,871	13,828,010	3,161,608

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