

the United Kingdom amounted to only \$29,401,000, compared with imports in 1887 valued at \$44,741,000 and in 1873 at \$67,997,000, so that from 1873 to 1897 imports from the United Kingdom declined by \$38,596,000 or 56.7 p.c. After the introduction of the British preferential tariff, the downward trend in the value of imports from the United Kingdom was reversed, although the proportion of our total imports coming from the United Kingdom continued to decline. Imports from other Empire countries which were insignificant before the beginning of the century have increased both in actual value and proportion of total imports. However, during the latest four years and especially since the Ottawa Agreements, the proportion of trade with both the United Kingdom and the total British Empire has shown a distinctly upward trend, although both the volume and direction of Canada's exports vary widely with the vicissitudes of crops here and in other parts of the world. Canada's exports to Empire countries other than the United Kingdom consist very largely of manufactured products, while imports from those Empire countries are chiefly raw materials.

In the interpretation of statistics covering a long period, such as those in Statement III following, the wide fluctuations in price levels should be borne in mind. Thus the fiscal year 1896, just prior to the introduction of the British preference, marked about the close of a long period of declining prices which began in the '70's. Prices followed a rising trend from then to the last pre-war fiscal year 1914, and rose very steeply throughout the War to a peak in the fiscal year ended 1921. In the following year, prices suffered a sudden drop and then remained fairly steady until 1929, after which the recent serious decline has occurred. (See Chapter XX.) The trade of Canada with the British Empire in certain fiscal years since 1886 was as under:—

III.—CANADA'S TRADE WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

| Item and Fiscal Year. | Canadian Trade with— | | | Percentage of Total Trade with— | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | United Kingdom. | Other British Empire. | Total British Empire. | United Kingdom. | Other British Empire. | Total British Empire. |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. |
| IMPORTS. | | | | | | |
| 1886..... | 39,033,006 | 2,383,560 | 41,416,566 | 40.7 | 2.5 | 43.2 |
| 1896..... | 32,824,505 | 2,388,647 | 35,213,152 | 31.2 | 2.2 | 33.4 |
| 1906..... | 69,183,915 | 14,605,519 | 83,789,434 | 24.4 | 5.1 | 29.5 |
| 1914..... | 132,070,406 | 22,456,440 | 154,526,846 | 21.4 | 3.6 | 25.0 |
| 1921..... | 213,973,562 | 52,029,126 | 266,002,688 | 17.3 | 4.2 | 21.5 |
| 1922..... | 117,135,343 | 31,973,910 | 149,109,253 | 15.7 | 4.3 | 20.0 |
| 1926..... | 163,731,210 | 45,088,918 | 208,820,128 | 17.6 | 4.9 | 22.5 |
| 1929..... | 194,041,381 | 63,346,829 | 257,388,210 | 15.3 | 5.0 | 20.3 |
| 1930..... | 189,179,738 | 63,494,864 | 252,674,602 | 15.2 | 5.1 | 20.2 |
| 1931..... | 149,497,392 | 55,401,034 | 204,898,426 | 16.5 | 6.2 | 22.7 |
| 1932..... | 106,371,779 | 41,440,214 | 147,811,993 | 18.4 | 7.2 | 25.6 |
| 1933..... | 86,466,055 | 33,918,269 | 120,384,324 | 21.3 | 8.3 | 29.6 |
| 1934..... | 105,100,764 | 35,303,122 | 140,403,886 | 24.2 | 8.2 | 32.4 |
| 1935..... | 111,682,490 | 44,503,981 | 156,186,471 | 21.4 | 8.5 | 29.9 |
| EXPORTS (Canadian). | | | | | | |
| 1886..... | 36,694,263 | 3,262,803 | 39,957,066 | 47.2 | 4.2 | 51.4 |
| 1896..... | 62,717,941 | 4,048,198 | 66,766,139 | 57.2 | 3.7 | 60.9 |
| 1906..... | 127,456,465 | 10,964,757 | 138,421,222 | 54.2 | 4.5 | 58.7 |
| 1914..... | 215,253,969 | 23,388,548 | 238,642,517 | 49.9 | 5.4 | 55.3 |
| 1921..... | 312,844,871 | 90,607,348 | 403,452,219 | 26.3 | 7.6 | 33.9 |
| 1922..... | 299,361,675 | 46,473,735 | 345,835,410 | 40.4 | 6.3 | 46.7 |
| 1926..... | 508,237,560 | 90,330,435 | 598,567,995 | 38.7 | 6.9 | 45.6 |
| 1929..... | 429,730,485 | 106,258,803 | 535,989,288 | 31.5 | 7.8 | 39.3 |
| 1930..... | 281,745,965 | 97,825,173 | 379,571,138 | 25.2 | 8.8 | 33.9 |
| 1931..... | 219,246,499 | 73,617,897 | 292,864,396 | 27.4 | 9.2 | 36.6 |
| 1932..... | 174,043,725 | 44,912,662 | 218,956,387 | 30.2 | 7.8 | 38.0 |
| 1933..... | 184,361,019 | 37,757,908 | 222,118,927 | 38.9 | 8.0 | 46.9 |
| 1934..... | 227,601,411 | 50,423,723 | 278,025,134 | 39.3 | 8.7 | 48.0 |
| 1935..... | 274,182,737 | 67,314,241 | 341,496,978 | 41.5 | 10.2 | 51.7 |