

14.—Leading Imports Over Five Decades, 1890-1939—concluded

No.	Commodity	Years ended Mar. 31—				Years ended Dec. 31—	
		1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1939
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
37	Wood, unmanufactured.	1,444,727	3,775,240	8,324,585	14,112,391	11,028,838	5,238,240
38	Paints and varnishes...	672,885	1,012,535	1,376,023	3,821,880	4,663,681	4,661,956
39	Wood, manufactured...	1,355,230	824,195	3,085,079	7,893,284	9,209,556	4,658,735
40	Wool, raw.....	1,729,058	1,574,834	1,587,175	2,672,211	3,194,583	4,509,490
41	Meats.....	1,632,143	1,371,184	2,427,901	22,100,333	6,739,333	4,439,379
42	Iron ore.....	551	282,191	3,345,550	4,601,716	3,324,190	4,179,353
43	Coffee, green.....	591,158	491,148	1,194,061	4,711,079	4,564,603	4,154,644
44	Drugs and medicines...	513,331	481,359	962,083	3,402,932	3,652,434	3,988,743
45	Settlers' effects.....	1,810,217	3,065,410	10,273,428	10,181,034	11,754,947	3,966,553
46	Fertilizers.....	14,444	88,974	5,395,423	1,796,752	5,960,248	3,948,314
47	Nuts, edible.....	213,449	400,441	1,237,292	5,889,573	4,158,491	3,724,468
48	Soda and compounds...	329,084	624,873	785,524	2,982,371	3,426,289	3,180,298
49	Yarns, cotton.....	17,879	321,348	767,760	4,078,510	3,167,628	2,940,164
50	Compounds of tetra-ethyl lead.....	1	1	1	1	339,058	2,927,449
51	Brass and products.....	554,545	851,606	2,228,215	4,531,015	5,434,454	2,761,210
52	Yarns, woollen.....	117,729	402,328	1,671,765	4,445,270	5,408,460	2,457,590
53	Fish.....	899,683	1,060,708	1,630,744	3,491,678	2,812,678	2,455,221
54	Sulphur.....	44,276	215,433	430,632	1,296,458	3,177,492	2,453,836
55	Tools.....	427,305	825,541	891,820	2,050,286	2,351,031	2,376,554
56	Tubes and pipes, iron...	484,008	1,122,987	2,358,848	4,160,378	4,102,689	2,340,204
57	Hardware and cutlery...	1,250,369	1,434,209	1,937,647	4,210,142	3,739,706	2,329,189
58	Cocoa and chocolate...	118,569	286,363	1,130,335	7,626,745	2,956,448	2,298,147
59	Seeds.....	478,397	1,916,994	1,167,321	4,210,782	4,154,455	2,176,504
60	Manila, sisal, etc., fibre.	1	1	1,548,457	5,195,812	3,323,261	2,152,019
61	Clocks and watches....	773,534	698,378	1,459,617	3,126,267	2,759,719	2,085,180
62	Coke.....	155,513	506,839	1,695,603	2,476,450	5,611,897	1,894,401
63	Tobacco, raw.....	1,344,985	1,508,359	3,229,239	13,604,757	6,025,196	1,891,001
64	Stamped, coated products.....	42,042	268,545	492,884	1,016,777	2,447,137	1,803,270
65	Wire, iron.....	387,490	1,844,788	3,530,226	5,843,623	2,732,972	1,741,754
66	Gums and resins.....	159,508	287,276	2,256,307	4,987,716	2,671,575	1,720,861
67	Diamonds, unset.....	110,480	451,792	1,902,710	4,470,846	2,014,713	1,405,792
68	Surgical instruments...	25,186	103,740	209,302	1,137,567	1,723,636	1,240,864
69	Musical instruments....	434,814	390,407	1,207,592	4,329,093	1,862,483	1,037,839
70	Spices.....	213,677	842,597	428,075	1,130,902	1,222,968	977,117
71	Copper and products...	484,189	1,271,270	3,488,260	8,568,035	8,317,717	931,153
72	Nickel-plated ware....	13,578	18,843	573,591	1,630,047	2,025,060	891,682
73	Animals, living.....	837,385	841,168	1,711,723	2,570,377	2,268,068	891,436
74	Celluloid in lumps.....	18,318	27,136	120,032	243,856	1,387,304	890,602
75	Plants and trees.....	136,326	28,510	178,470	709,507	1,671,740	868,294
76	Optical instruments...	40,515	181,852	575,929	947,075	1,036,322	698,329
77	Soap.....	148,618	446,135	813,619	1,534,082	1,216,842	565,900
78	Hats and caps.....	1,258,409	1,637,422	3,420,609	4,216,333	2,294,105	544,371
79	Salt.....	309,840	325,433	465,253	1,336,176	660,903	507,368
80	Butter.....	62,212	290,220	92,934	176,994	12,393,662	1,656

¹ None recorded.

Canada's Principal Exports.—In the interpretation of the figures of the commodities exported, as shown in Table 15, the same qualifications apply regarding price changes and business fluctuations as in the case of imports. Furthermore, factors influencing world trade have an important bearing upon trends in Canadian exports. Since agricultural products are still an important element in Canadian exports, variations in crop conditions here and in other parts of the world cause important fluctuations in the year-to-year volume and value of exports. Among special circumstances affecting Canadian exports in 1939 may be mentioned greatly increased shipments of wheat and lumber, further industrial recovery in the United States and other countries, and a steady demand for metals, due partly to armament programs.

Over the period of 50 years covered by Table 15, 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,