

**Subsection 3.—Trade with the United Kingdom and the British Empire**

**Trade with the United Kingdom.**—As already mentioned in the introduction to this Section and in Subsection 1, the trade of Canada for many years has been carried on predominantly with the United Kingdom and the United States, both great trading countries, whose people speak the English language, and with whose standards of living and tastes Canadians have much in common. The fluctuating positions of the two countries in this regard, from Confederation to the outbreak of the Second World War, are discussed at pp. 414-415 of the 1941 Year Book.

In 1940 the United Kingdom regained the position as the chief market for Canadian exports which she had held since 1932, with the single exception of the year 1939. War-time demand for foodstuffs, wood products, military vehicles and munitions was the chief cause for the increase of nearly 55 p.c.

The values of import and export trade with the United Kingdom for certain fiscal years ended 1886 to 1921 and for the calendar years from 1926 are shown in Table 8. Details of the commodities that made up that trade in the calendar years 1937-40 appear in Tables 16 and 17 of this chapter.

**Trade with the British Empire.**—Generally, such trade has been marked by a larger proportion of exports than of imports. The percentage of both import and export trade with the Empire, other than the United Kingdom, has increased considerably in the period covered since 1886. The industrial organization of Canada draws increasing imports of raw materials from other Empire countries, which in turn provide an expanding market for Canada's manufactured and specialized products. A record of the value and proportion of trade with the British Empire for representative years since 1886 is given in Table 8.

**8.—Trade (Excluding Gold) with the British Empire and Foreign Countries**

Item and Year	Canadian Trade with—					
	United Kingdom	United States	Other British Empire	Other Foreign Countries	Total British Empire	Total Foreign Countries
Imports	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Ended Mar. 31—</b>						
1886.....	39,033,006	42,818,651	2,383,560	11,756,920	41,416,566	54,575,571
1891.....	42,018,943	52,033,477	2,318,109	15,163,425	44,337,052	67,196,902
1896.....	32,824,505	53,529,390	2,388,647	16,618,619	35,213,152	70,148,009
1901.....	42,820,334	107,377,906	3,832,894	23,899,785	46,653,228	131,277,691
1906.....	69,183,915	169,256,452	14,605,519	30,694,394	83,789,434	199,950,846
1911.....	109,934,753	275,824,265	19,532,894	47,432,691	129,467,647	323,256,956
1916.....	77,404,361	370,880,549	27,825,616	32,090,608	105,229,977	402,971,157
1921.....	213,973,562	856,176,820	52,029,126	117,979,374	266,002,688	974,156,194
<b>Ended Dec. 31—</b>						
1926.....	164,707,111	668,747,247	49,907,305	124,980,248	214,614,416	793,727,495
1929.....	194,777,650	893,585,482	62,321,200	148,308,360	257,098,850	1,041,893,842
1930.....	162,632,466	653,676,496	65,219,110	126,951,407	227,851,576	780,627,903
1931.....	109,468,081	393,775,289	42,531,841	82,323,175	151,999,922	476,098,464
1932.....	93,508,143	263,549,346	34,549,472	61,007,296	128,057,615	324,556,642
1933.....	97,878,232	217,291,498	34,806,405	51,238,176	132,684,637	268,529,674
1934.....	113,415,984	293,779,813	43,650,726	62,622,974	157,066,710	356,402,787
1935.....	118,670,227	312,416,604	57,218,583	64,009,137	173,888,810	376,425,741
1936.....	122,971,264	369,141,513	66,347,757	76,730,310	189,319,021	445,371,323
1937.....	147,291,551	490,504,978	89,304,287	81,795,509	236,595,838	572,300,487
1938.....	119,292,430	424,730,567	66,806,174	66,622,183	186,098,604	491,352,750
1939.....	114,007,409	496,898,466	74,892,867	65,256,792	188,900,276	562,155,258
1940.....	161,216,352	744,231,156	106,166,783	70,336,428	267,383,135	814,567,584