

the group into second place in 1940 as compared with fourth in 1939. Automobile parts, which ranked fifth in both 1939 and 1940, showed an increase of 88 p.c. in the latest year. Other groups that registered sharp increases in 1940 as compared with 1939 were, in order of value, with percentage increases in parentheses: rubber products (117); raw cotton (53); electrical apparatus (55); and woollen noils and tops (117). Scrap iron and steel, which during the decade had never reached \$2,100,000 in value of imports, increased by 181 p.c. in the latest year and imports of tin, which in the same period had never totalled \$3,000,000, except in 1937, showed an increase of 118 p.c. in 1940 over 1939.

Groups showing decided decreases in the value of imports during the decade were: alcoholic beverages, which decreased from \$38,000,000 in 1930 to \$15,000,000 in 1934, to \$9,000,000 in 1935 and \$5,900,000 in 1940; and artificial silk, which fell from \$13,800,000 in 1930 to \$6,000,000 in 1931 and \$2,100,000 in 1935, reached \$4,100,000 in 1937 and \$5,500,000 in 1939 and increased again to \$6,700,000 in 1940.

14.—Leading Imports Over Five Decades, 1890-1940

NOTE.—Commodities are arranged in order of importance in 1940, and include only those valued at \$5,000,000 or more.

No.	Commodity	Fiscal Years				Calendar Years	
		1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Machinery, except farm.	1,877,551	5,159,952	14,690,878	36,716,791	50,434,725	71,496,542
2	Rolling-mill products...	5,645,704	11,905,937	15,692,052	39,985,746	46,508,984	55,610,396
3	Coal.....	8,013,156	11,012,223	27,516,678	60,072,629	56,694,366	49,630,132
4	Petroleum, crude.....	1	23,344	1,189,081	20,306,693	41,362,227	48,373,401
5	Automobile parts.....	1	1	269,586	12,674,823	23,358,763	47,580,369
6	Rubber products.....	1,512,427	2,942,044	6,151,157	18,059,435	12,842,452	35,114,831
7	Farm implements, etc..	161,277	2,148,867	2,661,207	14,578,106	21,944,231	30,673,217
8	Sugar and products....	6,452,654	8,610,845	14,962,770	73,618,354	26,496,027	29,114,803
9	Fruits.....	2,400,851	3,133,407	8,316,462	33,463,270	30,973,926	27,942,504
10	Cotton, raw.....	3,539,249	4,229,198	9,384,801	33,854,457	14,216,310	25,057,813
11	Electrical apparatus....	317,315	810,900	3,688,538	15,550,254	30,281,152	21,250,135
12	Cotton goods.....	3,792,584	6,399,705	17,928,093	49,088,060	21,924,835	19,417,177
13	Woollen goods, carpets.	10,900,600	9,427,575	20,767,010	45,545,127	27,930,638	17,047,437
14	Books and printed matter.....	1,404,583	1,588,432	4,127,179	11,228,018	16,827,309	16,655,462
15	Automobiles.....	1	1	1,732,215	15,035,545	20,560,287	16,438,482
16	Flax, hemp and jute....	1,416,217	3,551,037	5,340,312	15,923,836	11,807,906	14,993,003
17	Petroleum, refined.....	690,283	830,025	2,326,681	10,566,592	22,638,611	13,837,540
18	Noils, tops, waste wool.	12,100	151,510	599,446	5,830,957	2,812,234	13,176,253
19	Wool, raw.....	1,729,058	1,574,834	1,587,175	2,672,211	3,194,583	13,174,896
20	Engines and boilers....	188,759	778,364	2,019,558	12,997,757	10,827,352	12,385,134
21	Clay and products.....	948,876	1,593,255	3,418,844	6,371,567	10,746,681	11,125,118
22	Tea.....	3,073,643	3,604,027	5,347,854	8,336,163	12,659,556	10,805,144
23	Glass and glassware....	1,268,314	1,658,694	2,932,104	6,926,459	8,284,741	10,140,591
24	Oils, vegetable.....	612,671	826,882	1,872,265	15,973,417	11,517,903	10,049,902
25	Aluminium.....	159	12,543	794,490	2,747,385	6,296,272	8,945,554
26	Furs.....	1,058,001	2,106,441	5,768,075	12,887,520	9,585,433	8,885,540
27	Paper.....	1,208,683	1,378,749	4,567,810	9,949,574	12,907,658	8,858,180
28	Vegetables.....	337,859	625,749	1,751,265	5,722,600	9,363,138	7,711,990
29	Stone and products....	862,037	1,029,711	1,773,953	3,687,702	7,059,423	7,584,272
30	Silk, raw.....	193,529	277,708	393,011	3,090,845	7,299,042	7,521,009
31	Grain and grain products.....	3,034,049	8,298,884	7,806,665	9,806,073	16,627,636	7,387,511
32	Dye, tanning materials.	484,217	711,508	1,412,099	5,623,720	3,372,435	7,265,081
33	Wood, unmanufactured.	1,444,727	3,775,240	8,324,585	14,112,391	11,028,838	6,933,760
34	Silk, artificial.....	1	1	1	1	13,780,922	6,692,400
35	Tin and products.....	1,258,194	2,313,894	3,512,615	3,284,669	1,496,938	6,346,380
36	Hides and skins, raw...	1,703,093	4,214,012	8,235,819	22,654,661	6,046,567	6,180,839
37	Beverages, alcoholic...	1,695,161	1,938,112	4,459,566	9,135,536	37,936,640	6,030,721
38	Coke.....	155,513	506,839	1,695,603	2,476,450	5,635,212	5,899,180
39	Scrap iron and steel....	161	793,037	344,679	499,083	1,202,423	5,796,979
40	Leather.....	1,173,777	1,879,333	4,202,934	17,102,702	9,728,114	5,658,836
41	Wood, manufactured...	1,355,230	824,195	3,085,079	7,893,284	9,209,556	5,652,744
42	Iron ore.....	551	282,191	3,345,550	4,601,716	3,324,190	5,513,215
43	Paints and varnishes...	672,885	1,012,535	1,376,023	3,821,880	4,663,681	5,500,622
44	Brass and products.....	554,545	851,606	2,228,215	4,631,015	5,434,454	5,134,885

1 None recorded.