

and small beginnings with the first trickle of war supplies from a few sources only in evidence towards the end of that year. The next year, 1941, was one of construction, conversion and expansion—of vastly broadened plans and quickened output. Then followed a year of steadily rising production, of objectives reached and passed in the face of perils, problems and confusion. The year 1943 recorded an output so heavy that industrial capacity and manpower were strained to the limit, employment reached an all-time high even though under the altered tide of war shifts and changes had to be made in the production flood.”

These changes are reflected in the trade returns, and the following statement, which summarizes the expansion of exports and war industries from 1939 to 1943 lists those foods, munitions and war materials that have mainly influenced the result. The twenty-two items listed comprise 85 p.c. of the total value of all Canada's exports during 1943.

EXPORTS OF FOODS, MUNITIONS AND WAR MATERIALS, 1939-43
(In millions of dollars)

Item	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 ¹
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS.....	924.9	1,179.0	1,621.0	2,363.8	2,971.7
Wheat.....	109.0	119.5	161.9	121.8	234.4
Flour.....	16.4	26.4	44.8	45.8	66.3
Fish, canned.....	9.3	9.8	16.4	20.0	18.4
Bacon.....	32.7	58.8	77.5	100.6	116.2
Cheese.....	12.2	15.7	13.6	26.9	26.8
Milk, processed.....	3.3	4.3	7.2	6.8	5.2
Eggs, fresh and powdered.....	0.3	2.8	4.2	9.8	14.7
Planks and boards.....	48.8	67.7	74.2	80.1	74.1
Pulpwood.....	11.9	12.5	15.9	20.3	18.6
Wood-pulp.....	31.0	60.9	85.9	95.3	100.1
Newsprint.....	115.7	151.4	154.4	141.1	144.7
Pigs, ingots, blooms, billets.....	5.2	12.9	21.8	20.5	21.9
Motor-vehicles and parts (including trucks, bren-gun carriers, universal carriers, tanks, etc.).....	25.9	65.6	153.7	328.7	472.0
Guns.....	0.0	2.7	13.0	73.7	143.9
Non-ferrous metals.....	182.9	194.7	244.0	308.9	332.3
Non-metallic minerals.....	29.3	33.8	45.2	56.6	62.2
Explosives.....	0.6	2.8	20.2	24.3	17.2
Other chemicals and products.....	23.7	28.4	38.5	53.0	69.2
Ships.....	0.5	0.1	2.0	106.8	82.9
Aircraft and parts.....	0.4	6.0	20.2	27.0	44.7
Canadian Army and Navy stores.....	0.0	2.5	40.3	55.1	48.7
Cartridges and shells.....	0.8	12.5	41.9	300.4	353.8

¹ Subject to revision.

In the year, 1943, 75 p.c. of all exports were declared as war materials. A further interesting insight into Canada's present-day economic and industrial development is that prior to the War of 1914-18 a large proportion of Canadian exports were raw or only semi-manufactured goods, whereas to-day the larger bulk of exports are fully finished. In this year 34 p.c. of all exports went to the United Kingdom and 13 p.c. to other countries of the British Commonwealth: 39 p.c. to the United States and 14 p.c. to other countries.

The percentage analysis of imports for the same year shows that only 8 p.c. came from the United Kingdom and 6 p.c. from other Empire countries. The vast proportion of Canada's imports in that year came from the United States, amounting