

Section 3.—Commodity Analyses of Canadian Trade

Subsection 1.—Trade of Canada by Main Groups

The expansion in Canada's trade that followed the depression of the early '30's experienced some interruption in 1938 but was continued in 1939 and 1940. The impact of the War on the Canadian economy resulted in an increase in both imports and exports. In 1941 imports showed increases in both value and volume in all groups except animals and products and wood and paper; in 1942, decreases were shown in the value of agricultural and vegetable products, iron and its products and non-ferrous metals, and in the volume of animals and products, wood and paper and chemicals and allied products, in addition to the three groups whose value had decreased.

Exports showed increases in both value and volume for all classes in 1941 (see Table 18, p. 480); in 1942, decreases were shown in the value of agricultural and vegetable products and in fibres and textiles, also in volume for these two groups and in wood and paper and chemicals and allied products. The group "miscellaneous commodities", which includes such items as aircraft, ships and shells, increased by 307 p.c. over 1941 and accounted for 22.2 p.c. of the total value of exports in 1942.

In the export trade the relative positions of the groups altered considerably, the miscellaneous commodities group advancing from sixth to first place and the iron and products group advancing to second place from fourth, the wood and paper group fell to third from first place, the non-ferrous metals group to fourth from third, the agricultural and vegetable products group to fifth from second, and the animals and products group to sixth from fifth. Chemicals and allied products, non-metallic minerals and fibres and textiles occupied the seventh, eighth and ninth places, respectively, in both years.

13.—Trade (Excluding Gold), by Main Groups, 1914, 1926, 1932, 1941 and 1942

Group	Values of Imports (Millions of Dollars)					Values of Domestic Exports (Millions of Dollars)				
	1914 ¹	1926	1932	1941	1942	1914 ¹	1926	1932	1941	1942
All Countries										
Agricultural and Vegetable Products.....	97.6	210.7	97.6	171.8	147.7	201.2	588.9	204.1	285.7	257.8
Animals and Products.....	41.1	53.5	17.5	34.9	34.9	76.6	168.0	55.6	201.7	256.7
Fibres and Textiles.....	109.2	184.2	69.0	161.1	189.1	1.9	7.1	4.8	30.8	28.9
Wood and Paper.....	37.4	46.4	22.8	36.7	38.2	63.2	286.3	134.0	387.1	389.8
Iron and Its Products.....	143.8	219.6	67.3	431.6	377.8	15.5	75.6	16.3	239.9	467.1
Non-Ferrous Metals.....	35.6	50.8	22.0	94.8	82.4	53.3 ²	74.7	44.2	244.0	308.9
Non-Metallic Minerals.....	85.3	152.7	95.3	190.0	221.3	9.3	27.1	9.7	45.2	56.6
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	17.1	31.3	27.9	65.4	66.8	4.9	16.5	11.0	58.7	77.4
Miscellaneous Commodities.....	52.1	59.1	33.2	262.5	486.0	5.7	17.0	10.2	127.9	520.6
Totals, All Countries.	619.2	1,008.3	452.6	1,448.8	1,644.2	431.6	1,261.2	489.9	1,621.0	2,363.8

¹ Year ended Mar. 31, 1914.

² Includes gold.