

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

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
United Kingdom										
Agricultural and Vegetable Products.....	16.2	37.7	21.5	7.3	6.5	146.8	339.3	108.8	165.4	111.2
Animals and Products.....	5.7	6.2	2.5	5.2	4.7	35.4	73.3	28.8	115.0	158.6
Fibres and Textiles.....	60.6	72.1	27.2	61.1	63.2	0.2	0.9	1.2	3.2	2.1
Wood and Paper.....	3.7	3.8	3.5	2.5	2.0	12.8	16.4	12.1	57.5	57.8
Iron and Its Products.....	17.3	15.4	12.5	13.4	8.1	1.4	6.9	5.2	70.3	120.7
Non-Ferrous Metals.....	4.8	5.7	3.7	8.8	4.3	16.6 ²	13.8	15.1	131.7	118.0
Non-Metallic Minerals.....	6.3	10.4	12.3	17.3	14.2	0.4	1.8	1.3	5.0	6.0
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	4.3	5.0	4.7	9.0	7.8	0.6	3.3	2.9	26.4	31.1
Miscellaneous Commodities.....	13.2	8.4	5.6	89.8	50.3	1.0	3.5	2.8	83.7	136.2
Totals, United Kingdom.....	132.1	164.7	93.5	219.4	161.1	215.2	459.2	178.2	658.2	741.7
United States										
Agricultural and Vegetable Products.....	44.1	97.0	33.7	55.6	67.5	34.1	61.1	4.7	75.0	79.2
Animals and Products.....	23.3	35.0	9.7	16.4	15.1	32.3	69.7	15.3	64.7	71.9
Fibres and Textiles.....	32.5	70.4	25.5	49.2	77.0	1.2	3.3	0.9	6.5	9.6
Wood and Paper.....	31.7	39.9	17.2	33.0	35.5	45.2	244.1	105.2	286.0	308.8
Iron and Its Products.....	121.4	196.8	51.6	410.3	368.1	2.0	10.1	2.1	14.2	33.0
Non-Ferrous Metals.....	27.7	40.3	16.3	65.9	60.3	34.2 ²	33.1	14.8	92.3	150.9
Non-Metallic Minerals.....	74.2	126.8	69.5	150.1	193.6	7.2	17.5	5.5	32.3	38.9
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	9.6	20.2	17.3	53.8	56.7	3.2	8.4	4.7	15.5	29.2
Miscellaneous Commodities.....	31.8	42.3	22.7	170.2	430.9	4.0	10.6	5.5	13.2	155.0
Totals, United States.....	396.3	668.7	263.5	1,004.5	1,304.7	163.4	457.9	158.7	599.7	885.5

¹ Year ended Mar. 31, 1914.

² Includes gold.

Subsection 2.—Principal Commodities Imported and Exported

Canada's Principal Imports.—In the interpretation of the trends in imports, it should be borne in mind that no individual year is entirely free of abnormalities in some particulars. In the matter of price fluctuations, which affect the significance of trade figures when expressed by value, the Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the 1926 base, was 59.3 in the calendar year 1889, 52.1 in 1899, 59.5 in 1909, 134.0 in 1919, 86.6 in 1930, 82.9 in 1940, 90.0 in 1941 and 95.7 in 1942. These calendar years approximate the years shown in Table 14, whether fiscal or calendar years.

The effect of both long- and short-term fluctuations on the trends of trade is summarized at pp. 425-426 of the 1941 Year Book and a table at pp. 426-427 of that volume gives comparative figures of imports for five decades to 1939, the latest year for which comparisons can be made upon a peace-time basis.

At pp. 463-464 of the 1942 Year Book, the impact of the War on the trade of 1940 was discussed. In that year the five leading imports were machinery, (except farm) rolling-mill products, coal, crude petroleum and automobile parts. In 1942 the five leading imports were composed of the same groups, although the order had changed, coal advancing to first place, followed by rolling-mill products, automobile parts, machinery and crude petroleum. This would indicate that Canada's requirements in the way of machine tools required for war production