

Canada's Principal Exports.—In the interpretation of the figures of the commodities exported, as shown in Table 15, the same qualifications apply regarding price changes and business fluctuations as in the case of imports. Furthermore, factors influencing world trade have an important bearing upon trends in Canadian exports. Since agricultural products are still an important element in Canadian exports, variations in crop conditions here and in other parts of the world cause important fluctuations in the year-to-year volume and value of exports.

At pp. 427-428 of the 1941 edition of the Year Book the effect of long- and short-term fluctuations in Canada's exports is discussed. The effect of the first year of war on Canada's exports is treated at p. 465 of the 1942 Year Book. In comparing the trade of 1942 with that of 1940, the most notable item is the advance in the export of automobiles from sixth to first place, the increase in value being no less than 257·8 p.c., an indication of the way in which Canadian-made transport is finding its way to the battlefronts of the world. Newsprint and wheat, the two leaders in 1940, were in second and third places, with a decrease of 6·8 p.c. and an increase of 1·1 p.c., respectively, in value. Meats and wood-pulp, as in 1940, occupied fourth and fifth places, the former showing an increase of 74·5 p.c. in the two years, reflecting the continued and increasing overseas demand for foodstuffs, and the latter increasing by 56·4 p.c. Planks and boards, which occupied third place in 1940, fell to sixth in 1942, but showed an increase in value of 18·3 p.c. Automobile parts, in sixteenth place in 1940, rose to seventh in 1942, showing an increase of 511·9 p.c. All other commodities in Table 15 registered increases with the exception of paper board, silver ore and bullion, unmanufactured leather and sodium compounds.

15.—Leading Exports (Excluding Gold) Over Four Decades, 1910-42

NOTE.—Commodities are arranged in order of importance in 1942 and include only those valued at \$5,000,000 or more. Certain items, such as strategic minerals, are omitted owing to war-time restrictions.

Commodity	Fiscal Years		Calendar Years			
	1910	1920	1930	1940	1941	1942
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Automobiles.....	405,011	14,883,607	18,798,783	54,306,062	128,760,269	194,311,611
Newsprint.....	2,612,243	53,640,122	133,370,932	151,360,196	154,356,543	141,065,618
Wheat.....	52,609,351	185,045,806	185,786,026	119,530,365	161,856,075	121,817,692
Meats.....	8,013,680	96,161,234	7,569,023	63,289,240	84,177,848	110,428,586
Wood-pulp.....	5,204,597	41,383,482	39,059,979	60,930,149	85,897,736	95,266,873
Planks and boards.....	33,100,387	75,216,193	36,743,267	67,736,934	74,205,325	80,115,443
Automobile parts.....	1	3,097,466	1,587,571	10,289,580	20,239,344	62,960,913
Fish.....	15,179,015	40,687,172	30,097,635	29,843,173	39,512,299	47,928,971
Wheat flour.....	14,859,854	94,262,922	37,540,495	26,351,695	44,807,353	45,814,133
Cheese.....	21,607,692	36,336,863	13,207,021	15,723,486	13,554,911	26,903,714
Iron: pigs, ingots, etc.....	228,183	6,595,688	2,761,587	12,899,923	21,787,767	20,507,182
Pulpwood.....	6,076,638	8,454,833	13,611,617	12,521,820	15,928,826	20,314,253
Cattle, all kinds.....	10,792,156	46,004,631	3,398,076	12,442,420	16,809,458	17,586,412
Furs, raw.....	3,749,005	20,628,109	15,202,168	15,617,244	15,447,661	17,381,846
Machinery, except farm.....	924,510	6,416,591	6,108,818	13,457,598	16,116,867	16,147,568
Abrasives.....	1	1,474,177	2,899,424	7,734,459	11,083,719	14,994,398
Whisky.....	1,010,657	1,504,132	21,746,593	7,886,707	9,452,690	12,174,393
Shingles, wood.....	2,331,443	10,818,602	4,132,181	7,606,118	10,370,972	10,714,159
Fertilizers.....	373,315	6,694,037	5,606,400	8,584,098	10,284,190	9,992,020
Platinum or platinum metals, in concentrates, etc.....	61,717	39,058	1,610,945	5,898,616	6,424,214	9,831,127
Tires and tubes, rubber.....	1	7,395,172	14,352,652	5,460,675	8,008,262	9,425,397
Farm implements, etc.....	4,319,385	11,614,400	10,302,404	9,537,256	11,872,880	9,121,748
Paper board.....	1	4,568,036	2,250,458	8,791,893	11,831,473	7,853,991
Oats.....	1,566,612	9,349,455	1,061,147	6,177,251	3,295,148	6,832,920
Silver ore and bullion.....	15,009,937	14,255,601	9,581,752	7,165,204	6,585,443	5,952,640
Leather, unmanufactured.....	1,296,480	11,742,268	4,722,852	6,521,456	4,194,764	5,742,492
Sodium compounds.....	1	1	3,139,883	5,935,442	7,483,690	5,409,577
Vegetables.....	1,534,228	11,656,483	9,941,890	5,174,687	5,292,441	5,409,478

¹ None recorded.