

East Indies and for a time greatly reduced shipments from other eastern countries. Table 2 sets forth the value of imports from principal geographical sources from 1941 to 1945.

Subsection 3.—Trade by Continents and Leading Countries

Trade by Continents.—The continued increase in Canada's imports in 1944 was not contributed to in equal measure by all continents, the effect of the War on the re-orientation of the channels of trade being shown in Table 2. Imports from the United Kingdom, for instance, were still further reduced: those from the United States again increased. A large part of the increase in imports was occasioned by the necessity of importing raw materials and finished parts for the vast flow of munitions of war to the United Kingdom. As would be expected, imports from Continental Europe remained at a low level. By 1945, however, imports from the United Kingdom had increased by 27.1 p.c. while those from the United States decreased 16.9 p.c. On the other hand, North America supplied 80.6 p.c. of Canada's imports in 1945 as compared with 68.4 p.c. in 1939; the United Kingdom percentage was only 8.9 p.c. as compared with 15.2 p.c. in 1939.

As regards exports, United States, which led in 1939, gave place to the United Kingdom in 1940 and 1941, owing largely to the export of munitions of war, but resumed first place from 1942. The same traffic accounted for the increases in the percentages of Canada's exports to Africa during the war years. Other North America (chiefly Newfoundland), after reaching a high point of 4.8 p.c. in 1941, declined to 3.1 p.c. in 1943 and 1944 and 3.4 p.c. in 1945. Exports to South America, which declined from 1.9 p.c. of the total in 1941 to 0.7 p.c. in 1943, increased to 1.5 p.c. in 1945.

2.—Trade of Canada (Excluding Gold), by Continents, 1941-45

Item and Continent	Values (Millions of Dollars)					Percentages of Totals				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Imports										
Europe—										
United Kingdom.....	219.4	161.1	135.0	110.6	140.5	15.2	9.8	7.8	6.3	8.9
Other Europe.....	6.9	5.2	5.3	9.3	18.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.2
North America—										
United States.....	1,004.5	1,304.7	1,423.7	1,447.2	1,202.4	69.3	79.4	82.1	82.3	75.8
Other North America....	36.6	32.9	53.2	66.5	76.9	2.5	2.0	3.1	3.8	4.8
South America.....	56.8	44.1	45.0	54.8	56.7	3.9	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.6
Asia.....	74.8	46.2	23.3	32.9	40.4	5.2	2.8	1.3	1.9	2.5
Oceania.....	36.9	36.2	38.8	25.2	28.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.8
Africa.....	12.9	13.8	10.8	12.4	21.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.4
Totals, Imports.....	1,448.8	1,614.2	1,735.1	1,758.9	1,585.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Exports (Domestic)										
Europe—										
United Kingdom.....	658.2	741.7	1,032.6	1,235.0	963.2	40.6	31.4	34.8	35.9	29.9
Other Europe.....	11.6	53.3	93.5	322.8	406.0	0.7	2.3	3.1	9.4	12.6
North America—										
United States.....	599.7	885.5	1,149.2	1,301.3	1,197.0	36.9	37.5	38.7	37.8	37.2
Other North America....	77.6	95.9	91.3	107.7	108.6	4.8	4.0	3.1	3.1	3.4
South America.....	29.8	19.8	19.8	25.9	47.6	1.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.5
Asia.....	69.6	202.1	179.9	212.1	336.7	4.3	8.5	6.0	6.2	10.5
Oceania.....	49.1	110.6	78.1	58.1	55.6	3.0	4.7	2.6	1.7	1.7
Africa.....	125.4	254.9	327.1	177.0	103.6	7.8	10.8	11.0	5.1	3.2
Totals, Exports.....	1,621.0	2,363.8	2,971.5	3,439.9	3,218.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0