

12.—Leading Imports Over Three Decades, 1920-45

NOTE.—Commodities are arranged in order of importance in 1945, and include only those valued at \$5,000,000 or more. Imperial Army and Navy stores, and war material entered under special conditions, are not included.

| Commodity | 1920 ¹ | 1930 | 1940 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Coal..... | 60,072,629 | 56,694,366 | 49,630,132 | 101,245,455 | 113,138,016 | 102,431,974 |
| Machinery, except farm..... | 36,716,791 | 50,434,725 | 71,496,542 | 105,953,513 | 78,551,171 | 92,780,717 |
| Petroleum, crude..... | 20,306,693 | 41,362,227 | 48,373,401 | 66,430,545 | 71,997,667 | 72,411,691 |
| Fruits..... | 33,463,270 | 30,973,926 | 27,942,504 | 46,884,506 | 61,887,009 | 71,489,172 |
| Automobile parts..... | 12,674,823 | 23,358,763 | 47,580,369 | 67,118,013 | 80,320,522 | 67,855,156 |
| Rolling-mill products..... | 39,985,746 | 46,508,984 | 55,610,396 | 65,595,967 | 51,399,117 | 55,049,280 |
| Farm implements, etc..... | 14,578,106 | 21,944,231 | 30,673,217 | 20,228,341 | 40,611,124 | 50,435,476 |
| Cotton goods..... | 49,088,060 | 21,924,835 | 19,417,177 | 52,837,415 | 51,768,282 | 50,251,558 |
| Electrical apparatus..... | 15,550,254 | 30,281,152 | 21,250,135 | 48,541,588 | 57,859,136 | 43,052,284 |
| Cotton, raw..... | 33,854,457 | 14,216,310 | 25,057,813 | 33,277,071 | 40,815,119 | 39,153,076 |
| Sugar and products..... | 73,618,354 | 26,496,027 | 29,114,803 | 25,925,994 | 31,773,694 | 32,104,387 |
| Engines and boilers..... | 12,997,757 | 10,827,352 | 12,385,134 | 46,999,089 | 63,158,580 | 28,039,843 |
| Woolen goods, carpets..... | 45,545,127 | 27,930,638 | 17,047,437 | 23,751,329 | 19,937,385 | 24,516,353 |
| Vegetables..... | 5,722,600 | 9,363,138 | 7,711,990 | 14,121,096 | 15,047,734 | 22,031,764 |
| Books and printed matter..... | 11,228,018 | 16,827,309 | 16,655,462 | 17,961,897 | 18,230,115 | 21,444,851 |
| Furs..... | 12,887,520 | 9,585,433 | 8,885,540 | 8,613,879 | 11,434,257 | 21,205,173 |
| Silk, artificial..... | 2 | 13,780,922 | 6,692,400 | 12,066,775 | 17,066,417 | 20,848,983 |
| Petroleum, refined..... | 10,566,592 | 22,638,611 | 13,837,540 | 19,591,546 | 21,783,555 | 20,352,400 |
| Flax, hemp and jute..... | 15,923,836 | 11,807,906 | 14,993,003 | 15,195,131 | 18,352,297 | 17,829,444 |
| Tea..... | 8,336,163 | 12,659,556 | 10,805,144 | 11,879,425 | 18,092,439 | 17,729,139 |
| Glass and glassware..... | 6,926,459 | 8,284,741 | 10,140,591 | 10,673,438 | 13,960,132 | 16,097,986 |
| Rubber products..... | 18,059,435 | 12,842,452 | 35,114,831 | 22,920,967 | 14,659,180 | 15,097,626 |
| Clay and products..... | 6,371,567 | 10,746,681 | 11,125,118 | 13,446,817 | 12,636,557 | 13,680,579 |
| Paper..... | 9,949,574 | 12,907,658 | 8,858,180 | 10,701,738 | 12,156,601 | 13,776,067 |
| Grain and grain products..... | 9,806,073 | 16,627,636 | 7,387,511 | 10,078,807 | 12,378,464 | 12,507,089 |
| Wool, raw..... | 2,672,211 | 3,194,583 | 13,174,896 | 26,904,032 | 11,325,644 | 12,327,497 |
| Oils, vegetable..... | 15,973,417 | 11,517,903 | 10,049,902 | 12,451,354 | 11,356,882 | 11,479,380 |
| Coke..... | 2,476,450 | 5,635,212 | 5,899,180 | 11,262,998 | 9,630,597 | 11,368,606 |
| Stone and products..... | 3,687,702 | 7,059,423 | 7,584,272 | 11,309,682 | 10,608,620 | 9,887,719 |
| Aluminum..... | 2,747,385 | 6,296,272 | 8,945,554 | 25,142,045 | 12,863,713 | 9,610,687 |
| Drugs, medicinal..... | 3,402,932 | 3,652,371 | 4,337,292 | 7,323,676 | 7,644,786 | 9,440,067 |
| Scientific equipment..... | 3,282,803 | 4,289,934 | 6,290,771 | 9,808,566 | 8,450,669 | 9,215,794 |
| Coffee and chicory..... | 5,077,103 | 5,123,746 | 3,666,333 | 7,781,391 | 14,237,552 | 9,155,591 |
| Paints and varnishes..... | 3,821,880 | 4,663,681 | 5,500,622 | 6,281,152 | 7,465,070 | 8,660,314 |
| Iron ore..... | 4,601,716 | 3,824,190 | 5,513,215 | 9,056,389 | 7,393,926 | 8,595,799 |
| Wood, manufactured..... | 7,893,284 | 9,209,556 | 5,652,744 | 6,031,625 | 7,092,144 | 8,482,578 |
| Dye, tanning materials..... | 5,623,720 | 3,372,435 | 7,265,081 | 7,459,421 | 7,032,319 | 8,296,920 |
| Beverages, alcoholic..... | 9,135,536 | 37,936,640 | 6,030,721 | 4,550,595 | 5,512,354 | 8,292,154 |
| Tools and hand implements..... | 2,050,286 | 2,351,031 | 4,101,121 | 11,260,224 | 8,602,837 | 7,944,826 |
| Synthetic resins and plastics..... | 2 | 2 | 2,315,577 | 6,063,671 | 6,662,404 | 7,631,586 |
| Nails, tops, waste wool..... | 5,830,957 | 2,812,234 | 13,176,253 | 7,293,532 | 6,098,968 | 6,874,850 |
| Leather..... | 17,102,702 | 9,728,114 | 5,658,836 | 6,311,822 | 5,711,817 | 6,562,768 |
| Wood, unmanufactured..... | 14,112,391 | 11,028,838 | 6,933,760 | 5,582,231 | 6,156,651 | 6,457,220 |

¹ Year ended Mar. 31.

² None recorded.

Canada's Principal Exports.—In the interpretation of the figures of the commodities exported, as shown in Table 13, 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 change from pre-war to wartime export trade was marked by trends as significant as in the imports, but the changes were not nearly as erratic.

Canada's trade took on a one-way aspect and while total imports increased from \$751,055,534 in 1939 to \$1,758,898,197 in 1944, with a slight decrease to \$1,585,775,142 in 1945, exports grew steadily from \$924,926,104 to \$3,439,953,165 in 1944 and showed but a minor decrease in 1945, \$3,218,330,353. It is natural that the growth of food staples, munitions of war, and commodities needed in waging war should have shown a steady growth until peak production was attained in the summer of 1944.