

Table 12 provides an excellent survey of the changing nature and value of Canadian commodity trade during the last sixty years. The series ends with 1939 since, after this date, trade was seriously affected by the abnormal influence of the Second World War. Statistics of trade during the period 1944-47 are dealt with on pp. 912-923.

Imported woollen and cotton goods, coal, rolling-mill products and sugar were among the six leaders until 1930 when cotton and woollen goods and sugar were replaced by machinery, petroleum and alcoholic beverages. This is an indication of the changes wrought by time in the Canadian economy; home manufactures by 1930 were replacing more of the fully manufactured goods formerly imported, especially textiles, machinery and rolling-mill products. This trend is also shown by the increase in coal imports from a value of \$8,013,156 in 1890 to \$56,812,418 in 1930 or 609 p.c.

Agricultural and forestry production have taken a leading part in export trade since 1890. At that time, planks and boards, cheese, fish, cattle, barley and furs were the six main exports. In 1900, wheat and gold replaced the barley and cattle exports of 1890. Wheat, since that time, has held first place in export trade until 1939 when it was replaced by newsprint which during the three decades, 1910 to 1930, has increased in value from \$2,612,243 to \$145,610,519 or 457 p.c. In 1939 export of this commodity had dropped by about 26 p.c.

### 12.—Canada's Leading Imports and Domestic Exports, for Decades Ended Mar. 31, 1890-1930 and 1939

NOTE.—Commodities arranged in order of importance, 1939.

No.	Commodity	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1939
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<b>Imports</b>						
1	Petroleum, crude.....	1	23,344	1,189,081	20,306,693	50,951,202	41,483,348
2	Coal.....	8,013,156	11,012,223	27,516,678	60,072,629	56,812,418	35,937,195
3	Machinery, except farm.	1,877,551	5,159,952	14,690,873	36,716,791	69,702,213	35,286,756
4	Rolling-mill products...	5,645,704	11,905,937	15,692,052	39,985,746	61,943,553	23,482,193
5	Automobile parts.....	1	1	269,586	12,674,823	35,746,929	23,455,938
6	Fruits.....	2,400,851	3,133,407	8,316,462	33,463,270	34,277,882	21,209,784
7	Sugar and products.....	6,452,654	8,610,845	14,962,770	73,618,354	27,987,156	20,281,515
8	Farm implements.....	161,277	2,148,867	2,661,207	14,578,106	30,075,453	18,079,948
9	Books and printed matter.....	1,404,583	1,588,432	4,127,179	11,228,018	18,130,779	15,340,194
10	Grain and grain products.....	3,034,049	8,298,884	7,806,665	9,806,073	25,082,671	15,070,858
11	Cotton goods.....	3,792,584	6,399,705	17,928,093	49,088,060	27,275,170	14,466,653
12	Automobiles.....	1	1	1,732,215	15,035,545	34,464,666	13,131,262
13	Woollen goods, incl. carpets.....	10,900,600	9,427,575	20,767,010	45,545,127	32,632,927	12,735,945
14	Electrical apparatus....	317,315	810,900	3,688,538	15,550,254	37,611,263	12,501,483
15	Rubber products.....	1,512,427	2,942,044	6,151,157	18,059,435	20,025,316	12,105,836
16	Petroleum, refined....	690,283	830,025	2,326,681	10,566,692	25,180,476	12,034,010
17	Cotton, raw.....	3,539,249	4,229,198	9,384,801	33,854,457	21,682,463	11,311,409
18	Vegetable oils.....	612,671	826,882	1,872,265	15,973,417	12,244,151	10,538,840
19	Tea.....	3,073,643	3,604,027	5,347,854	8,336,163	10,694,379	9,598,848
20	Flax, hemp, and jute...	1,416,217	3,551,037	5,340,312	15,923,836	14,995,198	7,981,962
21	Paper.....	1,208,683	1,378,749	4,567,810	9,949,574	14,764,904	7,575,317
22	Clay and products....	948,876	1,593,255	3,418,844	6,371,567	12,256,769	7,193,037
23	Engines and boilers....	188,759	778,364	2,019,558	12,997,757	15,146,436	7,132,502

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