

Consumption of Manufactured Products.—Table 5 shows the value of commodities made available for consumption in Canada. The consumption figure is obtained by adding to the value of manufactured products the value of the imports of manufactured and partly manufactured goods and deducting the value of the exports. More accurate statistics could be presented were it possible to exclude from the gross value of manufactured products the duplications involved when the products of one manufacturing establishment become the material worked upon in another. Iron, vegetable, textile, wood and paper, and animal were, in that order, the leading groups in the value of finished products made available for consumption in 1946. Vegetable, animal, wood and paper, and non-ferrous metal products were manufactured in Canada in greater quantities than required for home consumption; export balances were provided in these groups.

5.—Value of Consumption of Manufactured Products, 1935-46, and by Industrial Groups, 1946

Year or Industrial Group	Value of Products Manufactured	Manufactured and Partly Manufactured Goods ¹		Value of Manufactured Products Available for Consumption
		Value of Net Imports	Value of Domestic Exports	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1935.....	2,653,911,209	385,597,041	582,041,141	2,457,467,109
1936.....	3,002,403,814	468,455,981	676,890,803	2,793,968,992
1937.....	3,625,459,500	566,876,483	781,099,407	3,411,236,576
1938.....	3,337,681,366	472,193,253	587,758,795	3,222,115,824
1939.....	3,474,783,528	542,364,930	646,853,938	3,370,294,520
1940.....	4,529,173,316	807,636,948	913,049,979	4,423,760,285
1941.....	6,076,308,124	1,123,994,913	1,292,855,603	5,907,447,434
1942.....	7,553,794,072	1,283,884,068	2,056,368,079	6,781,310,961
1943.....	8,732,860,999	1,305,838,746	2,444,862,298	7,593,837,447
1944.....	9,073,692,519	1,302,413,996	2,668,575,781	7,707,530,734
1945.....	8,250,368,866	1,117,544,874	2,352,441,796	7,015,471,944
Industrial Group, 1946				
Vegetable products.....	1,469,914,130	143,536,230	215,611,006	1,397,839,354
Animal products.....	1,132,233,759	29,960,033	208,051,118	954,142,674
Textiles and textile products.....	888,658,943	190,897,928	52,076,376	1,027,480,495
Wood and paper products.....	1,484,436,122	67,812,589	580,131,378	972,117,333
Iron and its products.....	1,405,542,865	480,238,958	223,119,955	1,662,661,868
Non-ferrous metal products.....	719,191,106	104,265,224	227,819,704	595,636,626
Non-metallic mineral products.....	446,484,682	106,480,539	38,677,012	514,288,209
Chemicals and allied products.....	376,288,264	91,896,455	67,588,719	400,596,000
Miscellaneous industries.....	112,942,600	175,035,144	88,601,758	199,375,986
Totals, 1946.....	8,635,692,471	1,390,123,100	1,701,677,026	7,724,138,545

¹ Imports and exports of manufactured and partly manufactured goods for the years 1935-38 are as at Mar. 31 of the following years; for 1939-46 they are for calendar years. Net imports are total imports less foreign products re-exported.

Section 2.—Value and Volume of Manufactured Products

Value of Manufactured Products.—In the interpretation of manufacturing values over a number of years, variations in the level of prices must be borne in mind, especially when such variations have been as great as those in the period since the annual Census of Manufactures was begun in 1917. The index number of wholesale prices in Canada, on the 1926 base, compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stood at 114.3 in 1917, 155.9 in 1920, 97.3 in 1922, 95.6 in 1929, 67.1 in 1933, 84.6 in 1937, 75.4 in 1939 and 108.7 p.c. in 1946. Index numbers of the