

For the first fiscal year after Confederation, viz., the year ended June 30, 1868, the value of the total trade of Canada was under \$120,000,000. In 1873 and again in 1874, it exceeded \$210,000,000; but an excess of \$200,000,000 was not again reached until 1882 and 1883. For the next six years the total trade did not reach 200 millions in value; but in 1890 it exceeded 205.9 million dollars, and during the succeeding decade it continued gradually to increase until in 1899 the value was over 300 million dollars. This expansion continued in an increasing ratio until 1913 and 1914, when for both of these years the value exceeded one billion dollars. In the year ended March 31, 1915, after the outbreak of the war, the value dropped to \$916,888,821; but in 1916, owing to the increase of prices and the new industries created by the war, the value rose to \$1,287,117,229, whilst in the following year 1917, the value as compared with 1916 nearly doubled and exceeded two billion dollars, viz., \$2,024,567,406. Taking the extreme years of the fifty-year period, viz., 1868 and 1917, we find that the total value increased from \$119,791,879 in 1868 to \$2,024,567,406 in 1917. Values however, especially during the last four years of war, are not a conclusively satisfactory index of progress; and a selection is therefore tabulated of the principal exports for the first year of each decade since Confederation to show quantities as well as values. (Table 46).

46.—Principal Exports of Canada, by quantities and values, fiscal years 1868 to 1918.

| Items.             | Year. | Quantities. | Values.    | Items.               | Year. | Quantities. | Values.   |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|-----------|
|                    |       |             | \$         |                      |       |             | \$        |
| Asbestos..... ton. | 1891  | 7,022       | 513,909    | Fish—                |       |             |           |
|                    | 1901  | 26,715      | 864,573    | Codfish, in- cwt.    | 1868  | 605,510     | 1,955,070 |
|                    | 1911  | 69,829      | 2,076,477  | cluding had-         | 1871  | 509,399     | 2,370,569 |
|                    | 1918  | 141,099     | 5,693,153  | dock, etc., dry      | 1881  | 943,304     | 3,164,665 |
| Coal..... ton.     | 1868  | 265,335     | 640,708    | salted.              | 1891  | 731,778     | 3,119,530 |
|                    | 1871  | 318,287     | 662,451    |                      | 1901  | 732,944     | 2,761,481 |
|                    | 1881  | 420,055     | 1,123,091  |                      | 1911  | 773,401     | 4,274,329 |
|                    | 1891  | 833,684     | 2,916,465  |                      | 1918  | 772,027     | 7,088,983 |
|                    | 1901  | 1,888,538   | 5,307,060  | Herrings, fresh lb.  | 1881  | 4,960,561   | 34,104    |
|                    | 1911  | 2,315,171   | 6,014,095  | or frozen.           | 1891  | 16,677,620  | 103,517   |
|                    | 1918  | 1,902,010   | 8,684,038  |                      | 1901  | 10,521,420  | 103,079   |
| Copper..... lb.    | 1868  | 11,150,000  | 394,220    |                      | 1911  | 10,539,295  | 142,879   |
|                    | 1871  | 6,246,000   | 120,121    |                      | 1918  | 43,160,000  | 1,244,831 |
|                    | 1881  | 39,604,000  | 150,412    | Herrings, pick- brl. | 1881  | 85,624      | 302,502   |
|                    | 1891  | 10,994,498  | 505,196    | led.                 | 1891  | 101,668     | 334,157   |
|                    | 1901  | 26,345,776  | 2,659,261  |                      | 1901  | 70,295      | 256,929   |
|                    | 1911  | 55,005,342  | 5,575,033  |                      | 1911  | 189,783     | 489,174   |
|                    | 1918  | 77,534,900  | 10,710,705 | Herrings, lb.        | 1918  | 122,914     | 1,232,926 |
| Gypsum..... ton.   | 1881  | 130,961     | 119,399    | smoked.              | 1868  | —           | 30,534    |
|                    | 1891  | 172,496     | 184,977    |                      | 1871  | —           | 38,621    |
|                    | 1901  | 172,010     | 185,208    |                      | 1881  | 8,464,526   | 127,220   |
|                    | 1911  | 359,271     | 427,903    |                      | 1891  | 5,331,757   | 109,563   |
|                    | 1918  | 200,970     | 220,468    |                      | 1901  | 2,116,576   | 50,974    |
| Lead..... lb.      | 1868  | 112,000     | 2,893      |                      | 1911  | 1,696,724   | 45,494    |
|                    | 1871  | 8,000       | 208        | Lobsters, lb.        | 1918  | 3,844,100   | 202,565   |
|                    | 1901  | 65,602,338  | 2,517,084  | canned.              | 1881  | 13,295,502  | 1,347,901 |
|                    | 1911  | 3,198,047   | 100,933    |                      | 1891  | 12,000,736  | 1,750,750 |
|                    | 1918  | 16,188,300  | 1,006,270  |                      | 1901  | 11,178,647  | 2,283,930 |
| Mica..... lb.      | 1891  | —           | 22,312     |                      | 1911  | 9,609,874   | 2,735,917 |
|                    | 1901  | 979,258     | 149,588    | Salmon, fresh. lb.   | 1918  | 8,663,949   | 3,325,117 |
|                    | 1911  | 815,301     | 308,851    |                      | 1868  | —           | 58,249    |
|                    | 1918  | 1,198,607   | 456,581    |                      | 1871  | —           | 66,021    |
| Nickel..... lb.    | 1891  | 5,352,043   | 240,499    |                      | 1881  | 1,232,169   | 125,378   |
|                    | 1901  | 9,537,558   | 958,365    |                      | 1891  | 1,236,566   | 130,838   |
|                    | 1911  | 34,767,523  | 3,842,332  |                      | 1901  | 1,569,678   | 141,628   |
|                    | 1918  | 83,049,900  | 9,029,535  |                      | 1911  | 2,406,818   | 214,466   |
|                    |       |             |            |                      | 1918  | 8,045,700   | 781,118   |