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CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE, 1925 (Calendar year)

Canada's external trade was extremely active during 1925, reflecting a general improvement in economic conditions in the Dominion. While imports were less in value than for the peak year, 1920, exports of Canadian produce almost equalled those for 1920, being only about \$1,670,000 less. Although the effect of price changes on the value of trade cannot be exactly measured, it is reasonably certain that at the same prices that prevailed in 1920, the total valuation of Canada's imports and exports in 1925 would be greater than for 1920. Exports of Canadian produce in 1925 were only exceeded in value on two occasions, viz:-1917 and 1920. In 1917 this was achieved under war-time demands, while in 1920 it was largely due to the high prices of the post-bellum boom.

Imports and Exports: The total value of the trade of Canada (imports for Consumption and Canadian exports) during 1925 was \$2,161,254,202, as compared with a trade in 1924 of \$1,866,202,471, being an increase of \$295,051,731. Both imports and exports show increases, the increase in imports amounting to \$82,122,775 and in exports to \$212,928,956. The total value of imports in 1925 was \$890,267,348, and in 1924, \$808,144,573, while Canadian exports in 1925 totalled \$1,270,986,854, as against an export in 1924 valued at \$1,058,057,898. Compared with 1920, the total trade in 1925 shows a decrease of \$448,324,261, the decrease in imports being \$446,653,673, and in exports \$1,670,588.

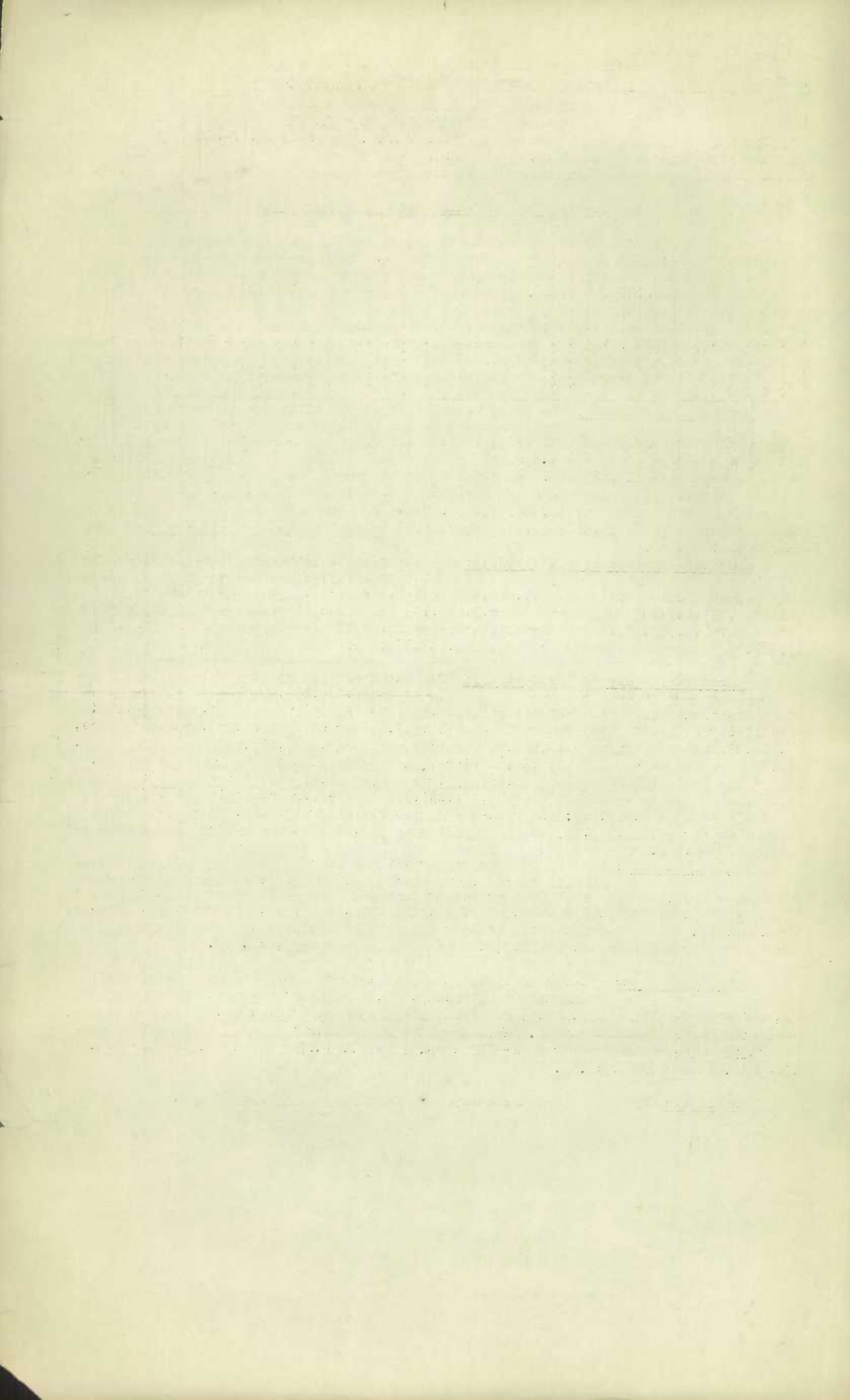
Increases in Imports (1924-1925): The increase in imports in 1925 compared with 1924 (\$82,122,775) was due to gains in agricultural and vegetable products, \$19,986,150; animal products, \$4,721,182; fibres and textiles, \$13,878,983; wood and paper, \$684,705; iron and its products, \$28,593,605; non-ferrous metals, \$5,017,224; non-metallic minerals, \$2,980,540; chemical products, \$3,088,245; and miscellaneous commodities, \$3,172,141.

Increases in Exports (1924-1925): The excess of exports in 1925 over 1924, amounting to \$212,928,956, was due to increases in agricultural and vegetable products of \$116,932,988 (principally wheat, \$63,409,353; refined sugar, \$11,705,374; wheat flour, \$10,023,603; rubber goods, \$7,303,405; seeds, \$6,557,136; and vegetables, \$4,210,848); animal products, \$40,809,245 (chiefly cheese, \$12,200,193; and meats, \$12,140,321); fibres and textiles, \$180,902; wood and paper, \$18,336,043 (chiefly wood pulp, \$7,688,933, and paper \$7,375,549); iron and its products, \$10,860,421 (chiefly vehicles (autos), \$7,039,377); non-ferrous metals, \$18,929,481 (including lead, \$6,500,014; and gold-bearing quartz, nuggets, etc. \$3,074,198); non-metallic minerals, \$3,393,173; chemical products, \$2,020,582; and miscellaneous commodities, \$1,466,121.

Trade Balances: For the calendar year 1920 the visible trade balance, unfavourable to Canada, amounted to \$34,115,907, but since then it has been favourable. For the past five calendar years the favourable trade balances were- 1921, \$17,215,798; 1922, \$135,768,542; 1923, \$125,498,608; 1924, \$262,467,043, and 1925, \$392,831,447. The favourable trade balance for 1925 of \$392,831,447 has only been exceeded on one occasion, viz: 1917, when it amounted to \$587,465,180.

Duty Collected: During the calendar year 1925 the duty collected on imports amounted to \$137,858,088, as against \$123,162,781 in 1924; \$136,064,994 in 1923; \$132,172,276 in 1922, and \$117,692,966 in 1921. In 1920 the duty collected totalled \$203,028,802. The average ad valorem rate on total imports for each of the past six calendar years was- 1920, 15.2%; 1921, 14.7%; 1922, 17.3%; 1923, 15.1%; 1924, 15.2%; and 1925, 15.5%.

Analysis: For analytical summary of the trade, see annexed table.



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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CANADA BY MAIN GROUPS

Main Groups	Years ended December 31 -					
	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
<u>IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION</u>						
Agricultural and Vegetable Products...	274,876,252	197,683,617	159,059,173	182,148,048	176,055,635	196,041,785
Animal Products.....	77,687,752	43,793,277	47,657,342	46,423,862	40,982,021	45,703,203
Fibres and Textiles.....	301,427,914	129,294,178	160,120,572	178,428,036	166,027,175	179,906,158
Wood and Paper.....	58,716,334	38,239,672	35,038,429	40,017,384	38,703,782	39,388,487
Iron and Its Products.....	255,445,012	127,470,117	126,467,856	173,720,299	137,979,471	166,573,076
Non-Ferrous Metals.....	61,552,360	31,516,560	34,952,616	42,431,222	41,660,085	46,677,309
Non-Metallic Minerals.....	191,885,040	153,017,057	127,434,587	165,114,172	135,130,136	138,110,676
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	40,594,615	25,014,118	25,689,052	26,170,557	24,565,574	27,653,819
Miscellaneous Commodities.....	74,735,742	53,449,887	45,989,682	48,576,935	47,040,694	50,212,835
Total Imports.....	1,336,921,021	799,478,483	762,409,309	903,030,515	808,144,573	890,267,348
Dutiable Imports.....	890,847,353	546,863,395	513,330,771	594,098,589	528,912,308	561,061,127
Free Imports.....	446,073,668	252,615,088	249,078,538	308,931,926	279,232,265	329,206,221
Duty Collected on Imports.....	203,028,802	117,692,966	132,172,276	136,064,994	123,162,781	137,858,088
Average Rate of Duty on -						
Dutiable Imports.....	22.8%	21.5%	25.7%	22.9%	23.3%	24.6%
Total Imports.....	15.2%	14.7%	17.3%	15.1%	15.2%	15.5%
<u>EXPORTS</u>						
Canadian Produce:						
Agricultural and Vegetable Products..	484,946,399	357,487,816	397,375,820	416,210,990	445,516,299	562,449,287
Animal Products.....	220,783,480	141,335,176	135,444,631	136,850,250	153,213,086	194,022,331
Fibres and Textiles.....	25,209,768	7,875,525	6,916,006	8,360,906	9,264,967	9,445,869
Wood and Paper.....	291,812,295	106,092,991	213,145,383	267,553,964	255,369,780	273,725,823
Iron and Its Products.....	84,504,821	32,620,942	41,800,812	67,035,000	58,621,047	69,481,468
Non-Ferrous Metals.....	55,539,800	27,214,004	39,549,406	56,814,055	84,780,015	103,709,496
Non-Metallic Minerals.....	41,380,883	25,034,872	24,140,605	29,505,520	20,949,947	24,343,120
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	22,366,939	10,327,538	12,484,006	15,978,412	15,430,672	17,451,254
Miscellaneous Commodities.....	46,112,977	14,710,956	13,503,820	16,626,361	14,892,085	16,358,206
Total Exports, Canadian.....	1,272,657,442	802,699,820	884,362,583	1,014,944,274	1,058,057,898	1,270,986,854
Foreign Produce (Total).....	30,147,672	13,994,461	13,815,268	13,584,849	12,553,718	12,111,941
Total Exports.....	1,302,805,114	816,694,281	898,177,851	1,028,529,123	1,070,611,616	1,283,098,795
Total Trade of Canada.....	2,639,726,135	1,616,172,764	1,660,587,160	1,931,559,638	1,878,756,189	2,173,366,143
Favourable Trade Balance.....	---	17,215,798	135,768,542	125,498,608	262,467,043	392,831,447
Unfavourable Trade Balance.....	34,115,907	---	---	---	---	---

