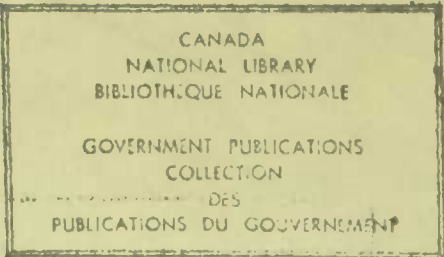


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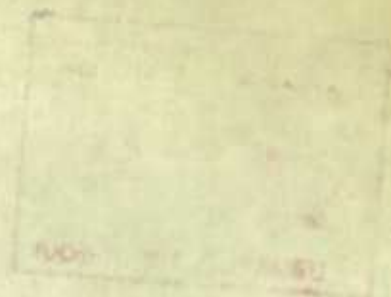
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CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE, CALENDAR YEAR 1931

The general decline in world trade which set in in the fall of 1929, and which continued throughout the year 1930, was severe during 1931, being more marked than during the year 1930, due largely to a further drop in commodity prices. From 1930 to 1931 Canada's import trade showed a greater decline than that of the United States, but the decline in exports was not as pronounced as that of the United States; Canada's imports declining 37.7 per cent compared with 31.7 per cent for the United States, and her exports 31.8 per cent as against 36.9 per cent for the United States.

The trade of both Canada and the United States suffered more from the world-wide depression than the chief commercial countries of Europe, except Germany and Spain. A comparison of the decline in the imports and exports of the chief trading countries of the world with that of Canada and the United States is of special interest. The statistics in the following table showing (1) the percentage of decrease in the trade of twenty-six representative countries for the twelve months ended November 30, 1931, compared with similar period in 1930; and (2) the percentage relation of exports to imports, 1930 and 1931, indicates that each country had a decrease in both imports and exports, except Bulgaria which had an increase of 1.1 per cent in exports; and that twelve of the twenty-six countries had a favourable trade balance in 1931 compared with nine in 1930. It will also be noted that Canada occupied sixth position in respect of decrease in imports, being exceeded by Australia, Spain, Chile, New Zealand and Estonia, while in respect of decrease in exports she occupied eighth place, being exceeded by Germany, Spain, Hungary, United States, British India, United Kingdom and Norway; whereas in regards to trade balance among the twenty-six countries she occupied fourteenth position in 1931 compared with seventeenth position in 1930.

Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Imports and Exports; Also
Percentage Relation of Exports to Imports of Chief Commercial Countries
of the World.

(Twelve Months ended November 30, 1931. compared with same period 1930)

Countries	% of decrease in 1931.		% relation of Exports to Imports		Countries	% of decrease in 1931.		% relation of Exports to Imports	
	Imports	Exports	1930	1931		Imports	Exports	1930	1931
Australia.....	56.5	2.2	92.2	207.1	Greece.....	18.6	18.3	50.0	50.2
Austria.....	21.1	27.4	67.7	62.1	Hungary.....	32.9	37.8	113.0	104.9
Belgium.....	29.1	14.2	85.5	95.1	Italy.....	30.7	18.4	69.8	82.3
British India..	30.0	36.1	131.3	119.9	Japan.....	23.4	21.8	94.0	96.2
Bulgaria.....	2.2	(+) 1.1	125.7	123.6	Netherlands..	22.3	22.3	70.7	70.3
Canada.....	37.3	31.8	87.9	95.5	New Zealand..	39.6	25.9	105.4	130.8
Chile.....	45.1	26.9	93.7	124.7	Norway.....	20.9	32.8	63.9	54.4
Czecho-Slovakia	27.4	26.4	112.0	113.6	Poland.....	33.4	22.4	101.0	126.9
Denmark.....	15.9	16.8	92.9	91.8	Spain.....	43.5	51.2	91.9	87.1
Estonia.....	38.9	25.7	98.1	118.7	Sweden.....	14.7	28.2	93.5	78.8
Finland.....	32.6	19.7	101.9	121.4	Switzerland..	16.7	22.7	66.4	61.6
France.....	17.6	28.3	82.9	72.1	United Kingdom	16.5	33.1	61.7	48.8
Germany.....	35.5	52.9	131.5	135.2	United States.	33.9	37.3	121.9	115.7

Canada's Position in International Trade, 1931:- In 1930 Canada occupied fifth position in total trade, total imports, but sixth position in total exports, the Netherlands being in sixth place in total trade and total imports, and British India in fifth place in total exports, but inasmuch as for the twelve months ended November 30, 1931, the total trade and total imports of the Netherlands exceeded Canada's total trade by \$46,012,000, and her total imports by \$123,877,000, and that for the same twelve months Canada's total exports exceeded the total exports of British India by \$13,353,000, it is evident that when world-wide statistics are available for the

calendar year 1931, Canada will, in international trade, occupy sixth position in respect of total trade and total imports, yielding up fifth position to the Netherlands, but in regard to total exports she will once more move up to fifth position, British India moving down to sixth place.

Comparison of Volume and Value: In analyzing the trend of general trade it is essential to remember that values do not reveal the true increase or decrease of a country. Changes in the values of imports and exports over a given period may be caused by (a) variations in quantity, (b) fluctuations in price, or (c) combination of these two factors. For instance, for the year ended March 31, 1931, compared with the similar period of 1929-30, on a quantity basis, Canada's imports decreased 16.3 per cent, and her exports 13.3 per cent, but based on declared values the decreases were: imports, 27.4 per cent, and exports 28.6 per cent. A cursory survey would indicate that Canada's decrease in imports and exports for the calendar year 1931 was chiefly due to declines in commodity prices. The statistics in the following table showing the percentage of increase or decrease in the quantity and value of Canada's imports and exports of some forty leading items or group of items, calendar year 1931 compared with 1930, indicate that while the quantities in both imports and exports, as a rule, show decreases, the values of both imports and exports show greater decreases. For instance in imports: raw cotton decreased 5.4 per cent in quantity and 39.1 per cent in value; manila and sisal grass 1 per cent in quantity and 37.7 per cent in value; crude petroleum 1.2 per cent in quantity and 40.4 per cent in value; crude rubber 12.3 per cent in quantity and 52.4 per cent in value; tin in ingots 22.6 per cent in quantity and 39.3 per cent in value; while binder twine increased 78.6 per cent in quantity and only 15.2 per cent in value; raw silk increased 24 per cent in quantity but decreased 17 per cent in value; raw wool increased 14.7 per cent in quantity but decreased 20.1 per cent in value; and wool rolls, tops and waste increased 23.2 per cent in quantity but decreased 7.4 per cent in value; whereas in exports: wheat decreased 6.2 per cent in quantity and 36.6 per cent in value; lead 4.7 per cent in quantity and 43.7 per cent in value; potatoes 13.9 per cent in quantity and 46.9 per cent in value; wheat flour 24.2 per cent in quantity and 46.2 per cent in value; silver 23 per cent in quantity and 43.6 per cent in value; wood pulp 18.1 per cent in quantity and 23 per cent in value; newsprint paper 13.9 per cent in quantity and 19.6 per cent in value; fish 2.6 per cent in quantity and 18.1 per cent in value; acids, 12.2 per cent in quantity and 30.1 per cent in value; while cheese increased 5.7 per cent in quantity but decreased 19.8 per cent in value; soda compounds increased 12 per cent in quantity but decreased 9.2 per cent in value; and zinc increased 18 per cent in quantity but decreased 11 per cent in value.

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OR DECREASE IN CANADA'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

(Calendar Year 1931 Compared with similar period in 1930)

I M P O R T S			E X P O R T S		
Commodity	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in-		Commodity	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in-	
	Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value
Artificial silk yarn...	(-)25.0	(-)32.5	Abrasives, artificial crude	(-) 24.7	(-)30.2
Automobiles.....	(-)62.4	(-)64.1	Acids.....	(-) 12.2	(-)30.1
Bacon and hams.....	(-)96.7	(-)94.4	Aluminium in bars.....	(-)50.2	(-)53.5
Band and hoop iron.....	(-)40.0	(-)52.5	Apples, fresh.....	(-) 25.2	(-)29.7
Bars of iron incl. rail	(-)51.3	(-)51.3	Asbestos, raw.....	(-) 31.9	(-)38.8
Binder twine.....	(+)78.6	(+)15.2	Automobiles.....	(-) 66.7	(-)69.2
Coal.....	(-)30.1	(-)35.1	Barley.....	(+)756.0	(+)905.5
Cocoa and chocolate...	(-) 8.5	(-)36.6	Bran and shorts.....	(-) 28.2	(-)54.7
Coffee, raw.....	(+) 6.5	(-)19.0	Cheese.....	(+) 5.7	(-)19.8
Coke.....	(-)39.6	(-)38.2	Coal.....	(-) 42.4	(-)42.9
Corn.....	(-)15.5	(-)51.4	Copper ore and blister....	(-) 61.1	(-)74.6
Cotton, raw.....	(-) 5.4	(-)39.1	Ferro-manganese.....	(-)37.0	(-)51.7
Cotton yarn.....	(-) 1.8	(-)14.2	Fertilizers.....	(-)56.7	(-)59.2
Fertilizers.....	(-)30.4	(-)37.7	Fish.....	(-) 2.6	(-)18.1

I M P O R T S			E X P O R T S		
Commodity	Percentage of In-crease (+) or Decrease (-) in-		Commodity	Percentage of In-crease (+) or Decrease (-) in-	
	Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value
Fruits, canned.....	(-)48.3	(-)43.2	Footwear (rubber).....	(-)37.7	(-)37.7
Fruits, dried.....	(-) 5.2	(-) 5.3	Hay.....	(-)41.1	(-)48.2
Grass, sisal and manila.....	(-) 0.9	(-)37.7	Hides, raw.....	(-)41.0	(-)57.7
Hides, raw.....	(-)34.2	(-)50.7	Lead.....	(-) 4.7	(-)43.7
Jute cloth or canvas.....	(-)22.6	(-)40.6	Logs, (wood).....	(+) 9.9	(-) 0.7
Nuts (except coconuts).....	(-) 8.6	(-)10.8	Milk, condensed.....	(-)19.8	(-)28.8
Oil, petroleum, crude....	(-) 1.1	(-)40.4	Nickel.....	(-)30.8	(-)70.8
Oil, gasoline.....	(-)28.6	(-)43.5	Oats.....	(+)304.2	(+)255.1
Pigs and ingots.....	(-)28.0	(-)20.7	Oil, petroleum, crude....	(-)15.5	(-)23.2
Planks and boards.....	(-)30.9	(-)39.4	Oil, gasoline and naph- tha.....	(-)24.2	(-)27.5
Plates and sheets, iron.....	(-)45.4	(-)50.4	Paper, newsprint.....	(-)13.9	(-)19.6
Rods of iron.....	(-)21.5	(-)27.6	Planks and board.....	(-)37.1	(-)45.3
Rubber, crude.....	(-)12.5	(-)52.4	Platinum concentrates....	(-)30.0	(-)29.6
Silk fabrics to be dyed.....	(-)25.4	(-)91.6	Potatoes.....	(-)13.9	(-)40.9
Silk, raw.....	(+)24.0	(-)17.0	Pulpwood.....	(-)28.0	(-)31.2
Soda and compounds.....	(-)20.8	(-)15.6	Rolling mill products....	(-)57.1	(-)72.1
Spirits and wines.....	(-)27.9	(-)28.6	Silver ore and bullion....	(-)23.0	(-)43.6
Structural iron.....	(-)38.1	(-)41.7	Soda and compounds.....	(+)12.0	(-) 9.2
Sugar for refining.....	(+) 4.0	(-) 8.2	Sugar, refined.....	(-)31.7	(-)28.9
Sulphur.....	(-)30.9	(-)28.2	Tires, rubber.....	(-)49.9	(-)55.0
Tea.....	(-)34.9	(-)48.8	Timber, square.....	(-)20.8	(-)34.3
Tin in ingots.....	(-)22.6	(-)39.3	Wheat.....	(-) 6.2	(-)36.6
Tobacco, raw.....	(-)17.8	(-)28.1	Wheat flour.....	(-)24.2	(-)46.2
Vegetables, canned.....	(-)50.4	(-)47.6	Whiskey.....	(-)22.8	(-)42.8
Wool, raw.....	(+)14.7	(-)20.1	Wood pulp.....	(-)18.1	(-)23.0
Wool noils, tops and waste.....	(+)23.2	(-) 7.4	Zinc.....	(+)18.0	(-)11.0

Analysis of Canada's Trade, 1931:— Canada's total foreign trade during the calendar year 1931 was valued at \$1,245,341,409, compared with a similar trade in 1929 valued at \$2,507,331,122 and in 1930 at \$1,913,939,832; the decrease in 1931 compared with the year 1929 amounting to \$1,261,989,713 or 50.3 per cent, and with the year 1930 to \$668,598,423 or 34.9 per cent. Imports in 1931 show a decrease compared with a similar trade in 1929 and 1930, the decrease compared with 1929 amounting to \$670,894,306 and with 1930 to \$380,381,093, while the exports also show a decrease compared with 1929 and 1930, the decrease in 1931, compared with 1929 amounting to \$591,095,407, and with 1930 to \$288,217,330. During 1931 imports amounted to \$623,098,386, compared with an import of \$1,298,992,692 in 1929 and in 1930 of \$1,008,479,479; the decrease in 1931 compared with the year 1929 totalling \$670,894,306 or 51.6 per cent and compared with 1930, a decrease of \$380,381,093 or 37.7 per cent, while the exports (domestic and foreign combined) in 1931 were valued at \$617,243,023 compared with an export trade in 1929 valued at \$1,208,338,430 and in 1930 at \$905,460,353; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$591,095,407 or 48.9 per cent, and with 1930 to \$288,217,330 or 31.3 per cent. Canada's domestic exports in 1931 were valued at \$605,336,003, in 1929 at \$1,182,412,313, and in 1930 at \$885,996,366; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$577,076,310 or 48.8 per cent, and with 1930 to \$280,660,363 or 31.7 per cent. For the twelve months ended December 31, 1931, Canada's trade balance was unfavourable to the extent of \$10,855,363, compared with an unfavourable balance during the same period in 1929 of \$90,654,262 and in 1930 of \$103,019,126, the improvement in Canada's trade balance in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$79,798,399, and with 1930 to \$92,163,763. The improvement in the trade balance occurred during the last six months of the calendar year 1931.

SUMMARY OF CANADA'S TRADE WITH THE WORLD

	Years ended December 31 -			Increase (+) Decrease (-) 1931 Compared with -	
	1929	1930	1931	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Imports-					
Dutiable.....	849,114,653	647,230,123	416,179,513	(-) 432,935,140	(-) 231,050,610
Free.....	449,878,039	361,249,356	211,918,873	(-) 237,959,166	(-) 149,330,483
Total					
Imports..	1,298,992,692	1,008,479,479	628,098,386	(-) 670,894,306	(-) 380,381,093
Exports-					
Canadian.....	1,182,412,313	885,996,366	605,336,003	(-) 577,076,310	(-) 280,660,363
Foreign.....	25,926,117	19,463,987	11,907,020	(-) 14,019,097	(-) 7,556,967
Total					
Exports..	1,208,338,430	905,460,353	617,243,023	(-) 591,095,407	(-) 288,217,330
Total					
Trade....	2,507,331,122	1,913,939,832	1,245,341,409	(-) 1,261,989,713	(-) 668,598,423
Balance of Trade:					
Favourable(+)					
Unfavourable(-):					
	(-) 90,654,262	(-) 103,019,126	(-) 10,855,363	(+) 79,798,899	(+) 92,163,763
Six Months ended:					
June 30...	(-) 74,717,607	(-) 95,381,745	(-) 56,281,127	(+) 18,436,480	(+) 39,100,618
Dec. 31...	(-) 15,936,655	(-) 7,637,381	(+) 45,425,764	(+) 61,362,419	(+) 53,063,145

CANADA'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TOTAL TRADE, AND DUTY COLLECTED, 1915 TO 1931

(Values in Thousands of Dollars)

Calendar Years	Total Imports	Total Exports	Total Trade	Excess Exports(+) Excess Imports(-)	Duty Collected
1915	450,885	653,488	1,104,373	(+) 202,603	91,908
1916	767,377	1,112,445	1,879,822	(+) 345,068	139,002
1917	1,006,031	1,593,496	2,599,527	(+) 587,465	167,041
1918	910,149	1,243,730	2,153,879	(+) 333,581	154,849
1919	941,014	1,294,830	2,235,844	(+) 353,816	168,921
1920	1,336,921	1,302,805	2,639,726	(-) 34,116	203,029
1921	799,478	816,694	1,616,172	(+) 17,216	117,693
1922	762,409	898,178	1,660,587	(+) 135,769	132,172
1923	903,031	1,028,529	1,931,560	(+) 125,498	136,065
1924	808,145	1,070,612	1,878,757	(+) 262,467	123,163
1925	890,193	1,283,099	2,173,292	(+) 392,906	137,858
1926	1,008,342	1,283,939	2,292,281	(+) 275,597	155,166
1927	1,037,118	1,233,924	2,326,042	(+) 196,806	168,303
1928	1,222,318	1,374,246	2,596,564	(+) 151,928	192,266
1929	1,298,992	1,208,338	2,507,330	(-) 90,654	206,950
1930	1,008,479	905,460	1,913,939	(-) 103,019	161,395
1931	628,098	617,243	1,245,341	(-) 10,855	120,097

Trade by Countries, 1931:- The imports from foreign countries during the calendar year 1931 were valued at \$476,001,000, and from the British Empire at \$152,097,000; the decrease in 1931 compared with the same period in 1930, in the case of foreign countries being \$304,627,000, and of the British Empire \$75,754,000; while the exports of Canadian produce to foreign countries amounted to \$384,746,000, and to the British Empire to \$220,590,000; the exports to foreign countries showing a decrease of \$184,374,000, and to the British Empire a decrease of \$95,786,000. From 1930 to 1931 the imports from foreign countries, except the United States, decreased \$44,729,000, while the imports from the British Empire, except the United Kingdom, decreased \$22,590,000; whereas the exports to foreign countries, except the United States, from 1930 to 1931, decreased \$46,224,000, and to the British Empire, except the United Kingdom, \$31,971,000. The trade of Canada with the United States in 1931 amounted to \$660,460,000 or 53 per cent of Canada's total trade with the world. In 1931 Canada's imports from the United States were valued at \$393,778,000, and domestic exports at \$257,078,000; the decrease in imports compared with 1930 being \$259,898,000 or 39.8 per cent, and

in domestic exports, \$138,650,000 or 35.1 per cent. The trade of Canada with the United Kingdom comes next in importance. Imports from the United Kingdom in 1931 amounted to \$109,468,000, and domestic exports to \$171,399,000, the decrease in imports, compared with similar trade in 1930, amounting to \$53,164,000 or 32.7 per cent; and in domestic exports to \$63,815,000 or 27.1 per cent.

It will be noted by reference to the statistics in the following table re "Canada's Trade with Principal Countries, 1931", that thirty-one of the thirty-five in 1931, compared with 1930, show decreases in imports and thirty-two decreases in exports. The four countries to show increases in imports were: Australia (\$1,519,000); British South Africa (\$1,464,000), Mexico (\$83,000), and Trinidad and Tobago (\$784,000); while the three countries in exports to show increases were: Denmark (\$84,000), France (\$3,669,000), and the Netherlands (\$2,730,000). Canada's trade with New Zealand, from 1930 to 1931, shows a decrease of \$23,604,000, the decrease in imports accounting for \$13,168,000 of this amount, and in exports for \$10,436,000.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1931

Note:- Countries arranged in order of importance of Total Trade.

Rank	Countries	Imports for Consump- tion, 1931	Exports (Domestic) 1931	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) 1931 Compared with 1930	
				Imports	Exports
		Thousand \$	Thousand \$	Thousand \$	Thousand \$
1.	United States.....	393,778	257,078	(-) 259,898	(-) 138,650
2.	United Kingdom.....	109,468	171,399	(-) 53,164	(-) 63,815
3.	France.....	14,155	17,335	(-) 7,130	(+) 3,669
4.	Germany.....	12,031	11,504	(-) 5,647	(-) 3,386
5.	Japan.....	6,822	15,696	(-) 3,350	(-) 7,726
6.	Belgium.....	5,458	14,387	(-) 3,892	(-) 789
7.	Netherlands.....	5,873	13,573	(-) 1,653	(+) 2,730
8.	British South Africa...	1,417	9,802	(+) 1,464	(-) 1,000
9.	China.....	3,919	7,187	(-) 723	(-) 1,332
10.	Australia.....	6,260	4,765	(+) 1,519	(-) 4,409
11.	Italy.....	4,014	5,880	(-) 1,409	(-) 9,480
12.	St. Pierre and Miquelon.	85	9,023	(-) 551	(-) 1,140
13.	British India.....	4,731	3,863	(-) 4,015	(-) 3,861
14.	Newfoundland.....	1,561	6,880	(-) 1,012	(-) 4,607
15.	Argentina.....	3,205	4,576	(-) 4,436	(-) 7,842
16.	Jamaica.....	4,199	2,910	(-) 935	(-) 1,114
17.	New Zealand.....	1,509	4,573	(-) 13,168	(-) 10,436
18.	Colombia.....	5,051	649	(-) 641	(-) 616
19.	Trinidad and Tobago....	3,019	2,631	(+) 784	(-) 806
20.	British Guiana.....	4,248	892	(-) 172	(-) 434
21.	Switzerland.....	3,945	404	(-) 2,152	(-) 174
22.	British West Indies, Other.....	1,470	2,849	(-) 1,137	(-) 1,774
23.	Denmark.....	101	3,903	(-) 156	(+) 84
24.	Barbados.....	2,861	1,111	(-) 1,401	(-) 2
25.	Norway.....	578	3,178	(-) 282	(-) 218
26.	Peru.....	2,976	699	(-) 1,551	(-) 1,168
27.	Sweden.....	972	2,248	(-) 1,186	(-) 1,407
28.	Czecho-Slovakia.....	2,719	190	(-) 800	(-) 47
29.	Greece.....	154	2,752	(-) 82	(-) 3,900
30.	Irish Free State.....	42	2,540	(-) 824	(-) 109
31.	Cuba.....	1,041	1,637	(-) 1,727	(-) 1,726
32.	Mexico.....	836	1,631	(-) 83	(-) 531
33.	Brazil.....	1,030	1,139	(-) 352	(-) 2,172
34.	Bermuda.....	88	2,034	(-) 215	(-) 512
35.	British East Africa....	1,498	600	(-) 1,046	(-) 598
Total above 35 Countries..		612,205	591,018	(-) 370,897	(-) 269,298
Total All Countries.....		628,098	605,336	(-) 380,381	(-) 280,660
British Empire.....		152,097	220,590	(-) 75,754	(-) 95,786
Foreign Countries.....		476,001	384,746	(-) 304,627	(-) 184,874

Trade with the United Kingdom:- The total trade of Canada with the United Kingdom during the calendar year 1931 amounted to \$281,929,553, compared with a similar trade in 1929 of \$486,609,121, and in 1930 of \$399,159,483; the decrease in 1931 compared with the year 1929 amounting to \$204,679,558 or 42.1 per cent, and compared with 1930 to \$117,229,920 or 29.4 per cent. Imports, as also exports in 1931 show a decrease compared with 1930, the decrease in imports amounting to \$53,164,320 or 32.7 per cent, and in exports to \$64,065,600 or 27.1 per cent. Imports from the United Kingdom in 1931 were valued at \$109,468,146, in 1929 at \$194,777,650 and in 1930 at \$162,632,466; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$85,309,504 or 43.9 per cent, and with 1930 to \$53,164,320 or 32.7 per cent; while total exports from Canada to the United Kingdom in 1931 were valued at \$172,461,417; in 1929 at \$291,831,471 and in 1930 at \$236,527,017; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$119,370,054 or 40.9 per cent, and with 1930 to \$64,065,600 or 27.1 per cent. The domestic exports from Canada to the United Kingdom in 1931 were valued at \$171,398,697; in 1929 at \$290,296,803; and in 1930 at \$235,213,959; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$118,898,106, or 40.9 per cent, and with 1930 to \$63,815,262 or 27.1 per cent.

The trade balance with the United Kingdom has been favourable to Canada since 1889. For the calendar year 1931 it was favourable to the extent of \$62,993,271, compared with a favourable balance in 1929 of \$37,053,821 and in 1930 of \$73,894,551. Compared with 1929 the trade balance for 1931 was less favourable than for 1929 by \$34,060,550 and for 1930 by \$10,901,280. Canada's favourable trade balance with the United Kingdom is always greater for the last six months of the calendar year than for the first six months, due to the large exports of grain, especially wheat, during the fall months.

SUMMARY OF CANADA'S TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

	Years ended December 31 -			Increase (+) Decrease (-) 1931 Compared with -	
	1929	1930	1931	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Imports-</u>					
Dutiable.....	153,275,593	120,310,568	81,706,316	(-) 71,569,377	(-) 38,604,252
Free.....	41,501,957	42,321,898	27,761,830	(-) 13,740,127	(-) 14,560,068
Total					
Imports....	194,777,650	162,632,466	109,468,146	(-) 85,309,504	(-) 53,164,320
<u>Exports-</u>					
Canadian.....	290,296,803	235,213,959	171,398,697	(-) 118,898,106	(-) 63,815,262
Foreign.....	1,534,668	1,313,058	1,062,720	(-) 471,948	(-) 250,338
Total					
Exports....	291,831,471	236,527,017	172,461,417	(-) 119,370,054	(-) 64,065,600
Total Trade.	486,609,121	399,159,483	281,929,563	(-) 204,679,558	(-) 117,229,920
<u>Balance of Trade:</u>					
Favourable (+)					
Unfavourable (-):	(-) 97,053,821	(-) 73,894,551	(-) 62,993,271	(-) 34,060,550	(-) 10,901,280
<u>Six Months ended:</u>					
June 30.....	(-) 31,938,088	(-) 11,749,888	(-) 11,164,388	(-) 20,773,700	(-) 585,500
December 31..	(-) 65,115,733	(-) 62,144,663	(-) 51,828,883	(-) 13,836,850	(-) 10,315,780

The British Preference:- Since the inauguration of the British preference in 1897 statistics giving the average ad valorem rate of duty on dutiable imports into Canada from the United Kingdom and the United States, respectively, have been frequently in use, the average rate of duty being lower on dutiable imports from the United States than from the United Kingdom. It must be remembered, however, in this connection that the dutiable imports from the United Kingdom consist very largely of highly manufactured commodities, and necessarily are subject to high rates of duty, whereas the dutiable imports from the United States consist, in a large measure, of semi-manufactured commodities for further processing in Canadian industries, and consequently are admitted at a reasonably low rate of duty.

Another factor in Canada's imports from the United Kingdom, compared with those from the United States, which affects the rates of duty for the two countries and which is frequently ignored, is the trade of alcoholic liquors, which are imported in large volume from the United Kingdom, but in very small volume from the United States. Imports of tobacco should also be added, as in almost all countries alcoholic liquors and tobacco are subject to extraordinary high rates of

duty, the principle of tariff makers in dealing with these commodities being not so much protection as the raising of revenue or the discouraging of consumption. In recent years the Canadian Government has considerably expanded the list of commodities which are admitted free under the preferential tariff, but which are dutiable under the intermediate and general tariffs. In 1931 the imports from the United Kingdom free under the preferential tariff were valued at \$18,283,442. The statistics in the following tables present (1) Imports without the adjustments of these items, and (2) Imports with the adjustments. It will be noted from statement No. 2 that the ad valorem rates of duty on dutiable imports from the United Kingdom, after adjustments have been made for the years 1922 to 1931, are lower than for the United States, and that for the year 1931 the average ad valorem rate of duty for the United Kingdom was 15.65 per cent compared with 24.73 per cent for the United States, indicating an advantage under the preference of 9.08 per cent.

1. Canada's Dutiable Imports from the United Kingdom and the United States; with Amount of Duty Collected Thereon, and Average Ad Valorem Rate of Duty.

Fiscal Years-	(Years ended March 31, 1922 to 1931)				Average Ad Val.	
	Canada's Imports from United Kingdom		Canada's Imports from United States		Rate on Dutiable Imports from-	
	Value	Duty	Value	Duty	U.K.	U.S.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
1922	95,144,553	23,585,155	312,093,534	71,864,842	24.78	23.03
1923	116,162,438	28,424,485	332,237,955	74,779,234	24.47	22.51
1924	126,047,103	28,136,459	355,934,430	79,345,250	22.32	22.29
1925	124,665,804	27,543,640	287,037,214	66,317,460	22.09	23.10
1926	133,125,438	30,134,250	337,972,326	80,814,739	22.64	23.91
1927	134,970,927	32,330,634	392,665,317	90,779,483	23.95	23.12
1928	150,053,603	38,377,522	416,047,644	97,124,431	25.58	23.34
1929	154,457,231	39,980,680	523,846,086	122,779,384	25.88	23.44
1930	148,643,048	37,846,167	523,299,322	122,121,253	25.46	23.34
1931	108,570,362	29,264,637	359,640,701	89,157,323	26.95	24.79

2. Canada's Dutiable Imports from the United Kingdom and the United States, less Imports of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, but plus Imports Free of Duty under Preferential Tariff, in the case of the United Kingdom; with Amount of Duty Collected Thereon, and Average Ad Valorem Rate of Duty.

Fiscal Years-	(Years ended March 31, 1922 to 1931)				Average Ad Val.	
	Canada's Imports from United Kingdom		Canada's Imports from United States		Rate on Dutiable Imports from-	
	Value	Duty	Value	Duty	U.K.	U.S.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
1922	76,175,125	15,977,248	310,641,315	71,056,875	20.97	22.88
1923	98,726,831	19,033,512	331,557,774	74,254,698	19.28	22.39
1924	108,240,653	19,107,658	355,602,796	79,034,573	17.65	22.23
1925	109,077,778	19,275,978	286,837,866	66,092,666	17.67	23.04
1926	112,153,950	19,513,817	337,745,276	80,561,886	17.39	23.85
1927	112,317,706	20,002,683	392,414,228	90,502,549	17.89	23.06
1928	115,245,086	19,874,228	415,776,746	96,825,728	17.24	23.77
1929	124,284,349	20,665,148	523,564,068	122,449,986	16.63	23.39
1930	121,092,817	19,897,165	522,993,501	121,773,326	16.43	23.28
1931	96,722,500	15,135,145	359,393,504	88,888,918	15.65	24.73

Trade with the United States:- The total trade of Canada with the United States for the calendar year 1931 amounted to \$660,460,231, compared with a similar trade in 1929, valued at \$1,438,915,424, and in 1930 at \$1,065,892,729: the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$778,455,193 or 54.1 per cent, and with 1930 to \$405,432,498 or 38.0 per cent. Compared with 1930 the imports in 1931 show a decrease of \$259,898,207 or 39.7 per cent, and exports a decrease of \$145,534,291 or 35.3 per cent. Imports from the United States in 1931 were valued at \$393,778,289, in 1929 at \$893,585,482, and in 1930 at \$653,676,496; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$499,807,193 or 55.9 per cent, and with 1930 to \$259,898,207 or 39.7 per cent; while the total exports to the United States amounted to \$266,681,942 in 1931,

\$545,329,942 in 1929, and to \$412,216,233 in 1930; the decrease in 1931 compared with 1929 amounting to \$278,648,000 or 51.1 per cent, and with 1930 to \$145,534,291 or 35.3 per cent. The domestic exports to the United States in 1931 were valued at \$257,073,170, in 1929 at \$522,677,767, and in 1930 at \$395,728,375; the decrease compared with 1929 amounting to \$265,599,597 or 50.8 per cent, and with 1930 to \$138,650,205 or 35.0 per cent.

The trade balance with the United States has been unfavourable to Canada since 1882. For the calendar year 1931 the unfavourable trade balance with the United States amounted to \$127,096,347, compared with an unfavourable balance in 1929 amounting to \$348,255,540, and in 1930 to \$241,460,263. The improvement in Canada's trade balance with the United States in 1931 compared with 1929 amounted to \$221,159,193 and with the year 1930 to \$114,363,916. For the year 1931 the unfavourable trade balance for the last six months totalled \$31,582,570, compared with an unfavourable balance for the first six months of \$95,513,777. For the last half of the year 1931 the improvement in the unfavourable trade balance with the United States compared with the same period in 1930 was \$74,097,848..

SUMMARY OF CANADA'S TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES

	Years ended December 31 -			Increase (+) Decrease (-) 1931 Compared with -	
	1929 \$	1930 \$	1931 \$	1929 \$	1930 \$
Imports-					
Dutiable....	549,293,106	402,978,925	253,346,871	(-)295,946,235	(-)149,632,054
Free.....	344,292,376	250,697,571	140,431,418	(-)203,860,958	(-)110,266,153
Total Imports...	893,585,482	653,676,496	393,778,289	(-)499,807,193	(-)259,898,207
Exports-					
Canadian....	522,677,767	395,728,375	257,073,170	(-)265,599,597	(-)138,650,205
Foreign.....	22,652,175	16,487,853	9,603,772	(-) 13,048,403	(-) 6,884,086
Total Exports...	545,329,942	412,216,233	266,681,942	(-)278,648,000	(-)145,534,291
Total Trade.	1,438,915,424	1,065,892,729	660,460,231	(-)778,455,193	(-)405,432,498
Balance of Trade:					
Favourable (+)					
Unfavourable(-):	(-)348,255,540	(-)241,460,263	(-)127,096,347	(+)221,159,193	(+)114,363,916
Six Months ended:					
June 30....	(-)214,295,488	(-)135,779,845	(-) 95,513,777	(+)118,781,711	(+) 40,266,068
December 31.	(-)133,960,052	(-)105,680,418	(-) 31,582,570	(+)102,377,482	(+) 74,097,848

Analysis of Commodity Trade, 1931:- The decrease in the imports in 1931 compared with 1930, amounting to \$380,381,093, and in domestic exports, amounting to \$280,660,363, occurred in each of the nine main groups of import and export trade. The value of each import group, arranged in order of importance, with decrease 1931 compared with each identical group in 1930, was: (1) Agricultural and Vegetable Products, \$134,433,000, decrease of \$57,836,000; (2) Iron and Its Products, \$116,209,000, decrease \$107,482,000; (3) Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products, \$106,088,000, decrease \$8,761,000; (4) Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products, \$90,152,000, decrease \$58,998,000; (5) Miscellaneous Commodities, \$47,659,000, decrease \$16,734,000; (6) Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products, \$38,667,000, decrease \$29,642,000; (7) Wood, Wood Products and Paper, \$34,923,000, decrease \$15,050,000; (8) Chemicals and Allied Products, \$31,337,000, decrease \$5,448,000; and (9) Animals and Animal Products, \$28,630,000, decrease \$30,430,000; while the value of each export group arranged in order of importance, with decrease, 1931 compared with each similar group in 1930, was: (1) Agricultural and Vegetable Products, \$209,761,000, decrease \$205,491,000; (2) Wood, Wood Products and Paper, \$185,493,000, decrease \$64,197,000; (3) Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products, \$73,842,000, decrease \$41,925,000; (4) Animals and Animal Products, \$70,938,000, decrease \$20,622,000; (5) Iron and Its Products, \$19,086,000, decrease \$28,480,000; (6) Miscellaneous Commodities, \$14,995,000, decrease \$3,683,000; (7) Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products, \$14,977,000, decrease \$7,885,000; (8) Chemicals and Allied Products, \$10,849,000, decrease \$5,471,000; and (9) Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products, \$5,394,000, decrease \$1,908,000.

For further details respecting Canada's commodity imports and exports, with increases and decreases, 1931 compared with 1930, see statistics in the following table.

Canada's Principal Imports and Exports, 1931, with Increase or Decrease, Compared with 1930.

Note:- Values in Thousands of Dollars.

Commodity Imported	Imports, 1931	Inc. (+) Dec. (-)	Commodity Exported	Exports, 1931	Inc. (+) Dec. (-)
Group 1. Agricultural and Vegetable Products.					
Total of Group.....	134,433	(-)57,836	Total of Group.....	209,761	(-)106,491
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Alcoholic beverages	27,083	(-)10,854	Wheat.....	117,871	(-) 67,915
Sugar for refining.	19,791	(-) 1,763	Wheat flour.....	20,207	(-) 17,334
Fruits, fresh.....	16,069	(-) 5,906	Whiskey.....	12,445	(-) 9,302
Vegetable oil.....	7,618	(-) 3,900	Barley.....	9,923	(+) 8,936
Vegetables.....	7,209	(-) 2,154	Rubber tires.....	6,472	(-) 7,902
Tea.....	6,479	(-) 6,181	Apples, fresh.....	6,321	(-) 2,672
Fruits, dried.....	5,042	(+) 256	Rubber footwear..	4,408	(-) 2,675
Corn.....	4,414	(-) 4,668	Oats.....	3,768	(+) 2,707
Tobacco, raw.....	4,329	(-) 1,696	Potatoes.....	3,550	(-) 3,134
Rubber, crude.....	4,130	(-) 4,552	Oatmeal.....	2,800	(+) 533
Coffee, green.....	3,697	(-) 868	Seeds.....	1,653	(-) 1,535
Nuts.....	3,621	(-) 537	Rye.....	1,650	(+) 1,123
Fruits, preserved..	2,291	(-) 1,492	Bran, etc.....	1,292	(-) 1,560
Seeds.....	1,878	(-) 2,276	Sugar, refined....	729	(-) 296
Cocoa and chocolate	1,874	(-) 1,082	Ale and beer.....	16	(-) 649
Group 2. Animals and Animal Products.					
Total of Group.....	28,630	(-)30,430	Total of Group.....	70,938	(-) 20,622
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Furs.....	6,245	(-) 3,340	Fish.....	24,679	(-) 5,419
Leather, manufactured	3,732	(-) 731	Furs, raw.....	13,407	(-) 1,795
Leather, mfd.....	3,367	(-) 1,097	Cheese.....	10,595	(-) 2,612
Hides, raw.....	2,981	(-) 3,065	Animals, living....	4,386	(-) 292
Fish.....	2,085	(-) 723	Meats.....	4,377	(-) 3,192
Meats.....	2,072	(-) 4,667	Leather, unmfed....	2,825	(-) 1,898
Animals, living....	1,322	(-) 445	Milk, condensed....	2,098	(-) 850
Grease for soap....	1,137	(-) 95	Hides, raw.....	2,020	(-) 2,761
Butter.....	833	(-)11,562	Milk and cream.....	211	(-) 2,566
Group 3. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.					
Total of Group.....	90,152	(-)53,998	Total of Group.....	5,394	(-) 1,908
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Cotton goods.....	14,520	(-) 8,158	Binder twine.....	1,493	(-) 162
Woollen goods.....	11,368	(-)14,214	Socks and stockings	695	(-) 213
Cotton, raw.....	8,667	(-) 5,549	Cotton.....	586	(-) 228
Flax, hemp and jute.	7,790	(-) 3,864	Felt manufactures..	562	(-) 58
Silk, raw.....	6,060	(-) 1,239	Wool, raw.....	524	(-) 108
Artificial silk.....	6,023	(-) 7,763	Rags.....	370	(-) 468
Silk fabrics.....	5,125	(-) 3,400	Artificial silk....	209	(-) 33
Silk, n.o.p.....	3,227	(-) 1,944	Woollen goods.....	185	(-) 303
Cotton yarn.....	2,719	(-) 149	Corsets.....	62	(-) 47
Wool, raw.....	2,554	(-) 641	Silk manufactures..	60	(-) 49
Noils and tops.....	2,508	(-) 280	Cordage.....	41	(-) 64
Woollen yarn.....	2,424	(-) 2,984	Gloves and mitts...	27	(-) 112
Manila & sisal grass	2,068	(-) 1,255			
Hats and caps.....	1,619	(-) 672			
Carpets (wool).....	705	(-) 1,667			

Canada's Principal Imports and Exports, 1931, with Increase or Decrease, Compared with 1930 - Cont'd.

Note:- Values in Thousands of Dollars.

Commodity Imported	Imports, 1931.	Inc. (+) Dec. (-)	Commodity Exported	Exports, 1931.	Inc. (+) Dec. (-)
Group 4. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.					
Total of Group.....	34,923	(-)15,050	Total of Group.....	185,493	(-)64,197
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Books, etc.....	13,543	(-) 3,284	Newsprint paper.....	107,233	(-)26,138
Paper.....	9,586	(-) 3,322	Wood pulp.....	30,056	(-) 9,004
Wood, unmanufactured..	6,446	(-) 4,583	Planks and boards...	20,116	(-)16,627
Wood, manufactured..	5,343	(-) 3,861	Shingles.....	2,502	(-) 1,630
			Laths.....	1,166	(-) 208
Group 5. Iron and Its Products.					
Total of Group.....	116,209	(-)107,482	Total of Group.....	19,086	(-)28,480
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Machinery.....	29,261	(-) 21,168	Autos.....	5,791	(-)13,008
Rolling mill products	23,908	(-) 22,600	Machinery.....	4,099	(-) 2,010
Auto parts.....	14,451	(-) 8,908	Farm implements....	2,889	(-) 7,413
Engines and boilers..	7,478	(-) 3,349	Tubes and pipes.....	1,284	(-) 382
Autos.....	7,381	(-) 13,179	Pigs and ingots.....	1,204	(-) 1,558
Farm implements....	3,964	(-) 17,980	Hardware and cutlery	849	(-) 838
Hardware and cutlery	2,685	(-) 1,055	Auto parts.....	830	(-) 758
Tubes and pipes.....	1,998	(-) 2,105	Rolling mill pro-		
Iron ore.....	1,718	(-) 1,606	ducts.....	428	(-) 1,107
Wire.....	1,554	(-) 1,178			
Tools.....	1,362	(-) 989			
Pigs and ingots.....	1,036	(-) 271			
Group 6. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products.					
Total of Group.....	38,667	(-) 29,642	Total of Group.....	73,842	(-)41,925
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Electric apparatus..	16,775	(-) 13,506	Gold, raw.....	17,683	(-) 4,630
Aluminium.....	5,194	(-) 1,102	Nickel.....	14,182	(-) 6,323
Brass.....	3,565	(-) 1,869	Zinc.....	5,565	(-) 689
Copper.....	2,415	(-) 5,903	Silver.....	5,399	(-) 4,182
Clocks and watches..	1,901	(-) 859	Lead.....	4,660	(-) 3,614
Tin in ingots.....	1,067	(-) 690	Copper ore.....	3,891	(-) 3,345
			Copper blister.....	3,597	(-)18,831
			Aluminium in bars...	3,593	(-) 4,136
Group 7. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products.					
Total of Group.....	106,088	(-) 58,761	Total of Group.....	14,977	(-) 7,885
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Coal.....	36,829	(-) 19,865	Asbestos, raw.....	5,175	(-) 3,277
Petroleum, crude....	24,655	(-) 16,707	Stone and products..	3,782	(-) 1,823
Clay and products...	7,629	(-) 2,567	Coal.....	1,910	(-) 1,435
Glass.....	6,180	(-) 2,105	Mineral oils.....	1,805	(-) 562
Coke.....	3,470	(-) 2,142			
Diamonds, unset.....	849	(-) 1,166			
Group 8. Chemicals and Allied Products.					
Total of Group.....	31,337	(-) 5,448	Total of Group.....	10,849	(-) 5,471
Principal imports:			Principal exports:		
Fertilizers.....	3,713	(-) 2,247	Sodium compounds....	2,852	(-) 288
Paints and varnish-			Fertilizers.....	2,286	(-) 3,320
es.....	3,478	(-) 1,186	Acids.....	1,969	(-) 847
Dyeing and tanning			Soap.....	728	(+) 74
materials.....	3,246	(-) 126	Drugs and medicines.	373	(-) 260
Sodium compounds...	2,892	(-) 534	Paints and varnishes	308	(-) 173
Soap.....	935	(-) 232			
Drugs and medicines	3,309	(-) 343			

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