

FOREWORD

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BRITISH WEST INDIAN COLONIES and NEWFOUNDLAND

Table 1 presents Canada's total imports from and exports to the British West Indian Colonies and Newfoundland, year by year, from 1912 to 1932. **1923 to 1932** side are given corresponding figures for the United States, Canada's nearest competitor in these markets. During the past decade, 1923 to 1932, Canada's total imports from the British West Indian Colonies increased from \$14,440,000 to \$16,508,000, and from Newfoundland from \$1,340,000 to \$1,484,000; while exports to the British West Indian Colonies during the same period decreased **also** from \$13,631,000 to \$12,276,000, and to Newfoundland from \$9,926,000 to \$6,301,000. The slight increase in imports as also the decrease in exports was due rather to the increase in the value of

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A preliminary survey shows in the case of 1921 to 1930 in 1932 Canada's imports of raw sugar from the British West Indian Colonies were valued at \$19,304,000, and that in 1932 the imports were, quantity, 634,552,000 pounds valued at \$21,304,000, and consequently if there had been no drop in the price of raw sugar and other products from 1932 to 1932, the total value of Canada's imports from the British West Indian Colonies in 1932 based on 1932 average import prices, would have been considerably in excess of \$25,000,000. With regard to exports, a survey shows in the case of Baux that in 1932 Canada's exports to the British West Indian Colonies and New Hebrides were, quantity, 74,363,000, and consequently if there had been no decrease in the price of raw and other products during the period Canada's total exports to these Empire countries would have shown a considerable increase over those of 1932.

Table 11 presents Canada's trade with the British West Indies, Colombia and Newfoundland as also the principal commodities imported from and exported to these British countries for the year 1914 (year before the war), 1922 (year following year of first census), 1931 and 1932. From 1914 to 1932 Canada's trade with these three countries increased from \$22,264,000 to \$2,264,000; imports during this period increasing from \$7,500 to \$40,145, and exports from \$14,764 to \$1,948,000; the trade with British Guiana increased from \$9,231,000 to \$1,231,000; imports increasing from \$3,179,100 to \$4,541,400, and domestic exports from \$6,051,900 to \$771,600; the trade with British Honduras increased from \$224,125 to \$2,414,500, imports showing a decrease from \$123,500 to \$45,300, while domestic exports increased from \$20,300 to \$1,939,200; the trade with the British Virgin Islands increased from \$8,837,200 to \$2,837,200, imports increasing from \$4,541,000 to \$4,541,000, and domestic exports from \$4,439,900 to \$2,172,100; whereas the Dominion's trade with the Bahamas increased from \$6,581,100 to \$2,581,700, imports during that period showing a decrease from \$2,240,100 to \$1,483,900, while domestic exports increased from \$4,341,000 to \$1,100,000.

It will also be noted from Table II that the principal imports from Denmark in 1932 were: Fresh vegetables (\$55,567); articles in paper or cardboard (\$41,552); oranges, barrels, etc. (\$31,552); machinery for Canadian work (\$20,750); and other goods, while the principal domestic exports were: Alcohol beverages (\$4,000,000); other goods (\$100,000); milk, condensed (\$34,244); wheat flour (\$25,000); butter (\$24,247); planks and boards (\$21,765); tallow (\$20,725); cheese (\$20,961); fish, dried (\$19,334); and potatoes (\$20,915).

The chief imports from British Guiana in 1926 were: sugar (\$4,200,517); rum (\$163,391); molasses (\$47,815); iron and steel drums, barrels, etc. (\$16,300); and cereals (\$2,234); while the main domestic exports were: Wheat flour (\$320,406); potatoes (\$50,329); fish, dried, pickled, smoked (\$48,405); milk condensed (\$47,350); planks and boards (\$34,884); rubber manufactures (\$31,664); meats (\$28,787); oats (\$21,366); textiles (\$19,878); fish, canned or preserved (\$17,326); automobiles (\$10,917); and butter (\$8,522).

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