

A record of the total annual value of the imports of clay products since 1900 is shown in the next table. In ten years Canada has imported clay products to the value of over \$22,000,000. The increase over the ten year period was about 122 per cent. Brick and tile imports in the ten years have increased 45.4 per cent, earthenware and chinaware over 78 per cent, and clays over 54 per cent.

These statistics indicate in a striking manner the possibilities for the development of Canada's clay industries.

Imports of Clay Products (total value) 1900-9.

Fiscal Year.	Brick and Tile.	Earthenware and Chinaware.	Clays.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1900	145,914	959,526	122,065	1,228,405
1901	133,343	1,114,677	141,261	1,389,271
1902	172,281	1,275,093	140,521	1,587,895
1903	157,783	1,406,610	176,416	1,740,809
1904	259,421	1,611,356	144,796	2,015,483
1905	761,736 **	1,636,214	176,805	2,574,755
1906	1,000,372	1,692,339	220,504	2,913,235
1907*	770,686	1,422,880	178,240	2,371,806
1908	1,079,556	2,190,784	267,720	3,538,060
1909	815,033	1,716,887	190,235	2,722,155
	5,296,145	15,026,386	1,759,363	22,081,894

* 9 months ending March 1907.

** Includes fireclay classified as "for use in process of manufactures."

In view of the large imports of clay products into Canada, it may be of interest to quote herewith the Customs duties affecting these goods. Canadian pottery manufacturers claim to be unable to meet the competition of imported pottery, particularly that from England. The total duties collected on clay products during the fiscal year 1909 were \$490,294.80, or an average of about 22½ per cent *ad valorem*, on the dutiable imports, or 18 per cent on the total imports of clay goods, including those entered free.