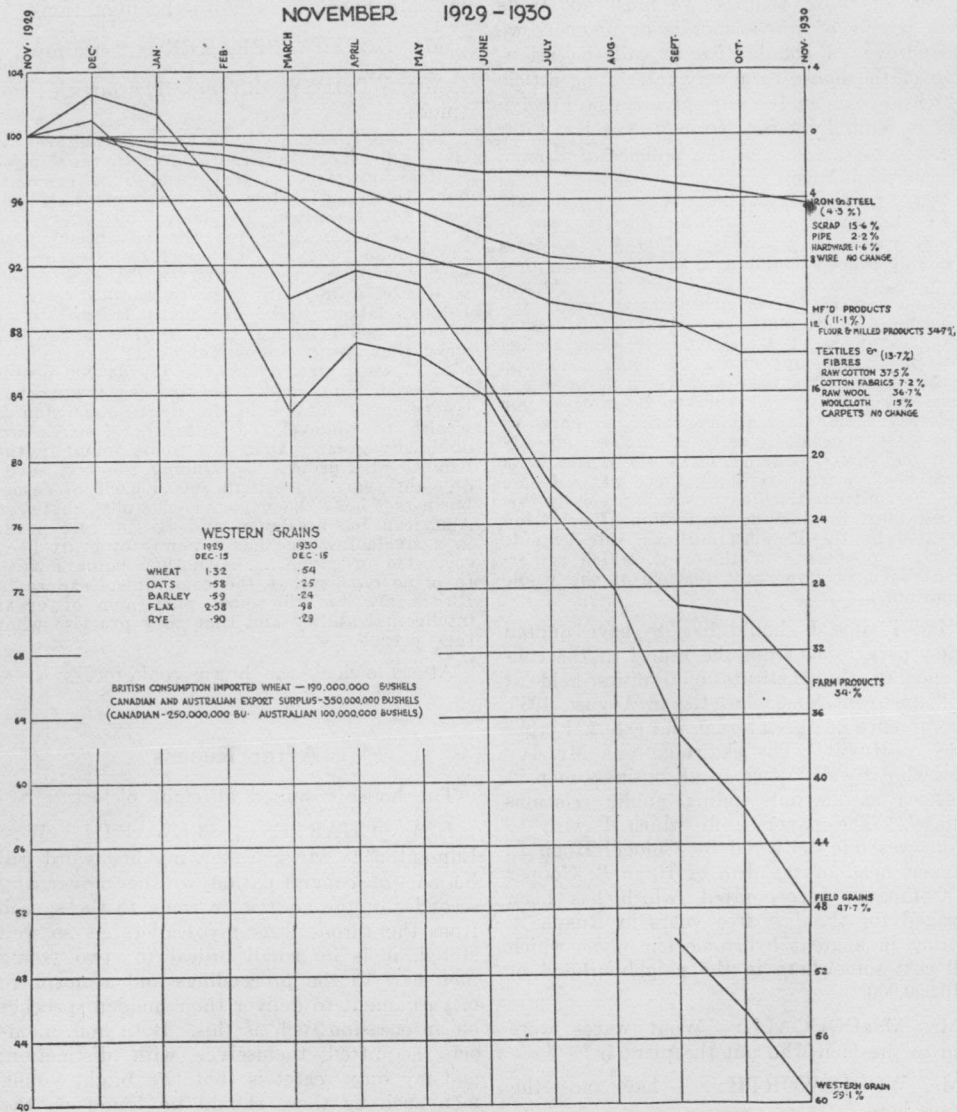


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I wish I had time to go into a question which is of very great interest to me, namely, the ban which has been placed upon Russian imports. It is not so much the order in council even that I object to as the statement which accompanied that order in council:

The government is convinced that there is forced labour in the cutting and transport of timber, and the mining of coal, that political prisoners are exploited, that the standard of living is below any level conceived of in Canada, and that, broadly speaking, all employment is in control of the Communist government which regulates all conditions of work and

seeks to impose its will upon the whole world. This is communism, its creed and its fruits, which we as a country oppose and must refuse to support by interchange of trade.

I regard that as an absolutely gratuitous insult. The charges with regard to the mining of coal have not been proven. It is stated that political prisoners are exploited. What about political prisoners in Italy? It is stated that the standard of living in Soviet Russia is low. I will admit that, but it is higher than that under the Czarist regime and higher than the standard of living in China