

expected when we consider the very considerable alteration in the demand for Canadian raw materials, and especially in the character of Canadian manufactured exports. When, however, we come to survey the proportions in which this fairly uniform joint trade is made up from the two separate countries, we find that while the individual proportions are fairly uniform for the three years before the war, there is a very great change in the three years during the war. Canadian exports to Great Britain are normally greater than those to the United States, nearly in the proportion of five to four. During the first year of the war, however, they were equally divided between the two countries. Then the war demands from Britain greatly increased, but this was almost exactly offset by a corresponding decrease in the exports to the United States. Thus, while the joint proportion remained substantially the same, the practical equality in the case of the two countries which prevailed during the first year of the war, became as two to one in favor of Britain in the second year, and approximately three to one in the third year of the war.

On the other hand, the imports from Great Britain, which were practically one-third those from the United States in the prewar period, became steadily less during the war period, being somewhat less than one-third in the first year, falling to practically one-fifth during the second year, and exactly one-sixth during the third year. In the case of imports, not only was there a marked transference of the source of supply from Great Britain to the United States, but the United States absorbed also most of the reduced trade with several other countries. This accounts for the fact that the total import trade with Great Britain and the United States rose from  $84\frac{3}{4}$  per cent in 1915 through  $87\frac{1}{2}$  per cent in 1916 to 91 per cent in 1917. Of this trade, the United States obtained no less than 78 per cent. The normal percentage of imports from the United States during the