

Area - 116,000 sq.mi. (rather more than twice the combined area of N.S., N.B. and P.E.I.)

Population - 4,500,000 (1939 estimate)

Principal exports - oil, dates, barley, wool, live animals, hides and skins.

" imports - cotton piece-goods, tea, sugar, cereals, iron and steel, textiles.

Extensive developments in cereal cultivation and other field crops have been made possible through large-scale irrigation projects.

(e.g. KUT Barrage, completed 1939  
cost £ 1,200,000 )

Apart from oil, the principal revenues come from agricultural production, of which cotton and dates are important export items.

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Canadian trade with Iraq has increased phenomenally during the war years. In 1939 Iraq stood ninetieth in order of countries to which Canada exported; in 1942 Iraq had jumped to tenth place in this list, and as compared with 1939, exports had increased in 1942 by the astronomical figure of nearly 48,000%.

In 1943 total Canadian exports to Iraq were a fraction over \$22,000,000. (Total Canadian domestic exports \$2,363,773,000).

Apart from wheat and wheat flour all of the other exports in 1943 had a direct wartime use.

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