

Exports of Canadian Products Decline

Figures For First Month of Fiscal Year Show a Falling Off of Eleven Millions — Imports on the Other Hand, Advance Forty-Four Millions

ALTHOUGH the grand total of Canadian trade for the month of April, 1920, the first month of the fiscal year, shows an increase of \$32,633,172, as compared with the same month a year ago, exports showed a falling off of more than \$11,000,000. Imports last month showed an increase of \$44,035,405, as compared with a year ago, the chief advances being in fibres, textiles and textile products, and agricultural and vegetable products.

Under exports, wood, wood products, paper and manufactures made a big advance, while non-metallic minerals

and products also increased. These advances, however, were offset to a large extent by the decline in agricultural and vegetable products, and animals and animal products. Exports of domestic miscellaneous products also showed a decrease.

The following table gives the trade of Canada by classes for the the month of April, 1920, compared with the same month a year ago, and is compiled by the Department of Customs:—

	IMPORTS ENTERED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION				EXPORT			
	Month of April				Month of April			
	1919		1920		1919		1920	
	Free	Dutiable	Free	Dutiable	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Agricultural and vegetable products, mainly foods.....	1,828,908	5,102,590	3,396,692	10,463,879	21,266,163	385,691	12,772,113	62,723
Agricultural and vegetable products, other than foods.....	2,272,291	1,001,985	4,138,757	3,236,096	1,729,115	243,256	1,983,146	17,344
Animals and animal products.....	1,424,891	2,295,053	3,284,172	2,852,131	15,835,963	1,023,528	8,695,163	85,940
Fibres, textiles and textile products.....	3,382,289	6,973,135	8,166,629	18,730,751	2,252,762	557,952	3,092,237	77,451
Chemicals and chemical products.....	567,648	1,008,020	1,243,363	1,539,702	1,728,272	26,196	1,010,806	202,795
Iron and steel, and manufactures thereof.....	3,357,747	10,036,415	3,462,289	15,102,484	6,385,010	278,652	5,379,189	1,847,055
Ores, metals and metal manufactures, other than iron and steel....	767,177	1,855,671	1,424,425	3,117,398	3,124,889	55,324	2,932,595	45,053
Non-metallic minerals and products.....	1,904,715	3,820,258	3,966,277	4,867,764	1,261,064	64,688	2,006,008	30,763
Wood, wood products, paper and manufactures.....	1,154,559	1,509,472	1,621,580	2,226,391	7,830,550	14,551	14,513,680	18,097
Miscellaneous.....	1,997,058	1,995,347	2,711,494	2,738,361	3,075,371	133,736	971,449	126,892
Total.....	18,657,283	35,597,946	33,415,678	64,874,957	64,489,159	2,783,574	53,356,386	2,514,113
Duty collected.....		11,132,756		17,316,317				

RECAPITULATION

	Month of April	
	1919	1920
	\$	\$
Merchandise entered for consumption.....	54,255,229	98,290,635
Merchandise, domestic, exported.....	64,489,159	53,356,386
Total.....	118,744,388	151,647,021
Merchandise, foreign, exported.....	2,783,574	2,514,113
Grand total, Canadian trade.....	121,527,962	154,161,134

MONTREAL MANUFACTURERS' ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Montreal branch of the association, held on May 12th, F. W. Stewart was elected chairman, B. W. Coghlin vice-chairman, and R. W. Gould secretary. The executive for 1920 is as follows: A. H. Brittain, Maritime Fish Corporation, Ltd.; E. C. Budge, Budge Carbon Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; F. G. Daniels, Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.; Joseph Daoust, Daoust, Lalonde and Co., Ltd.; A. S. Falle, Waltham Watch Co., Ltd.; I. Greenberg, Greenberg-Smith Co.; Art. Harries, the Canada Paper Box Co., Ltd.; Paul E. Joubert, Lamontagne, Ltd.; John Lowe, Montreal Cottons, Ltd.; W. H. Miner, Miner Rubber Co., Ltd.; J. A. Richard, Fashion-Craft Manufacturers, Ltd.; Lieut. C. P. Slater, Geo. A. Slater, Ltd.; Julien C. Smith, Canada Carbide Co., Ltd.; Eug. Tarte, "La Patrie" Publishing Co., Ltd.; Jos. L. Waldie, Canadian Tube and Iron Co., Ltd.; F. R. Whittall, A. R. Whittall Canadian Co., Ltd.

In his inaugural address F. W. Stewart pointed out the progress that had been made by the Montreal branch during the year. He strongly advocated the organization of a publicity and information bureau for the city. He reported that during the year there had been 190 new members and 17 resignations, bringing the total membership of the branch

to 794, a net gain of 173 members to the present time. The secretary, R. W. Gould, gave a resumé of the activities of the year, particularly dealing with the legislative work of the branch.

Prominent guests at the meeting of the Montreal branch were Sir James McKechnie, head of Vickers, Ltd.; Col. W. Grant Morden and T. P. Howard, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Howard stated that a \$1,000,000 emergency fund had been started on May 3rd, and was being quickly built up. In their representations to the government in favor of a tariff board they now had the support of 1,600 trade unions. The membership campaign had brought 600 new manufacturers into the association.

In a defense of great industrial mergers, both here and in England, Col. W. Grant Morden said that he and his colleagues were at present giving great attention to a plan that would be announced in due course, under which "we will give our employees not only an opportunity to participate in the success of industry, but also representation on our directorate." Touching on the shipbuilding industry, Col. Morden said the British Empire Steel Corporation was going to build ships. With the steel plants in Sydney, and their wonderful facilities in having the raw material at hand, it was obvious that with ships, there would be a complete circle in industry which would make Canada quite independent.