

CANADA'S IMPORTS.

Latest Statistics Show Our Principal Purchases—Iron and Steel is a Large Item.

Last year Canada's total imports of merchandise were valued at \$462,041,330, as compared with \$186,878,231 in 1901. This is an increase in the ten years of \$275,163,099, or 147.24 per cent. Our imports are nearly double our exports and that fact gives considerable interest to the following table, from the records of the Department of Trade and Commerce. It shows the principal articles imported into Canada in 1901 and 1911, with increases and percentages of increase during the decade:—

Articles Imported.	Fiscal Years.		Increase.	Increase Per Cent.
	1901.	1911.		
Ale, beer and porter.....	\$ 207,998	\$ 759,092	\$ 551,094	264.95
Animals, living	1,252,341	3,363,640	2,111,299	168.59
Asphaltum or asphalt	67,587	452,250	384,663	569.14
Books, pamphlets, etc.....	1,663,601	4,597,854	2,934,253	176.38
Breadstuffs	15,605,836	16,392,825	786,989	5.04
Bricks, clays, tiles	692,997	2,194,889	1,501,892	216.72
Brooms and brushes	194,833	482,765	287,932	147.78
Buttons	180,604	638,869	458,265	253.74
Carriages, automobiles, etc.....	1,122,567	7,243,350	6,120,783	545.25
Clocks	208,032	504,257	296,225	142.39
Coal, coke, etc.....	14,160,341	33,875,442	19,715,101	139.23
Cocoa, chocolate, etc.....	438,417	1,431,552	993,135	226.52
Coffee	493,775	1,407,977	914,202	185.15
Cordage, rope and twine.....	1,181,680	2,532,617	1,350,937	114.32
Corsets.....	100,133	402,063	301,930	301.53
Cotton, raw	4,773,993	11,757,105	6,983,112	146.27
Cotton manufactures	7,399,725	21,168,975	13,769,250	186.08
Drugs, dyes, chemicals, etc.....	5,019,037	12,222,801	7,203,734	143.53
Earthenware	1,139,058	2,405,693	1,266,335	111.20
Electric apparatus	938,060	5,170,520	4,232,460	451.19
Fancy goods	1,930,722	4,008,452	2,077,730	107.61
Fish	892,830	1,932,996	1,040,166	116.50
Flax, hemp, jute, etc.....	3,405,316	5,423,963	2,018,647	59.28
Fruits	4,184,069	11,941,158	7,757,089	185.40
Furs	2,406,928	5,016,585	2,609,657	108.42
Glass	1,584,922	3,464,814	1,879,892	118.61
Gloves and mitts.....	702,747	2,098,250	1,395,503	198.58
Grasses and manufactures of.....	134,131	1,805,182	1,671,051	1,245.84
Grease	385,023	1,162,155	777,132	201.84
Gunpowder	287,630	1,217,930	930,300	323.44
Gutta percha	2,598,185	6,980,494	4,382,309	138.67
Hats and caps	1,923,739	4,026,913	2,103,174	109.33
Hides and skins	4,120,443	8,105,330	3,984,887	96.71
Jewellery	539,116	1,486,233	947,117	175.67
Leather and manufactures of.....	1,733,312	5,326,537	3,593,225	207.30
Marble	97,610	308,259	210,649	215.80
Metals—Iron and steel	27,107,419	82,086,492	54,979,073	202.82
Metals—Other	6,911,473	23,995,634	17,084,161	247.18
Musical instruments	415,131	1,479,443	1,064,312	256.38
Oils	2,202,265	7,916,119	5,713,854	259.45
Oilecloth	423,705	1,679,660	1,255,955	296.42
Optical, etc., instruments.....	249,997	1,347,716	1,097,719	439.09
Paintings, drawings, etc.....	668,965	1,807,370	1,138,405	170.17
Paints and colors	926,508	1,594,934	638,426	72.14
Paper	1,797,520	5,533,402	3,735,882	207.84
Pickles.....	242,003	601,373	359,370	148.50
Precious stones	765,042	2,624,749	1,859,707	243.08
Provisions	3,085,576	4,853,665	1,768,089	57.30
Rags	225,924	1,012,538	786,614	348.17
Resin or rosin	125,363	568,108	442,745	353.17
Ribbons	643,628	1,350,619	706,991	109.84
Settlers' effects	3,740,630	14,072,611	10,331,981	276.21
Silk	3,383,498	6,925,967	3,542,469	104.70
Soap.....	366,179	875,611	509,432	139.12
Spirits and wines	2,166,589	4,884,204	2,717,615	125.43
Stone	243,012	1,337,172	1,094,160	450.25
Sugar, molasses, etc.	9,345,386	17,190,895	7,845,509	83.95
Tea	3,189,567	5,354,528	2,464,961	77.28
Tobacco	2,172,420	4,952,446	2,780,026	127.97
Tobacco pipes	292,895	796,114	503,219	171.80
Turpentine, spirits of	309,339	683,236	373,897	120.87
Vegetables	445,385	1,827,690	1,382,305	310.36
Watches	624,000	1,230,369	606,369	97.17
Wood	4,943,878	17,248,760	12,304,882	248.89
Wool and manufactures of.....	11,243,746	26,451,358	15,207,612	135.25
All other articles	14,853,820	26,148,760	11,294,940	76.04
Total imports, mdse.....	\$186,878,231	\$462,041,330	\$275,163,099	147.24

Items Which Showed Large Increases.

An examination of these figures shows that the largest gain was in grasses and their manufactures, the actual increase being \$1,371,051 or 1,245.84 per cent. Asphaltum or asphalt shows the next largest gain, \$384,663 or 569.14 per cent. Then come carriages, automobiles and similar articles. The gain in these items in the ten years was \$6,120,783, or 545.25 per cent. Optical and other instruments shows a large gain, \$1,097,719, or 439.09 per cent. Stone has increased \$1,094,160, or 450.25 per cent., and vegetables, almost an anomaly for an agricultural

country, \$1,382,305, or 310.36 per cent. Canada imported large quantities of potatoes from Great Britain early in 1912.

Largest Imports Last Year.

Our largest imports last year in order of value were as follows:—

Metals, iron, steel and other.....	\$106,082,126
Cotton manufactures	21,168,875
Coal, coke, etc.....	33,875,442
Breadstuffs	16,392,825
Sugar, molasses, etc.....	17,190,895
Wool and their manufactures.....	26,451,358

Other large imports are raw cotton, drugs, dyes, chemicals, fruits, settlers' effects, tea, tobacco, wood, carriages, automo-

biles, fancy goods, flax, hemp, jute, gutta percha, hides, skins, paper, silk, spirits, wines, leather and their manufactures.

The imports of wool and their manufactures last year were valued at \$26,451,358, compared with \$11,243,746 in 1901, an increase of \$15,207,612, or 135.25 per cent. in the ten years. Of the total last year, \$22,295,782 worth were imported from the United Kingdom, only \$1,515,285 of which came in free of duty.

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