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trade in your favor amounted to a sum no less than \$344,768,213. With such a balance against us and with the further fact that Canada is doing some business overseas, settlement of which is ordinarily made in New York in credit instead of for cash, the reason why your Canadian premiums only net you approximately 95 cents on the dollar in New York funds is very readily apparent. While our respective countries have always very largely traded one with the other, the adverse balance of trade used not to tell so heavily upon Canada. In 1910 the adverse balance was \$106,888,088 and in 1915 it was \$110,289,650 and at these times of course Canada was selling overseas for cash.

That Canada is a very large purchaser in the United States and that the tendency to purchase is increasing is made very clear by the exhibit of the percentage of imports in comparison with Canada's total imports. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, our imports from the United States amounted to 65.03 per cent. of the whole, but during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1919, that percentage had grown to 81.50. On the other hand, the percentage of purchases made by the United States in Canada in comparison with our total exports not only has not increased in a like ratio but has declined, as the percentage of Canadian exports to the United States in comparison with our total exports for the year ending March 31, 1913, was 39.27, and for the year ending March 31, 1919, only amounted to 37.66.

It may be suggested that the best way of restoring the full value to your Canadian premium would be for Canada to do less purchasing in the United States, but I do not think that this solution of the subject is one which would commend itself to you as American citizens. We want to do as much business as possible with you and I think you want to do as much business as possible with us. I think we all realize that two of the very necessary essentials in any proper re-establishment are firm currencies and stand-

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