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INCREASE IN CANADIAN TRADE.

THE returns of the Customs Department for the ten months ending April shows an increase in the aggregate trade of Canada of nearly \$32,000,000. There was an increase in the imports of over \$18,000,000, and in the exports of about \$14,000,000.

The year's trade will go over the \$400,000,000 mark, or about twice what it was in 1895. In 1873 the trade of Canada was \$217,000,000, and twenty years later it was \$218,000,000, or

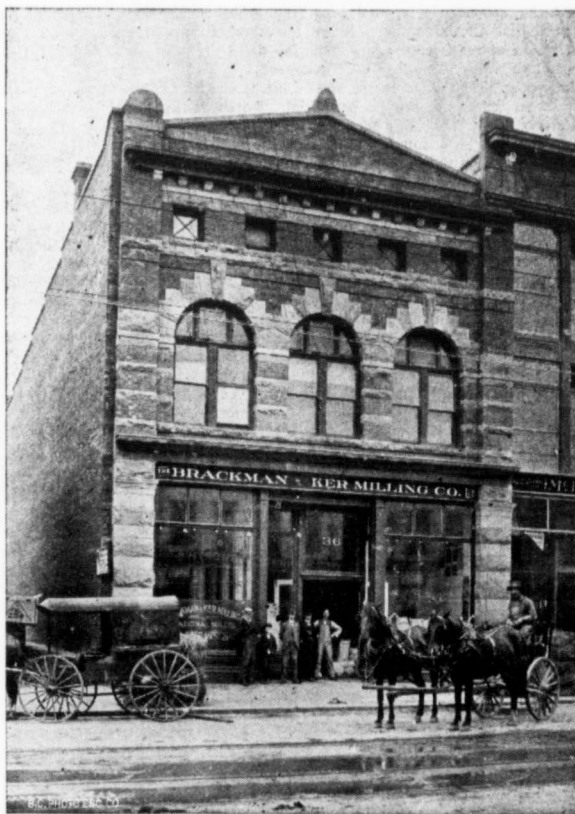
Agriculture	29,103,033	33,351,960
Manufacture	14,579,236	16,341,961
Miscellaneous	29,872	77,653

Total \$158,100,071 \$171,857,918

The exports of foreign products totalled \$8,806,140 in ten months of this year, as against \$11,205,602 last year. During April alone this year the imports were \$21,119,545, as against \$17,104,523 last year and the duty collected \$3,224,707 as against \$2,679,661 last year. The exports of Canadian products were \$9,437,175 as against \$13,043,198 in April, 1902, and of foreign products \$304,272 as against \$276,255. The falling off of exports during



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an increase of \$1,000,000; in the eight years since, Canada's trade has about doubled. The details of the trade for the past ten months are as follows:

Imports—	1902.	1903.
Dutiable	\$ 95,373,439	\$109,030,545
Free	62,406,900	66,954,103
Total	\$152,779,309	\$175,984,648

Coin and bullion	\$ 4,728,839	\$ 4,234,331
Duty collected	26,245,191	29,783,082
Minerals	27,775,527	25,715,330
Fish	12,076,766	9,343,697
Forest produce	24,515,865	28,372,173
Animals and their products	50,049,772	58,665,144

April was principally in wheat, but during the ten months the exports of wheat increased by over \$3,000,000, compared with the same period last year. The following figures show the increases for the ten months of this year over last in the ports of the principal products:

Flour, \$412,782; cattle, \$1,008,000; butter, \$1,564,284; cheese, \$2,566,688; bacon, \$3,272,359.

CEMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN a letter to the *Canadian Manufacturer* a correspondent puts forward the suggestion that the opportunities for the establishment of cement works in British Columbia at the present time are most favourable, the market for the commod-