

WHAT CANADA BOUGHT AND SOLD THIS YEAR

Big Budget of Interesting Things Outlined from Trade and Navigation Bluebook—Figures Worth Reading.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The trade and navigation returns of the Dominion of Canada is not one of those volumes to which the general reader would turn for a variety of reading, but if it is examined with care a number of facts concerning the commercial relations of Canada are to be found, which might better be termed curiosities of commerce.

The political correspondents have already given the salient features of the blue book, such, for instance, as that our total trade in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1907, was \$622,532,076 of which \$469,717,174 was with Great Britain and \$234,964,509 with the United States, and the balance with other countries.

Our Ports of Export. Of the Canadian exports, Montreal, of course, had the largest share, its total being \$53,283,939. For instance, N.B. came next with \$13,209,946, while Halifax was third with a total of \$6,844,463.

Our Ports of Import. The chief port of export to the United States was Niagara Falls, which sent out \$13,465,204 worth, but Coalbrook, Que., was a good second with \$11,011,383. Winnipeg imported goods to the value of \$10,625,584, and exported goods to the value of \$514,070, but of course the bulk of the exports via Emerson (\$2,138,118) should be really credited to Winnipeg.

Our Ports of Import. Vancouver had a big load over Victoria in imports, but the two were nearly equal in exports, the figures being: Imports, Vancouver, \$6,654,928; Victoria, \$2,869,979. Exports, Vancouver, \$3,542,956; Victoria, \$3,160,549.

Much Trade Done Via the U.S. The St. Lawrence continued to be the chief artery of our commerce, the total trade via that route in the fiscal year 1907 being \$114,233,352. On the other hand, the total trade upon the United States for communication with foreign traders to a value of \$56,128,921. For instance, we imported \$2,314,536 worth of British goods to the States, and of our exports to the mother country no less than \$16,829,227.

Some Curiousities of Commerce. Now to come down to some of the curiosities. We exported agricultural implements to a value of \$2,489,330, but we imported agricultural implements \$1,845,645.

Many Apples Imported. No one would think that Canada would have to import dried apples, yet we did from the United States to a value of \$11,477. And we sold \$23,150 worth, nearly all of which went to Holland.

Asbestos and Automobiles. Asbestos on the other hand is a mineral we sold and did not buy, at least in its crude state. Our exports of asbestos for the year reached a value of \$1,206,766.

Another natural product which it is surprising to import is potash and pearl ash. We imported \$5,291 worth, but we sold \$33,824 worth.

Automobiles. In automobiles we bought \$53,629 worth, but we sold \$5,291 worth. The bulk of those imported came from the States; the majority of those exported went to Australia and New Zealand, though we also sold machines to Great Britain, South Africa, the States and the East Indies.

Another strange feature of the trade returns is that we imported bacon to the value of \$157,082. But on the other hand we exported \$9,229,122 worth. Nearly all our imports of bacon and hams came from the States, while nearly all our sales were to Great Britain.

Bait, Bark and Barley. A remarkable contrast in values is shown as regards bait fish. We sold 74 barrels, value of \$2,726, while we bought six thousand barrels, value of only \$203. All this trade is with the States.

Beans, Berries and Peas. Beans are an article which on a world think Canada could produce in sufficient quantities, yet we imported \$40,511 worth, nearly all from the States, and exported \$48,794 worth.

There must have been a lot of cranberry sauce eaten in Canada last year, for we imported \$75,944 worth from the States, notwithstanding that Quebec and the Maritime Province grow the best cranberries in the world.

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Need for a Tanning. The balance of trade is all in our favor. We sold \$277 worth, but we sold \$277 worth.

Coal and Coal Oil. Coal is an important item in our trade. We imported \$5,123,059 worth, nearly all to Australia. Under \$300 worth went to Australia. Under \$300 worth went to Australia.

Another item on which the United States levied tribute was coal oil. We purchased \$53,152 worth, nearly all from them and we exported \$23 worth, of which the States took \$2 worth.

A Fish Puzzle. One of the mysticisms of the blue book is why we should have imported \$1,000 worth of fresh cod and haddock, while we only exported \$1,284 worth. In salted cod on the other hand the tables were turned.

Copper All Goes to States. Canadian copper was sent abroad to an amount of \$5,096,999, while we imported \$464,504 worth. Practically all of this trade was with the States.

Condensed Milk was Responsible for Imports of \$5,378, but \$406 worth from the States; but we shipped \$481 abroad. The rest went to Africa taking \$2,082 of the total. Here again China was a good customer, while Denmark took \$533 worth, which is rather surprising.

The influx of population in Canada is well illustrated by a statement which the household effects entered were valued at \$5,775,378, while those imported were valued at \$1,206,766. The total value of household effects in the States was valued at \$11,114,345, while those coming from the States totalled \$4,962,965, quite a change from the figures prior to 1897.

There seems to be something the matter with the Canadian hen. Why she should lay so many eggs is a puzzle. We imported \$1,484,443 worth of eggs from the States, and only sold \$7,632 worth. Our total exports were \$1,484,443 worth, and only sold \$7,632 worth.

Queer Butter Figures. Last year was a banner year for the butter industry in Canada, when we exported \$4,011,000 worth. Yet we had to purchase \$1,052,000 worth, of which Australia sent us \$1,052,000 worth, the greater part of it from Newfoundland, and of the exports \$2 worth went to Turkey.

Our Eggs. We sold \$2,749 worth of butter to the States, but we imported \$413,871 worth, more than half coming from the border. Holland proved a good customer for Canadian made codfish, taking \$7,819 worth out of a total exportation of \$14,889, the bulk of the rest going to the States.

Many Carriages Go South. Whether the prevalent unrest in South America is responsible or not, it is curious to learn that among the purchasers of our carriages were Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru, while Cuba was also a purchaser. The total exports were valued at \$72,860.

Pickled Mackerel was another fish product on which the balance was in our favor largely because of the canned goods. We sold \$156,493 worth of fresh and pickled mackerel, the fresh being divided almost equally between Britain and the States, with Germany a good third, while as for the canned goods, we sold \$1,021,000 worth, the bulk going to Great Britain, but the Australian Commonwealth took \$14,578 worth and the States \$21,000.

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Little Flour Imported. Canadian millers seem to have practical control of the flour market. We sold \$1,117,013 worth, and we sold \$4,065,207 worth. More than half of our exports went to Great Britain, but the States took \$1,117,013 worth, the West Indies, British Guiana, Australia, Fiji, Malia, China, Japan, Norway and Russia also took substantial amounts.

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