

A record of the total annual value of the imports of clay products since 1900 is shown in the next table. In eleven years Canada has imported clay products to the value of \$25,500,738. The increase in imports has been most pronounced in the case of brick and tile, the imports of which in 1900 amounted to \$145,914, as compared with \$1,341,310 in 1910. The imports of earthenware and china-ware, and of clays have nearly doubled in the same time.

Imports of Clay Products (total value) 1900-10.

Fiscal Year.	Brick and Tile.	Earthenware and Chinaware.	Clays.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1900.....	145,914	959,526	122,965	1,228,405
1901.....	133,343	1,114,677	141,251	1,389,271
1902.....	172,281	1,275,093	140,521	1,587,895
1903.....	157,783	1,406,610	176,416	1,740,809
1904.....	259,421	1,611,356	144,706	2,015,483
1905.....	761,756**	1,636,214	176,805	2,574,775
1906.....	1,009,372	1,692,359	220,504	2,913,235
1907*.....	770,686	1,422,880	178,240	2,371,806
1908.....	1,079,556	2,190,784	267,720	3,538,060
1909.....	815,033	1,716,887	190,235	2,722,155
1910.....	1,341,310	1,859,302	218,232	3,418,844
	6,637,455	16,885,688	1,977,595	25,500,738

*9 months ending March 1907.

**Includes fireclay classified as "for use in process of manufactures."

Dr. Heinrich Ries, who is investigating the clay resources of Canada for the Geological Survey, reports with respect to the clay working industry in the western provinces: 'The main clay-working industry at the present time is the manufacture of common brick, but the product in many localities, as around Victoria and Vancouver, does not supply the entire demand, and common brick are imported in large quantities from Seattle, Washington.

'Dry-pressed brick are made in small quantities at a number of points, but the only plants of large capacity are those at Medicine Hat and Clayburn.

'Most of the pressed brick now used in the western provinces are imported, and command a high market value. The same is true of fireproofing, terra-cotta, firebrick, pottery, and sewerpipe.

'It will be seen, therefore, that there is room for abundant development and expansion in the home clay-working industries.'

Clay Building Brick.—The total production of clay building brick, including the common and pressed varieties, but excluding ornamental, paving, and firebrick, is shown by provinces for the past four years in the following tables.