

Imports Prohibited Amount to \$30,000,000

Exporter will lose approximately \$25,000,000 worth of business

Based on the imports into Canada from the United States during the past year, the new order of the Government restricting or preventing the importation of certain commodities and alleged luxuries will mean a net loss of \$25,000,000 to American houses handling these goods during the coming year. While the Canadian business houses on the whole are submitting to the order as a war measure, they anything but agree with the Government in endorsing the latest order of the Canadian War Trade Board.

If any American industries are really hit by the order, it will be the automobile industry. Imports of autos from the United States during the past twelve months total as follows: Private cars \$9,950,806; motor trucks and freight waggons, \$2,000,000; parts, \$6,000,000.

The next industry to feel the effects of the order will be the fruit industries in the United States preserving-fruit belts of the south and along the border line of New York and Michigan, as well as California and Washington, etc. The imports of fruits cut off under the order are as follows: Blackberries, gooseberries and raspberries, 542,157; cherries, \$59,740; cranberries, \$150,308; grapes, \$368,946; peaches, \$353,538; plums, \$293,597; quinces, pomegranates, apricots, pears, nectarines, \$510,577. The imports of United States tomatoes (fresh) were \$489,714. The value of the melons imported is set down at \$157,213.

The United States jewellery, perfumery and photographic business will lose approximately \$1,300,000 worth of Canadian business. The imports of United States jewellery during the past year amounted to \$861,077, the manufactures of gold and silver totalled about \$200,000, and the perfumes imported were valued at \$391,986. Of the guns, the import of which is now prohibited, \$642,551 were imported during the past year. Sugar candied fruits, etc., were valued at \$650,000. The nuts were valued as follows: Almonds (shelled), \$58,156; not shelled, \$49,998; brazil nuts, \$80,387; pecans, \$475,370, and walnuts \$77,957.

The War Trade Board has apparently selected imports over which the United States has most control. This is easily understood by the fact that as the Canadian Government has decided to prohibit all imports

of these commodities from all countries the total drop in Canadian imports through such an order will amount to \$31,000,000, just six million dollars more than the total amount of goods imported from the United States.

While many of the business interests are of the opinion that the order is somewhat radical, and will not produce the results the Government expects, the general public has no criticism to offer. Indeed there has been a distinct falling off of imports of these goods noted in the order during the war period. The contrasts in imports in 1913 and those during the fiscal year just closed demonstrate that the imports of fancy goods dropped \$1,500,000 during the war. The imports of furs have gone down \$1,635,000; jewellery, \$986,825; precious stones, \$2,093,098; marble, \$1,112,298, and spirits and wines, \$7,157,260.

A more complete list of these comparisons is given as follows:

	1913.	1917.	
Fancy goods	\$ 4,987,037	\$ 3,499,686	*\$1,487,351
Fruits and nuts	17,232,615	21,704,389	† 4,471,774
Furs, etc.	5,672,005	4,046,246	* 1,625,759
Jewellery	1,867,313	880,488	* 986,825
Musical instruments	2,246,916	3,556,181	† 1,319,265
Perfumery	784,173	643,339	* 135,834
Precious stones	3,654,733	1,561,635	* 2,093,098
Silks, etc.	9,723,197	13,854,906	† 4,131,709
Spirits and wines	7,157,260	3,898,485	* 3,258,775
Marble, stone, slate			
etc.	2,944,152	1,831,854	* 1,112,298
Vehicles	22,153,408	22,788,847	† 635,439

*Decrease. †Increase.

Many of the imports of the commodities selected by the War Trade Board for the prohibited list have already dwindled through the inability of the countries like Great Britain to maintain certain trade connections because of absorption in war work. Under these circumstances the imports from the United States have been greater, but even at that the gross amount of import is less than during pre-war days, as the following table will show: (This table only covers articles mentioned in the order in Council.)

IMPORTS.			
	1914-5.	1915-6.	1916-7.
BOATS	\$ 35,659	\$ 29,866	\$ 20,652
GUNS:			
From British Empire	115,026	126,572	21,717
" Foreign Countries	739,496	497,004	486,854
SUGAR CANDIED FRUITS, ETC:			
From British Empire	694,378	472,381	388,039
" Foreign countries	348,737	251,723	238,418
NUTS:			
From British Empire	114,507	87,979	54,842
" Foreign countries	1,804,182	1,633,701	1,541,161
FRUITS AND NUTS (FRESH):			
From British Empire	1,224,708	800,339	450,810
" Foreign countries	16,008,515	14,668,701	13,879,632
VEGETABLES:			
From British Empire	491	419
" Foreign countries	2,835	1,883	2,476
AUTOMOBILES:			
From British Empire	621,979	252,898	23,502
" Foreign countries	6,591,396	4,635,806	5,065,827
AUTOMOBILES (NOT SPECIALLY NOTED):			
From British Empire	31,981	22,337	13,735
" Foreign countries	3,934,398	2,143,856	4,536,745
MARBLE:			
From British Empire	2,853	12,015	3,167
" Foreign countries	175,032	112,504	35,666
JEWELLERY:			
From British Empire	462,995	196,749	113,627
" Foreign countries	1,292,136	701,327	576,037
MANUFACTURES OF GOLD AND SILVER:			
From British Empire	552,376	331,735	208,833
" Foreign countries	416,806	229,031	260,425

CAMOUFLAGE.

1. I can invent my money to better advantage.
2. My wife is opposed to life insurance.
3. I have no one dependent upon me.
4. I will think it over.
5. My money is worth more in my business.
6. I have plenty of money to leave.
7. I have all the insurance I need.
8. I have religious scruples.
9. I am in good health. I will take a chance.

10. I haven't time to talk about it.

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