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# MICA, 1928.

Canadian mica production during 1928 totalled 3,660 tons valued at \$87,168, according to finally revised statistics compiled by the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1927, shipments amounted to 2,738 tons with a valuation of \$174,377. While greater quantities of scrap were shipped, and higher prices were obtained for this product than in the preceding year, due to gains in tonnages of screened scrap sold, these gains were insufficient to offset losses in sales of splittings and thumb-trimmed grades and the total value of the output for 1928 was 50 per cent below the figures for 1927. The decreased output of thumb-trimmed and split mica was largely due to competition in export trade. Mica from the island of Madagascar, the main source of phlogopite outside of Canada, is being imported into the United States, Canada's principal market, at a price below that at which the Canadian operator can afford to sell. Imports into Canada of mica and mica in manufactured form from both the United States and British India increased during the year.

Rough-cobbed and thumb-trimmed mica exported amounted to 32 tons; splittings, 84 tons; and scrap and waste, 4,346 tons. The total value of Canadian mica exported during 1928 was \$175,761, which included shipments worth \$168,680 to the United States and \$6,712 to the United Kingdom.

The 16 firms in operation during the year reported capital investment at \$260,074. Salaried employees and wage-earners engaged in this industry totalled 94, and their combined earnings amounted to \$42,159. Fuel and electricity used during 1928 cost \$1,966.

## PRODUCTION OF MICA IN CANADA, BY GRADES, 1927 and 1928.

	1927 - Pounds	Value, f.o.b. shipping point	Price per pound	1928 - Pounds	Value, f.o.b. shipping point	Price per pound
		\$	\$ ¢		\$	\$ ¢
Rough cobbed.....	255,925	16,943	0.07	...	...	...
Thumb-trimmed.....	443,090	72,513	0.16	91,662	16,887	0.18
Splittings.....	81,919	54,048	0.66	25,367	14,974	0.59
Scrap.....	4,696,058	30,873	0.007	7,202,795	55,307	0.008
TOTAL.....	5,476,992	174,377	0.03	7,319,824	87,168	0.01

## PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MICA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927		1928	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
PRODUCTION -		\$		\$
Quebec.....	1,454	99,194	1,101	54,224
Ontario.....	1,284	75,183	2,559	32,944
TOTAL.....	2,738	174,377	3,660	87,168
IMPORTS -				
Mica and manufactures of, n.o.p.....	...	97,000	...	135,301
EXPORTS -				
Rough-cobbed and thumb-trimmed.....	165	54,937	32	15,951
Splittings.....	159	213,651	84	80,902
Scrap and waste.....	4,536	57,499	4,346	78,262
Plate and manufactures (micanite).....	...	759	...	646
TOTAL.....	...	326,846	...	175,761

## PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MICA INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	21	16
Capital employed.....	322,389	260,074
Number of employees: - On salary.....	8	6
On wages.....	159	88
Total.....	168	94
Salaries and wages: - Salaries.....	14,622	6,480
Wages.....	103,883	35,679
Total.....	118,505	42,159
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	4,400	1,966
Selling value of products.....	174,377	87,168

