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THE WIRE AND WIRE GOODS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

Sales from the wire and wire goods industry in Canada during 1928 were valued at \$16,847,346, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. This total was 13 per cent above the 1927 figure of \$16,725,865 and was the highest sales value reported for the group since 1920.

In 1928 a total of 61 factories in Canada reported wire and wire goods as their main products; of these, 36 were located in Ontario, 12 in Quebec, 6 in British Columbia, 3 in New Brunswick, 3 in Manitoba, and 1 in Nova Scotia. Capital employed by these plants totalled \$24,561,246 and employment was afforded to a monthly average of 3,439 people to whom \$4,036,196 was paid in salaries and wages. The cost of purchased materials for the year was \$7,556,991 and the value added by manufacturing processes amounted to \$11,290,355.

Leading products of the industry included wire nails and spikes, wire fencing, plain wire, wire rope and cable, and galvanized wire. Many other commodities such as screws, barbed wire, wire cloth, bolts, nuts and rivets, wire netting, bale ties, etc., were also made.

In addition to the table showing the output of the wire and wire goods industry as defined above, another table has been included which shows the total production from all industries of several products that are largely produced by the firms in this group.

Table 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE WIRE AND WIRE GOODS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-1928.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average		Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
			No. of employees	Salaries and wages			
1924	47	\$23,770,829	2,873	\$3,230,145	\$5,378,744	\$14,655,256	\$9,276,512
1925	52	\$19,015,655	2,996	\$3,451,405	\$7,329,688	\$16,223,924	\$8,894,236
1926	61	\$19,006,922	3,178	\$3,639,680	\$8,041,073	\$17,247,434	\$9,206,361
1927	58	\$23,595,273	3,154	\$3,736,677	\$7,453,352	\$16,725,865	\$9,272,513
1928	61	\$24,561,246	3,439	\$4,036,196	\$7,556,991	\$18,847,346	\$11,290,355

Table 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE WIRE AND WIRE GOODS INDUSTRY IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1927 and 1928.

Province	1927				1928			
	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products
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New Brunswick....	3	116	\$111,117	\$573,206	3	108	\$108,824	\$609,023
Quebec.....	12	725	\$829,583	\$4,850,849	12	788	\$910,257	\$5,471,234
Ontario.....	34	1,988	\$2,415,868	\$8,925,639	36	2,173	\$2,576,535	\$9,954,422
British Columbia.	5	81	\$132,488	\$594,109	6	126	\$175,372	\$934,319
CANADA(x)...	58	3,154	\$3,736,677	\$16,725,865	61	3,439	\$4,036,196	\$18,847,346

(x) Includes also data for 1 plant in Nova Scotia and 3 in Manitoba.

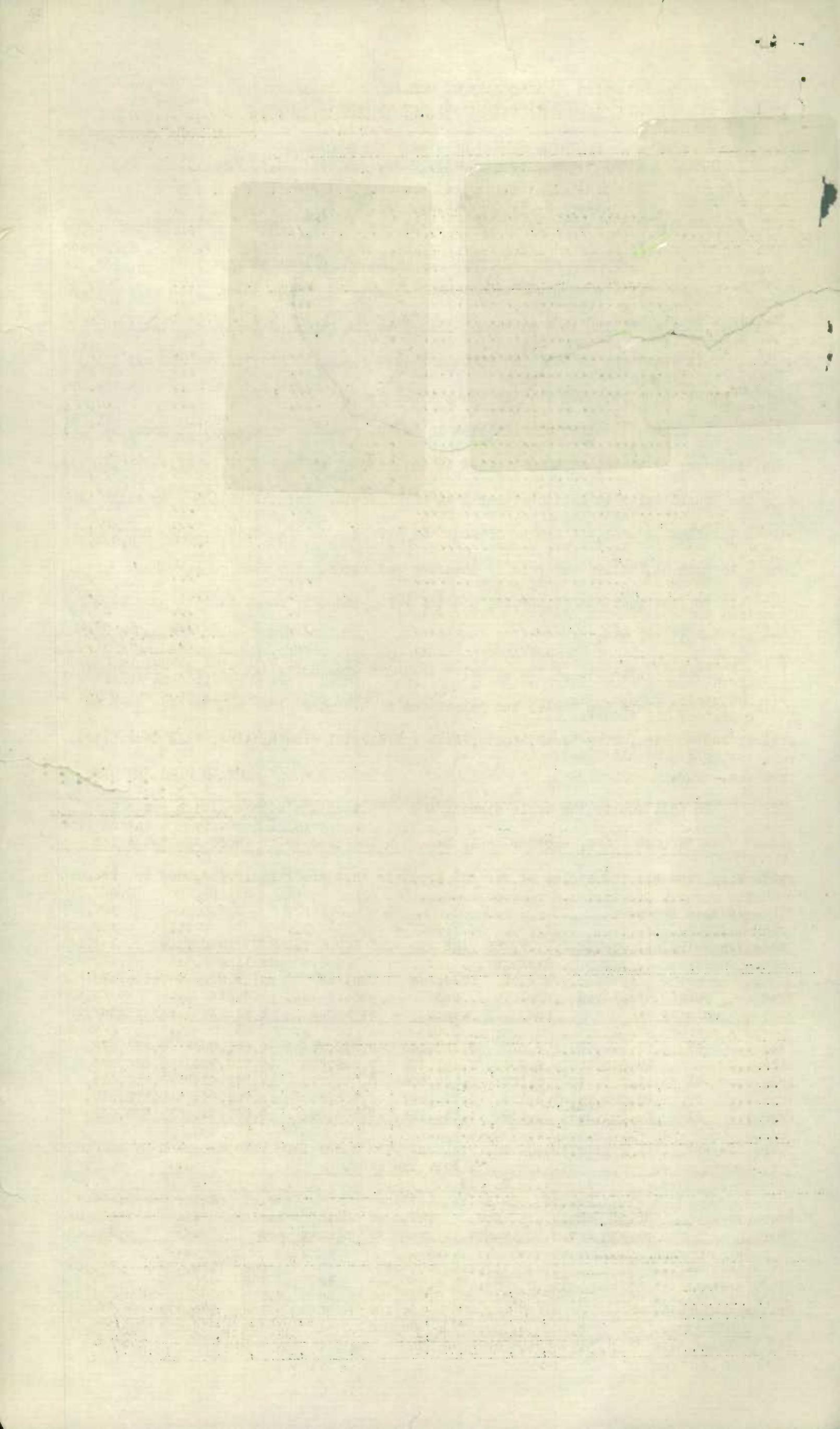


Table 3.- PRODUCTS OF THE WIRE AND WIRE GOODS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

Item	Unit of measure	Total	S	A	L	E	S
		quantity made	Quantity sold			Income from sales	\$
<u>IRON AND STEEL -</u>							
Bale ties, steel.....	lb.	6,549,427	6,882,854			260,860	
Chains.....	-	...	...			21,396	
Fencing wire.....	lb.	55,036,025	55,097,680			2,614,693	
Fence rods and posts.....	lb.	2,601,208	2,601,208			107,625	
Gates.....	-	...	...			162,654	
Hoops, steel.....	-	...	...			131,940	
Nails, horseshoe.....	lb.	1,679,430	1,695,713			186,176	
Nails and spikes, wire.....	lb.	126,898,431	116,999,660			3,989,925	
Netting, wire.....	-	...	...			318,211	
Screens.....	-	...	...			363,615	
Screws.....	-	...	...			752,336	
Sheet metal products.....	-	...	...			18,801	
Tacks and brads, wire.....	lb.	276,270	271,139			31,651	
Wire, plain.....	lb.	279,187,351	70,656,560			2,260,764	
Wire, galvanized.....	lb.	73,665,840	35,007,350			1,441,320	
Wire, other coated.....	lb.	9,402,067	8,048,407			382,450	
Wire, barbed.....	lb.	23,262,181	22,108,020			709,212	
Wire, cloth.....	-	...	...			499,789	
Wire guards, cages, etc.....	-	...	...			199,646	
Wire rope and cable.....	lb.	13,036,182	13,182,290			2,020,192	
Wire shapes, garment hangers, baskets, lamp shades, etc.....	-	...	...			90,846	
Wire staples.....	lb.	5,410,831	4,816,979			175,322	
Received for custom work and repairs.....	-	...	...			20,670	
All other products (#).....	-	...	...			2,087,252	
TOTAL.....	-	...	...			18,847,346	

(x) Figures given in this table do not necessarily represent the total output in Canada of the commodities listed as there was also a considerable production in other industrial groups. The next table, however, gives data on certain wire and wire goods for all industries.

(#) Includes data for bolts, nuts and rivets; brass and copper wire; cut tacks; steel springs; wire kitchen utensils; etc.

Table 4.- TOTAL PRODUCTION(X) IN CANADA FROM ALL INDUSTRIES OF CERTAIN WIRE AND WIRE GOODS, 1928.

Item	Unit of measure	Total	S	A	L	E	S
		quantity made	Quantity sold			Income from sales	\$
<u>IRON AND STEEL -</u>							
Bale ties, steel.....	lb.	6,549,427	6,882,854			260,860	
Fencing wire.....	lb.	55,064,025	55,125,680			2,622,377	
Fence rods and posts.....	lb.	2,601,208	2,601,208			107,967	
Gates.....	-	...	...			162,654	
Hoops, steel.....	-	...	...			131,940	
Nails, horseshoe.....	lb.	2,436,530	2,452,813			222,627	
Nails and spikes, wire.....	kegs	1,318,127	1,219,140			4,153,522	
Screens, iron and steel.....	-	...	...			363,615	
Screws and screw products.....	-	...	...			2,566,252	
Springs, steel wire.....	-	...	...			290,049	
Tacks, cut.....	lb.	3,109,092	3,072,758			374,178	
Tacks, wire and brads.....	lb.	276,270	271,139			31,651	
Calks, horseshoe.....	lb.	...	1,361,252			116,696	
Wire, plain.....	lb.	279,187,351	70,656,560			2,260,764	
Wire, galvanized.....	lb.	73,665,840	55,507,350			1,441,520	
Wire, other coated.....	lb.	9,402,067	8,048,407			382,450	
Wire, barbed.....	lb.	23,262,181	22,108,020			709,212	
Wire cloth, iron or steel.....	-	...	...			499,789	
Wire cloth, brass and copper.....	sq.ft.	...	2,206,201			1,070,945	
Wire rope and cable.....	lb.	13,036,182	13,182,290			2,388,192	
Wire staples.....	lb.	5,410,831	4,816,979			175,322	
Bolts, nuts and rivets.....	kegs	...	982,388			6,334,692	
Netting, wire.....	-	...	...			318,211	
Wire, copper, bare.....	-			4,800,735	
Wire, copper, insulated.....	-			12,050,540	

(x) subject to revision.

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