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THE MISCELLANEOUS IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

A new high production value of \$17,567,015 was reported in 1928 by the firms in Canada engaged principally in the fabrication of structural steel shapes, in the manufacture of architectural or ornamental ironwork, steel furniture, beds and springs, and similar commodities of iron or steel which cannot readily be allotted to any of the other industrial groups. This output was 23 per cent higher than the previous record established in 1920 at \$14,318,685 and exceeded the 1927 total of \$13,134,665 by 34 per cent, according to a statement by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Of the 70 firms listed in this industry in 1928, there were 41 in Ontario, 22 in Québec, 5 in British Columbia, and 2 in Manitoba. These plants employed a capital of \$14,145,791 and afforded employment to an average of 3,756 people to whom \$5,279,318 was paid in salaries and wages. Materials used cost \$7,922,881 and the value added by manufacturing was \$9,644,134.

Table 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MISCELLANEOUS IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-1928.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average no. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
1924 ...	59	10,089,156	2,468	3,296,891	4,114,079	9,619,239	5,505,160
1925 ...	64	11,069,542	2,363	3,236,948	4,204,108	9,397,208	5,193,100
1926 ...	67	10,772,202	2,612	3,522,233	4,638,614	10,949,751	6,311,137
1927 ...	69	12,210,158	3,054	4,093,644	5,652,911	13,134,665	7,481,854
1928 ...	70	14,145,791	3,756	5,279,318	7,922,881	17,567,015	9,644,134

Table 2.- PRODUCTS^x OF THE MISCELLANEOUS IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Product	Unit of measure	1927		1928	
		Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
Beds, iron or steel.....	no.	153,172	990,033	116,620	737,353
Bolts, nuts and rivets.....	kegs	4,622	23,830	4,958	30,638
Castings -					
Brass.....	lb.	49,300	15,986	61,600	20,321
Iron.....	lb.	1,014,000	78,133	977,640	74,711
Fabricated structural steel shapes.....	tons	41,607	4,913,345	63,152	6,939,884
Ornamental and architectural ironwork -					
Fire escapes.....	...	...	160,799	...	186,637
Iron fence and railing.....	...	...	156,444	...	242,433
Iron stairs.....	...	...	415,571	...	342,653
Metal sash.....	...	...	269,588	...	733,165
Other ornamental ironwork.....	...	...	851,093	...	1,280,849
Railway frogs, switches and other track equipment.....	...	...	579,864	...	324,629
Safes, vaults and fittings.....	...	...	773,337	...	956,033
Steel office furniture -					
Cabinets.....	...	...	251,441	...	369,229
Lockers.....	...	...	189,450	...	177,502
Shelving.....	...	...	86,745	...	119,749
Other steel office furniture.....	...	...	17,212	...	36,261
Sheet metal products, n.e.s.....	...	...	230,878	...	219,203
Tanks, storage, pressure, etc.....	...	...	649,328	...	872,692
Machinery and parts, n.e.s.....	...	...	465,000	...	898,455
Received for custom work and repairs.....	...	...	402,219	...	790,567
All other products.....	...	...	1,028,371	...	1,423,071
TOTAL.....	...	...	13,134,665	...	17,567,015

^xProduction data as given in this bulletin do not necessarily represent the total output in Canada of the commodities listed as products such as these may also be produced in other industries.

