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THE PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927.

Production from the precious metals products industry in Canada in 1927, as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, was valued at \$11,344,618 and included such articles as jewellery, clocks and watches, silver and silver-plated wares, dental gold and other dental supplies, etc. The comparative output value for 1926 was \$10,751,795 and for 1925 it was \$9,581,773.

Of the 109 firms reporting in this industry 68 were located in Ontario, 27 in Quebec, 5 in British Columbia, 4 in Manitoba, 2 in Alberta and 1 in each of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. These firms reported a total capital investment of \$11,238,475 and employed a monthly average of 2,806 people. Materials purchased for manufacturing purposes cost \$4,700,566 at the works and the value added by manufacturing was \$6,644,052. In 1927 jewellery, clocks and watches, etc., were the principal products of 81 factories; dental gold and other dental supplies were made by 15 firms; and 13 other firms were engaged chiefly in the manufacture of silverware and silver-plated ware. Output in 1927 included 3.4 million dollars worth of jewellery; 3.6 million dollars worth of silver and silver-plated wares; dental gold valued at \$330,361, clocks and watches at \$800,711; watch cases at \$424,806, and many other articles such as spectacle frames and cases, hookless fasteners, casket hardware, brass hollowware, etc.

TABLE 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1923-1927.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	No. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Selling value of products	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1923 ...	97	9,760,071	2,648	3,572,255	3,950,186	10,072,672	6,122,486
1924 ...	104	10,440,218	2,473	3,235,981	3,941,706	9,449,284	5,507,578
1925 ...	108	10,130,772	2,556	3,346,867	3,991,106	9,581,773	5,590,667
1926 ...	109	10,545,761	2,831	3,625,770	4,456,047	10,751,795	6,295,748
1927 ...	109	11,238,475	2,806	3,717,989	4,700,566	11,344,618	6,644,052

TABLE 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1926 and 1927.

Province	1926				1927			
	No. of plants	No. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products	No. of plants	No. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products
			\$	\$			\$	\$
Quebec.....	26	747	803,425	2,386,415	27	711	839,941	2,804,639
Ontario.....	70	1,984	2,680,100	8,102,748	68	1,971	2,700,593	8,161,340
Manitoba.....	3	41	53,433	88,034	4	53	68,544	107,659
British Columbia	6	42	65,249	129,568	5	53	85,993	223,581
CANADA(x)...	109	2,831	3,625,770	10,751,795	109	2,806	3,717,989	11,344,618

(x) Includes also data for 1 plant in each of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1926, and also for 1 additional plant in Alberta in 1927.

TABLE 3.- PRODUCTS OF THE PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

Product	SELLING VALUE	
	1926	1927
	\$	\$
<u>DENTAL SUPPLIES SECTION</u>		
Refined metals -		
Gold, including dental gold and gold leaf.....	745,690	829,317
Silver.....	12,752	16,473
Platinum.....	5,498	16,221
Dental supplies (gases, teeth, bridges, etc.).....	48,008	52,919
Alloy and gold-filled wire.....	166,464	96,122
Job work and repairs.....	4,469	24,023
Other products.....	49,199	15,870
TOTAL.....	1,032,080	1,050,945
<u>JEWELLERY, CLOCKS AND WATCHES SECTION</u>		
Clocks and watches.....	856,741	800,711
Jewellery.....	3,120,665	3,405,108
Silver and silver-plated ware.....	422,718	469,778
Watch cases.....	447,360	424,806
Job work and repairs.....	456,222	488,782
Other products (1).....	524,738	758,686
TOTAL.....	5,828,444	6,347,871
<u>SILVERWARE SECTION</u>		
Electro-silver-plated ware -		
(a) on Britannia metal -		
Hollowware.....	668,359	625,041
Flatware and cutlery.....	560,337	515,721
(b) On Nickel-Silver -		
Hollowware.....	443,530	559,801
Flatware.....	989,855	980,431
Cutlery.....	343,902	395,499
Sterling silver hollowware and flatware.....	234,591	53,419
Cutlery, n.e.s., including stainless steel.....	179,551	174,905
Job work and repairs.....	22,941	24,591
Other products (2).....	448,205	616,394
TOTAL.....	3,891,271	3,945,802
GRAND TOTAL.....	10,751,795	11,344,618

(1) Includes refined gold and platinum, spectacle frames and cases, bronze tablets and castings, etc.

(2) Includes refined silver, paper cups, brass hollowware, nickel-silver blanks, hookless fasteners, casket hardware, glass, etc.

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