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THE PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

Production from the Precious Metal Products Industry in Canada during 1928, as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, was valued at \$11,702,648 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 was \$11,344,618 for 1927 and \$10,751,795 for 1926.

Of the 106 firms reporting in this industry, 64 were located in Ontario, 27 in Quebec, 6 in British Columbia, 5 in Manitoba, and 1 in each of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta. These firms reported fixed and working capital of \$11,090,082 and employed an average of 2,932 people during each month of the year. Materials purchased for manufacturing purposes cost \$4,709,743 at the works and the value added by manufacturing was \$6,992,905. In 1928, jewellery, clocks and watches, etc., were the principal products of 79 factories; dental gold and other dental supplies were made by 14 firms; and 13 other firms were engaged chiefly in the manufacture of silverware and silver-plated ware. Output in 1928 included \$3.2 millions worth of silver-plated wares; \$3.6 millions of rings, chains, and other jewellery; clocks and watches at \$894,436; dental gold valued at \$853,530; sterling silver ware, \$661,935; watch cases at \$408,611 and many other articles such as spectacle frames and cases, dental supplies, etc.

Table 1.-PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-28.

	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average no. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
1923 ...	97	9,760,071	2,343	3,372,255	3,950,186	10,072,672	6,122,466
1924 ...	104	10,440,313	2,473	3,235,981	3,941,706	9,449,284	5,507,573
1925 ...	108	10,130,772	2,556	3,346,867	3,991,106	9,581,773	5,590,000
1926 ...	109	10,545,761	2,331	3,625,770	4,456,047	10,751,795	6,295,743
1927 ...	109	11,238,475	2,806	3,717,989	4,700,566	11,344,618	6,544,032
1928 ...	106	11,090,082	2,932	3,880,676	4,709,743	11,702,648	6,992,905

Table 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1927 and 1928.

Province	No. of plants	1927			1928			
		Avg. no. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products at works	Avg. no. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Selling value of products at works	
Quebec.....	27	711	839,941	2,804,639	27	744	863,925	2,784,520
Ontario.....	68	1,971	2,700,593	8,161,340	64	2,054	2,811,016	8,507,985
Manitoba.....	4	53	68,544	107,639	5	58	70,473	117,908
British Columbia..	5	53	65,993	223,261	6	57	90,517	241,961
CANADA. (x)...	109	2,806	3,717,989	11,344,618	106	2,932	3,880,676	11,702,648

(x) Includes also data for 1 plant in each of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1927 and 1928, and also 1 additional plant in Alberta in 1927.

Table 3.- OUTPUT OF THE PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	Total selling value at works	
	1927	1928
Refined metals -		
Gold including dental gold.....	850,361	853,530
Silver.....	16,973	16,678
Platinum.....	16,370	10,791
Dental supplies (gases, teeth, bridges, etc.).....	52,919	54,687
Gold leaf.....	6,800	7,087
Alloys and gold filled wire.....	95,122	57,408
Clocks and watches.....	894,711	894,436
Watch cases.....	424,806	408,611
Chains.....	93,448	99,566
Rings.....	642,998	769,926
Other jewellery.....	2,668,664	2,761,011
Electro-plated ware -		
(a) On Britannia metal - Holloware, flatware and cutlery.....	1,171,890	922,619
(b) On nickel-silver - Hollow-ware.....	574,328	674,122
Flatware.....	381,931	1,210,199
Cutlery.....	395,499	390,566
Sterling silver hollow-ware and flatware.....	655,102	661,935
Blanks - nickel-silver for plating.....	91,789	91,113
Cutlery, other.....	172,905	204,350
Job work and repairs.....	337,396	347,464
Products reported by only 1 or 2 firms.....	574,724	562,540
All other products (x).....	558,664	404,111
Total.....	11,344,618	11,702,648

(x) Includes household watches, spectacle frames, etc.

