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THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927.

A bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa states that production from the automobile parts and accessories industry in Canada during 1927 was valued at \$14,862,616, an increase of 7 per cent over the \$13,914,965 reported for the previous year which in turn was 15 per cent better than 1925.

Of the 78 plants reporting in this industry, 46 were located in Ontario, 12 in British Columbia, 7 in Quebec, 6 in Alberta, 6 in Manitoba and 1 in Saskatchewan. These concerns represented a capital investment in Canada of \$13,065,269, employed a monthly average of 2,966 people who received \$3,846,185 in salaries and wages, and by manufacturing processes added \$7,174,804 to the value of purchased materials which cost \$7,687,312.

Articles made in this industry included automobile wheels, springs, bodies, tops, bumpers, radiators, tire rims, covers for tires, seats and radiators, windshields, carriage parts, motometers, bearings, motor parts, shock absorbers, trailers and many other parts and accessories for the automobile trade.

The group reviewed in this bulletin includes only those plants in Canada which manufacture parts or accessories as their principal product. Many other establishments produce commodities for use in the automobile trade but their main business is of such a nature as to necessitate their classification in other industrial groups. Such plants making tires, casings, bodies, hoods, upholstering, asbestos brake linings, etc., are not mentioned in this review but are covered by other reports issued by the Bureau.

TABLE 1.-- SUMMARY STATISTICS OF THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES 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 manu-facturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1923 ...	60	18,241,996	3,705	5,485,028	13,301,152	22,000,640	8,699,480
1924 ...	60	14,894,462	2,623	3,786,464	9,336,308	15,744,388	6,408,020
1925 ...	68	9,023,906	2,029	2,684,766	6,215,283	11,234,828	5,019,510
1926 ...	77	10,501,725	2,770	3,680,021	7,730,136	13,914,965	6,184,829
1927 ...	78	13,065,269	2,966	3,846,185	7,687,312	14,862,616	7,174,804

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TABLE 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 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.....	7	74	71,256	239,097	7	64	79,413	262,857
Ontario.....	47	2,478	3,311,014	12,919,990	46	2,679	3,469,883	13,907,357
Alberta.....	6	19	22,563	51,041	6	21	23,117	52,310
British Columbia..	12	146	212,819	449,178	12	138	207,728	404,023
CANADA(x).....	77	2,770	3,680,021	13,914,965	78	2,966	3,846,185	14,862,616

(x) Includes data for 1 plant in Saskatchewan and 4 in Manitoba for 1926 and 1 plant in Saskatchewan and 6 in Manitoba in 1927.

TABLE 3.- PRODUCTS(x) MADE IN THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

Product	Unit of measure	1926		1927	
		Quantity	Selling value	Quantity	Selling value
			\$		\$
Bodies.....	No.	5,804	1,166,324	14,321	3,115,076
Bumpers.....	No.	25,715	154,984	48,115	244,251
Carriage parts.....	-	...	440,622	...	...
Castings, iron.....	Lb.	9,636,951	584,127	...	...
Covers.....	-	...	214,322	...	173,480
Motor parts.....	-	...	...	...	41,896
Piston rings and pistons.....	-	...	...	...	57,994
Radiators.....	No.	31,026	373,316	34,337	430,003
Rims and parts.....	-	...	861,934	...	578,238
Shock absorbers.....	-	...	...	...	210,790
Springs.....	-	...	1,663,447	...	1,886,780
Stampings.....	-	...	61,693	...	63,364
Tire and luggage carriers.....	-	...	32,309	...	14,106
Tools.....	-	...	57,293	...	73,375
Tops.....	-	...	436,578	...	376,749
Wheels.....	-	...	2,984,554	...	2,518,370
Miscellaneous parts and accessories -	-	...	731,177	...	1,743,672
Amount received for custom and repair work.....	-	...	568,728	...	542,825
Other products(z).....	-	...	334,902	...	967,156
Products of 1 or 2 firms.....	-	...	3,248,655	...	1,825,091
TOTAL.....	-	...	13,914,965	...	14,862,616

(x) Figures given in this table do not necessarily represent the entire output in Canada of the commodities listed; there may be also a small production in other industrial groups. For further information apply to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

(z) Includes axles, lamps, lubricating systems, speeders, trailers, bed springs, motometers, bearings, carriage parts, castings of iron and steel, etc.

