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THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

Production from the automobile parts and supplies industry in Canada during 1928 was valued at \$17,007,157, according to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. This was the highest value reported for the industry since the record of \$22,000,640 was established in 1923. This year's output value was \$2 millions over the previous year, \$3 millions greater than in 1926 and \$6 millions more than in 1925.

Only concerns engaged chiefly in making auto parts or supplies have been included in this industry. Of the 77 plants thus classified, 45 were located in Ontario, 13 in British Columbia, 7 in Manitoba, 6 in Quebec, 5 in Alberta and 1 in Saskatchewan. Capital employed in these factories totalled \$16,343,956; employees numbered 3,509 and their earnings were \$4,756,409; purchased materials cost \$8,358,404, and the value added by manufacturing processes was \$8,648,753.

Articles made in this industry included bodies, springs, wheels, axles, radiators, bumpers, covers, lamps, lubricating systems, rims, tops and curtains, tools, shock absorbers, motor temperature indicators, tire gauges, etc.

The group reviewed in this bulletin includes only those plants in Canada which manufacture parts or accessories of iron or steel 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 as make tires, casings, batteries, upholstering, asbestos brake linings, etc., are not included in this survey but are covered by other reports issued by the Bureau.

Table 1.- SUMMARY STATISTICS OF THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-1928.

Year	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
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1924 ...	60	14,894,462	2,623	3,786,464	9,536,308	15,744,388	6,408,080
1925 ...	68	9,023,906	2,029	2,684,766	6,215,283	11,234,828	5,019,545
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	7,687,812	14,862,816	7,174,804
1928 ...	77	16,343,956	3,509	4,756,409	8,358,404	17,007,157	8,648,753





Table 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Province	1	9	2	7	1	9	3	8
	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	64	79,415	232,357	6	49	69,064	275,503
Ontario.....	46	2,379	3,469,883	13,907,357	45	3,163	4,326,488	15,813,930
Manitoba.....	6	63	65,517	233,525	7	92	102,751	385,325
British Columbia..	12	133	207,728	404,023	13	160	233,090	491,208
CANADA (x).....	78	2,965	3,846,185	14,862,616	77	3,509	4,756,409	17,007,157

(x) Includes data for 1 plant in Saskatchewan and 6 in Alberta for 1927 and 1 plant in Saskatchewan and 5 in Alberta for 1928.

Table 3.- PRODUCTS (x) MADE IN THE AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Product	Unit of measure	1927		1928	
		Quantity	Selling value	Quantity	Selling value
Bodies.....	No.	14,321	3,115,076	17,539	3,149,046
Bumpers.....	No.	48,115	244,251	194,756	734,811
Castings, iron.....	lb.	5,766,515	277,419	4,023,614	202,963
Covers.....	-	...	173,480	...	406,191
Motor parts.....	-	...	44,806	...	38,401
Piston rings.....	-	...	53,994	...	77,765
Radiators.....	No.	34,237	450,003	...	703,275
Springs.....	-	...	1,886,730	...	1,923,159
Stampings.....	-	...	63,364	...	284,789
Tire and luggage carriers.....	NO.	...	14,106	20,213	11,518
Tools.....	-	...	73,375	...	59,977
Tops and side curtains.....	-	...	376,749	...	358,773
Wheels.....	No.	...	2,518,370	452,124	1,863,502
Miscellaneous parts and accessories...	-	...	1,745,672	...	2,101,190
Amount received for custom and repair work.....	-	...	542,825	...	551,256
Products of 1 or 2 firms (1).....	-	...	5,303,956	...	4,531,641
TOTAL.....	-	...	14,862,616	...	17,007,157

(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.

(1) Includes lubricating systems, lamps, rims, shock absorbers, motor meters, axles, etc.

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