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CEMENT, 1926

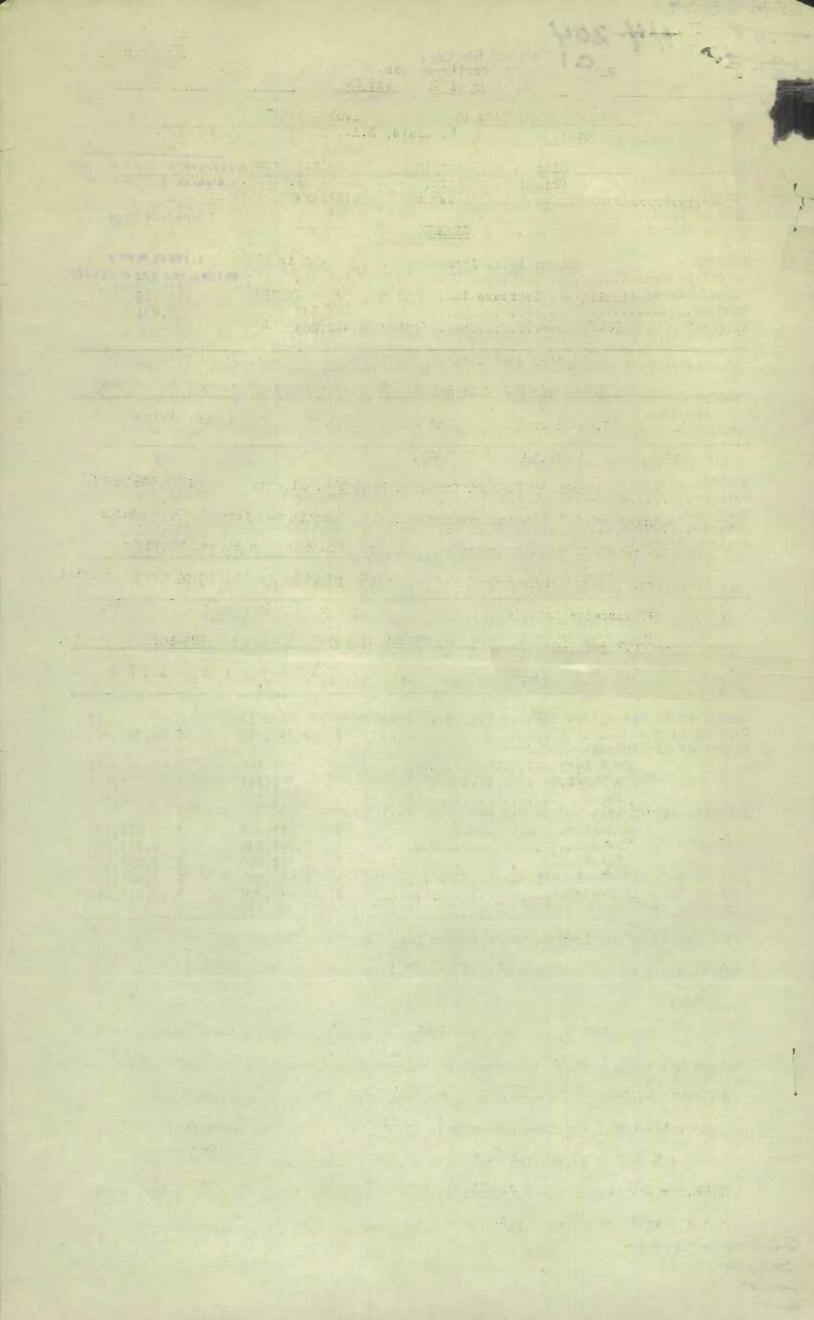
Cement Sales Increased 7.2 Per Cent in 1926 **DIBLICTHEQUE** Continuing the increase in cement production recorded in 1925, a further advance to a new high record for the industry in Canada in 1926 is indicated by finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the year amounted to 8,707,021 barrels valued at \$13,013,283, as compared with sales of 8,116,597 barrels at \$14,046,704 in 1925.

The provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia are the sources of the Canadian production. Nova Scotia was formerly a producer of puzzolan cement from blast furnace slag, but this has been discontinued in recent years. Quebec mills occupied the leading position in 1926, with a sales total of 3,727,377 barrels; Ontario mills came next with 3,398,860 barrels; the Manitoba sales were 50.2 per cent higher in 1926 than in 1925 and amounted to 612,155 barrels. British Columbia also reported an appreciable advance to a total of 544,863 barrels, and Alberta mills took part in the general augmentation of production with an increase of 7.05 per cent.

The average selling price per barrel, f.o.b. plant, was as follows: Quebec, \$1.22; Ontario, \$1.41; Manitoba, \$2.57; Alberta, \$2.06; and British Columbia, \$2.27.

Portland cement to the amount of 21,114 barrels valued at \$77,866 was imported into Canada during 1926. The average value of the imported cement in 1926 was \$3.68 per barrel, while in the preceding year the average was \$2.89. Exportations of this commodity were recorded at 285,932 barrels invoiced at \$358,231.

The seven firms operating in the cement industry in Canada during 1926 reported a total capital investment of \$41,380,000. Employees engaged in this industry during the year numbered 2,340, including 124 on salary and 2,216 on wages: their total earnings emounted to \$3,052,662. Fuel and electricity costs reached the sum of \$3,424,156, of which \$2,675,162 was expended for fuel and \$748,994 for electric power. Plant equipment included 1,166 electric motors with a total rating of 67,700 h.p.



SUMMARY STATISTICS OF DEMENT IN CAMADA, 1936.

	Barrels	Value
Cutput Scld or used Stocks December 31, 1926	9,041,411 8,707,021 1,609, <i>3</i> 13	\$ 13,013,283
IMPORTS - Portland cement Manufactures EXPORTS APPARENT CONSUMPTION	21,114 285,932 8,442,203	77,866 18,813 358,231

SALES OF CEMENT IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1926.				
Province	Barrels	Value		
		\$		
Quebec Ontario Manitoba Alberta British Columbia	3,727,377 3,398,860 612,155 423,766 544,863	4,535,386 4,792,857 1,572,401 873,621 1,239,018		
CANADA	8,707,021	13,013,283		

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CEMENT INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925-1926.

	1925	1926
Number of Plants Capital Enployed Number of Employees:-	11 \$ 38,081,583	12 \$ 41,380,000
On Salary On Wages Total	105 1,821 1,926	124 2,216 2,340
Salaries and Wages:- Salaries Wages Total Cost of Fuel and Electricity Selling Value of Products	\$ 213,666 \$ 2,297,734 \$ 2,511,400 \$ 2,848,904 \$ 14,046,704	\$ 272,770 \$ 2,779,892 \$ 3,052,662 \$ 3,424,156 \$ 13,013,283

