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CEMENT, 1927.

A further advance in cement production in Canada was recorded in 1927 and as a result a new high mark was set up for this industry, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the year reached a grand total of 10,065,865 barrels valued at \$14,391,357, as compared with 8,707,021 barrels at \$13,013,283 shipped in 1926.

Plants in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia were the sources of the total Canadian output. Quebec mills maintained their position as leading producers and accounted for 46 per cent of the total Canadian production in 1927; Ontario mills contributed 35 per cent of the total. Alberta's production advanced 42 per cent during the year, but a slight falling-off was recorded in sales in Manitoba and British Columbia.

The average selling price per barrel, f.o.b. plant, was as follows:- Quebec, \$1.16; Ontario, \$1.37; Manitoba, \$2.50; Alberta, \$2.17; and British Columbia, \$2.26.

Imports of Portland cement into Canada in 1927 totalled 19,354 barrels averaging \$4.52 per barrel; in 1926 the average value was \$3.68. Portland cement exports were recorded at 249,694 barrels invoiced at \$308,144. The supply of cement made available for consumption in Canada in 1927 was the greatest on record and amounted to 9,835,525 barrels.

Total fixed and current assets of the 6 firms operating in the cement industry in Canada in 1927 were \$40,509,319. Employment was furnished 2,370 employees, including 125 on salary and 2,245 on wages; their combined earnings totalled \$3,143,932. Fuel and electricity costs amounted to \$3,546,000, of which \$139,742 was expended for Canadian coal; \$1,385,395 for imported coal; \$761,013 for electric power and minor sums for coke, gasoline and kerosene. Plant equipment included 1,145 electric motors with a total rating of 66,455 h.p. Seventy rotary and six vertical kilns were in operation during the year.

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SUMMARY STATISTICS OF CEMENT IN CANADA, 1927.

	Barrels	Value
		\$
Output.....	9,927,163	...
Sold or used.....	10,065,865	14,391,937
Stocks December 31, 1927.....	1,470,611	...
IMPORTS -		
Portland cement.....	19,354	87,541
Manufactures.....	...	17,879
EXPORTS.....	249,694	308,144
APPARENT CONSUMPTION.....	9,835,525	...

SALES OF CEMENT IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1927.

	Barrels	Value
		\$
Quebec.....	4,636,751	5,383,058
Ontario.....	3,751,786	5,144,326
Manitoba.....	551,698	1,378,121
Alberta.....	601,699	1,303,880
British Columbia.....	523,931	1,182,552
CANADA.....	10,065,865	14,391,937

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CEMENT INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

	1926	1927
Number of plants.....	12	12
Capital employed.....\$	41,380,000	\$ 40,509,319
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	124	125
On wages.....	<u>2,216</u>	<u>2,245</u>
Total.....	<u>2,340</u>	<u>2,370</u>
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....\$	272,770	\$ 270,328
Wages.....\$	<u>2,779,892</u>	<u>2,873,604</u>
Total.....\$	<u>3,052,662</u>	<u>3,143,932</u>
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	3,424,156	\$ 3,546,000
Selling value of products.....\$	13,013,283	\$ 14,391,937



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