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THE CEMENT PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1929.

Manufactures of cement products in Canada reached a new high level during 1929 at \$4,419,417. Records of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, which are available since 1919, show that the production of cement products started at \$921,478 in 1919 and advanced rapidly to \$1,527,590 in 1920, then dropped slightly for a few years to again start upward in 1925 to \$2,020,239 after which a new record was established each year until the present high of \$4,419,417 was attained in 1929.

Ontario with 106 plants accounted for 63 per cent of the total business; Quebec with 30 plants made 26 per cent, Saskatchewan with 3 plants had 5 per cent, British Columbia's 5 plants made 4 per cent and the remaining 2 per cent was produced by 3 plants in Nova Scotia, 3 in New Brunswick, 2 in Alberta and 1 in Manitoba.

These 153 plants had a working capital of \$5,024,497 and afforded employment to an average of 1,347 people who received \$1,608,238 as salaries and wages, and by manufacturing processes they added \$2,916,465 to the value of purchased materials which cost \$1,502,952.

Table 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CEMENT PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925-1929.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
1925 ...	197	\$2,594,736	819	\$697,716	730,296	\$2,020,239	\$1,289,943
1926 ...	185	2,857,752	922	778,662	680,041	2,544,842	1,664,201
1927 ...	151	2,671,273	672	936,053	912,666	2,665,065	1,750,379
1928 ...	151	4,140,543	1,262	1,466,508	1,261,653	4,136,955	2,875,302
1929 ...	153	5,024,497	1,347	1,608,238	1,502,952	4,419,417	2,916,465

Table 2.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CEMENT PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1928 and 1929.

Provinces	1928			1929		
	No. of plants	No. of employees	Selling value of products	No. of plants	No. of employees	Selling value of products
Nova Scotia.....	3	13	\$9,116	3	10	10,365
New Brunswick.....	3	11	13,934	3	12	29,851
Quebec.....	34	483	1,324,561	30	413	1,145,674
Ontario.....	105	675	2,441,717	106	796	2,790,439
Manitoba and Alberta...)	3	44	200,755	3	21	51,126
Saskatchewan.....)	3	36	146,872	5	43	231,961
British Columbia.....	3	36	146,872	5	52	160,001
CANADA.....	151	1,262	4,136,955	153	1,347	4,419,417

Table 3.- OUTPUT OF THE CEMENT PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928 and 1929.

Items	1928	1929
	Total selling value	Total selling value
Artificial stone.....	\$1,173,645	\$1,134,328
Cement hollow building blocks, etc.....	1,158,508	902,413
Cement sewer pipe and culvert pipe.....	1,143,168	1,480,665
Cement drain pipe.....	145,908	95,711
Cinder blocks.....	192,358	306,228
Cement bricks.....	40,007	178,257
Cement posts, poles, etc.....	17,748	19,843
Other products (x).....	260,613	351,972
TOTAL.....	4,136,955	4,419,417

(x) Includes laundry tubs, stucco mortars, vaults, trays, etc.

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