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Record Production of Gypsum in Canada during 1926.

Gypsum production in Canada advanced to a new high mark in 1926, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Increases in tonnages shipped were recorded in all producing provinces except New Brunswick. The total production for the year was 883,728 tons worth \$2,770,813 as against 740,323 tons at \$2,389,891 produced in 1925. Gypsum quarried in 1926 totalled 931,193 tons, of which quantity only 161,841 tons or 17.4 per cent was calcined in Canada.

Importations of gypsum, all grades, into Canada were recorded at 6,298 tons worth \$119,141 as against 8,921 tons with a valuation of \$136,308 imported in 1925.

Canadian crude gypsum exported, principally to the United States, amounted to 668,064 tons in 1926. Ground gypsum and prepared wall plaster exported during the year totalled 10,062 tons. United States, Newfoundland, Australia and New Zealand were the principal importers of these materials.

Capital employed in this important Canadian mining industry in 1926 was reported at \$6,696,077. Employment was furnished to 68 salaried employees, 891 mine workers and 409 mill workers; their combined earnings were \$1,255,427. The cost of fuel used during the year was \$182,726, while the electric power consumed meant a further outlay of \$58,688. Plant equipment included 146 electric motors with a combined rating of 4,432 h.p.

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Shipments of Canadian Gypsum, 1926.

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	Tons	Value \$
SHIPMENTS BY GRADES -		
Crude -		
Lump or mine run	151,906	225,749
Crushed.....	576,489	1,002,679
Fine ground.....	5,874	36,813
Calcined Gypsum - sold	55,862	591,522
Calcined Gypsum - used in the manufacture of gypsum products, such as wall plaster, alabastine, etc.....	93,597	914,050
(Weight and value of gypsum content only)		
TOTAL	883,728	2,770,813

SHIPMENTS BY PROVINCES -

Nova Scotia	678,107	1,187,918
New Brunswick.....	59,546	468,411
Ontario.....	89,987	496,059
Manitoba	35,172	461,461
British Columbia.....	20,916	156,964
TOTAL	883,728	2,770,813

Imports into Canada and Exports of Gypsum, 1926.

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	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Gypsum, crude (sulphate of lime).....	933	32,442
Plaster of Paris or gypsum ground not calcined.....	209	6,846
Plaster of Paris, calcined and prepared wall plaster.	5,156	79,853
TOTAL	6,298	119,141

EXPORTS -

Gypsum or plaster, crude.....	668,064	1,069,123
Plaster of Paris ground, and prepared wall plaster...	10,062	137,785
TOTAL	678,126	1,206,908

Principal Statistics of the Gypsum Mining Industry in Canada, 1925-26

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No. of firms.....	15	18
Capital employed.....	\$ 4,506,995	\$ 6,696,077
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	51	68
On wages.....	988	1,300
Total.....	1,039	1,368
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....	\$ 127,417	159,835
Wages.....	\$ 891,168	\$ 1,095,592
Total.....	\$ 1,018,585	\$ 1,255,427
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 189,649	\$ 241,414
Selling value of products.....	\$ 2,389,891	\$ 2,770,813

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