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GYPSUM, 1927.

The 1927 shipments of gypsum from Canadian deposits totalled 1,063,117 tons valued at \$3,251,015 and established a new high record for the industry, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1926, the production amounted to 883,728 tons worth \$2,770,813. Gypsum quarried during 1927 totalled 1,105,704 tons of which quantity 196,232 tons or 17.7 per cent was calcined in Canada.

Quarries in Hants, Inverness and Victoria counties, Nova Scotia; Albert and Victoria counties, New Brunswick; near Paris, Ontario; Gypsumville, Manitoba; and Falkland and Mayook, British Columbia, were active during 1927.

Canadian crude gypsum exported amounted to 588,808 tons in 1927; this tonnage was shipped to the United States. Ground gypsum and prepared wall plaster exported during the year totalled 6,556 tons. The United States, New Zealand, Australia and Newfoundland were the principal importers of these materials.

The 19 firms operating in this industry reported an actual capital investment of \$9,055,624 in 1927. Employment was furnished 63 salaried employees, 973 mine workers and 391 mill workers; their total earnings were \$1,311,688. The cost of fuel used during the year was \$137,939, while the electric power consumed accounted for a further outlay of \$60,260. Primary power equipment consisted of 160 units with a combined rating of 7,732 h.p.

SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN GYPSUM, 1927.

	1	9	2	7
	Tons		Value	
			\$	
SHIPMENTS BY GRADES -				
Crude -				
Lump or mine run.....	225,264		371,488	
Crushed.....	665,499		1,223,070	
Fine ground.....	7,065		42,633	
Calcined gypsum.....	165,289		1,613,324	
TOTAL.....	1,063,117		3,251,015	
SHIPMENTS BY PROVINCES -				
Nova Scotia.....	829,438		1,512,015	
New Brunswick.....	85,293		524,550	
Ontario.....	83,998		500,688	
Manitoba.....	39,895		512,008	
British Columbia.....	24,493		201,754	
TOTAL.....	1,063,117		3,251,015	

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF GYPSUM, 1927.

	1	9	2	7
	Tons		Value	
			\$	
IMPORTS -				
Gypsum, crude (sulphate of lime).....	1,092		42,741	
Plaster of Paris or gypsum ground not calcined.....	111		2,996	
Plaster of Paris or gypsum calcined, and prepared wall plaster.....	7,016		101,823	
TOTAL.....	8,219		147,560	
EXPORTS -				
Gypsum or plaster, crude.....	588,808		959,358	
Plaster of Paris, ground, and prepared wall plaster.....	6,556		113,049	
TOTAL.....	595,364		1,072,407	

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

	1926	1927
Number of firms.....	18	19
Capital employed.....\$	6,696,077	\$ 9,055,624
Number of employees:- On salary.....	68	63
On wages.....	1,300	1,364
TOTAL.....	1,368	1,427
Salaries and Wages:- Salaries.....\$	159,835	\$ 178,976
Wages.....\$	1,095,592	\$ 1,132,712
TOTAL.....\$	1,255,427	\$ 1,311,688
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	241,414	\$ 195,199
Selling value of products.....\$	2,770,813	\$ 3,251,015

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