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GYP SUM, 1928.

Shipments of gypsum from Canadian deposits during 1928 totalled 1,246,368 tons valued at \$3,743,648 and set 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. Production (shipments) in 1927 amounted to 1,063,117 tons worth \$3,251,015. Gypsum quarried in 1928 totalled 1,311,642 tons of which quantity 226,997 tons or 17.3 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 at Bulkland and Mayook, British Columbia, were worked during 1928.

Crude gypsum exported from Canadian quarries in 1928 amounted to 824,536 tons; this tonnage was shipped to the United States. Ground gypsum and prepared wall plaster exported during the year totalled 8,232 tons. The United States, New Zealand, Australia and Newfoundland were the principal importers of these materials from Canada.

Capital employed by the 16 firms operating in this industry in 1928 was reported at \$8,035,319. Employment was furnished 75 salaried employees and 1,084 wage-earners; their total earnings were \$1,171,814. The cost of fuel used during the year was \$242,260 which sum included \$65,181 paid for 5,060,964 k.w.h. of electric power. Primary power consisted of 187 units rated at 8,302 h.p.

SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN GYPSUM, 1928.

	Quantity Tons	Value \$
SHIPMENTS BY GRADES -		
Crude -		
Lump or mine run.....	43,224	80,467
Crushed.....	1,018,172	1,770,077
Fine ground.....	9,576	55,170
Calcined gypsum.....	175,396	1,837,934
TOTAL.....	1,246,368	3,743,648
SHIPMENTS BY PROVINCES -		
Nova Scotia.....	1,013,257	1,850,243
New Brunswick.....	75,033	501,252
Ontario.....	65,811	553,271
Manitoba.....	51,285	609,039
British Columbia.....	20,982	229,843
TOTAL.....	1,246,368	3,743,648

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF GYPSUM, 1928.

	Quantity Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Gypsum, crude, (sulphate of lime).....	1,097	40,312
Plaster of Paris or gypsum ground not calcined.....	256	7,379
Plaster of Paris or gypsum calcined, and prepared wall plaster.....	10,563	142,550
TOTAL.....	11,916	190,241
EXPORTS -		
Gypsum or plaster, crude.....	824,536	1,240,987
Plaster of Paris, ground, and prepared wall plaster.....	8,232	140,946
TOTAL.....	832,768	1,381,933

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE GYPSUM MINING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	19	16
Capital employed.....	\$ 9,055,624	8,035,319
Number of employees:- On salary.....	63	75
On wages.....	1,364	1,084
Salaries and wages:- Salaries.....	\$ 178,976	180,870
Wages.....	\$ 1,132,712	990,944
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 198,199	242,260
Selling value of products.....	\$ 3,251,015	3,743,648

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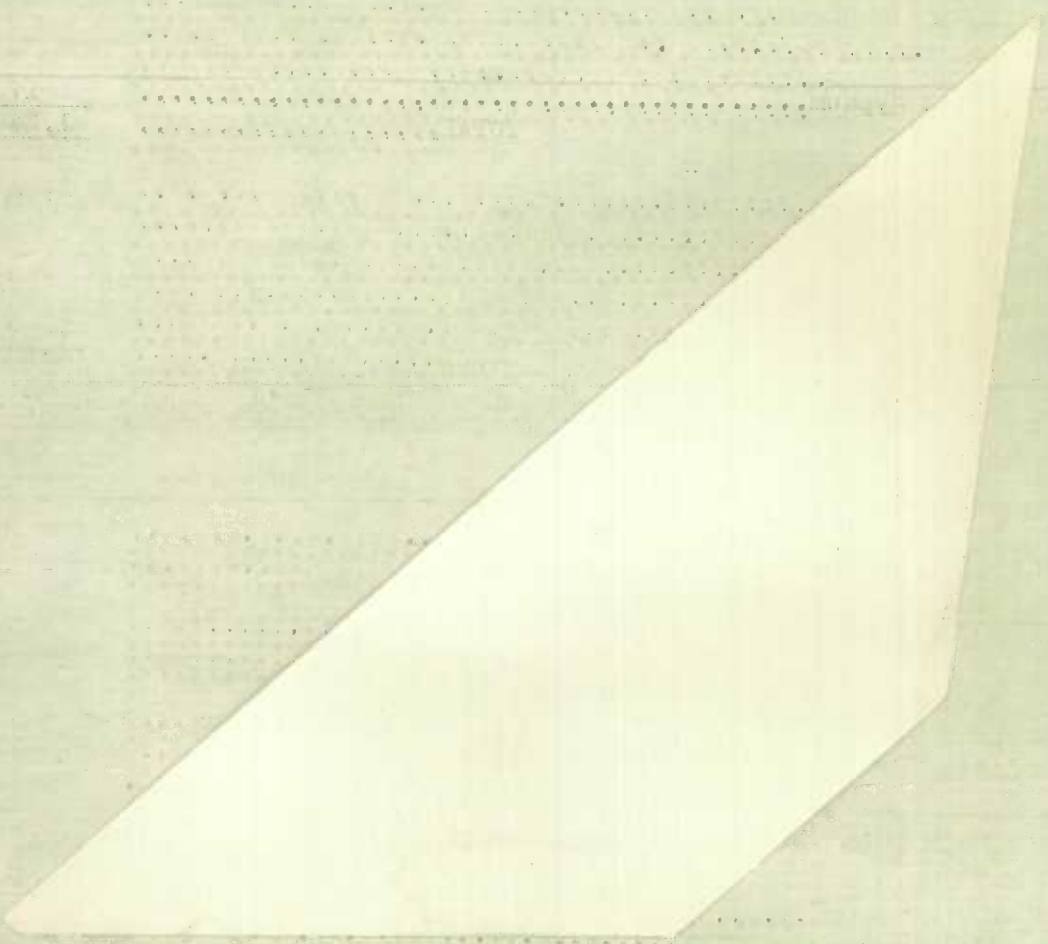
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