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THE GYPSUM INDUSTRY

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Part I - Primary Production: The Gypsum Mining Industry, 1954

The producers of crude gypsum shipped 3,950,422 tons valued at \$7,094,671 in 1954 compared with 3,841,457 tons valued at \$7,399,884 in the preceding year

The leading province was Nova Scotia with 3,168,134 tons, Ontario was next with 357,432 tons, followed by Manitoba with 162,037 tons.

The average number of employees in the industry was 932 to whom \$2,929,829 were distributed as salaries and wages. Fuel and electricity cost \$355,302, including 11,339,758 kwh. of purchased electricity valued at \$143,375. Electricity generated for own use amounted to 2,042,000 kwh.

During the year Victoria Gypsum Company Ltd. sold its plant at Little Narrows to the Little Narrows Gypsum Company Limited. Development work was done on a deposit near Melford Station by the National Gypsum (Canada) Limited.

Some of the Canadian gypsum mining companies restrict their operations to the production and sale of crude gypsum or anhydrite, while others, in addition to marketing various grades of crude gypsum, produce calcine for sale or for consumption in their own manufacturing plants in making wallboard, wall plaster, etc. Usually the calcining units are associated with the manufacturing operations.

Production data for the gypsum mining industry from 1951 to 1954 are not quite comparable with those for previous years. Formerly the calcining of gypsum was considered to be part of the primary industry; now it is included with the secondary operations or in the gypsum products industry. This change in procedure credits the mining section of the industry with a slightly greater tonnage, but a lower valuation, than by the former method.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics for the Gypsum Mining Industry, Significant Years 1921-1954

Year	Number of firms	Number of mines or quarries	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of fuel and electricity	Cost of process supplies and containers	Gross selling value of products f.o.b. shipping points (includ- ing containers)	Net ¹ produc- tion
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1921	11	11	700	774, 551	140, 430	428,905		1,785,538
929	17	22	987	1.054,213	281,019			3,345,696
931	15	19	676	656, 590	188, 524			2, 111, 51
1933	10	10	415	263, 279	91, 518			675.82
1937	8	13	602	595, 396	156, 115	106,962	1,540,483	1,277,400
1939	10	17	714	692, 158	193,488	105,831	1,935,127	1,635,80
1941	8	15	648	745,008	222, 564	229, 444	2, 248, 428	1.796.420
1944	8	12	328	490,872	148,743	239, 198	1.511.978	1,124,037
1946	8	14	753	1.246.673	260,479	546,092	3,696,727	2,890,156
1949	9	14	925	2, 226, 703	411, 417	1,070,457	5, 425, 045	3, 943, 171
1950	8	13	1,004	2, 412, 698	497,889	1, 277, 538	6,710,564	4, 935, 13
951	8	13	1,018	2,648,803	455, 915	1.704.669	5, 881, 546	3,720,96
1952	9	14	1,061	2,979,091	517, 859	1,843,824	6,538,074	4, 176, 391
1953	9	14	954	2,891,848	371, 362	1,687,846	7, 399, 884	5, 340, 676
1954	9	14	932	2,929,829	355, 302	1,811,188	7,095,779	4, 929, 289

^{1.} Gross production less cost of process supplies, etc., fuel and electricity.

TABLE 2. Producers' Shipments of Gypsum, 1953 and 1954

	19	53	1954		
	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points	
		\$		\$	
Crude: Lump or mine-run Crushed Fine-ground	337,519 3,503,338 600	870, 251 6, 520, 869 8, 764	172, 279 3, 776, 844 1, 299	285,011 6,795,472 14,188	
Total	3,841,457	7,399,884	3, 950, 422	7, 094, 671	
Total crude gypsum mined and quarried 1	3, 839, 040	4 4 4	4,184,178	4 0 0	
Crude gypsum calcined in firms' own mills in Canada	667,569	***	652,781		
Value of containers		962		1,10	

^{1.} Includes some anhydrite quarried in Nova Scotia.

TABLE 3. Producers' Shipments of Gypsum, by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

100	19	53	1954		
Province	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points	
		\$		\$	
Newfoundland	26. 531	117, 208	26,653	124, 385	
Nova Scotia	3,050,832	5, 200, 420	3, 168, 134	5, 235, 581	
New Brunswick	120,816	380,570	88,856	217,697	
Ontario	334, 495	899,630	357,432	822,094	
Manitoba	163,313	414,401	162,087	273,180	
British Columbia	145,470	387,655	147,310	421,734	
Total	3,841,457	7, 399, 884	3,950,422	7,094,671	

TABLE 4. Producers' Shipments of Gypsum, 1945-1954

Year	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points	Year	Tons	Value f.o.b. shipping points
		\$			*
1945	839,781	1,783,290	1950	3,666,336	6,707,506
1946	1,810,937	3,671,503	1951	3, 802, 692	5,880,853
1947	2,496,984	4,734,853	1952	3,590,783	6,538,074
1948	3,216,809	5, 548, 245	1953	3,841,457	7,399,884
1949	3,014,249	5, 423, 690	1954	3,950,422	7,094,671

Note. Figures for 1951-1953 are not exactly comparable with those for prior years. See text for change in method of compilation.

TABLE 5. Producers' Shipments of Gypsum, by Months, 1952-1954

Month	1952	1953	1954	Month	1952	1953	1954
		tons				tons	
January	146,482	174,733	169,182	August	469,775	587,961	475,657
February	161,862	167, 196	191,925	September	426,546	444,117	452,828
March	175,006	214,064	183,692	October	384,691	344,093	474,964
April	190,397	232,799	226,302	November	236,019	296, 295	291, 409
May	292,691	308,461	372,045	December	199.711	201, 435	208,002
June	459,038	393,024	454,633				
July	448,565	477, 279	449,783	Total	3, 590, 783	3, 841, 457	3, 950, 422

TABLE 6. Imports and Exports of Gypsum, 1953 and 1954

188	1953		1954	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
		\$		\$
Imports:				
Gypsum, crude, and gypsum, ground, not calcined	547	17,410	4,958	51, 227
Plaster of Paris and wall plaster	22,031	466, 262	19, 182	418, 374
Total	• • •	483,672	• • •	469,601
Exports:		1		
Gypsum, crude	2,769,990	3, 794, 083	2,830,945	4,204,603
Plaster of Paris, wall plaster	87	3,050	171	6,588
Total	***	3,797,133		4,211,191

TABLE 7. Consumption of Gypsum in the Portland Cement Industry, 1945-1954

Year	Tons	Year	Tons
1945	45,883	1950	137, 170
1946	65,431	1951	146,603
1947	81,946	1952	161, 210
1948	119,821	1953	199,743
1949	137, 785	1954	210,373

TABLE 8. Consumption 1 of Gypsum in the Gypsum Products Industry, 1945-1954

Year	Crude	Calcined	Year	Crude	Calcined
APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF	to	ns	U V	ton	ıs
1945	10,147	194, 351	1950	113,100	406,031
1946	46,617	253,617	1951	610,477	21, 231
1947	52, 183	298,950	1952	630, 940	_
1948	61,991	362, 555	1953	772,331	
1949	96, 447	366,077	1954	767,068	85, 978

^{1.} See text on Page 3 for change in method of compilation affecting disposition of crude and calcined gypsum.

TABLE 9. Employees and Their Earnings, by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

	A	verage nu	mber of	employe	es			Earnings	
Province	Administrative and office		Workmen		Total	Man- hours worked	Administ- rative and	Workmen	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female			office		
1953							\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland									
Nova Scotia	58	6	616	1	681		248, 064	1, 771, 936	2,020,000
Ontario Manitoba	} 11	1	261		273	• v •	41,215	830, 633	871,848
Canada	69	7	877	1	954	2,278,767	289,279	2,612,569	2,891,848
1954									
Newfoundland Nova Scotia New Brunswick	61	6	626	4	697		250, 498	1, 813, 166	2,063,664
Ontario Manitoba British Columbia	} 11	2	222	-	235	* * *	44,710	821, 455	866, 165
Canada	72	8	848	4	932	2,188,129	295,208	2,634,621	2,929,829

TABLE 10. Number of Workmen on Payroll on the Last Day of Each Month, 1953 and 1954

			1953					1954		
	Mi	Mine Mill		11			Mine		Mill	
Month	Surface	Under-	10.1	Female	Total	Surface	Under-	24-1-	Female	Total
	Male	ground	Male	remate		Male	ground	Male		
January	415	182	143		741	381	201	116	4	702
February	404	184	141	1	730	390	199	115	4	708
March	435	181	130	1	747	365	200	117	4	686
April	486	181	134	1	802	464	193	106	4	767
May	552	178	188	1	919	528	187	255	4	974
June	581	188	279	1	1,049	539	189	249	4	981
July	581	194	283	1	1,059	534	188	250	4	976
August	579	193	271	1	1,044	544	185	247	4	980
September	580	190	277	1	1,048	548	191	247	4	990
October	530	194	170	1	895	511	193	223	4	931
November	484	191	147	1	823	505	191	123	4	823
December	465	188	92	1	726	438	193	58	4	693
Average	504	187	186	1	878	479	192	177	4	852

TABLE 11. World Production of Gypsum, by Countries, 1949-1953

(From a report published by the United States Bureau of Mines)

Country 1	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
V and by A way of a gr			metric tons ²		
North America;	2,854,999	3,429,332	3, 563, 745	3, 224, 042	3, 481, 115
Canada	13.880		30,000	30,000	30,000
Cuba ³		15,500			
Dominican Republic	18, 157	00 000	21, 238	12,863	18,589
Jamaica	12, 193	23, 369	27, 173	45,621	75, 282
United States	5,994,752	7, 432, 186	7,861,189	7,634,192	7,523,131
outh America:		3			
Brazil	50,857	51,000	_	-	_
Chile	60,304	65, 509	68,938	70,000	70,000
Colombia	2, 120	3,771	4,886	4,885	8,500
Ecuador	486	434	138	39	_
Peru	37,419	31,917	30,890	31,896	28, 355
Venezuela	3,042	2,050	1,404	152	4
urope:			_	_	
Austria	36, 189	42,300	119,3657	187, 540 ⁷	299, 496
Bulgaria ³	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Finland	4	4	_	_	_
France	2, 143, 157	1,991,009	2,016,859	2,000,000	2,000,000
Germany, West ⁶	594, 400	733,711	814,945	529,111	623,96
Greece	730	820	17,949	19,000	_
Ireland	67, 268	82,668	86,391	74,646	_
Italy	447,647	488, 794	578, 205	600,000	600,000
Luxembourg	19,569	17,846	12,320	5,072	9, 45
Poland	26, 361	32,824	4		5, 10,
Portugal	43, 060	36,034	29,993	39,613	46,37
Spain	1,293,552	2, 251, 831	1,821,676	1,596,032	1,046,584
	80,0003	80,000 ³	120,000 ³	1,000,002	125,000
Switzerland	00,000	00,000	120,000		125,000
United Kingdom:	0 144 070	0.041.711	9 991 065	0 400 105	2,600,000
Great Britain	2,144,272	2,241,711	2,321,065	2, 433, 135	2,000,000
Northern Ireland		4	173 15,749	17, 362	44, 48
Yugoslavia	4	*	15, 749	11,302	77, 70
Asia:			4.48	20.0	
Ceylon	187	3	417	686	
China	4	60,000 ³	70,0003	80,000	100.000
Cyprus (exports)	25, 788	65, 485	23, 171	56,553	105, 28
India	142, 190	209,678	206,880	417,307	567,000
Iran	378,0003,8	378,0003,8	120,000	120,000	130,000
Iraq ³	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Israel	12,000	23,623	20,000	25,000	23,00
Japan	117, 123	114,505	200,640	200,645	271, 10
Pakistan	15,896	16.927	22, 791	29,663	32.71
Philippines	2,710	2,883	399	_	_
Syria 9	1,400	2,000	8,170	5,500	75
Taiwan (Formosa)	2,939	1,967	2,055	1,800	1,91
Thailand (Siam)	154	336	79	_	_
Africa:					
Algeria	31,881	46,097	82,000	53, 200	90,600
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	1.496	_	183	1,451	30,00
	2,50410	1,95210	3,04710	3,65010	5,55
Angola	4, 304	7 1003	3,041	3,000	
Belgian Congo	6 000	7, 190 3	3,955	3,955	6,54
Egypt	6,909	155,902	112,056	141,854	186,00
French Morocco	36, 130	620	7,695	7,955	14,37
Kenya	181	610	83	1,619	85
Tanganyika			04 005	503	1,72
Tunisia	22,066	23,064	24,385	23,369	22,80 152,44
Union of South Africa(sales and exports)	88, 232	103, 707	124,979	148,911	132, 44
Oceania:	015 000	040 000	200 -05	250 040	220 45
Australia	315,302	340,869	370, 195	356,946	332,45
	17, 119	15, 200	15,777	5, 181	_
New Caledonia	11, 110	10,200		24, 300, 000	

^{1.} In addition to the countries listed, gypsum is produced in Argentina, Ethiopia, Mexico, Rumania and U.S.S.R., but production data are not available. Estimates for these countries are included in the total.

2. This table incorporates a number of revisions of data published in previous gypsum chapters.

3. Estimate.

4. Data not available; estimate included in total.

5. Production in government quarries only; beginning in 1951 no longer under government control.

6. Crude production estimates based on calcined figures.

7. Includes analydrite.

^{7.} Includes anhydrite.
8. Year ended March 20, of year following that stated.
9. Some pure, some 80% gypsum and 20% limestone.
10. Exports.

List of Firms in the Gypsum Mining Industry, 1954

Name of firm	Head office address	Plant location
Newfoundland:		
Atlantic Gypsum Ltd.	Box 61, Corner Brook	Humbermouth
Nova Scotia:		
Canadian Gypsum Co. Ltd	Box 110, Windsor	Wentworth
Little Narrows Gypsum Co. Ltd.	170 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario	Little Narrows
National Gypsum (Canada) Ltd	325 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, New York,	Walton, Dingwall
Victoria Gypsum Co. Ltd.	U.S.A. Little Narrows, Cape Breton	Little Narrows
Windsor Plaster Co. Ltd.	Windsor	McKay Section, Hants Co
New Brunswick:		
Canadian Gypsum Co. Ltd,	170 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario	Hillsborough
Ontario:		
Canadian Gypsum Co, Ltd	170 Bloor St. W., Toronto	Hagersville
Gypsum, Lime & Alabastine, Canada, Ltd.	Paris	Caledonia
Manitoba:		
Gypsum, Lime & Alabastine, Canada, Ltd.	Paris, Ontario	Gypsumville
Western Gypsum Products Ltd.	503 Childs Bldg., Winnipeg	Amaranth
British Columbia:		
Allan Howard	Fort Steele	Mayook
Columbia Gypsum Products Inc	Athalamer	Windmere
Gypsum, Lime & Alabastine, Canada, Ltd.	Paris, Ontario	Falkland

Part H - Secondary Production: The Gypsum Products Industry, 1954

Twelve Canadian actories, operated by 5 companies, manufactured gypsum products having a factory selling value of \$25,749,404. This output was an increase of 13.6 per cent over the 1953 total of \$22,666,406. The main products were gypsum wallboard, gypsum hardwall plaster, gypsum lath, gypsum tile and gypsum blocks.

The number of employees in these works in 1954 was 1,707 who were paid \$5,549,282 in salaries and wages. Expenditures for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,273,327 and materials used in manufacturing processes cost \$11,556,380, a total of \$12,829,707 for materials, fuel and electricity

NOTE: Figures for value added by manufacture shown in Table 12, prior to 1952, were obtained by subtracting the cost of materials used, including fuel and electricity, from the value of production. In 1952, the gross value of production was replaced by value of factory shipments, f.o.b. plant. As no information on inventory change is available for 1952 and 1953, value added figures for these years were obtained by subtracting from the value of shipments the cost of materials, fuel and electricity. In 1954, information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses was collected as part of the annual Census of Industry and information thus made available was taken into account in calculating the value added figure for 1954.

TABLE 12. Principal Statistics of the Gypsum Products Industry, Significant Years 1929-1954

Year	Estab- lish- ments	Employees	Earnings	Cost of fuel and electricity at plant	Cost of materials at plant	Value added by manu- facture 1	Gross selling value of products
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1929	5	459	689,081	159,401	1,204,024	2, 112, 594	3,476,019
1933	8	152	109, 172	54,998	481,873	443,718	980,589
1937	9	243	232, 244	109, 770	1,002,568	1,413,169	2, 525, 507
1939	9	307	321,596	129,889	1, 240, 763	1,803,485	3, 174, 137
1945	9	603	937,369	289,914	2,843,004	2,583,196	5, 716, 114
1946	9	905	1, 298, 693	412,031	4,076,812	4, 266, 247	8, 775, 090
1949	10	1, 160 2	2, 726, 218 ²	751, 887	7, 351, 280	7, 596, 596	15, 699, 763
1950	10	1, 1582	2,824,8822	673,083	7, 974, 202	9, 232, 223	17, 879, 508
1951	10	1, 1382	3, 304, 2952	845,020	8, 463, 839	9, 577, 148	18,886,007
1952	11	1,2302	3,708,426 ²	803,007	8, 115, 956	9, 436, 849	18, 355, 812
1953	11	1,5222	4,625,165 ²	1, 112, 615	10, 249, 318	11, 304, 473	22, 666, 406
1954	12	1,7072	5,549,2822	1, 273, 327	11, 556, 380	13, 144, 867	25, 749, 404

Note. Profits or losses cannot be calculated from the above figures as data are not available for general expense items, such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

TABLE 13. Inventories in the Gypsum Products Industry, 1954

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
V-45	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening	1,947,495	134,983	364,378	2,446,856
Closing	2, 230, 672	149,817	589, 548	2,970,037

^{1. (}a) Book value of all manufacturing inventories owned and held at plant and plant warehouses.

(b) Beginning with 1954, information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses is being collected as part of the annual Census of Industry. These data were formerly collected by a separate survey. The summarized results for the Gypsum Products Industry for the year under review are shown in the above table.

^{1.} See footnote to text.

^{2.} Data relating to supervisory employees and their earnings include employees in head offices not located at plant.

TABLE 14. Output of the Gypsum Products Industry, 1953 and 1954

	19	53	1954		
Product	Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works	
		\$		\$	
Gypsum wallboardsq. ft.	251, 784, 173	9, 195, 011	261, 116, 324	9,814,071	
Gypsum lath sq. ft.	269, 225, 013	8, 152, 601	325, 792, 296	9,604,434	
Gypsum hard wall plasters tons	198, 180	3, 579, 497	223,456	4,484,590	
Other gypsum plasters tons	41,083	763, 751	10,006	280,070	
All other products 1	_	975,546	_	1,566,239	
Total		22,666,406	- Andrew	25,749,404	

^{1.} Includes gypsum tile and blocks, etc.

TABLE 15. Materials Used in the Gypsum Products Industry, 1953 and 1954

	195	3	1954		
Material	Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works	
	tons	\$	tons	\$	
Gypsum, crude	772, 331	3, 332, 296	767,068	2, 933, 825	
Paper	43, 229	4,889,025	46, 260	5, 171, 007	
Starch or paste	1,581	302,511	2, 143	359,311	
Hair	55	18,881	45	14,49%	
Retarder	675	113,111	666	123, 263	
Sawdust and shavings	_	1,094	_	2, 639	
Containers, etc.		719,344	_	836,773	
All other materials	_	873,056	_	2, 115, 075	
Total	_	10,249,318	_	11,556,380	

Note. See text on Page 3 for change in method of compilation.

TABLE 16. Production of Gypsum Wallboard and Gypsum Lath, 1946-1954

Year	Gypsum w	allboard	Gypsum lath		
1 6 24	Square feet	\$	Square feet	\$	
1946	203, 361, 505	5, 502, 593	74,984,596	1, 297, 745	
1947	213,701,430	6, 210, 912	111,092,387	2, 282, 892	
1948	237,700,167	7, 213, 425	153,008,355	3,667,540	
1949	230, 561, 517	7,330,859	173,994,976	4,409,563	
1950	230, 684, 144	7,578,826	214,714,308	5, 855, 077	
1951	232, 312, 775	7,876,750	228, 645, 066	6,553,201	
1952	225, 409, 932	7,869,907	202, 987, 638	6, 004, 908	
953	251, 784, 173	9, 195, 011	269, 225, 013	8, 152, 601	
954	261, 116, 324	9,814,071	325, 792, 296	9,604,434	

TABLE 17. Employees and Their Earnings, 1953 and 1954

-	1953	1954
Employees:		
Office and supervisory:		
MaleNo.	242	294
Female	103	117
Workmen:		
Male No.	1.166	1,286
Female No.	11	10
Total employees	1,522	1,707
Earnings:		
Office and supervisory	1,454,790	1,736,581
Workmen\$	3, 170, 375	3,812,700
Total earnings	4, 625, 165	5,549,281

^{1.} Data relating to office and supervisory employees and their earnings include employees in head offices not located at plant.

TABLE 18. Production Workers, by Months, 1953 and 1954

2645		1953		1954		
Month	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
January	1.023	11	1,034	1,074	10	1,084
February	1,043	11	1,054	1,132	10	1,142
March	1,096	11	1, 107	1,278	11	1,289
April	1, 108	11	1, 119	1,319	11	1, 330
May	1,126	11	1,137	1,333	11	1,344
June	1,187	11	1,198	1,315	10	1,325
July	1, 294	11	1, 305	1,391	10	1,401
August	1,316	10	1,326	1,378	10	1,388
September	1,256	10	1, 266	1,463	10	1,473
October	1,238	10	1, 248	1,331	10	1,341
November	1,229	10	1,239	1, 291	10	1, 30
December	1,120	9	1,129	1,136	10	1,146
Average	1, 166	11	1, 177	1,286	10	1, 296

List of Firms in the Gypsum Products Industry, 1954

Name of firm	Head office address	Plant location	
Atlantic Gypsum Ltd.	P.O. Box 61, Corner Brook, Newfoundland	Humbermouth, Newfoundland	
Windsor Plaster Co. Ltd.	Windsor, Nova Scotia	Windsor, Nova Scotia	
Canadian Gypsum Co. Ltd	170 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario	Montreal, Quebec Hillsborough, New Brunswic Hagersville, Ontario	
Gypsum, Lime and Alabastine, Canada, Limited	Paris, Ontario	Montreal, Quebec Caledonia, Ontario Winnipeg, Manitoba Calgary, Alberta New Westminster, British Columbia	
Western Gypsum Products Ltd	306 Electric Railway Chambers, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Winnipeg, Manitoba Calgary, Alberta	



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