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PETROLEUM, 1926.

Crude petroleum production in Canada during 1926 showed an encouraging increase over the total for the preceding year, according to finally revised statistics issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The year's production amounted to 364,444 barrels valued at \$1,311,665; in 1925 the total was 332,001 barrels worth \$1,250,705. Alberta's production, mainly from the Royalite No. 4 wet-gas well, topped the high mark of 1925, reaching a new record of 216,050 barrels. A decline was shown in the Ontario production for the year when 137,850 barrels were produced. Another feature was the proportionately large increase in the New Brunswick production, the 1926 figures being 10,544 barrels as against 5,376 barrels in the preceding year.

Operations in Nova Scotia consisted mainly of drilling in the vicinity of Southwest Mabou for the purpose of working out the geological formation in this district. In the Stony Creek field, New Brunswick, 3 producing wells were drilled during the year. Conditions in the oil fields of Ontario remained about the same in 1926 as in other recent years.

In Alberta, 10 wells were in operation at the close of 1926 and 45 other wells were in the process of drilling. Activities during the year were centred in the Turner Valley field although drilling operations were carried on in the Wainwright, Bragg Creek, Bow River, Highwood, Jumping Pound, Moose Mountain, Ribstone and Rice Creek areas.

Petroleum and its products imported into Canada in 1926 were valued at \$52,063,686, an increase of \$8,221,259 over the 1925 import value of \$43,842,427. Imports of asphalt and asphaltum valued at \$444,356 are not included in the preceding total. Gasoline importations were recorded at 82,839,688 gallons invoiced at \$11,958,795; the Canadian production of refined gasoline was 222,146,704 gallons; and the exports (Canadian and foreign) were 4,037,012 gallons, leaving 300,949,380 gallons available for use in Canada in 1926.

Capital employed in the operation of oil wells in Canada in 1926 totalled \$17,639,142. Salaried employees and wage-earners numbered 634; the earnings of

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these employees amounted to \$788,843. Fuel and electricity cost \$77,902. Primary power employed consisted of 96 units having a total rating of 2,777 h.p., in addition to which 69 electric motors rated at 567 h.p. were in use.

TABLE 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CRUDE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925 and 1926.

	1925	1926
Number of Plants	180	210
Capital Employed.....	\$ 7,954,722	\$ 17,639,142
Number of Employees - On Salary.....	25	90
On Wages.....	234	544
Total.....	259	634
Salaries and Wages - Salaries.....	\$ 35,722	\$ 108,136
Wages.....	\$ 284,379	\$ 680,707
Total.....	\$ 318,101	\$ 788,843
Cost of Fuel and Electricity.....	\$ 20,990	\$ 77,902
Selling Value of Products.....	\$ 1,250,705	\$ 1,311,665

TABLE 2.- PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM IN CANADA IN 1926.

Province	Barrels	Total Value
New Brunswick.....	10,544	\$ 29,940
Ontario -		
Petrolia and Enniskillen.....	56,170	153,428
Oil Springs.....	38,350	107,438
Moore Township.....	2,438	6,659
Sarnia Township.....	1,890	5,163
Plympton Township.....	1,047	2,860
Bothwell.....	25,382	69,331
West Dover.....	959	2,619
Raleigh Township.....	676	1,846
Onondaga.....	555	1,516
Moza Township.....	7,868	21,491
Thamesville.....	2,376	6,490
Dunwich.....	139	380
Total for Ontario.....	137,850	379,221
Alberta.....	216,050	902,504
CANADA.....	364,444	1,311,665

