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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 Ontaric 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 Carada 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 Caradian 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 empl. d consisted of 96 units having a total rating of 2.777 h.p., in addition to which 69 electric mctors rated at 567 h.p. were in use.

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

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

Province	Barrels	Total Value
New Brunswick	10,544	29,940
Ontario — Petrolia and Enniskillen Oil Springs. Moore Township. Sarnia Township. Plympton Township. Bothwell. West Dover. Raleigh Township. Cnondaga. Moza Township. Thamesville. Dunwich.	56,170 38,350 2,438 1,890 1,047 25,382 959 676 5555 7,868 2,376 139	153,428 107,438 6,659 5,163 2,860 69,331 2,619 1,846 1,516 21,491 6,490 380
Total for Ontario	137,850	379,221
Alberta	216,050	902,504
CANADA	364,444	1,311,665

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