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PETROLEUM, 1927.

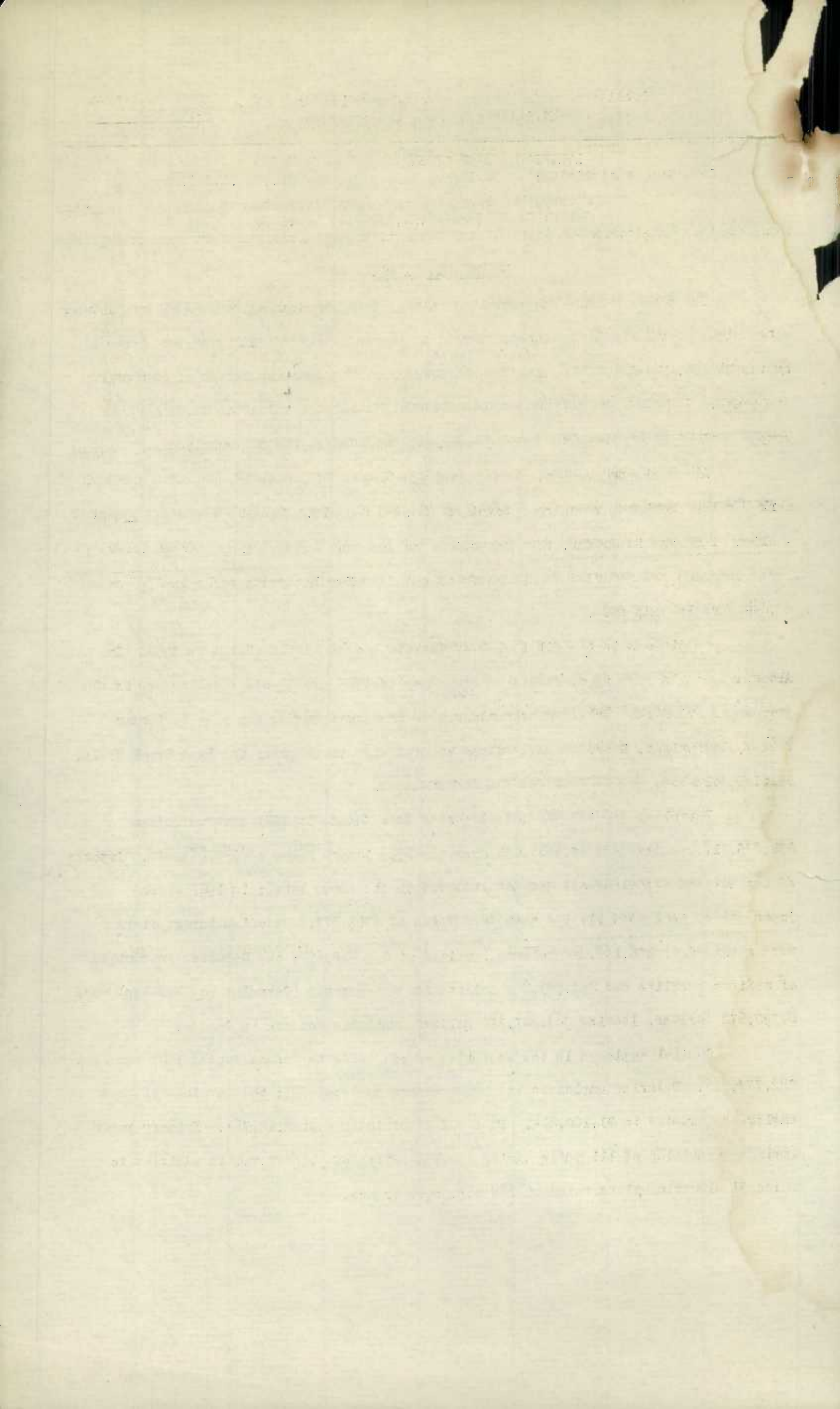
In point of value the petroleum output from Canadian wells in 1927 established a new high record for the industry, according to statistics, finally revised, issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The 1927 production amounted to 476,591 barrels valued at \$1,516,043 as compared with 364,444 barrels worth \$1,311,665 produced in the previous year.

Alberta's production, mainly from the Turner Valley field, set up a new high mark for the province, reaching a total of 318,741 barrels. Ontario operators reported a slight increase in output, the production for the year being 139,606 barrels. A large increase was recorded in shipments of oil from New Brunswick wells in 1927 when 18,244 barrels were sold.

Conditions in the oil fields of Ontario showed little change in 1927. In Alberta 19 wells were in operation at the close of 1927 and 39 other wells were in the process of drilling. Drilling operations were continued during the year in Turner Valley, Wainwright, Ribstone and various other fields in Alberta; the Sage Creek field, British Columbia, and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Petroleum and its products imported into Canada in 1927 were valued at \$52,878,717, an increase of \$815,031 over the 1926 import value of \$52,063,686. Imports of asphalt and asphaltum oil are not included in the above total; in 1927 these importations increased 117 per cent to a value of \$965,777. Gasoline importations were recorded at 108,168,328 gallons invoiced at \$11,418,694; the Canadian production of refined gasoline was 258,549,724 gallons and the exports (Canadian and foreign) were 2,790,672 gallons, leaving 363,927,380 gallons available for use in Canada.

Capital employed in the operation of oil wells in Canada during 1927 totalled \$22,773,916. Salaried employees and wage-earners numbered 781; the earnings of these employees amounted to \$1,120,224. Fuel and electricity cost \$112,763. Primary power employed consisted of 111 units having a total rating of 3,364 h.p., in addition to which 81 electric motors rated at 768 h.p. were in use.



PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CRUDE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

	1926	1927
Number of firms.....	210	206
Capital employed.....\$	17,639,142	\$ 22,773,916
Number of employees -		
On salary.....	90	110
On wages.....	544	671
TOTAL.....	634	781
Salaries and wages -		
Salaries.....\$	108,136	\$ 172,759
Wages.....\$	680,707	\$ 947,465
TOTAL.....\$	788,843	\$ 1,120,224
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	77,902	\$ 112,763
Selling value of products.....\$	1,311,665	\$ 1,516,043

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM IN CANADA, 1927.

	Barrels	Total Value \$
New Brunswick.....	18,244	41,748
Ontario -		
Petrolia and Inniskillen.....	60,171	123,235
Oil Springs.....	37,282	78,749
Bothwell.....	25,184	51,437
Moza Township.....	7,456	15,219
Thamesville.....	4,139	8,420
Moore Township.....	2,014	4,116
Sarnia Township.....	1,679	3,433
Dover West.....	602	1,216
Plympton Township.....	493	1,008
Raleigh Township.....	276	575
Onondaga.....	210	736
Tilbury East.....	60	120
Euphemia.....	40	83
TOTAL for ONTARIO.....	139,606	288,347
Alberta.....	318,741	1,185,948
CANADA	476,591	1,516,043

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