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PETROLEUM, 1928.

The value of petroleum output from Canadian wells in 1928 reached a new high record, according to finally revised statistics issued by the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During 1928 the Canadian output was 624,184 barrels valued at \$2,035,300 as compared with 476,591 barrels worth \$1,516,043 produced in the preceding year.

Alberta's production of 482,047 barrels, principally from the Turner Valley field, reached a new high level. A slight decrease was reported in the output from Ontario wells, the 1928 total was 134,094 barrels. Shipments from New Brunswick wells amounted to 8,043 barrels.

Conditions in the oil fields of Ontario showed little change in 1928. In Alberta 31 wells were in operation at the close of the year and drilling was in process at 61 other wells. Drilling operations were continued during 1928 in the Turner Valley, Wainwright, Ribstone and other fields in Alberta, and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In a paper by Mr. Madgwick, Department of the Interior, it is stated that in these three provinces the drilling done during 1928 totalled 203,816 feet, including 28,754 feet of structure drilling.

Imports of petroleum and its products into Canada in 1928 were valued at \$61,669,969, an increase of \$8,791,272 or 16.6 per cent over the 1927 total of \$52,878,717. Asphalt and asphaltum oil imports are not included in the above total; in 1928 these importations had a value of \$964,877. Gasoline imports totalled 143,653,116 imperial gallons appraised at \$16,812,418; the Canadian production of refined gasoline was 344,129,861 gallons and the exports (Canadian and foreign) were 3,984,144 gallons, leaving 483,798,833 gallons available for use in Canada.

Capital actually employed in operating and drilling oil wells in Canada during 1928 was \$31,182,352. Employment was furnished 95 salaried employees and 1,023 wage-earners; their combined earnings were \$1,916,625. Fuel and electricity used during the year cost \$203,193. Primary power employed consisted of 113 units with a total rating of 3,946 h.p., in addition to which 85 electric motors rated at 988 h.p. were in use.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM IN CANADA, 1928.

	Barrels	Total Value \$
New Brunswick.....	8,043	21,391
Ontario -		
Petrolia and Emmisillen.....	60,547	111,745
Oil Springs.....	35,653	68,086
Bothwell.....	24,255	44,621
Moza Township.....	7,268	13,371
Thamesville.....	1,006	1,851
Moore Township.....	2,148	3,952
Sarnia Township.....	1,221	2,246
Dover West.....	773	1,422
Plympton Township.....	371	683
Onondaga.....	116	406
Tilbury East.....	736	1,354
Total for Ontario.....	134,094	249,737
Alberta.....	482,047	1,764,172
CANADA.....	624,184	2,035,300

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CRUDE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	206	190
Capital employed..... \$	22,773,916	31,182,352
Number of employees -		
On wages.....	671	1,023
Total.....	781	1,118
Salaries and Wages -		
Salaries..... \$	172,759	156,600
Wages..... \$	947,465	1,760,025
Total..... \$	1,120,224	1,916,625
Cost of fuel and electricity..... \$	112,763	205,183
Selling value of products..... \$	1,516,043	2,035,300

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