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SALT

Record Production of Salt in Canada  
in 1925

In 1925, the production of salt in Canada exceeded all previous records according to final statistics just issued by the Mining Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the year totalled 233,746 tons as compared with 207,979 tons produced in 1924. There was a considerable decline in value during the year, the average price for all grades being \$6.04 per ton, as against \$6.61 in 1924.

The production in Ontario amounted to 226,315 tons or 97 per cent of the total; Nova Scotia and Alberta contributed the remainder. The year's shipment of 833 tons from Alberta came from the Fort McMurray district, where development work in the salt industry has been carried on for a considerable time. Nova Scotia's production consisted of salt mined at Malagash.

Imports into Canada of salt, all grades, were equal to 83 per cent of the total Canadian production. Customs' records show that 193,632 tons, worth \$1,077,321, were brought into Canada during 1925. Exports of Canadian salt totalled 2,324 tons while in the preceding year only 965 tons were shipped from Canada.

The twelve companies operating in Canada during 1925 reported a capital investment of \$2,563,508. Salaried employees numbered 2,571 and wage earners to a total of 345 were engaged in this industry during the year. The salaries and wages paid amounted to \$467,487. Fuel costs accounted for an outlay of \$296,229 while the electric power consumed added \$19,139 to the total operating expenditures. Bituminous coal was the largest item among the fuels consumed amounting to 57,081 tons at \$278,067. Steam engines employed numbered 30 with a rating of 717 horse power. The 50 electric motors in use during the year were rated at 710 horse power.

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Production of Salt in Canada, by Grades, 1925

Grade	Manu- factured	Sold	Value of salt sold (Not includ- ing pack- ages)
	Tons	Tons	\$
Table and dairy.....	47,452	46,790	713,571
Common fine.....	34,383	33,197	186,297
Common coarse.....	46,637	43,931	312,107
Land salt.....	5,133	5,125	21,826
Other grades.....	11,799	11,203	83,396
Brine for chemical works..... (Salt equivalent sold or used)	93,500	93,500	93,500
Total.....	238,904	233,746	1,410,697
Value of packages.....	...	...	548,528
Grand total.....	...	...	1,959,225

Imports into Canada and Exports of Salt, 1925.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Salt, for the use of the sea or gulf fisheries.....	80,405	329,820
Salt in bulk, n.o.p.....	73,166	327,364
Salt, n.o.p., in bags, barrels, etc.....	40,061	420,137
Total.....	193,632	1,077,321
EXPORTS .....	2,324	26,678

Principal Statistics of the Salt Industry in Canada, 1924 and 1925

	1924	1925
No. of firms.....	11	12
Capital employed.....	\$ 2,479,563	\$ 2,563,508
Number of employees:		
On salary.....	51	57
On wages.....	313	345
Total.....	364	402
Salaries and wages:		
Salaries.....	\$ 113,740	\$ 114,960
Wages.....	\$ 317,878	\$ 352,527
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 342,118	\$ 315,368
Selling value of products.....	\$ 1,374,780	\$ 1,410,697





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