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Salt production in Canada continues to increase; the high record of 233,746 tons produced in 1925 was topped by a new high mark of 262,547 tons in 1926 according to final statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. This year's output value was reported at \$1,480,149 as compared with \$1,410,697 for the 1925 production. The average price for all grades declined somewhat, being \$5.63 per ton in the year under review, as against \$6.04 in 1925.

Ontario's production was 252,345 tons or 96.1 per cent of the Canadian total; Nova Scotia and Alberta contributed the remainder. Alberta shipments were from the Fort McMurray district and totalled 2,037 tons. The Nova Scotia production was obtained from the Malagash mine.

Imports of salt into Canada were recorded at 188,401 tons appraised at \$1,036,594. Exports of Canadian salt amounted to 1,164 tons valued at \$19,423.

The 11 companies operating in Canada during 1926 reported a capital investment in plant, inventories and working capital of \$2,782,728. Salaried employees numbering 51 and wage-earners to a total of 333 were engaged in this industry during the year. The salaries and wages paid amounted to \$482,651. Fuel costs accounted for an outlay of \$307,093 while the electric power consumed added \$17,519 to the total operating expenditures. Bituminous coal was the largest item among the fuels consumed amounting to 54,177 tons at \$280,249. Steam engines employed numbered 30 with a rating of 752 h.p. The 56 electric motors in use during the year were rated at 711 h.p.

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## Production of Salt in Canada, by Grades, 1926.

Grade	Manu- factured	Sold	Value of salt sold (Not includ- ing pack- ages)
	Tons	Tons	\$
Table and dairy.....	50,642	50,905	762,491
Common fine.....	46,131	47,202	241,320
Common coarse.....	30,937	32,785	228,395
Land salt.....	4,170	3,965	16,865
Other grades.....	15,178	14,670	118,058
Brine for chemical works..... (Salt equivalent sold or used)	113,020	113,020	113,020
TOTAL.....	260,078	262,547	1,480,149
Value of packages.....	...	...	569,396
GRAND TOTAL.....	...	...	2,049,545

## Imports into Canada and Exports of Salt, 1926.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Salt, for the use of the sea or gulf fisheries.....	83,929	327,040
Salt, in bulk, n.o.p.....	75,965	393,747
Salt, n.o.p., in bags, barrels, etc.....	28,053	284,118
Salt, table, made by an admixture of other ingredients, when containing not less than 90 per cent of pure salt (From April 1, 1926).....	454	31,689
TOTAL.....	188,401	1,036,594
EXPORTS -.....	1,164	19,423

## Principal Statistics of the Salt Industry in Canada, 1925 and 1926.

	1925	1926
No. of firms.....	12	11
Capital employed.....	\$ 2,563,508	\$ 2,782,728
Number of employees:		
On salary.....	57	51
On wages.....	345	333
Total.....	402	384
Salaries and wages:		
Salaries.....	\$ 114,960	\$ 121,014
Wages.....	\$ 352,527	\$ 361,637
Total.....	\$ 467,487	\$ 482,651
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 315,368	\$ 324,612
Selling value of products.....	\$ 1,410,697	\$ 1,480,149



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