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SALT, 1927.

Salt production in Canada during 1927 amounted to 268,672 tons valued at \$1,614,667, an increase of 2.3 per cent in quantity and 9.1 per cent in value as compared with the 1926 shipments of 262,547 tons worth \$1,480,149 according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The average price for all grades advanced to \$6.01 per ton in 1927 as against \$5.63 per ton in the previous year.

Ontario's production was 254,181 tons or 94.6 per cent of the Canadian total; Nova Scotia and Alberta contributed the remainder. The Nova Scotia production was obtained from the Malagash mine in Cumberland county; Alberta's production came from the Fort McMurray district.

Importations of salt into Canada were recorded at 176,761 tons appraised at \$1,082,080. Exports of Canadian salt totalled 1,212 tons worth \$22,793.

The total capital employed by the 10 operating firms in this industry was \$3,194,802. Employment statistics showed an average of 54 salaried employees and 322 wage-earners on the payroll during the year; their earnings totalled \$499,967. Fuel and electricity used accounted for an outlay of \$287,260. Imported bituminous coal was the largest item among the fuels consumed amounting to 51,167 tons at \$263,009. Steam engines in use during the year numbered 22 with a rating of 567 h.p. Electric motors to a total of 72 units rated at 966 h.p. were also in operation during 1927.

PRODUCTION OF SALT IN CANADA, BY GRADES, 1927.

Grade	Manufactured	Sold	Value of salt sold (not including packages)
	Tons	Tons	\$
Table and dairy.....	53,649	53,477	802,922
Common fine.....	46,803	47,185	297,324
Common course.....	41,754	39,617	309,667
Land salt.....	5,955	5,829	37,072
Other grades.....	6,740	6,569	51,187
Brine for chemical works..... (Salt equivalent sold or used)	115,995	115,995	115,995
TOTAL.....	270,901	268,672	1,614,667
Value of packages.....	524,437
GRAND TOTAL.....	2,139,104

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF SALT, 1927.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Salt, for use of the sea or gulf fisheries.....	62,102	325,324
Salt, in bulk, n.o.p.....	72,933	321,538
Salt, n.o.p., in bags, barrels, and other coverings....	40,852	375,648
Salt, table, made by an admixture of other ingredients, when containing not less than 90 per cent of pure salt	844	55,070
TOTAL.....	176,761	1,082,080
EXPORTS.....	1,212	22,793

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

	1926	1927
Number of firms.....	11	10
Capital employed..... \$	2,782,728	\$ 3,194,802
Number of employees:		
On salary.....	51	54
On wages.....	333	322
Total.....	384	376
Salaries and wages:		
Salaries..... \$	121,014	\$ 121,100
Wages..... \$	361,637	\$ 378,867
Total..... \$	482,651	\$ 499,967
Cost of fuel and electricity..... \$	324,612	\$ 287,260
Selling value of products..... \$	1,480,149	\$ 1,614,667

