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STONE

Production of stone in Canada during 1925 totalled 5,706,119 tons valued at \$7,464,777 according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1924, the shipments amounted to 4,768,014 tons worth \$6,407,757. With the exception of the record production of 1920, the 1925 value exceeds that of all other years. Ontario was the leading producer accounting for 53 per cent of the total quantity; Quebec followed with 39.3 per cent. The other provinces in order of tonnage produced were: British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and New Brunswick.

The kinds of stone quarried included granite (trap-rock, syenite, and other igneous rock), limestone, sandstone, and marble.

Importations of stone into Canada during 1925 were valued at \$824,992: consisting of granite worth \$295,039; marble, \$231,829; other building stone, \$109,935; refuse stone, \$100,544; and manufactures of stone, \$37,645. Exports of Canadian stone were recorded at \$138,392 and included crushed stone to the value of \$81,764.

Capital employed by the 201 firms operating in the stone quarrying industry in Canada during 1925 was \$12,233,773. The total number of salaried employees and wage-earners was reported at 4,148; and their combined earnings amounted to \$3,599,653. The cost of fuel and electricity consumed during the year was \$479,489.



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