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TALC AND SCAPSTONE

Canadian Talc and Scapstone Production 28% Higher in 1925.

According to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, there was an appreciable advance in the production of talc and soapstone in Canada during 1925. Shipments totalled 14,474 tons valued at \$205,835 in 1925 as against 11,532 tons at \$154,480 in 1924.

The Ontario production of talc was obtained from deposits in Hastings county. Practically all of the Quebec shipments consisted of soapstone blocks for use in lining the alkali recovery furnaces of sulphate (kraft) pulp mills. A small tonnage of ground talc was shipped from a deposit at Wolf Creek, Victoria Mining Division, British Columbia.

Imports of talc or scapstone into Canada in 1925 were recorded at 4,563 tons appraised at \$91,288. Exports of refined talc during the same period, amounted to 10,461 tons at \$124,217.

The seven firms operating in this industry in Canada reported a capital investment of \$744,037 in 1925. Employment was furnished 10 salaried employees and 82 wage-earners: their total earnings were \$74,519. Fuel and electricity used during the year necessitated an expenditure of \$22,218. The plant equipment included 13 electric motors with a combined rating of 545 horse-power.

Production in Canada Imports and Exports of Talc and Soapstone, 1925

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Value</u>
		\$
Production -		
Scapstone.....	763	32,655
Talc.....	13,706	173,180
Total.....	14,474	205,835
Imports -		
Talc or scapstone ground or unground.....	4,563	91,288
Exports -		
Talc, refined.....	10,461	124,217

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE TALC AND SOAPSTONE INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-1925

	<u>1924</u>	<u>1925</u>
No. of firms.....	6	7
Capital employed.....	\$ 695,786	\$ 744,037
Number of employees -		
On salary.....	8	10
On wages.....	53	82
Total.....	61	92
Salaries and wages.....		
Salaries.....	\$ 13,925	\$ 14,080
Wages.....	\$ 45,295	\$ 60,439
Total.....	\$ 59,220	\$ 74,519
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 18,351	\$ 22,218
Selling value of products.....	\$ 154,480	\$ 205,835

