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TALC AND SOAPSTONE, 1926.

Talc and Soapstone Production in Canada 8.9 Per Cent Higher in 1926.

According to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, the production of talc and soapstone in Canada during 1926 amounted to 15,767 tons valued at \$217,195. In 1925, shipments totalled 14,474 tons worth \$205,835.

The Ontario production was made up of talc obtained from deposits in Hastings county and soapstone from the Grace mine near Vermilion Bay. Practically all of the Quebec shipments consisted of soapstone blocks for use in lining the alkali recovery furnaces of sulphate (kraft) pulp mills.

Importations of talc or soapstone, ground or unground, into Canada during 1926 were recorded at 4,213 tons evaluated at \$89,026, and exports of refined talc totalled 10,823 tons at \$125,633.

The capital employed by the six firms operating in this industry in Canada was reported at \$681,434 in 1926. Employment was furnished 9 salaried employees and 83 wage-earners; their total earnings were \$74,634. The expenditure for fuel and electricity was \$25,023. Primary power installation consisted of 24 units rated at 823 h.p.

PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF TALC AND SOAPSTONE, 1926.

	Tons	Value
		\$
PRODUCTION -		
Soapstone.....	995	42,609
Talc.....	14,772	174,586
TOTAL.....	15,767	217,195
IMPORTS -		
Talc or soapstone ground or unground.....	4,213	89,026
EXPORTS -		
Talc, refined.....	10,823	125,633

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE TALC AND SOAPSTONE INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925 and 1926.

	1925	1926
Number of firms.....	7	6
Capital employed.....	\$ 744,037	\$ 681,434
Number of Employees:-		
On Salary.....	10	9
On Wages.....	82	83
Total.....	92	92
Salaries and Wages:-		
Salaries.....	\$ 14,080	\$ 14,940
Wages.....	\$ 60,439	\$ 59,694
Total.....	\$ 74,519	\$ 74,634
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 22,218	\$ 25,023
Selling Value of Products.....	\$ 205,835	\$ 217,195

