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TALC AND SOAPSTONE, 1928.

Production of talc and soapstone in Canada during 1928 was valued at \$219,358, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1927 shipments amounted to 16,521 tons valued at \$236,105.

Quebec shipments were made from quarries in the Eastern townships and consisted principally of soapstone blocks for use in lining the alkali recovery furnaces of sulphate (kraft) pulp mills. Ontario's production was wholly of talc obtained from deposits near Madoc, Hastings county.

Imports into Canada during 1928 of talc or soapstone, ground or unground, amounted to 5,421 tons appraised at \$91,702. Exports of talc were recorded at 10,946 tons worth \$133,601.

Capital employed by the 5 firms operating in this industry was reported at \$732,608. Employment was furnished 9 salaried employees and 82 wage-earners; their total earnings were \$85,161. Fuel and electricity used during the year cost \$21,850.

PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF TALC AND SOAPSTONE, 1928.

	Quantity Tons	Value \$
PRODUCTION -		
Soapstone.....	...	40,171
Talc.....	14,925	179,187
TOTAL.....	...	219,358
IMPORTS -		
Talc or soapstone, ground or unground.....	5,421	91,702
EXPORTS -		
Talc.....	10,946	133,601

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE TALC AND SOAPSTONE INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	8	5
Capital employed.....	715,439	732,608
Number of employees:- On salary.....	13	9
On wages.....	109	82
TOTAL.....	122	91
Salaries and wages:- Salaries.....	15,198	17,410
Wages.....	72,523	67,751
TOTAL.....	87,721	85,161
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	25,169	21,850
Selling value of products.....	236,105	219,358

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