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NATURAL GAS, 1926.

Natural gas production in Canada during 1926 showed a substantial increase over the total for the preceding year, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The year's production amounted to 19,208,209 thousand cubic feet valued at \$7,557,174; in 1925 the figures were 16,902,897 thousand cubic feet worth \$6,833,005. The province of Alberta continued to hold the premier position with a total of 10,794,697 thousand cubic feet; Ontario was next with 7,764,996 thousand cubic feet; and New Brunswick followed with 648,316 thousand cubic feet. Average prices per thousand cubic feet were as follows: New Brunswick, 19 cents; Ontario, 56.8 cents; and Alberta, 28 cents.

Alberta's augmented production of natural gas was due mostly to the increased output of wells in the Turner Valley field. The bringing in of these wells has insured a dependable supply of gas to the industrial area of Calgary. No new developments in the natural gas industry in Ontario were reported during 1926. In New Brunswick three new wells were brought in during the year and an increased production was recorded in this province.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada from the United States during 1926 amounted to 119,310 thousand cubic feet valued at \$74,942.

Capital employed by the 169 firms operating in Canada during 1926 was \$57,231,261. Employment was furnished 1,254 employees whose total earnings were \$1,448,778. Fuel and electricity costs were very small and amounted to \$40,444. Primary power employed during the year totalled 155 units rated at 1,566 h.p. Electric motors to the number of 27 units with a rating of 326 h.p. were in use in 1926.

TABLE 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925 and 1926.

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No. of Firms.....	# 161	# 169
Capital Employed.....\$	48,895,802	\$ 57,231,261
No. of Employees - On Salary.....	409	507
On Wages.....	650	747
TOTAL.....	1,059	1,254
Salaries and Wages - Salaries.....\$	497,741	\$ 674,811
Wages.....\$	709,134	\$ 773,967
TOTAL.....\$	1,206,875	\$ 1,448,778
Cost of Fuel and Electricity.....\$	13,396	\$ 40,444
Selling Value of Products.....\$	6,833,005	\$ 7,557,174

Does not include operators of about 300 privately owned shallow wells.

TABLE 2.- PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, 1926.

Province	M. cu. ft.	Value
		\$
New Brunswick.....	648,316	128,300
Ontario.....	7,764,996	4,409,593
Manitoba.....	200	60
Alberta.....	10,794,697	3,019,221
TOTAL.....	19,208,209	7,557,174

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