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NATURAL GAS, 1927.

Natural gas production in 1927 was up 11.3 per cent as compared with the previous year's output, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The 1927 production was 21,376,791 thousand cubic feet valued at \$8,043,010; in 1926 the total was 19,208,209 thousand cubic feet worth \$7,557,174. Alberta once more held the position of premier producer with an output of 13,434,621 thousand cubic feet; Ontario was next with 7,311,215 thousand cubic feet; and New Brunswick followed with 630,755 thousand cubic feet. Average prices per thousand cubic feet were as follows: New Brunswick, 20 cents; Ontario, 59 cents; and Alberta, 27 cents.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada from the United States amounted to 104,001 thousand cubic feet valued at \$65,759.

Capital employed by the 172 firms operating in Canada during 1927 was \$56,777,091. Salaried employees and wage-earners numbered 1,342 whose combined earnings were \$1,535,498. Fuel and electricity costs were very small and amounted to \$11,181. Primary power employed during the year totalled 153 units rated at 2,634 h.p.

Principal Statistics of the Natural Gas Industry in Canada, 1926 and 1927.

	1926	1927
Number of firms.....	(x) 169	(x) 172
Capital employed.....\$	57,231,261	\$ 56,777,091
Number of employees - On salary.....	507	484
On wages.....	747	858
TOTAL.....	1,254	1,342
Salaries and wages - Salaries.....\$	674,811	\$ 665,047
Wages.....\$	773,967	\$ 870,451
TOTAL.....\$	1,448,778	\$ 1,535,498
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	40,444	\$ 11,181
Selling value of products.....\$	7,557,174	\$ 8,043,010

Production of Natural Gas in Canada, 1927.

Province	M. cu. ft.	Value ..
New Brunswick.....	630,755	\$ 124,637
Ontario.....	7,311,215	4,331,780
Manitoba.....	200	60
Alberta.....	13,434,621	3,586,533
TOTAL.....	21,376,791	8,043,010

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

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