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NATURAL GAS, 1928.

A new high mark was established in the production of natural gas in Canada in 1928 when 22,582,586 thousand cubic feet valued at \$8,614,182 were produced, according to finally revised statistics from the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1927 the production was 21,376,791 thousand cubic feet worth \$8,043,010. Alberta was the premier producer with a production of 14,288,605 thousand cubic feet; Ontario was next with 7,632,800 thousand cubic feet; and New Brunswick followed with 660,981 thousand cubic feet. Average prices per thousand cubic feet were as follows: New Brunswick, 49 cents; Ontario, 59.4 cents; and Alberta, 26.3 cents.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada from the United States in 1928 amounted to 128,004 thousand cubic feet valued at \$82,661.

Capital employed by the 154 firms operating in Canada in this industry was \$62,073,384. Employment was furnished 1,660 salaried employees and wage-earners whose combined earnings were \$2,105,648. Fuel and electricity costs were very small and amounted to \$34,396. Primary power employed during the year totalled 147 units rated at 2,932 h.p.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	172(x)	154(x)
Capital employed..... \$	56,777,091	62,073,384
Number of employees - On salary.....	484	546
On wages.....	858	1,114
Total.....	1,342	1,660
Salaries and wages - Salaries..... \$	665,047	818,919
Wages..... \$	870,451	1,286,729
	1,535,498	2,105,648
Cost of fuel and electricity..... \$	11,181	34,396
Selling value of products..... \$	8,043,010	8,614,182

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

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, 1927.

Province	M cu. ft.	Value \$
New Brunswick.....	660,981	324,344
Ontario.....	7,632,800	4,535,312
Manitoba.....	200	60
Alberta.....	14,288,605	3,754,466
TOTAL.....	22,582,586	8,614,182

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