

Natural gas consumption in Medicine Hat totalled 3,072,000 thousand cubic feet in 1930. Some 2,500 industrial and domestic consumers were supplied with gas from the 26 wells in this field. Eight wells in the Redcliff field, 2 miles west of Medicine Hat, supplied gas to industrial and domestic consumers.

The Viking field, located about 80 miles southeast of Edmonton, supplies that city with natural gas. In 1930, over 10,000 consumers in Edmonton used this gas. In addition, approximately 600 users outside of Edmonton are supplied with gas from this field.

The Maple Leaf well supplied gas to 311 consumers in Wainwright during 1930. Local wells supplied Bow Island, Suffield and Wetaskiwin with gas during the year. Lethbridge and some smaller centres were furnished with gas from the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company's pipe line.

Mixed gas (natural and artificial) imported into Canada from the United States amounted to 151,671 thousand cubic feet valued at \$96,763; in 1929 imports totalled 132,942 thousand cubic feet at \$85,338.

Fixed and current assets reported by the 124 firms operating in Canada amounted to \$70,548,353. Employment was furnished 1,941 salaried employees and wage-earners, who received a total remuneration of \$2,349,703. Fuel and electricity used during the year necessitated an expenditure of \$33,811. Primary power employed consisted of 145 units with a manufacturers' rating of 2,745 h.p.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1929 and 1930.

	1929	1930
Number of firms	145	124
Capital employed	\$ 68,592,709	70,548,353
Number of employees - On salary	612	650
On wages	1,341	1,291
Total	1,953	1,941
Salaries and wages - Salaries	\$ 881,525	974,888
Wages	1,393,622	1,374,815
Total	\$ 2,275,147	2,349,703
Cost of fuel and electricity	\$ 41,590	33,811
Selling value of products	\$ 9,977,124	10,289,985

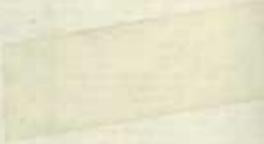
PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, 1929 and 1930.

	1929		1930	
	M cu.ft.	Value \$	M cu.ft.	Value \$
New Brunswick	678,456	333,002	661,975	325,751
Ontario	8,586,475	4,959,695	7,965,761	5,034,828
Manitoba	600	180	600	180
Alberta	19,112,931	4,684,247	20,748,583	4,929,226
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