







In Medicine Hat, 2,285,564 thousand cubic feet of natural gas were consumed in 1931. Approximately 2,500 industrial and domestic consumers were supplied with gas from the 30 wells in this field. Eight wells in the Redcliff field, 2 miles west of Medicine Hat, supplied gas to industrial and domestic consumers.

Edmonton is supplied with natural gas from the Viking field located about 80 miles southeast of the city. Over 10,000 consumers in Edmonton used this gas in 1931. In addition, approximately 600 users outside of Edmonton were supplied with gas from the Viking field.

The 300 consumers in Wainwright obtained their natural gas supply from the Maple Leaf well. Local wells supplied Bow Island, Suffield and Wetaskiwin with gas in 1931. Lethbridge and some smaller centres were furnished with gas from the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company's pipe line.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada from the United States amounted to 109,168 thousand cubic feet worth \$74,904; in the previous year 151,671 thousand cubic feet valued at \$96,763 were imported.

Capital employed by the 145 firms operating in this industry in Canada amounted to \$71,085,678. Employment was furnished 1,692 salaried employees and wage-earners who received \$2,072,022 during the year. Expenditures for fuel and electricity totalled \$26,921.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1930 and 1931.

	1930	1931
Number of firms .....	124	145
Capital employed .....	\$ 70,548,353	71,085,678
Number of employees - On salary .....	650	596
On wages .....	1,291	1,096
Total .....	1,941	1,692
Salaries and wages - Salaries .....	\$ 974,888	915,469
Wages .....	1,374,815	1,156,613
Total .....	\$ 2,349,703	2,072,022
Cost of fuel and electricity .....	\$ 33,811	26,921
Selling value of products .....	\$ 10,289,985	9,026,754

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1930 and 1931.

Province	1930		1931	
	M cu.ft.	Value	M cu.ft.	Value
New Brunswick .....	661,975	\$ 325,751	655,891	323,184
Ontario .....	7,965,761	5,034,828	7,419,534	4,635,497
Manitoba .....	600	180	600	180
Alberta .....	20,748,583	4,929,226	17,798,698	4,067,893
CANADA .....	29,376,919	10,289,985	25,874,723	9,026,754

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1931.

Month	New					CANADA
	Brunswick	Ontario	Manitoba	Alberta		
	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.		M cu.ft.
January .....	96,647	949,363	50	2,067,278		3,113,338
February .....	92,448	876,172	50	1,926,699		2,895,369
March .....	76,176	799,657	50	1,799,253		2,675,136
April .....	69,115	717,481	50	1,600,233		2,386,879
May .....	54,362	654,424	50	1,274,426		1,983,262
June .....	35,365	372,352	50	1,097,149		1,504,916
July .....	26,847	349,840	50	1,037,959		1,414,696
August .....	21,297	350,540	50	869,623		1,261,510
September .....	23,845	414,809	50	1,073,524		1,512,228
October .....	41,303	492,973	50	1,311,241		1,845,567
November .....	53,963	652,348	50	1,759,062		2,465,423
December .....	64,523	789,575	50	1,962,251		2,816,399
TOTAL .....	655,891	7,419,534	600	17,798,698		25,874,723

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