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NOTE.- The statistics published in the present statement include only the statistics of such manufacturing establishments as make Biscuits and confectionery as their principal products. The statistics relating to specific products are therefore not to be regarded as comprehensive, as products like, Biscuits and confectionery are also found as secondary products of the following industries:-

1. Bread and other bakery products
2. Cocoa and chocolate
3. Coffee and spices
4. Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations

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THE BISCUIT AND CONFECTIONERY INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925

Ottawa, Aug., 1927.- A report on the Biscuit and Confectionery Industry in Canada is herewith presented for the calendar year 1925. The number of individual plants reported to the Bureau in 1925 totalled 320 being a decrease of 1 from the preceding year. The provinces of Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia show increases in the number of operating plants, whilst the remaining provinces show decreases.

The distribution of plants by provinces for each of the years 1924 and 1925 was as follows:

Provinces	1924	1925
Prince Edward Island	3	1
Nova Scotia	11	13
New Brunswick	12	11
Quebec	42	46
Ontario	171	169
Manitoba	20	19
Saskatchewan	7	5
Alberta	15	13
British Columbia	40	43
Totals, Canada	321	320

Of the total factories reporting in 1925, the number making biscuits only was 19, biscuits and confectionery 20, ice cream only 29 and confectionery only 252. Statistics of the chewing gum industry are included in the confectionery section of this report.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

The principal statistics of the industry are compared by provinces in Table 1 for the calendar years 1924 and 1925. Increases appear in capital invested amounting to \$2,212,979 or 5.74 per cent, in the value of production of \$1,621,726 or 3.6 per cent and in the number of persons employed of 72. Decreases are shown in the amount paid for salaries and wages of \$1,613,931 or 13.3 per cent, in the cost of materials of \$155,658 or .67 per cent.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics compared by provinces 1924 and 1925.

Establishments	Capital employed	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of Materials	Value of products
1924	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$
Canada	321	38,557,117	11,886	12,126,701	23,383,625
P. E. Island	3	13,600	5	4,238	20,855
Nova Scotia	11	1,935,245	1,115	752,452	1,694,418
New Brunswick	12	2,043,149	668	536,919	1,403,368
Quebec	42	8,102,957	2,309	1,898,399	5,350,876
Ontario	171	23,059,279	6,194	7,839,133	12,556,004
Manitoba	20	1,171,359	476	468,774	1,009,099
Saskatchewan	7	78,638	21	13,393	24,010
Alberta	15	636,678	176	183,192	466,708
British Columbia	40	1,515,712	421	425,201	858,287
1925					
Canada	320	40,770,096	11,958	10,512,770	23,227,967
P. E. Island	14	3,634,745	1,157	759,433	1,529,937
Nova Scotia	11	2,020,451	693	535,936	1,403,439
New Brunswick	46	8,078,459	2,911	2,174,106	5,164,207
Quebec	169	23,688,367	6,067	5,899,026	12,597,770
Ontario	19	1,130,364	483	472,036	1,056,263
Manitoba	5	84,040	18	17,180	32,779
Saskatchewan	13	605,008	158	170,762	463,995
Alberta	13	1,528,162	471	484,286	979,577
British Columbia					1,934,175

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PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Table 2 presents the principal statistics of the industry in the Dominion for the calendar years 1924 and 1925. A column showing the increase or decrease of each particular item by amount and approximate percentage is added to complete the table.

Table 2.- Principal Statistics Compared 1924-1925.

Principal Statistics	1925	1924	(% Increase or Decrease (-))	
			Amount	Per cent
Establishments reporting	No. 320	321	- 1	
Capital invested	\$ 40,770,096	38,557,117	+ 2,212,979	+ 5.74
Employees on salaries -				
Male	No. 1,471	1,356	+ 115	+ 8.50
Female	No. 502	496	+ 6	+ 1.21
Total salaries	\$ 3,461,480	3,286,807	+ 174,673	+ 5.31
Employees on wages -				
Male	No. 4,385	4,355	+ 50	+ 1.15
Female	No. 5,600	5,679	- 79	- 1.39
Total wages	\$ 7,051,290	8,839,894	- 1,788,604	- 20.23
Cost of fuel	\$ 577,256	599,058	- 21,792	- 3.64
Power employed -				
Units	No. 1,885	1,720	+ 165	+ 9.60
Capacity	H.P. 17,438	17,754	- 316	- 1.79
Cost of materials	\$ 23,227,967	23,383,625	- 155,658	- .67
Gross value of products	\$ 46,745,355	45,123,629	+ 1,621,726	+ 3.60
Net value of products	\$ 23,517,388	21,740,004	+ 1,777,384	+ 8.18

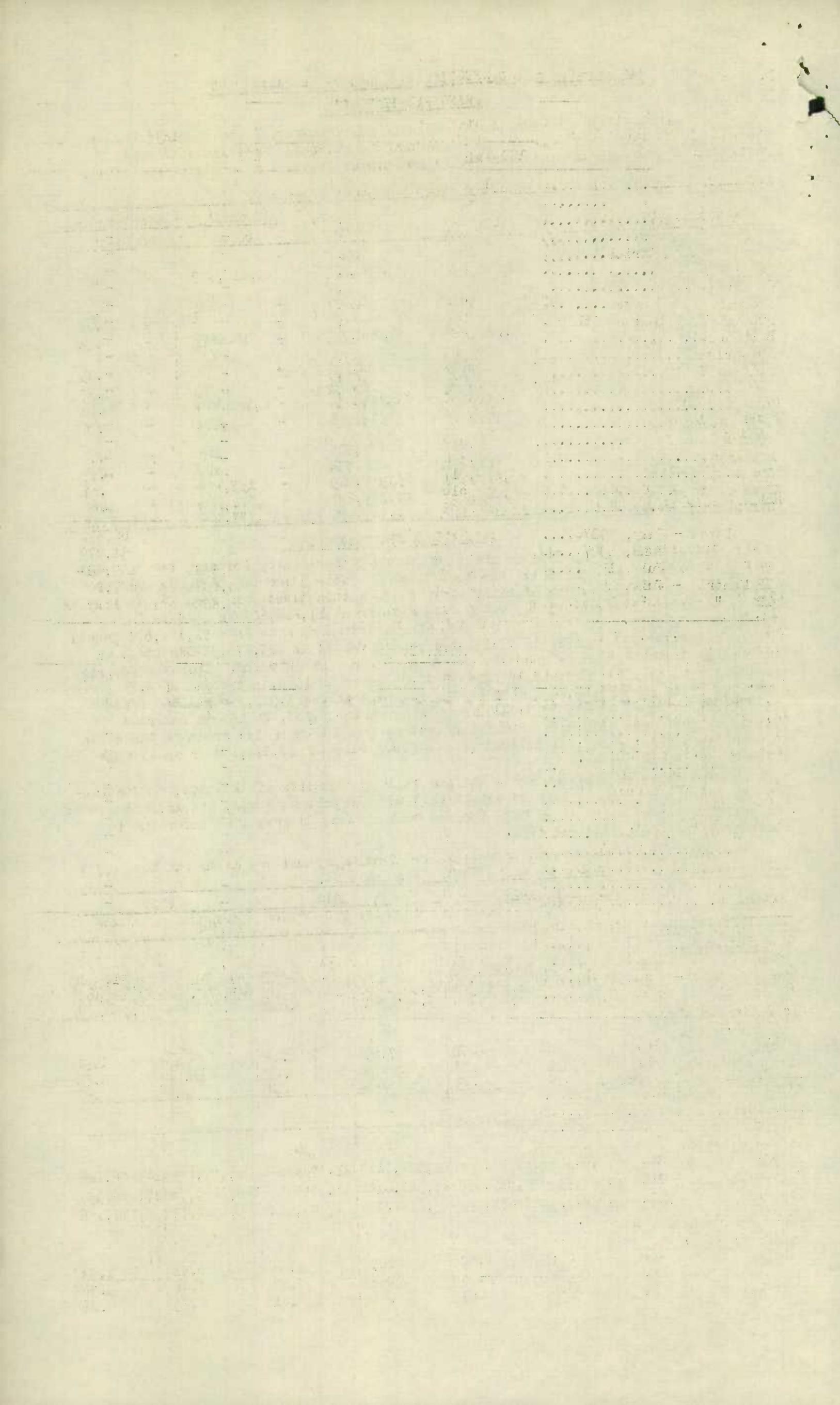
PRODUCTION STATISTICS 1925

The statistics of production in the biscuit and confectionery industry for the calendar year 1925 are presented by principal items in Table 3 for the Dominion and for each province separately. The quantity of biscuits manufactured rose from 36,215 tons in 1924 to 38,323 in 1925, whilst the value also rose from \$13,216,605 in 1924 to \$13,877,199 in 1925. The total production of confectionery rose from 91,182,874 pounds valued at \$24,771,237 in 1924 to 97,696,203 pounds valued at \$25,278,522 in 1925, an increase of 7.14 per cent in quantity and of 2.05 per cent in value. The average price per pound fell from 27.16 cents in 1924 to 25.87 cents in 1925, a decline of 4.75 per cent. Ice cream production in confectionery plants totalled 1,911,458 gallons worth \$2,674,726, in dairy plants to 3,911,305 gallons worth \$5,188,426 and in bakeries 72,931 gallons worth \$110,956. The total factory production of ice cream in Canada in 1925 was, therefore, 5,895,649 gallons of a selling value of \$7,974,108 or an average price of \$1.35 per gallon.

A summary table showing the total and per capita production of biscuits, confectionery and ice cream from all sources except that made in private homes, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses where it is made for own consumption, is presented below for the calendar years 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Per Capita production of biscuits, confectionery and ice cream for the calendar years 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Articles	1923		1924		1925	
	Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Total production:-						
Biscuits, plain, etc.	ton 36,397	13,603,037	ton 36,533	13,352,659	ton 38,572	13,988,175
Confectionery	lb. 97,769,129	27,447,918	lb. 95,949,432	26,087,789	lb. 103,799,327	27,083,076
Ice Cream	gal. 5,608,100	7,473,144	gal. 5,494,827	7,405,822	gal. 5,895,694	7,974,108
For Capita Production						
Biscuits, plain, etc.	lb. 8.06	1.51	lb. 7.99	1.46	lb. 8.32	1.51
Confectionery	lb. 10.83	3.04	lb. 10.48	2.85	lb. 11.20	2.92
Ice Cream	gal. .62	.83	gal. .60	.81	gal. .63	.86
Total and per capita consumption						
Totals-						
Biscuits, plain, etc.	lb. 73,479,407	13,706,246	lb. 73,991,020	13,496,670	lb. 78,927,665	14,226,228
Confectionery	lb. 98,770,637	28,819,950	lb. 97,530,430	26,296,889	lb. 106,240,956	27,436,356
Ice Cream	gal. 5,608,100	7,473,144	gal. 5,494,827	7,405,822	gal. 5,895,694	7,974,108
Per Capita Consumption						
Biscuits, plain, etc.	lb. 8.14	1.52	lb. 8.09	1.47	lb. 8.51	1.53
Confectionery	lb. 10.94	3.05	lb. 10.66	2.87	lb. 11.46	2.96
Ice cream	gal. .42	.83	gal. .60	.81	gal. .63	.86



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PRODUCTION STATISTICS (contd)

Table 3.- Production by items for Canada and Provinces, 1925.

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

The amount of capital invested in the industry in 1925 is shown by provinces in table 4, under two heads: (1) fixed capital represented by land, buildings, machinery and tools and (2) working capital by stocks of materials and supplies on hand, finished products on hand, and cash, trading and operating accounts and bills receivable. All of the provinces but Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Alberta and Manitoba show increases in total investment ranging from \$1,694,849 in Nova Scotia to \$5,402 in Saskatchewan. The total increase for the Dominion being \$2,212,973.

Table 4.— Capital Investment by Provinces, 1925.

No. of plants report- ing	Fixed Capital		Working Capital		Total Capital
	Land, buildings, fixtures, machi- nery & tools		Materials & supplies on hand, finished products, etc.	Cash, trad- ing & oper- ating accts. etc.	
No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada	320	24,923,724	6,786,871	9,119,501	40,770,096
P. E. Island	1	4,103	397	146	4,645
Nova Scotia	13	2,177,790	684,639	767,615	3,630,094
New Brunswick	11	367,228	541,609	611,554	2,020,451
Quebec	46	5,066,945	1,225,316	1,736,193	8,078,459
Ontario	169	14,721,868	3,595,758	5,372,741	23,685,367
Manitoba	19	655,194	227,661	238,009	1,130,864
Saskatchewan	5	60,939	15,373	7,728	84,040
Alberta	13	415,948	116,999	72,061	605,008
British Columbia	43	943,644	321,069	263,449	1,528,162

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS.

Statistics of employment in the biscuit and confectionery industry during the calendar year 1925 are presented in the following series of tables:-

Table 5a. Employees by number, sex and remuneration.

Table 5b. Employees by months.

Table 5c. Working time of plants and employees.

The total number of persons at employment whether on salary or wage payments is shown by sex and remuneration for the Dominion and the provinces in table 5. There was an increase in 1925 of 72 in the total number of persons employed whether on salaries or wages whilst the annual payroll decreased by \$1,613,931.

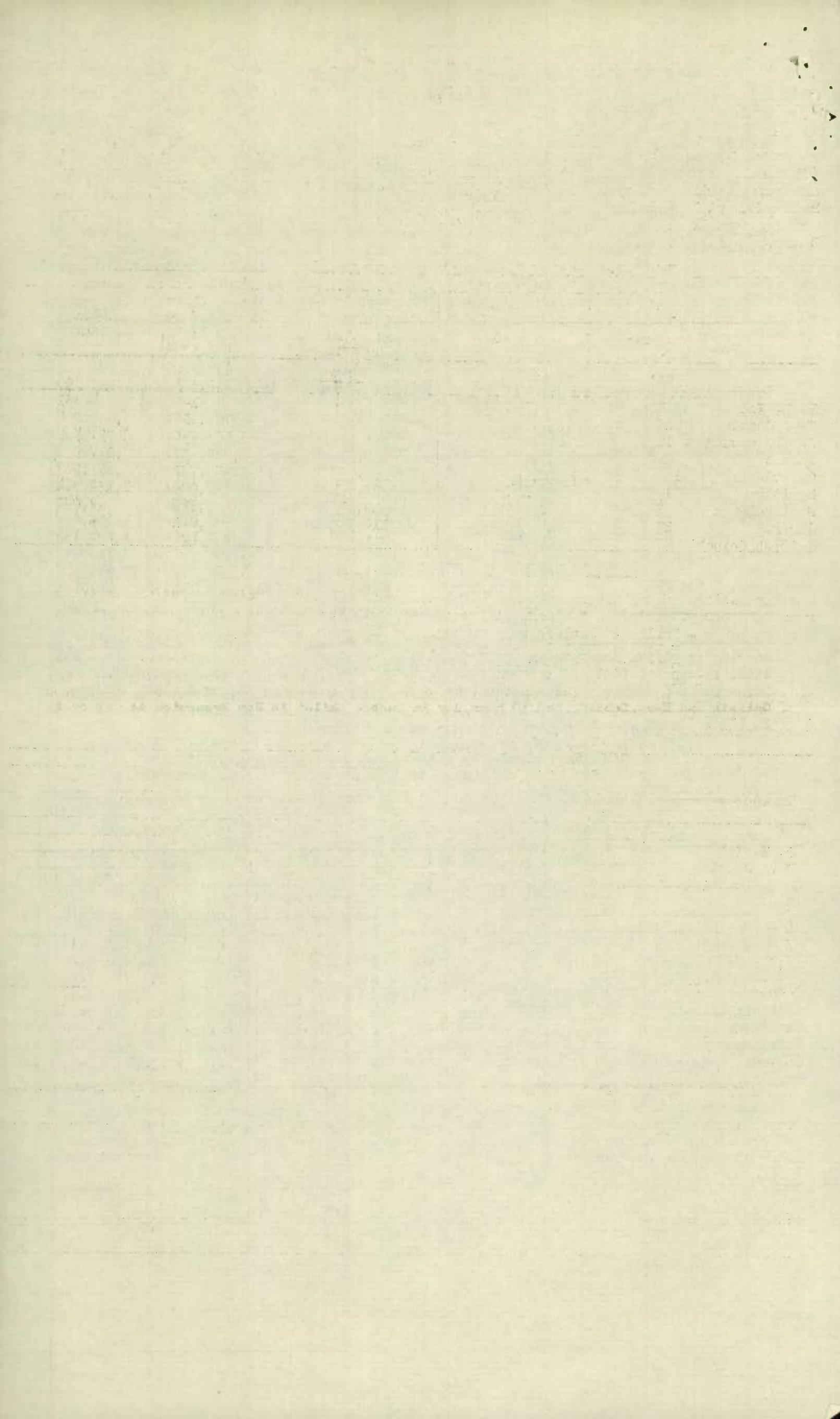
Table 5.— Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces, 1925.

Provinces	Employees on Salaries				Employees on Wages			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	No.	\$
Canada	1,171	502	3,461,470		1,365	5,800	7,051,290	
P. E. Island	-	-	-		1	1	1	3,312
Nova Scotia	41	50	125,303		439	575	634,623	
New Brunswick	70	35	157,365		217	368	343,571	
Quebec	377	54	715,953		1,103	1,383	1,460,153	
Ontario	616	333	2,091,368		2,349	2,762	3,807,638	
Manitoba	59	10	132,688		177	237	339,348	
Saskatchewan	2	-	3,300		12	12	15,350	
Alberta	21	3	50,154		57	77	120,638	
British Columbia	87	17	254,659		140	189	326,427	

The number of wage earners employed during each month of the year is shown by sex in table 6. The months of highest employment were September and October whilst those of lowest employment were January and February. The average number employed monthly was 9,985 of whom 4,365 were males and 5,620 were females.

Table 6.— Number and sex of Employees by months, 1925.

Months	Male	Female	Total	Months	Male	Female	Total	
January	4,117	4,586	8,703	July	4,477	5,411	9,888	
February	4,175	5,416	9,591	August	4,439	5,562	10,001	
March	4,295	5,201	9,502	September	4,529	5,214	9,743	
April	4,378	5,202	9,580	October	4,529	5,177	9,706	
May	4,214	5,577	9,791	November	4,533	5,348	10,781	
June	4,436	5,392	9,828	December	4,462	5,577	10,039	
Total Employment in year				72,282				113,523
Average monthly employees				7,282				9,985



Working time of plants and employees is presented in tables 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c) for the calendar year 1925 for the provinces and the Dominion. Full time operation of plants was 33.68 per cent of the total possible working time estimated by the Census of Industry at 304 days, part time 6.68 per cent while idle hours represented 9.64 per cent. In average full time operation New Brunswick ranked first with 274 days per plant. Manitoba being second with 273.79 days per plant and British Columbia third with 271.12 days. In part time operation Prince Edward Island was highest with 77 days per plant, Saskatchewan next with 60 days and Nova Scotia third with 37.23 days. Time lost through idleness was highest in Nova Scotia with 49.38 days per plant followed in order by Alberta with 39.53 days, Quebec with 38 days and Prince Edward Island with 35 days.

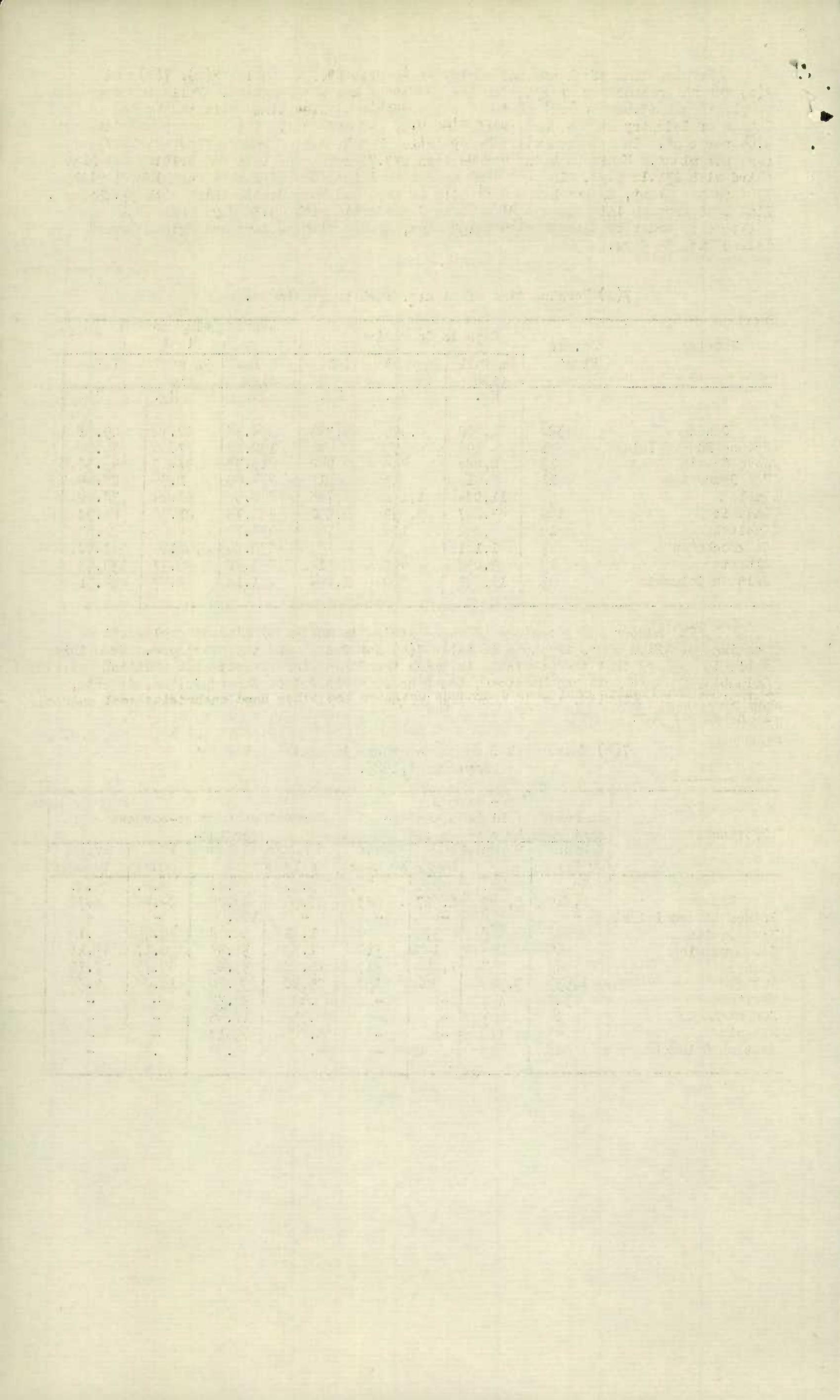
7(a) Working time of plants, 1925 by provinces.

Province	No. of Plants	Days in Operation			Average time worked per Plant		
		On full time	On part time	Idle	On full time	On part time	Idle
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Canada	320	31,402	6,495	9,383	254.38	20.30	29.32
Prince Edward Island	1	192	77	35	192.00	77.00	35.00
Nova Scotia	13	2,826	484	642	217.39	37.23	49.38
New Brunswick	11	3,014	15	315	274.00	1.36	28.64
Quebec	46	11,084	1,152	1,748	240.96	25.04	38.00
Ontario	169	43,227	3,599	4,550	255.78	21.30	26.92
Manitoba	19	5,202	103	466	273.79	5.68	24.53
Saskatchewan	5	1,161	300	59	232.20	60.00	11.80
Alberta	13	3,038	400	514	233.70	30.77	39.53
British Columbia	43	11,658	360	1,054	271.12	8.37	24.51

The number and percentage of wage-earners in month of highest employment working specified hours is shown in table 7(b) for Canada and the provinces. From this table it appears that the provinces in which the 8 hour day prevails were British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the 9 hour day in Prince Edward Island, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia, the 10 hour day in Quebec whilst in New Brunswick it was over 10 hours per day.

7(b) Hours worked by wage-earners in month of Highest Employment, 1925.

Provinces	Wage-earners				Percentage of wage-earners working			
	In month of highest employment working per day of-				working			
	8 hours or less	9 hours	10 hours	over 10 hours	8 hours or less	9 hours	10 hours	over 10 hours
Canada	No. 2,815	No. 5,529	No. 2,927	No. 683	p.c. 23.55	p.c. 46.25	p.c. 24.48	p.c. 5.72
Prince Edward Island	-	-	2	-	-	100.00	-	-
Nova Scotia	23	668	575	2	1.81	52.68	45.35	.16
New Brunswick	10	254	145	310	1.39	35.33	20.17	43.11
Quebec	429	953	1,244	219	15.08	33.49	43.73	7.70
Ontario	1,535	3,329	961	152	25.68	55.70	16.08	2.54
Manitoba	327	187	-	-	63.62	36.38	-	-
Saskatchewan	14	3	-	-	82.35	17.65	-	-
Alberta	49	110	-	-	30.82	69.18	-	-
British Columbia	428	23	2	-	94.46	5.08	.44	-



The hours worked per day in month of highest employment and the standard working hours per week are shown by provinces in table 7a. It should be noted that the statistics relating to hours of labour in columns 1, 2 and 3 are based on figures compiled for the month of highest employment whilst those in columns 4 and 5 represent the total standard weekly hours of labour for the number of establishments reporting to the Bureau. On this account and because of a considerable number of the smaller confectionery plants working less than 8 hours per day, the relationships between daily and weekly hours of labour is to some extent impaired. The average daily hours of labour computed on the above basis was 5 for the Dominion 3.10 whilst the average weekly hours worked out at 49.44 per plant.

Table 7a. Hours of Labour per day and per week, 1925.

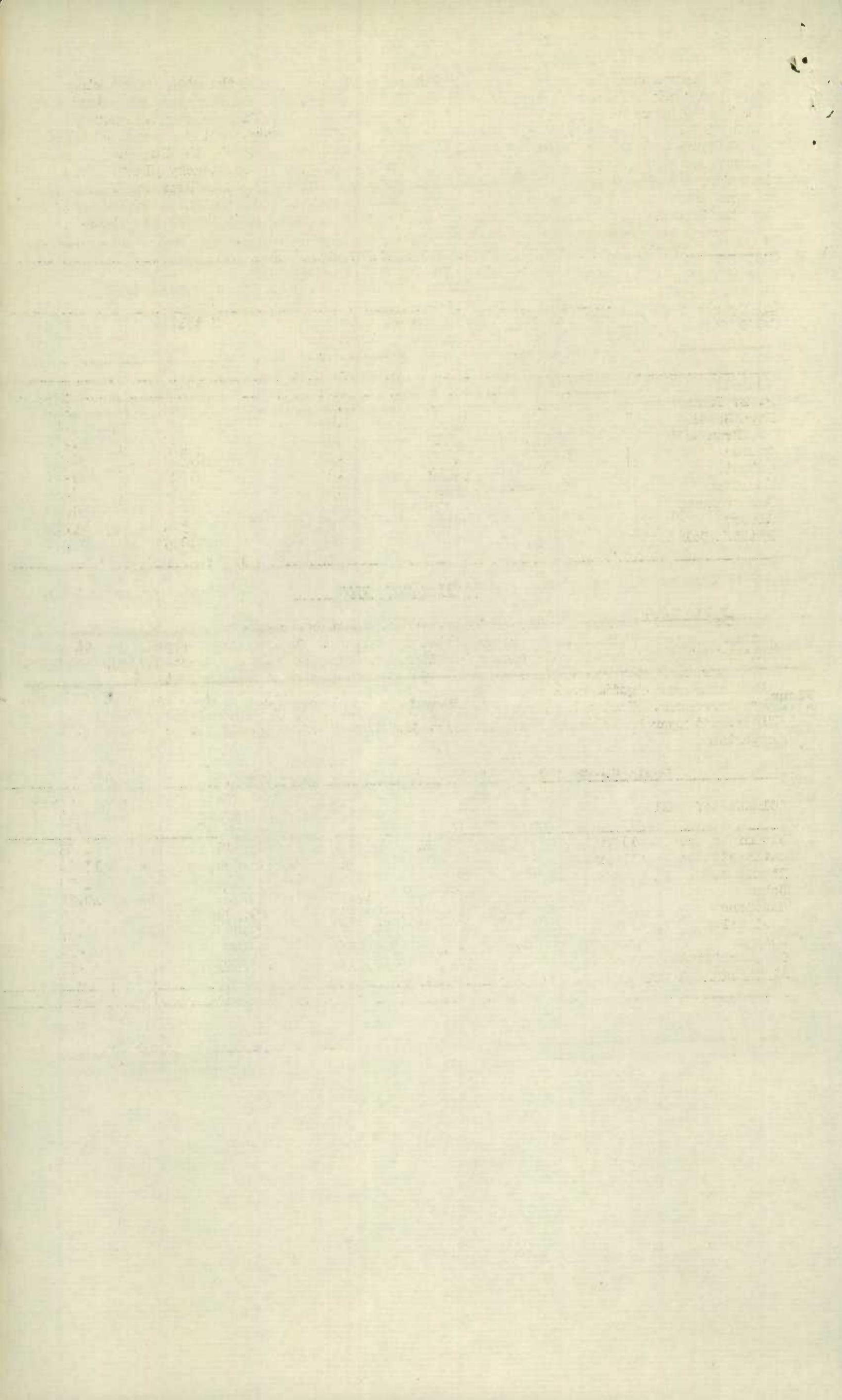
Province	Total hours worked per day and number of wage earners in month of highest employment	day			Standard working hours per week	
		Total hours	Total wage earners	Average hours per day per wage-earner	Total	Average
Canada	108,722	11,952	9.10	15,622	49.44	
P. E. Island	15	2	9.00	54	54.00	
Nova Scotia	11,967	1,268	9.41	678	52.15	
New Brunswick	7,071	719	9.86	553	50.27	
Quebec	26,748	2,845	9.40	2,344	50.95	
Ontario	53,447	5,977	8.94	8,406	49.74	
Manitoba	4,299	514	8.36	916	48.21	
Saskatchewan	139	17	8.18	250	50.00	
Alberta	1,582	159	8.70	562	43.23	
British Columbia	3,651	453	8.06	2,059	47.63	

FUEL CONSUMPTION

The quantity and cost value delivered at the factory or works during 1925 of the various classes of fuel used, are presented in table 8. Coal and coke represented 71 per cent of the total cost of all fuel. Gasoline and fuel oils 8.68 per cent and gas, artificial and natural, 19 per cent. Compared with 1924 the average cost price per ton of bituminous and lignite coal show decreases while on the other hand anthracite coal and coke show increases. Fuel oils increased by 145.654 gallons and in value by \$11,317. Electricity purchased during the year cost \$202,108 or an average of 1.4 cents per k.w.h. reported.

Table 8. Fuel Consumption in Canada by classes, 1925.

Classes of fuel	Units of measure	Quantity	Cost value at factory or works \$	Average cost per unit \$
Bituminous coal, all grades	tons of 2000 lb.	39,357	260,515	6.65
Anthracite coal, all grades	" " "	9,725	115,294	13.55
Lignite coal, all grades	" " "	660	7,755	11.75
Coke	" " "	1,248	13,174	10.56
Gasoline	Imp. gals.	69,970	20,129	.29
Fuel oils	" "	416,168	29,952	.07
Wood	Cord	797	5,406	6.78
Gas, artificial and natural	1000 cu. ft.	145,592	109,735	.75
All other fuel (not specified)	"	-	3,250	
			577,256	



POWER INSTALLATION

The classes of power installed in the industry in 1925 are shown in table 9 by number of units installed and by horsepower according to manufacturer's rating. The horsepower used for manufacturing purposes is found by the addition of items 1, 2, 3 and 4a and totalled 17,438 h.p. of which 13,711 h.p. or 78.6 per cent was of electrical origin.

Table 9.- Power Installation, 1925.

Classes of power	Number of units	Horsepower according to manufacturer's rating
1. Steam engines and turbines	47	3,440
2. Oil, gas and gasoline engines	8	35
3. Hydraulic turbines or water wheels	3	252
4. Electric motors:-		
(a) Operated by purchased power	1,817	13,711
(b) Operated by power generated by establishment	115	902
Total power for manufacturing purposes	1,875	17,438
Total electric motor installation	1,932	14,613

COST OF MATERIALS USED.

The quantity and cost value at the factory or works of the various materials used in the biscuit and confectionery industry in 1925 is shown in table 10. The total cost of such materials for the year was \$23,227,967, a decrease of \$155,658 from 1924. The reduction in the cost of materials is due principally to the decrease in the market price of sugar which fell from an average price of 8.323 cents per lb. in 1924 to 6.25 cents per lb in 1925.

Table 10.- Materials used by quantity and cost value, 1925.

Classes of materials	Unit of measure	Quantity	Cost value at factory \$
Flour	Barrels	294,404	2,125,149
Salt	"	13,015	28,376
Sugar	Pound	64,271,273	4,132,684
Butter	"	1,373,459	467,250
Cooking oils	"	444,754	64,142
Lard	"	2,262,451	372,844
Shortening	"	5,457,109	827,474
Cream	Gallon	657,150	660,635
Milk, fresh & skim	"	929,164	220,231
Milk, condensed	pound	2,665,947	246,207
Milk, powdered		1,701,432	237,931
Eggs	dozen	490,544	147,809
Fruits	pounds	2,301,466	465,522
Nuts	"	6,052,254	1,104,466
Glucose	"	24,339,326	1,107,710
Chocolate	"	7,887,045	1,563,723
Coconut	"	1,574,532	256,234
Cocoa beans	"	4,172,140	574,020
Cocoa Butter	"	4,079,333	1,171,640
All other materials (value only)	-	-	4,592,444
Containers of all kinds	-	-	2,611,223
Total cost of materials			23,227,967

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Table 11 presents the imports for consumption and the exports of Canadian produce for the calendar year 1925 by commodities and countries. Including imports of chicle the total value in 1924 of imports was \$1,305,408 while in 1925 the total value was \$1,623,684 being an increase during the year of \$318,276. The value of Canadian goods exported during the year 1925 was \$685,343 as against \$559,446 in 1924 or an increase of \$125,897. Of the total value of goods imported 51.3 per cent came from Britain and her colonies, whilst the percentage of Canadian produce exported to Britain and her colonies was approximately 80 per cent.

Table 11.- Imports and Exports of Biscuits, Confectionery, etc., during the calendar year 1925.

IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
Articles by countries	Quantity Lb.	Value \$	Articles by countries	Quantity Cwt.	Value \$
Biscuits, not sweetened			Biscuits and bread		
United Kingdom	756,415	73,177	United States	1,917	17,465
United States	659,908	81,890	Br. Guiana	1,612	17,990
Other Countries	37,615	5,656	Br. Honduras	247	4,077
Totals	1,453,938	160,723	Bermuda	511	6,805
Biscuits, sweetened			Barbados	286	5,213
United Kingdom	162,695	50,492	Jamaica	1,445	13,467
United States	946,093	118,243	Other B.W. Indies	1,598	22,331
Other Countries	40,939	7,475	Other Countries	584	11,537
Totals	1,149,727	176,215	Totals	8,200	98,885
Confectionery, coated with or containing chocolate			Candy	Lb.	
United Kingdom	184,378	87,538	United Kingdom	31,699	14,176
United States	92,484	26,140	United States	22,440	4,666
Other Countries	334,524	90,137	Br. South Africa	283,963	75,223
Totals	611,386	203,815	Newfoundland	426,768	149,418
Sugar Candy and confectionery of all kinds, n.o.p.			New Zealand	494,883	161,866
United Kingdom	2,338,563	532,610	Australia	26,837	11,527
United States	954,476	127,527	Bermuda	18,354	5,627
Other Countries	211,597	38,273	Other B.W. Indies	50,639	16,282
Totals	3,504,636	698,410	Other countries	102,644	38,663
Chicle or sappato gum, crude			Totals	1,458,227	477,448
United States	681,320	295,430	Confectionery, n.o.p. (value only)		
British Honduras	135,204	89,091	United Kingdom	-	21,932
Totals	866,614	384,521	United States	-	5,127
Total imports by countries (value only)			Other Countries	-	44,438
United Kingdom	-	743,817	Totals	-	71,497
United States	-	649,235	Chewing gum (value only)		
Br. Honduras	-	89,091	United Kingdom	-	20,392
Other Countries	-	141,541	Other Countries	-	17,121
Grand Total Imports	-	1,623,684	Totals	-	37,513
Total Exports by Countries (value only)					
United Kingdom	-		United Kingdom	-	56,500
United States	-		United States	-	27,258
Br. S. Africa	-		Br. S. Africa	-	75,223
Newfoundland	-		Newfoundland	-	149,418
New Zealand	-		New Zealand	-	161,866
Australia	-		Australia	-	11,527
Br. Possessions	-		Br. Possessions	-	22,067
Br. W. Indies	-		Br. W. Indies	-	69,725
Other Countries	-		Other Countries	-	111,759
Grand Total Exports	-		Grand Total Exports	-	685,343

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