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### REPORT ON THE PROCESSED CHEESE INDUSTRY, CANADA, 1944.

Processed cheese production in 1944 registered a decrease of 5.5 p.c. in quantity and 3.5 p.c. in value. Production amounted to 33,991,109 lb., valued at \$10,221,441, as compared to 35,970,129 lb., valued at \$10,589,766 in 1943. The quantity of cheddar cheese used by the industry was 25,135,921 lb., a decrease of 4.5 p.c. as compared with 1943.

The drying of egg powder accounted for \$6,686,930, or 70.8 p.c. of the value of 'other products'. The value of sandwich spread, salad dressing, cheese of types other than processed or cheddar, and other minor products rose from \$2,438,359 in 1943 to \$2,761,855 in 1944. The war-time use of part-time employees is reflected in the statistics of employment and wages; the number of employees increased by 24.6 p.c. while salaries and wages increased by only 20.5 p.c.

### PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE PROCESSED CHEESE INDUSTRY, CANADA

	1943	1944
Establishments .....	22	22
Capital investment .....	\$ 5,012,787	-
Salaried employees:		
Male .....	115	120
Female .....	78	76
Wage earners:		
Male .....	285	332
Female .....	417	587
Total employees .....	895	1,115
Salaries paid .....	\$ 306,152	363,140
Wages paid .....	758,837	920,541
Total salaries & wages .....	\$ 1,064,989	1,283,681
Power equipment (ordinarily in use):		
Steam engines .....	-	1
H.P. .....	-	10
Electric motors .....	398	392
H.P. .....	1,370	1,607
Stationary boilers .....	12	11
H.P. .....	840	792
Cost of fuel used .....	\$ 40,183	42,972
Cost of electricity used .....	23,024	29,130
Materials Used:		
Cheese for processing .....	lb. 26,322,963	25,135,921
\$ .....	5,905,400	5,616,004
Other materials .....	\$ 7,839,845	9,217,889
Total value of materials used .....	\$ 13,745,245	14,833,893
Products:		
Processed cheese .....	lb. 35,970,129	33,991,109
\$ .....	10,589,766	10,221,441
Other products .....	\$ 7,746,595	9,448,785
Total value of products .....	\$ 18,336,361	19,670,226

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