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CANNED FOOD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1929.

The development in the production of canned foods in Canada showed a remarkable expansion since the beginning of the twentieth century. In 1900 the total value did not exceed \$8,250,000 whilst in 1929 it had increased to more than \$54,000,000 or six and one-half times as much. The principal commodities used in the canning industry are fish, fruits and vegetables, milk and meats whilst the industry itself forms an adjunct of considerable importance to other industries notably the tin can industry, the wooden box industry and the paper and printing industry. The development of the canned foods trade has affected great changes in the relation of foods to seasons. Fruits and vegetables of many kinds are to be had at all times of the year, not always with all the flavour of the freshly gathered product, but with much of their original freshness and flavour. The producers in the country are provided with an enormously extended market and the consumer in both city and country with cheap and wholesome food in great variety. The consumer also enjoys protection by frequent inspection under the "Meat and Canned Foods Act 1907" and subsequent amendments, administered by the Health of Animals' Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The principal statistics of establishments primarily employed in the production of canned foods for the calendar year 1929 are presented in the accompanying summary table. The statistics in this table are for all products and by-products of the several industries and the figures of production are not comparable with those shown elsewhere in this report.

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Capital	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Value of Products
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$
Fish, canned	449	17,869,625	12,442	3,037,126	16,996,478
Fruits, canned)	173	22,138,060	7,228	2,840,300	19,050,700
Vegetables, canned)					
Condensed and evaporated milk	30	9,190,753	874	1,117,465	14,686,802
Meats, canned	11	875,000 ^{1/}	295 ^{1/}	570,000 ^{1/}	1,432,524
Syrups 1/	9	450,000 ^{1/}	165 ^{1/}	115,000 ^{1/}	1,846,179
Total	672	50,523,438	21,004	7,479,891	54,012,683

1/ Estimated.

Imports of canned foods in the calendar year 1929 amounted to \$9,946,183 mostly of fruits and vegetables not grown in Canada by reason of climatic conditions.

Exports of canned foods the produce of Canada during 1929 amounted in value to \$19,280,455, of which canned fish totalled \$13,259,369 and condensed milk \$3,625,361.

The following table summarizes the imports and exports of canned foods by classes and value for the calendar year 1929.

Classes of Canned Foods	Exports	Imports
	\$	\$
Canned fish	13,259,369	1,739,193
Canned fruits	422,543	3,172,055
Canned meats and soups	700,737	2,957,522
Canned milk products	3,625,361	40,022
Canned vegetables	1,272,445	2,037,391
Total	19,280,455	9,946,183

STATE OF TEXAS
COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Austin, Texas

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The following is a list of the lands owned by the State of Texas, as of the 1st day of January, 1900, and the amount of the taxes thereon, as assessed for the year 1900. The lands are classified according to their location, and the amount of the taxes is given in dollars and cents.

The total amount of the taxes assessed for the year 1900 is \$1,000,000.00.

County	Acres	Value
Brewster	100,000	\$100,000.00
Comanche	200,000	\$200,000.00
Concho	300,000	\$300,000.00
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CANNED FOOD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1929.

The table following presents a comprehensive statement of the quantity and selling value of canned foods in Canada by classes, the various commodities being arranged in order of value of production.

Classes of canned foods	Unit of measure	Quantity	Value \$
Fish, canned - Totals	Cases	2,029,415	16,996,478
Salmon	"	1,399,541	11,625,831
Lobsters	"	127,516	3,179,022
Sardines	"	329,204	1,319,584
Pilchards	"	98,821	411,011
Clams, etc.	"	54,289	304,550
Haddock	"	11,996	89,672
Cod	"	3,992	33,787
All other species	"	4,056	33,021
Fruits, canned - Totals	Cases	1,101,188	3,827,027
Pears	"	237,384	834,700
Apples	"	331,691	739,156
Cherries	"	95,155	403,137
Peaches	"	90,755	380,549
Raspberries	"	53,043	292,702
Strawberries	"	52,758	283,204
Plums	"	89,375	237,482
All other fruits	"	151,027	606,047
Vegetables, canned - Totals	Cases	5,626,098	15,223,673
Tomatoes	"	1,976,206	4,933,217
Beans, baked	"	1,326,549	3,869,488
Peas	"	964,941	2,713,119
Corn	"	892,765	2,354,968
Beans, green or wax	"	297,433	879,170
All other vegetables	"	168,204	473,711
Miscellaneous products, canned - Totals	Cases	665,613	2,365,222
Soups	"	556,739	1,893,266
Macaroni	"	102,642	388,850
Chicken	"	6,232	83,106
Concentrated milk products - Totals	Pound	106,057,408	10,288,131
Evaporated milk	"	53,995,117	5,060,229
Condensed milk	"	25,482,419	2,710,090
Skim milk powder	"	12,787,818	1,242,837
Condensed skim milk	"	10,491,269	576,942
Whole milk powder	"	2,167,333	533,904
Buttermilk powder	"	769,405	61,080
Cream powder	"	115,614	59,281
Condensed coffee, etc.	"	247,833	43,768
Meats, canned -	Pound	10,197,431	1,432,524
Table syrups	"	13,662,240	1,846,179

FISH CANNING

The principal varieties of fish used in Canadian canneries are in order of their importance: salmon, lobsters, sardines, clams, pilchards, haddocks and herring.

Salmon Canning: The salmon canning industry is confined to the province of British Columbia and dates as far back as 1876 when the initial pack was 9,847 cases, drawn wholly from the Fraser River area. Ten years later the pack had increased to 161,264 cases and again in 1896 to 601,570 cases. In 1928 the pack had further increased to 2,036,329 cases with a value of \$13,776,092, constituting the second highest record pack for the industry, whilst in 1929 the last year for which complete statistics are available the pack had decreased to 1,399,541 cases valued at \$11,625,831.

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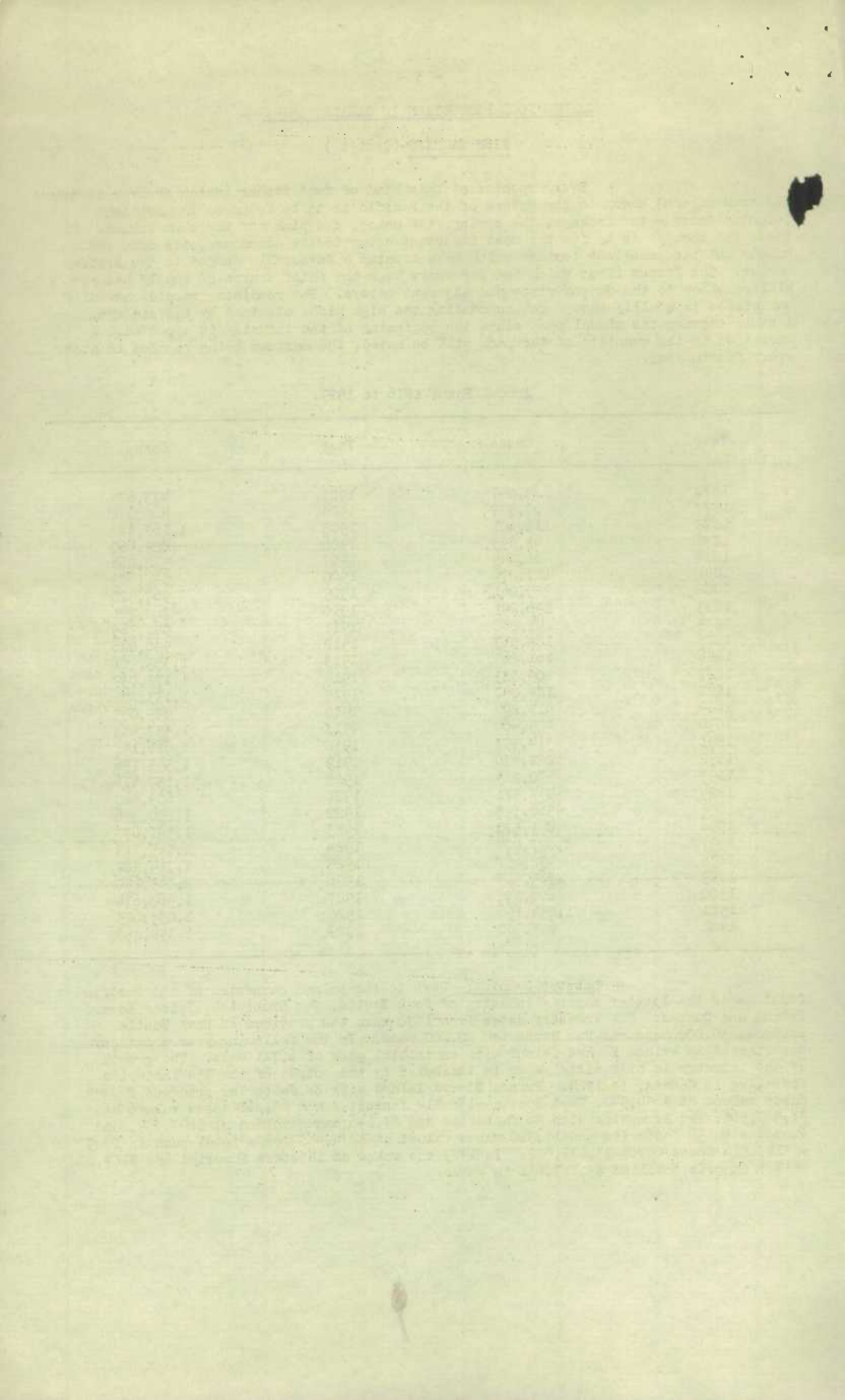
FISH CANNING-(Cont'd.)

Every species of this kind of food fishes (which however is not the true salmon) known to the waters of the Pacific is to be found on the British Columbia Coast - the sockeye, the spring, the coho, the pink and the chum salmon. Of these the sockeye is by far the most important owing to its abundance, its deep red colour and its excellent texture which have created a favourable demand in the British market. The Fraser river which had for years been the chief source of supply has now yielded place to the Skeena river and adjacent waters. The remaining species are all marketable in quality though not commanding the high place attained by the sockeye. A table showing the annual pack since the beginning of the industry is appended. A variation in the quantity of the pack will be noted, the maximum being reached in about every fourth year.

Annual Pack, 1876 to 1929.

Year	Cases	Year	Cases
1876	9,847	1903	473,674
1877	67,387	1904	465,894
1878	113,601	1905	1,167,822
1879	61,093	1906	629,460
1880	61,849	1907	542,266
1881	117,276	1908	542,689
1882	225,061	1909	967,920
1883	196,292	1910	762,201
1884	141,242	1911	948,965
1885	108,517	1912	996,626
1886	161,264	1913	1,353,901
1887	204,083	1914	1,111,039
1888	181,040	1915	1,133,381
1889	414,294	1916	995,065
1890	409,464	1917	1,557,485
1891	314,893	1918	1,616,157
1892	228,470	1919	1,393,156
1893	590,229	1920	1,187,616
1894	494,371	1921	603,548
1895	566,395	1922	1,290,326
1896	601,570	1923	1,341,677
1897	1,027,204	1924	1,745,313
1898	492,657	1925	1,719,282
1899	765,517	1926	2,065,190
1900	606,530	1927	1,360,634
1901	1,236,156	1928	2,035,629
1902	625,982	1929	1,398,857

Lobster Canning: Next to the salmon canneries of the Pacific Coast comes the lobster canning industry of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec. The industry dates from 1870 when the province of Nova Scotia produced 30,000 cans and New Brunswick 20,000 cans. In the following year a factory was started in Prince Edward Island with an initial pack of 6,711 cans. The growth of the industry in over sixty years is indicated by the output of the 354 factories operating in Canada, in 1929. Prince Edward Island with 88 factories produced 28,399 cases valued at \$686,940, Nova Scotia with 114 factories and 60,661 cases valued at \$1,569,965, New Brunswick with 96 factories and 27,146 cases valued at \$647,659, and Quebec with 56 factories and 11,310 cases valued at \$274,453, or a total pack in 1929 of 127,516 cases worth \$3,179,022. In 1929 the value of lobsters imported was \$107,673 whilst exports totalled \$3,113,631 in value.



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A table showing the annual pack of lobsters from 1897 to date follows:

Annual Pack of Lobsters 1897 - 1929

Year	Cases of 48 lb.	Year	Cases of 48 lb.
1897	231,886	1917	195,993
1898	223,554	1918	107,812
1899	218,652	1919	128,759
1900	219,756	1920	163,299
1901	209,513	1921	137,607
1902	194,794	1922	148,644
1903	220,921	1923	151,039
1904	224,214	1924	102,118
1905	219,534	1925	127,497
1906	210,516	1926	123,519
1907	222,095	1927	113,937
1908	227,323	1928	111,986
1909	188,992	1929	127,516
1910	183,094		
1911	208,482		
1912	187,616		
1913	166,512		
1914	160,902		
1915	162,966		
1916	197,751		

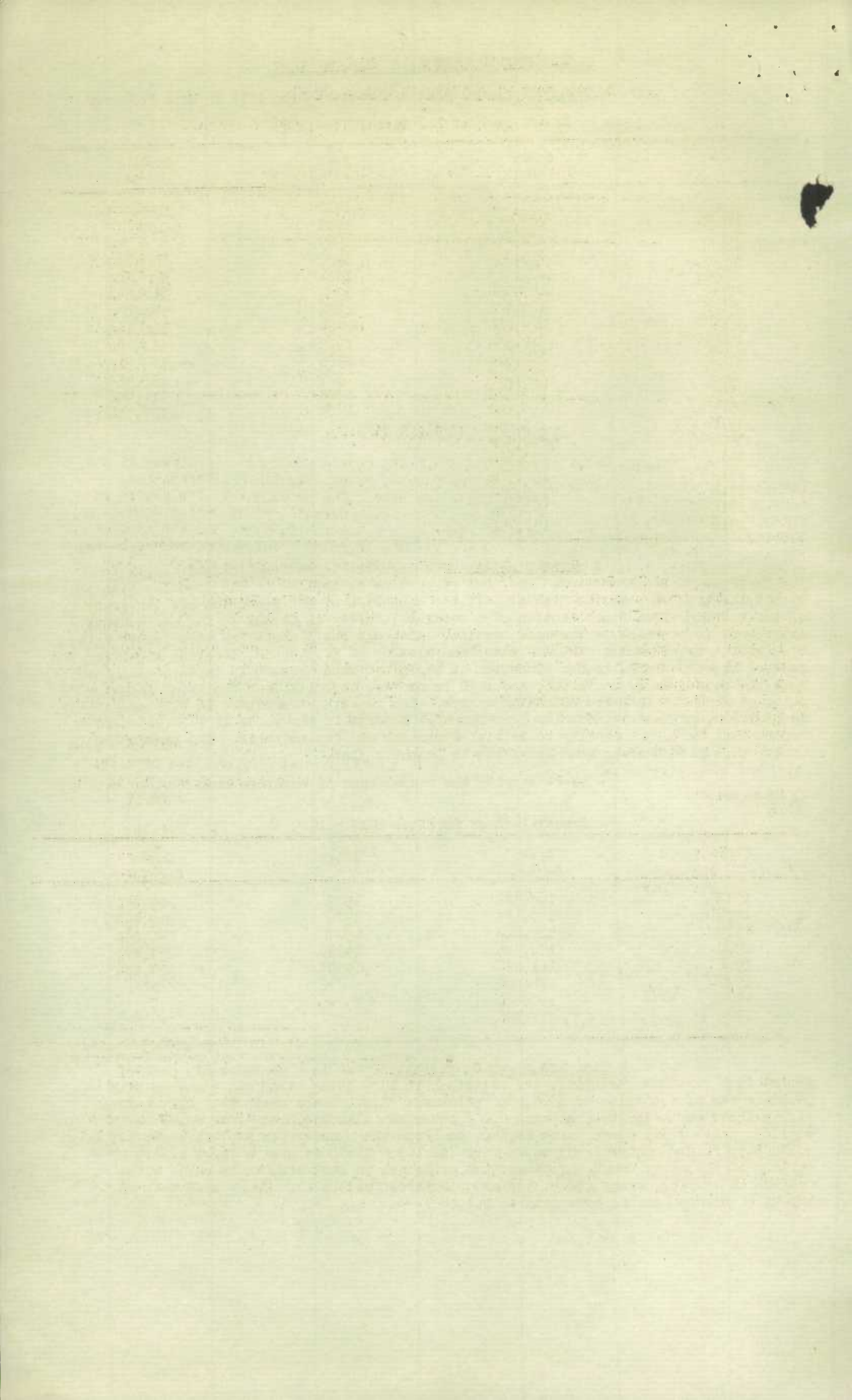
Sardine Canning: The industry is confined almost wholly to the Province of New Brunswick. The name of sardine as applied to the Canadian fish is not the true one; as the fish used in the canneries of New Brunswick are the young of the herring. The first mention of a sardine industry in Canada so far as is known, dates back to sometime in the late sixties. Although but 3 canneries were reported in 1929 with a total pack of 329,204 cases and a value of \$1,319,584, the true significance of its importance to New Brunswick is explained when account is taken of the fact that the Maine, U. S. factories, about 50 in number, depend almost wholly on the supplies of fish obtained from Canadian waters. The imports of sardines in 1929 amounted to \$788,500 and came principally from Norway. Exports to the value of \$578,015 were reported in 1929, principally to British Dominions and dependencies. The season for taking this fish extends from April 1st to December 31st.

A table showing the annual pack of sardines from 1917 to date is appended.

Annual Pack of Sardines 1917 - 1929

Year	Cases Canned	Year	Cases Canned
1917	168,365	1925	209,649
1918	177,193	1926	217,592
1919	119,225	1927	240,091
1920	129,925	1928	257,881
1921	111,835	1929	329,204
1922	121,800		
1923	140,000		
1924	282,306		

Clam and other Canneries: There is a considerable pack of canned fish of other varieties, the principal in 1929 being clams and quahaugs with 54,289 cases of the value of \$304,550, pilchards 98,821 cases worth \$411,011, haddock 11,995 cases worth \$89,672, herring 2,207 cases worth \$8,853, cod 3,992 cases worth \$33,787, halibut 301 cases worth \$2,846, scallops 422 cases worth \$3,798, crabs 671 cases worth \$15,421 and mackerel 455 cases worth \$2,103. There is also a large export of certain of the above named varieties, the principal in 1929 with their value being codfish (\$315,975), clams (\$204,753) and pilchards (\$173,621). There was, too, an import of canned herring amounting to \$83,186.



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A statement showing the quantity of clams, etc., packed annually from 1917 to date is herewith presented.

Annual Pack of Clams, etc. 1917-1929.

Year	Cases Canned	Year	Cases Canned
1917	19,445	1925	37,622
1918	16,592	1926	30,370
1919	14,599	1927	38,826
1920	17,195	1928	43,090
1921	22,384	1929	54,289
1922	23,085		
1923	18,329		
1924	32,447		

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CANNING.

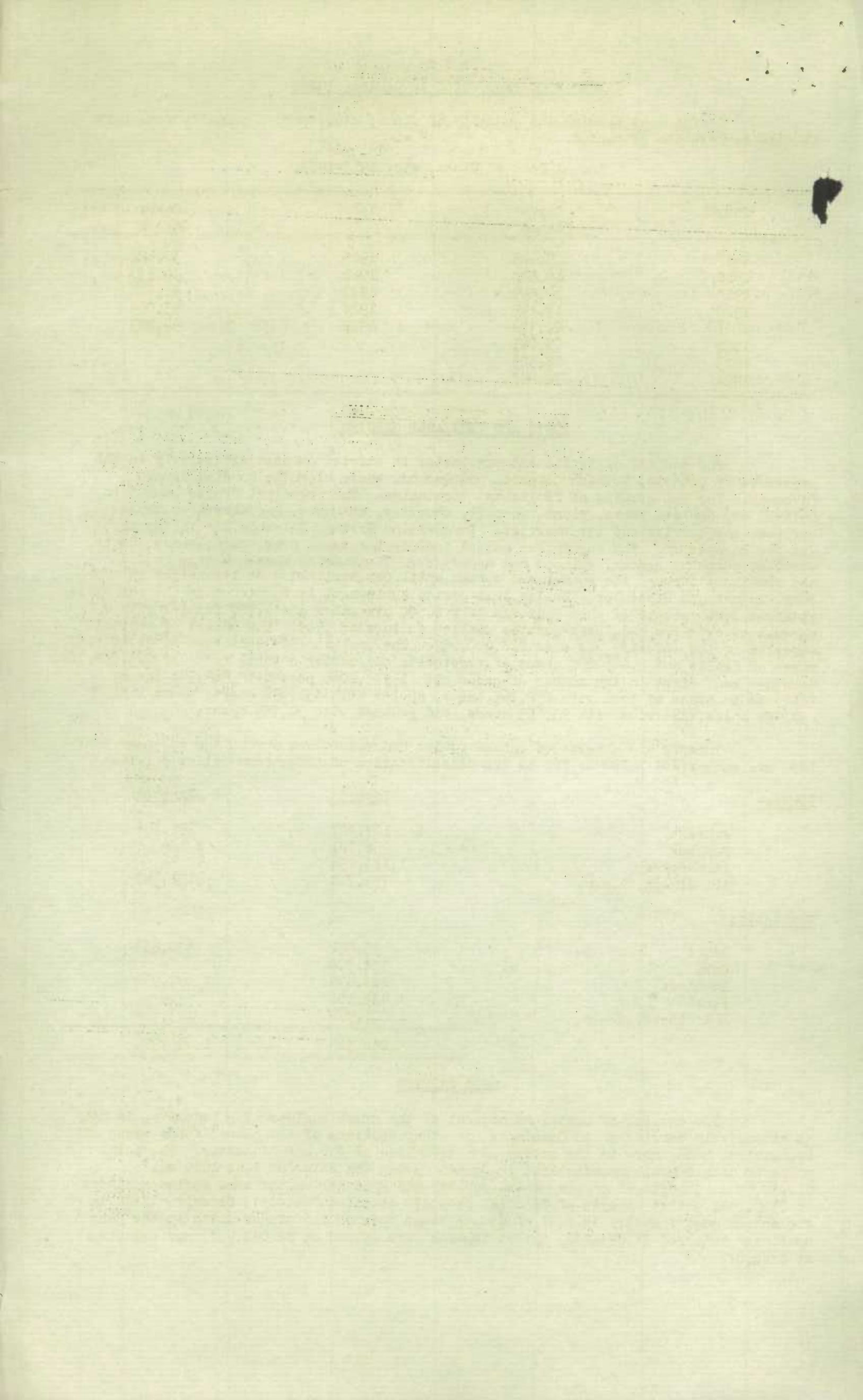
The canning of fruits and vegetables is carried on most extensively in the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec, where climatic conditions are favourable for the growing of fruits and vegetables. The principal fruits canned in Ontario are apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries, currants, gooseberries, blueberries, raspberries and strawberries. In addition British Columbia has the apricot and the loganberry. The vegetables canned include tomatoes, peas, corn, beans, beets, carrots, pumpkin, squash, spinach and asparagus. The canning season begins in June and continues through the summer and autumn until October, being at its height in July, August and September. During this period employment is furnished in the canneries to about 7,200 people of whom approximately 2,500 are males and 4,700 females with a payroll of over two and three-quarter million dollars in 1929. The amount of capital invested in the industry was over \$22,000,000. The pack in 1929 consisted of \$1,101,188 cases of fruits and 5,626,098 cases of vegetables and having a total value of \$19,050,700. Tomatoes rank first in the number of cases with 1,976,206, peas with 964,941 cases, followed in order by corn with 892,765 cases, apples with 331,691 cases, pears with 237,384 cases, cherries with 95,155 cases, and peaches with 90,755 cases.

Imports and exports of canned fruits and vegetables during the calendar year 1929 are summarized below as far as the classification of these commodities permits:

<u>Fruits-</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>
Pears	\$ 107,427	\$ 291,196
Peaches	958,741	-
Pineapples	1,183,036	-
All others, n.o.p.	755,770	131,347
<u>Vegetables-</u>		
Beans	95,551	530,835
Corn	330,308	-
Tomatoes	166,439	627,962
Peas	433,101	-
All others, n.o.p.	1,021,992	113,648
	<u>5,052,365</u>	<u>1,694,988</u>

MEAT CANNING

The canning of meats, an adjunct of the great meat-packing industry, is not as extensively carried on in Canada as are other sections of the canned foods group of industries, being more in the nature of a side line of the main industry. The total value of canned meats manufactured in Canada during the calendar year 1929 was \$1,432,524. Imports of canned meats, poultry and game during the same period amounted to \$919,565, whilst exports of Canadian products totalled \$54,665. Closely allied to the canned meat industry is that of canned soups the manufacture of which in the year mentioned totalled \$1,893,266, whilst imports were valued at \$2,037,957, and exports at \$646,072.



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CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS

The Concentrated Milk Products industry in Canada dates from 1883 when the first factory was established at Truro, Nova Scotia, by the Reindeer Condensed Milk Company. Later in the eighties and again in the nineties several new plants were created by this company and the St. Charles Company at Ingersoll, Ontario, many of them being absorbed at a later date by the Borden Condensed Milk Co. which now operates plants at Ingersoll, Trenton and Norwich, Ontario, Truro, Nova Scotia and South Sunac, B.C. Other Companies operating a number of plants in 1929 were as follows:

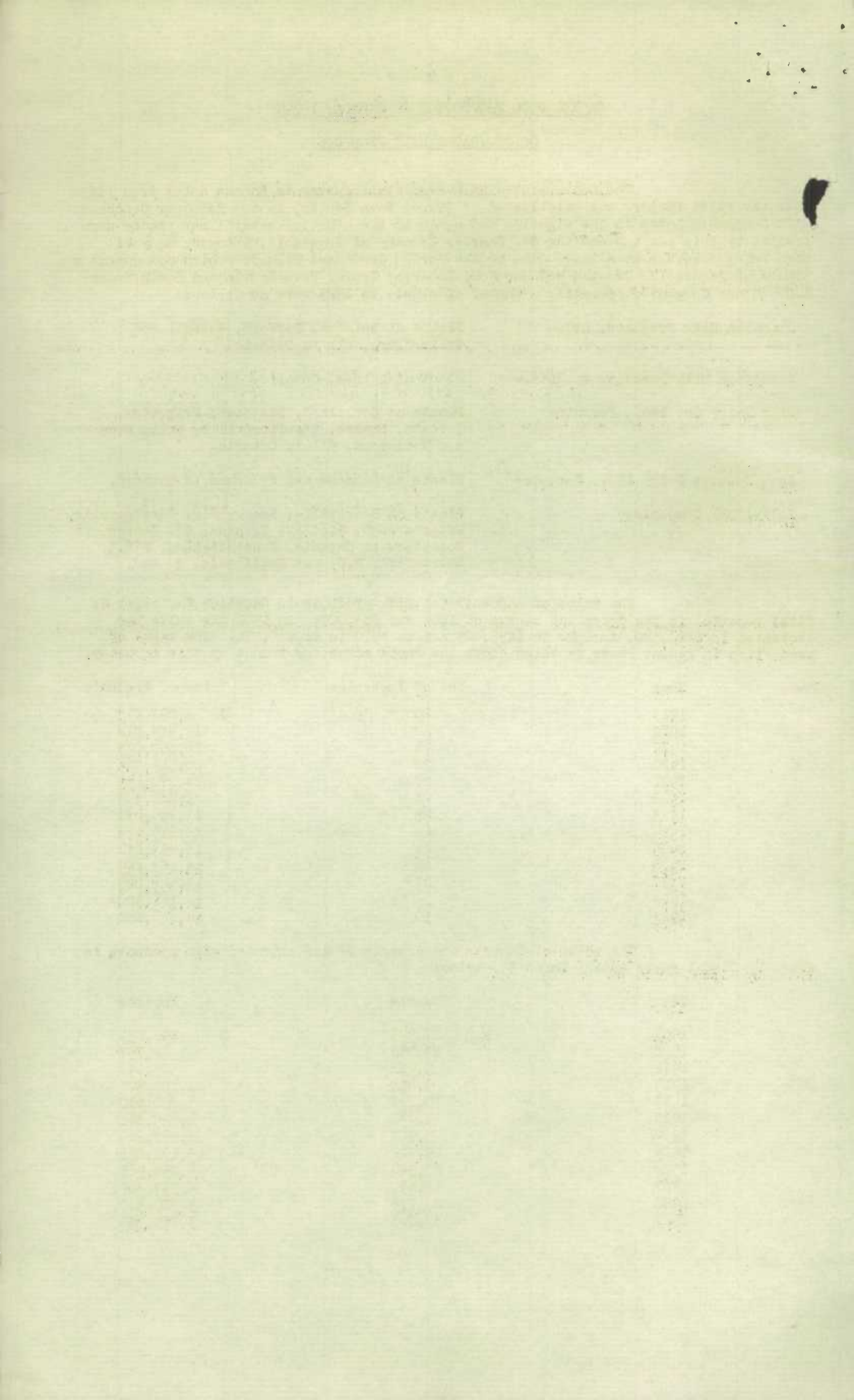
Canadian Milk Products, Ltd.-	Plants at Belmont, Burford, Russell and Tillsonburg, all in Ontario.
Carnation Milk Products Co. Ltd.-	Plant at Aylmer, Ontario.
City Dairy Co. Ltd., Toronto-	Plants at Courtland, Listowel, Princeton, Toronto, Simcoe, Straffordville, Villa Nova and Woodstock, all in Ontario.
Acme Farmers Dairy Ltd., Toronto-	Plants at Napanee and Sydenham in Ontario.
Individual Companies-	Plants at Beachville, Brockville, Chesterville, Peterborough, Lindsay, Trenton, St. George and Woodstock in Ontario, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Abbotsford, B.C. and Huntingdon, Quebec.

The value of concentrated milk products in Canadian factories as first reported in the decennial census of 1891 was \$83,000. In 1901 the value had increased to \$269,520, in 1906 to \$855,409 and in 1910 to \$1,814,371. The value of production in recent years as below shows the rapid advancement made by this industry.

Year	No. of Factories	Value of Products
1917	20	\$ 8,097,217
1918	22	12,413,818
1919	24	15,880,033
1920	28	20,519,835
1921	27	14,270,591
1922	23	9,501,345
1923	25	13,714,978
1924	24	13,215,173
1925	24	13,453,472
1926	26	13,159,659
1927	27	13,387,048
1928	29	14,161,306
1929	30	14,686,802

The value of imports and exports of concentrated milk products is shown by fiscal years ending March 31, below:

Year	Imports	Exports
1903	\$ 27,943	\$ 241,859
1908	87,998	42,757
1912	9,981	305,678
1915	9,465	1,181,300
1917	10,268	1,371,610
1918	11,951	4,955,048
1924	45,907	5,577,265
1925	29,722	5,190,831
1926	27,340	4,856,965
1927	35,550	4,537,369
1928	25,775	3,989,580
1929	37,863	3,720,745



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CONSUMPTION OF CANNED FOODS IN CANADA, 1929

The value of canned foods available for consumption in Canada for the calendar year 1929 is shown by classes in the following summary table. Consumption figures are usually computed by adding together the values of manufactures and imports and deducting therefrom the value of exports.

Classes of Canned Foods	Value of Manufactures	Value of Imports	Value of Exports	Value available for consumption	
				Total	Per Capita
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fish, canned	16,996,478	1,739,193	13,259,369	5,476,302	.56
Fruits, canned	3,827,027	3,172,055	422,543	6,576,539	.67
Vegetables, canned	15,223,673	2,037,391	1,272,445	15,988,619	1.63
Mis. Products, canned	2,365,222	2,037,957	646,072	3,757,107	.38
Concentrated Milk Products	10,288,131	40,022	3,625,361	6,702,792	.69
Meats, canned	1,432,524	919,565	54,665	2,297,424	.23
Total	50,133,055	9,946,183	19,280,455	40,798,783	4.16

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