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IN

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## CANNED FOOD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1939.

The develoment in the production of canned foods in Canada showed a remarkable expansion since the beginning of the twentieth century. In 1900 the tuta? value did not exceed $\$ 8,250,000$, whilst in 1930 it had increased to more than $55,000,000$ or six and one-half times as much. In 1933 the value of production droped to $\$ 33,000,000$, and rose again to $\$ 09,500,000$ in 1939. The princiral commodities used in the canning industry are: fish, frujts and Vegetathes, mill and meats, whilst the industry itself forms an adjunct of considerable importance to other industries, notably the tin can industry, the wooder box industry and the paper and printing industries. The development of the canned foods trade has effected great changes in the relation of foods to seasons. Fruits and vegetables of many kinds are to be had at a.7 times of the year, not always with all the flavour of the freshly gathered product, but, with much of their original freshmess 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 is also protected by the inspection services of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa.

The principal statistics of establinhnents primarily employed in the prociuction of canned fonds during the year 1939 are presented in the following sumary table. It should be remembered that the statistics in this table are for all products and by-products of the several industries shown. The figures of production, therefore, are not comparable with those shown elsewhere in this report.

Table 1. - Princinal Statistics of the Industries Producing Canned Goods, 1938 and 11939.

|  | Estab-Iishments | Capital <br> Invested | Total Employees | Total Salaries and Wages | Cross <br> Value of Production |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | \$ | No. | \$ | $\$$ |
| Fish, canned. | 353 | 15,301,502 | 11,218 | 2,539,455 | 16,207,611 |
| Fruit and vegetable preparations.. | 341 | 48,862,472 | ?,491 | 6,853,116 | 47,821, 350 |
| Condensed and evaporateç milk.. | 24 | 5,923,977 | 835 | 912,610 | 13,190,013 |
| Meats, canned | 21 | 395,000 I/ | $861 /$ | 120,000 I/ | 1,168,206 |
| TOTAL, 1938. | 739 | 70,487,951 | 21,630 | 10, 425, 187. | 78,477,180 |
| Fish, canned | 313 | 15,1.97,469 | 17,439 | 2,637,887 | 18,82n,225 |
| Fruit, and vegetable preparations... | 338 | 45,875,538 | 9,838 | 7,196,036 | 55, 164, 957 |
| Condensed and evaporated milk... | 23 | 8,060,821 | 854 | 921, 1.88 | 12,251,024 |
| Meats, canned. | 24 | 679,000 1/ | $1261 /$ | 176,000 l/ | 1,743,143 |
| TOTAL, 1939........... | 698 | 67,81.2,828 | 22,257 | 10,951,111 | 88,979, 349 |

1/Estimated.

## Imports and Exports

Imports of canned foods in the calendar year 1939 amounted to $\$ 3,814,062$, mostly of fruit and vegetables not grown in Canada by reason of climatic conditions.

Exports of canned foods, the procuce of Canada during 1939 amounted in value to $\$ 26,60 \%, 049$, of which canned fish totalled $\$ 11,548,982$, canned meats and soups $\$ 4,432,127$, and concentrated milk products $\$ 2,295,009$.

The following table summarizes the imports and exports of canned foods by classes and value for the calendar years 1932 to 1939.

Table 2. - Imports and Exports of Canned Foods, Calendar Years 1922 to 1939.

|  | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IMPORTS - | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Canned fis | 671,386 | 659,554 | 713,018 | 891,702 | 1,202,253 | 1,002,585 | 1,059,856 | 1, 300,158 |
| Canned fruits | 587,903 | 764,380 | 753,052 | 1,011,578 | 1,337,577 | 1,114,159 | 879,153 | 1,108,515 |
| Canned vegetables | 298,041 | 194,596 | 223,507 | 218,615 | 308,403 | 259,707 | 269,436 | 316,232 |
| Canned meats and soup | 372,613 | 411,990 | 489,943 | 539,936 | 62.5,2.40 | 660,539 | 665,276 | $1,015,556$ |
| Concentrated milk products | 27,207 | 22,994 | 25,123 | 22,318 | 35,876 | 115,683 | 61,188 | 73,601 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS | 1,957,150 | 2,053,514 | 2,204,643 | 2,684,149 | 3,509,349 | 3,152,673 | 2,932,969 | 3,814,062 |
| EXPORTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canned fish | 7,361,077 | 8,141,552 | 9,129,954 | 10,475,278 | 9,275,885 | 10,608,818 | 10,021,065 | 11,548,982 |
| Canned fruits | 581,438 | 897,208 | 1,422,413 | 1,414,234 | 1,145,856 | 1,803,501 | 2,000,446 | 3,089,768 |
| Canned vegetables | 580,673 | 806,895 | 603,078 | 1,224,425 | 1,292,072 | 2,530,533 | 2,221,856 | 2,906,919 |
| Canned meats and soup | 721,632 | 937,580 | 1,432,027 | 1,184,570 | 1,794,771 | 1,994,903 | 2,382,148 | 4,432,127 |
| Other canned foods. | - | - |  | - | - | - | 930,081 | 1,330,244 |
| Concentrated milk products | 2,097,899 | 2,097,153 | 2,209,750 | 2,247,075 | 1,886,468 | 3,174,594 | 3,456, 398 | 3,295,009 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS. | 21,342,719 | 12,880,388 | 15,181,685 | 16,975,636 | 15,973,108 | 19, 018,349 | 21,012,004 | 26,603,049 |

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Table 3. - Production of Canned Foods in Canada, 1929 to 1939.


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Table 3 - Production of Canned Foods in Canada, 1928 to 1939 - (Concluded).


Table 4. - Production of Canned


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Foods, by Provinces, 1939.


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Table 4.-- Production of Canned Foods,

by Provincos, 1939 - (Continued)

| Quebec |  | British Columbia |  | Other Provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quantity | Selling Value at Factory | Quantity | Selling Value at Factory | Quantity | Selling Value at Factory |
|  | \$ |  | \$ |  | \$ |
| - | - | 503 |  | - | - |
| - | - | 19,045 | 801 | - |  |
| (3) | - | 15,456 | - | 552 |  |
| (3) | (3) | 422,877 | 45,203 | 15,570 | 1,711 |
| 5,090 | - | 2,673 | - | 300 |  |
| 125,622 | 11,720 | 91,842 | 7,226 | 7,650 | 1,050 |
| 18,233 | - | 1,293 |  | 8,061 |  |
| 447,553 | 42,004 | 36,983 | 4,490 | 28\%,544 | 23,668 |
| 1,961,760 | - | 643,723 | - | 290,236 | 518, 135 |
| 65,773,577 | 3,486,360 | 21,171,281 | 1,445,640 | 8,035, 125 | 518,135 |
| (4) <br> (4) | (4) | 24,674 519,701 | 68,622 | (4) | (4) |
| 258,228 | (1) | 79, 304 |  | 61,280 |  |
| 7,548,115 | 393,957 | 2,091,964 | 159,502 | 1,606,065 | 100,62.6 |
| 613,467 |  | 152,142 |  | 39,406 |  |
| 21,487,555 | 1,237,004 | 5,636,238 | 381,647 | 1,267,091 | 85,178 |
| (4) |  | 6,11? |  | 7,258 | - |
| (4) | (4) | 171,151 | 11,746 | 196,935 | 13,245 |
| (4) | - | (4) | - | 567 | - |
| (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | 27,090 | 1,415 |
| - | - | 51,583 |  | (4) |  |
| (4) |  | 1,339,585 | 110,699 | (4) | (4) |
| (4) (4) | - | (4) | - | - |  |
| (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |  |  |
| (4) | - | - | - | (4) |  |
| (4) | (4) | - | - | (4) | (4) |
| 280,473 | (1) | (4) | - | (4) |  |
| 8,163,439 | 437,601 | (4) | (4) | (4) | (1) |
| 348,692 | - | 122,139 |  | 109,722 |  |
| 9,839,662 | 607,131 | 3,149,515 | 266,889 | 2,917,111 | 195,336 |
| (4) (4) | (4) | 3,334 |  | (4) | (4) |
| (4) | (4) | 103,610 | 4,895 | (4) | (4) |
| 408,699 | - | 172,421 | - | 767 | - |
| 17,229,284 | 693,222 | 7,302,518 | 378,822 | 22,573 | 1,034 |
| (4) | - | - | , |  | , |
| (4) | (4) | - | - | - | - |
| 52,201 | ( | 28,485 | - | 71,236 | -- |
| 1,445,522 | 111,445 | 687,272 | 55,460 | 1,938 260 | 121,301 |

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|  | Unit of Measure | CANADA |  | Ontario |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Quantity | Selling <br> Value at <br> Factory | Quantity | Selling Value at Factory |
|  |  |  | \$ |  | \$ |
| Other Canned Foods - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meats | Pounds | 7,887,228 | 1,743,227 | 902,979 | 223,465 |
| Soups, all kinds....... | Cases | 3,510,319 | - 50 | 3,103,019 |  |
|  | Pounds | 96,851,998 | 3,259,222 | 81,740,695 | 8,307,06? |
| Poultry | Pounds | 894,324 | 353,218 | 332,533 | 162,548 |
| Spaghetti and macaroni.. | Cases | 424,138 |  | 261,943 | - |
|  | Pounds | 12,961,441 | 1,001,305 | 8,935,849 | 726,609 |
| tomato juice............ | Cases | 869,378 |  | 804,249 $26,829,395$ |  |
| omato paste and puree, | Caunds | $23,115,623$ 212,302 | 1,358,326 | $26,829,395$ 194,835 | 1,236,331 |
| canned............... | Pounds | 9,200,81? | 400,859 | 8,505,888 | 272,514 |
| Tomato paste and puree, other. | Pounds | 495,000 | 6,000 | - | - |
| Tomato ruln, canned..... | Cases Pounds | 405,074 $14,025,691$ | 801,919 | $\begin{array}{r} 399,61 ? \\ 14,403,530 \end{array}$ | 796,580 |
| Tomato pulp, other | Pounds | $\begin{array}{r}14,025,691 \\ 5,83 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 801,919 105,029 | $14,4,3,530$ $3,9 ? 4,947$ | 796,580 87,704 |
| Tomato catsup, canned... | Cases | 101,730 | - | 64,5.72 | - |
|  | Pounds | z,681,125 | 221,815 | 2,543,610 | 163,671 |
| Tomato catsup, other.... Paste, meat, chicken and fish................ | Pounds | 16,606,819 | 2,447,715 | 14,061,818 | 2,284,116 |
|  | Cases | 85,8:9 | - | 3,350 |  |
|  | Pounds | 812,543 | 242,883 | 55,205 | 16,035 |
| Ready dinners, stews, etc. $\qquad$ | Cases | 311,273 |  | 211,182 |  |
|  | Pounds | 7,232,768 | 879,238 | 4,452,673 | 538,738 |
| Foods, prepared for infants. | Cases | 535,072 | - | 535,072 |  |
|  | Pounds | 3,607,752 | 746,575 | 3,607,75? | 746,575 |
| Sauerkraut, e | Cases | 64,213 |  | 64,213 | - |
|  | Pounds | 2,505,703 | 113,339 | 2,56\%,703 | 113,639 |
| Sauerkraut, other....... | Pounds | 205,650 | 6,729 | 186,650 | 5,779 |
| Apple pie filling....... | Pounds | 1,856,910 | 125,940 | 1,841,380 | 124,763 |
|  | Pounds | 525,905 | 47,372 | 455,845 | 41,808 |
| Fruit juices, apple, canned | Cases | 118,328 | - | 96,744 | - |
|  | Pounds | 3,601,227 | 173,63:4 | 2,914,047 | 144,450 |
| Fruit juices, other..... All other canned goods.. | Pounds | 456,470 | 29,184 | 456,470 | 29,184 |
|  | Pounds | 269,930 | 52,561 | 246,254 | 51,679 |

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by Provinces, 1939 - (Continued).


Table 4. - Production of Canned Foods,

| Concentrated Mill: Products | Uni.t, of Measure | CAITADA |  | Ontario |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Quantity | Selling Value at Factory | Quantity | Selling <br> Value at <br> Factory |
|  | Pounds <br> " | $\begin{aligned} & 3,776,746 \\ & 3,794,336 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 326,081 \\ & 323,187 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (6) \\ 3,776,192 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (6) \\ 321,687 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Condensed milk <br> Case goods. <br> Bulk goods. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evaporated milk - <br> Case goods: <br> Bulk goods. | : | $\begin{array}{r}716,598,623 \\ 286,496 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $7,299,228$ 11,016 | $\begin{array}{r} 85,254,865 \\ 286,496 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,339,185 \\ 11,016 \end{array}$ |
| Whole milk powder | " | 6,583,523 | 1,368,679 | 6,581,179 | 1,368,023 |
| Cream powdew...... | " | 6,596 | 3,241 | 6,596 | 3,241 |
| Condensed skim milk. | " | 3,240,891 | 160,522 | 2,945,283 | 149,786 |
| Evaporated skim milk. | " | 964,824 | 21,135 | 910,819 | 19,585 |
| Skim milk powder.... | " | 25,338,928 | 1,761,745 | 19, 369,648 | 1,376,698 |
| Condensed buttermilk. | " | 676,746 | 10,604 | 220,000 | 5,500 |
| Buttermilk powder...... | " | 2,830,332 | 134,939 | 2,223, 424 | 107,516 |
| Sugar of milk. | " | $273,371$ | 10,935 | 273,371 | 10,935 |
| Caseir | " | 1,671,054 | 1.35,659 | 850,78? | 63,028 |

(1) Canned fish are packed in cases of 48 pounds, with the exception of sardines and clams.
(2) Included under "Other small fmaits".
(5) Includes: pincapple, grapefmit and fruits for saled.

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(4) Included under "All other vegetables".
(5) Included uncer "All other canned goods".
(6) Information cannot be published.
(7) Fruits and vegetables canned by domestic or home canners are not included.

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## FISH CANNING

The principal varieties of fish used in Canadian canneries are in order of their importance: salmon, lobsters, sardines, herring, haddoch, clams, tuna, crabs and oysters.

Salmon Canning. - The camning of salmon in Canada is an industry confined almost wholly to the province of British Columbia (a), where this riverspawning fish of the Pacific coast is taken in abundance. Annual records of the salmon pack extend to 1876, when the number of cases was 3,847. The annual pack in recent years has, with few exceptions, exceeded a million cases, and in each of three years (1925, 1928 and 1930) was more than two million cases. The pack of 1939 totalled $1,539,794$ cases, valued at $\$ 10,456,008$. The salmon canneries of British Columbia are of large capacity, vith an average capital invostment in 1939 of $\$ 3.9,585$. The average value of production of the plants in the same year was $\$ 388,774$, and the average number of employees, 152 . Under regulations made by Order in Council of April 4, 1932, canned salmon shipped out of the province must is inspected, and graded according to quality, and each can must carry a letter representing the species of salmon.

Every species of salmon (which, however, is not the salmo salar or true salmon) known to the waters of the Pacific is to be found on the British Columbia Coast - the sockeye, the spring, the cohoe, the pink and the chum salmon. of these the sockeye, though not taken in such great numbers as the pinks and chums, is by far the most important,owing to its abundance, its deep red colour and its excellent texture which have created so keen a demand in British and foreign markets. The chief sources of supply are the Skeena River and other northern waters, and the Fraser River. The remaining species are all marketable in quality though not conmanding the high prices reached by the sockeye.

Annual Pack of Salmon in Canada, 1876 - 1939.

| Year | Cases No. | Year | Cases No. | Year | Cases No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1876. | 9,847 | 1910 | 762,201 | 1931 | 686,697 |
| 1885. | 108,517 | 1915 | 1,133,381 | 1934 | ,584,593 |
| 1890 | 409,164 | 1920 | 1,187,616 | 1937. | ,509,520 |
| 1895. | 566, 395 | 1925 | 1,719,782 | 1938. | ,708,835 |
| 1900. | 606,530 | 1930. | 2,223,469 | 1989. | ,539,794 |
| 1905. | 167,822 |  |  |  |  |

(a) There are a number of small salnon canneries on the Atlantic Coast of Canada, but their combined production of canned salmon in 1939 amounted to only 737 cases.

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Pack of Salmon in the Province of British Columbia, by Species, 1930-1939.

| Species | 1930 | 1931 | 1933 | 1936 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | cases | cases | cases | cases | cases | cases |
| Sockeye. | 477,678 | 291,297 | 258,107 | 415,024 | 447,453 | 269,888 |
| Springs, red. | 16,059 | 6,270 | 5,983 | 16,493 | 10,276 | 10,302 |
| Springs, pink.... | 9,398 | 15,597 | 8,429 | 2,527 | 2,322 | 2,848 |
| Springs, white... | 11,069 | 5,387 | 5,854 | 10,834 | 2,933 | 2,947 |
| Blueback.......... | - | - | - | 33,718 | 27,417 | 48,209 |
| Steclhead......... | 43,610 | 26,629 | 23,2.22) | 1,068 | 1,035 | 797 |
| Cohoe............ | 150,168 | 76,746 | 137,289 | 212,343 | 273,706 | 196,887 |
| Pink. | 1,111,937 | 207,828 | 532,558 | 591,532 | 400,876 | 620,595 |
| Chum. | 401,900 | 56,155 | 293,630 | 597,487 | 541,812 | 386,584 |
| TOTAL..... | 2,221,819 | 685,909 | 1,265,072 | 1,881,026 | 1,707,830 | 1,539,057 |

Lobster Canning. - The lobster is found in Canada in Atlantic Coast waters only, and the lobster canning industry is confined to the eastern Maritime Provinces, with Nova Scotia as the chief producer. The annual pack of lobster in the early years of the present century frequently exceeded two hundred thousand cases, but since 1911, the output has been below that figure, and in each of the past three years the pack has been less than one hundred thousand cases. In 1939 the pack of lobster amounted to 85,693 cases, valued at $\$ 1,640,763$. Large quantities of canned lobster are exported annually, the principal countries of destination being the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Sweden.

In order to conserve the fishery the government prohibits the capture of lobsters of less than a fixed minimum size, and also makes provision for the closing to lobster fishing of such areas and for such periods in each year as may be deemed advisable.

A table showing the annual pack of lobster from 1897 to date follows:
Annual Pack of Lobsters, 1897 to 1939.

| Year | Cases of 48 Pounds | Year | Cases of 48 Pounds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 231,886 \\ & 219,756 \\ & 219,534 \\ & 183,094 \\ & 162,966 \\ & 163,299 \\ & 127,497 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1930 . \\ & 1935 . \\ & 1936 . \\ & 1937 . \\ & 1938 . \\ & 1939 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 139,109 \\ 99,905 \\ 88,102 \\ 88,581 \\ 92,004 \\ 85,693 \end{array}$ |

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Sardine Caming - Sawdine is the name given to the young herrine that is used for canning. New Brunswick produces the entire Canadian pack of canned surdines, and in that province it is the leading fishing industry. The number of sardine canneries has never exceeded three, but those in operation are of large size and, together, produce an annual pack, ranging from Ill, 835 cases, valued at $\$ 512,174$ in 1921, the low year for cquantity in the period 1917 to 1939, to 539,486 cases, valued at $\$ 1,023,187$ in 1939 , the high record year to date. The average pack for the period covering the years 1917 to 1959 was 248,140 cases. The sardine is fifth on the list of the 28 chief commercial fishes of Canada (those with a product valued at $\$ 100,000$ or more). The exports of canned sardines in 1939 had a value of $\$ 724,647$, the chief markets abroad being found in British South Africa, Australia and the Britr.sh Mest Indies. The imports of canned sardines in the same year were valued at $\$ 357,466$, the greater part being supplied by Norway. A table showing the annual pack of sartines from 1917 to 1939 is appended.

Arnual Pack of Sardines, 191.7 to 1939.

| Year | Cases Canned | Year | Cases Canner | Year | Cases Canned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 191 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & 168,365 \end{aligned}$ | 1925 | No. $209,649$ | 1933. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & 180,597 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1318 | 177,193 | 1926 | 217,592 | 1934. | 288,091 |
| 1919. | 119,225 | 2927 | 240,091 | 1935. | 338,436 |
| 1920 | 129,925 | 1928 | 257,881 | 1936. | 393,854 |
| 1921 | 111,835 | 1929. | 329,204 | 1937. | 423,043 |
| 1922 | 121,800 | 1930. | 244,238 | 1938. | 349,887 |
| 1923. | 268,800 | 1931. | 202,520 | 1939. | 539,486 |
| 1.924. | 282, 306 | 1932 | 113,197 |  |  |

Other Kinds of Canned Fish. .. Chief among the other kinds of fish canned are, in order of value of product, in 1939, herring ( 286, , 156 cases, value $41,021,768$, haddock $(38,268$ cases, value $\$ 165,291$ ), and clams and quahaugs ( 26,637 cases, value $\$ 98,801$ ). There were packed, also, smaller quantities of tuna, pilchards, cod, hake and cusk, halibut, mackerel, trout, crabs, oysters, scallops and abalone with a total value in 1.939 of $\$ 130,815$. The clam canneries form a separate classi... fication, while the other kinds of canned fish mentioned in this paragraph may be foum among the products of various branches of the fish processing industry. A statement showing the quantity of clams and quohaugs packed annually from 1.917 to 1989 is herewi th presented.

Annual Pack of Clams and Quahaugs, 1917 to 1939.

| Year | Cases Canned | Year | Cases Canned | Year | Cases Canned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 191 | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ 29,445 \end{gathered}$ | 1925. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & 37,622 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{10}{10} \\ & , 609 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1918 | 16,592 | 1926 | 30, 370 | 1934. | 19,091 |
| 1919 | 14,599 | 1927. | 38,826 | 1935. | 29,983 |
| 1920 | 17,195 | 1928 | 43,090 | 1936 | 31,402 |
| 1921 | 22,384 | 1989. | 54,289 | 1937. | 37,224 |
| 1922 | 23,085 | 1930. | 44,708 | 1938. | 44, 77\% |
| 1923 | 18,229 | 1931 | 23,1.77 | 1939. | 26,637 |
| 1924 | 32,447 | 1932 | 21,935 |  |  |

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## FRUIT AND VEGFTABLE CANNING

The canning of fruits and vegetables is carried on most extensively in the provinces of Ontario, British Coluabia and Quebec, where clinatic conditions are favourable for the groving of fruits and vegetables. The princial pruits canned in Ontario are: apnes, pears, plums, peaches, cherries, currants, fooseherries, blueberries, raspberries and stramorries. In adaition, Sritish Coluabia has the apricot and the loganberry. The vegetables canned inolude: tomatoes, peas, corn, beans, bects, carrots, pumjiin, squash, spinach and asparagus. The canning season begins in June and continues throurhout the summer and autumn until. October, being at its height in July, August and Septomber. The pack in 1939 consisted of $3,547,542$ cases of fruits and $7,615,449$ cases of vegetables, valued at $\$ 7,769,005$ and $\$ 1.4,525,671$ respectively. Of the canned vegetables packed, baked beans ranked first with $2,346,316$ cases. Tomatoes with $1,958,025$ cases cane next, followed by heas with $1,244,570$ cases, cream of corn $1,08 ?, 311$ cases, etc. Of the fruits canned, apples, including crabaples, came first with $1,245,191$ cases, followed by peaps with 858,005 cases, peaches 810,696 cases, cherries 135,562 cases, plums 114,764 cases, etc. Other important canned rocincts are: soups of all kinds $3,5 \div 0,319$ cases, tomato juice 869,378 cases, prepared foods for infants 535,072 cases, etc. For detailed statistics of production, by provinces, see table 4.

Imports of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, by Kinds, Calendar Years 1938 and 1939.

|  | 1938 |  | 1939 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| CANINED VEGETABLES | Pounds | \$ | Pounds | \$ |
| Aisparagus.................. | 189,217 | 26,976 | 224,162 | 30,645 |
| Beans, baked. .............. | 652,417 | 36,717 | 873,899 | 53,309 |
| Corn. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 32,130 | 1,370 | 41,480 | 2,048 |
| Pras. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 46,951 | 4,217 | 23,081 | 2,026 |
| Tomatoes. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . : | 1,039,932 | 72,506 | 1,649,582 | 116,003 |
| Mushrooms and truffles..... | $308,597$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48,545 \\ & 78.865 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 316,924 \\ & 834.440 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36,268 \\ & 75,933 \end{aligned}$ |
| All other vegetables....... | 941,508 | $78,865$ |  |  |
| TOTAL CANIED VEGETABLES.... | 3,210,852 | 269,496 | 3,963,568 | 316,232 |
| CANYED FRUTTS - |  |  |  |  |
| Pisaches and apricots....... | 2,002,085 | 124,335 | 3,106,202 | 180,484 |
| Prars. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 220,449 | 14,542 | 235,379 | 15,242 |
| Pineapples. | 20,253,535 | 632,035 | 22,218,534 | 778,810 |
| All other fruits.......... | 1,407,817 | 108,241 | 1,782,304 | 133,979 |
| T)TAL CANNED FRUITS. . . . . . . | 23,783,886 | 879,153 | 27,342,419 | 1,108,515 |

## CAINED FOOD PRODUOTION IN CANADA, $1939:$

Exports of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, by Kinds, Calendar Years 1938 and 1939


## 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 year 1939 was $\$ 1,743,227$. Imports of canned meats, poultry and game during the same period amounted to $\$ 1,001,547$ whilst exports of Canadian products totalled $\$ 832,280$. Closely allied to the canned meat industry is that, of canned soup, the manufacture of which, in 1939 , totalled $\$ 9,259,222$, whilst imports were valued at $\$ 14,009$ and exports at $\$ 3,599,847$.

## CONCENTRATED MTLK PRODUCTS

The concentrated milk products industry in Canada dates from 1883 when the first factory was established in Truro, Nova Scotia, by the Reindeer Condensed Milk Company. As the demand for prepared milk grew, other plants were established and other kinds of products added to the output. There are now in Canada twentythree plants, the list of principal products including condensed milk, evaporated milk, skim milk powder, buttermilk powder and casein.

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 $\$ 1,814,871$. The value of production for the years 1917-1939 is given in the following table.

## CANNED FOOD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1939.

Production of Concentrated Milk Products, 1917 to 1939.

| Year | Value of Products | Year | Value of Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }^{\circ}$ |  | \% |
| 191 | 7, 208,042 | 1929 | 10,498,844 |
| 1918 | 11,218,055 | 1930. | 10,040,176 |
| 1919 | 13,930,513 | 1931 | 7,067,807 |
| 1920 | 17,100,111 | 1932 | 5,952,947 |
| 1921 | 11,526,422 | 1933. | 5,536,888 |
| 1922. | 6,939,232 | 1934 | 5,991,759 |
| 1923 | 10,040,318 | 1935 | 6,849,989 |
| 192 | 9,710,017 | 1936 | 7,434,896 |
| 1925 | 9,844,613 | 1937. | 10,078,192 |
| 1926 | 9,601,1.38 | 1938 | 11,844,817 |
| 1927. | 10,186, 312 | 1939. | 11,575,971 |
| 1928. | 10,176,208 |  |  |

Imports and Exports of Concentrated Milk Products, Calendar Years 1320 to 1939.


## CONSUMPTION OF CANED FOODS IN CANADA, 1939.

The value of canned foods available for consumption in Canada for the calendar years 1938 and 1939 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.

CAMIED FOOD PRODUCTION IN CATADA, 1939.

Consumption of Canned Foods in Canada, 1938 and 1939


