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THE FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY, 1918

A preliminary report of the flour milling industry in Canada for the calendar year 1918 has been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering reports from 1183 individual establishments. Distributed by provinces, the number of mills reporting was as follows: Alberta 53, British Columbia 5, Manitoba 46, New Brunswick 52, Nova Scotia 27, Ontario 622, Prince Edward Island 27, Quebec 284 and Saskatchewan 57.

Capital investment.

The total capital invested in the industry amounted to \$78,144,461, of which land, buildings and fixtures amounted to \$25,845,826; machinery and tools \$14,620,318; materials on hand, stocks in process, etc., \$22,606,265; cash, trading and operating accounts and bills receivable \$15,072,051.

Employees, Salaries and Wages.

The number of persons employed in the industry by classes of employment, and by sex, together with the amounts paid to each class for salaries and wages is shown in the following tabular statement:-

Classes of employment	Employees		Salaries or Wages \$
	Male	Female	
Officers, superintendents and managers. . . . .	413	9	1,064,620
Clerks, stenographers and other salaried employees	653	306	1,038,145
Employees on wages, Avg. No.	5,750	214	5,372,305
Totals	6,816	549	7,525,070

Fuel and Miscellaneous Expenses.

Fuel consumption:- The total cost of all fuel used during the year was \$328,872, comprising 92,125 tons of bituminous coal of all classes worth \$520,050; anthracite coal 6,191 tons worth \$34,404; lignite coal 12,709 tons worth \$62,253; coke 178 tons worth \$1,562; gasoline 52,853 gallons worth \$13,846; fuel oil 131,892 gallons worth \$29,877; wood 20,167 cords worth \$74,701; natural gas 321,778 m.cu.ft. worth \$42,901; and other fuel not specified to the value of \$2,476.

Miscellaneous expenses:- The total charge for the year of miscellaneous expenses was \$9,950,317. The items comprised - rent of offices, machinery, works and power costing \$2,243,566; insurance premiums \$651,858; taxes \$548,229; advertising and travelling expenses \$663,804; repairs to buildings and machinery \$1,560,851; and all other sundry expenses \$5,282,009.



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Production.

The quantity and value of each class of products at the point of production, including merchant and custom grinding, were as follows:-

Kind	Quantity	Value \$
Wheat flour, white,	bbls 20,201,813	187,730,229
" " graham	" 87,432	821,992
Oatmeal and rolled oats	" 1,437,540	12,663,709
Corumal	" 183,495	1,465,249
Corn flour	" 91,544	923,721
Eye flour	" 57,423	451,437
Buckwheat flour	lbs 9,364,843	660,052
Barley meal	" 5,470,783	220,019
Barley, pot and pearl	" 5,210,848	265,229
Peameal	" 706,264	38,580
Hominy	" 4,771,168	215,548
Grits	" 433,200	19,546
Feed, chopped	tons 1,517,934	28,819,643
Offal	" 709,602	23,935,169
Cereals foods (value only)	=	1,845,151
All other products (value only)	=	1,414,124
Construction and repair work	-	425,673
<b>Total value</b>		<b>261,915,071</b>

The total cost value at the mill of all materials used in the industry and the selling value at the mill of the different products are given below by provinces:-

Province	Cost of Materials \$	Value of Products \$
Alberta	18,795,504	23,078,613
British Columbia	1,030,047	1,281,957
Manitoba	26,713,977	31,855,937
New Brunswick	1,302,207	1,704,180
Nova Scotia	576,141	808,372
Ontario	119,225,883	142,522,816
Prince Edward Island	376,750	464,927
Quebec	35,033,939	42,415,439
Saskatchewan	15,182,802	17,782,830
<b>Total</b>		<b>261,915,071</b>

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