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statement include only the statistics of such manufacturing establishments as make cordage, rope and twines as their principal product. The statistics relating to specific products are therefore not to be regarded as comprehensive, as products like cotton twines and cordage are also found as secondary products of other industries such as the Cotton yarn and cloth and Cotton batting.

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THE CORDAGE, ROPE AND TWINE INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927.

Ottawa, December, 1928 .- A report is herewith presented on the Cordage, Rope and Twine Industry in Canada for the calendar year 1927. The number of establishments reporting operations was 14 an increase of three over 1926, of which 7 were in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 1 in Nova Scotia, 1 in British Columbia. A summary of the principal statistics of the industry compared for the calendar years 1926 and 1927 is given in Table 1.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics compared for 1926 and 1927.

		1927	1926
Establishments Capital investment, total Fixed capital Working capital Employees on salaries - Male Female Salaries Employees on wages - average number - Male Female Wages Cost of fuel and power Power installation - Units Capacity Cost of materials Gross value of products Net Value of products	No. \$ \$ No. No. \$ \$ No. H.P. \$ \$ \$	14 14,890,220 5,965,331 8,924,889 82 24 287,321 958 376 1,271,666 139,374 229 7,807 7,499,649 10,827,418 3,327,769	11 15,679,569 5,774,524 9,905,045 89 28 253,092 1,051 346 1,338,033 155,934 199 7,792 7,566,817 10,574,682 3,007,865

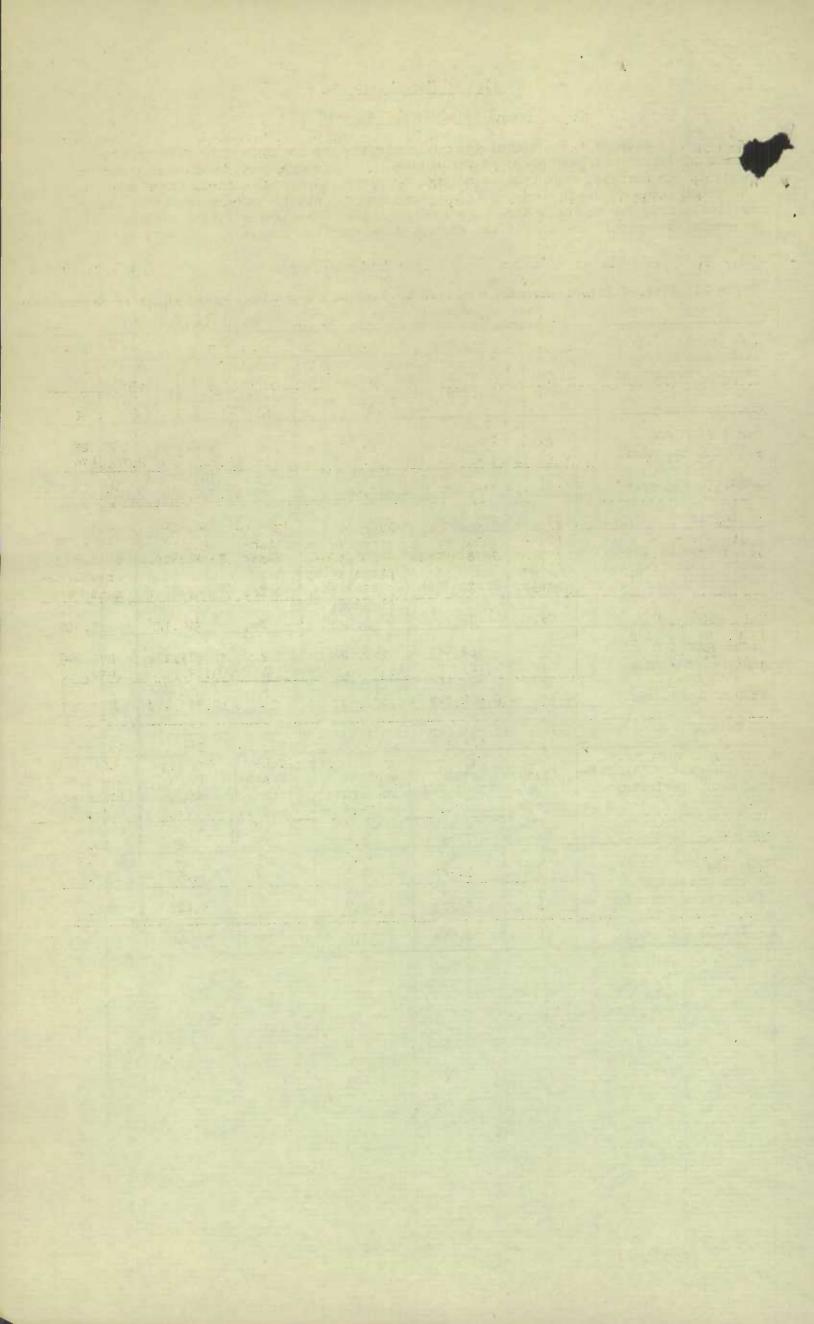
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Size of Establishments

In view of the tendency towards concentration in industrial exterprises a lies of tables has been prepared presenting in a threefold way the size of establishments in the Cordage, rope and twine industry measured by (a) capital investment. (b) gross value of production and (c) employment, all within certain specified groups or limitations for the calendar years 1926 and 1927. The tables further indicate the movement in capital, production and employment within the industry.

Table 2. Size of Establishments, measured by Capital investment, gross value of production and employment, 1926 and 1927;

(a) Groups of Estab-			1926					1927		
~	Estab-				erage capita	7	Estab-			erage
-	lish- ments		Total	-	establish-		lish-	Total		pital per
	No.		Capital \$	men	\$		ments;	Capital \$		tablish- nt \$
							210		14.0	
Under \$100,000	4		189,385		47,346		6	292,441		48,740
\$100,000 to under \$500,000	2		635,856		317,928		7	795,085		265,028
\$500,000 and over			854,328		970,865		3 1	3,302,694	2	,760,539
Totals	11	15,	679,569	1,	425,415		14 1	4,890,220	1	, 063, 587
(b) Groups of Establish	- Retain	- Total Gross		0.0	Average		Wetah-	Total Gr	200	Average
ments having a gross	lish-		Value of		gross value		lish-	value of	253	gross
value of production of	ments		Production		per estab-			Production	on	value per
	1		*		lishment			ф		establish-
	No.	-	\$		\$	-	No.	\$	-	ment \$
Under \$100,000	1		168,489		42,122	7		315,126		45,018
\$100,000 to under										
\$500,000 \$500,000 and over	2 5		543,856		271,928		2	577,29		288,646
\$500,000 and over	2		9,862,337	1	,972,467	-	7	9,935,00		1,987,000
Totals	11	1	.0,574,682		961,335		14	10,827,4	lg	773,387
() (3								4
(c) Groups of Establish ments employing	Esta		Total Employee	1	Average employees		Estab- ish-	Total	000	Average
menos cuistostus	ment		i)	per estab-		ments	Embroke	262	per estab-
					lishment					lishment
	No.		No.		No.		No.	No.		No,
Less than 20 persons	3		25		8.3		6	65		10.9
20 but under 100	3 3 5		13/1		44.6		3 5	148		49.3
100 persons and over	5		1,35%		271.0		5	1,227		245.4
Total	11		1,514		137.6		14	1,440		102.9
	-	-		-						



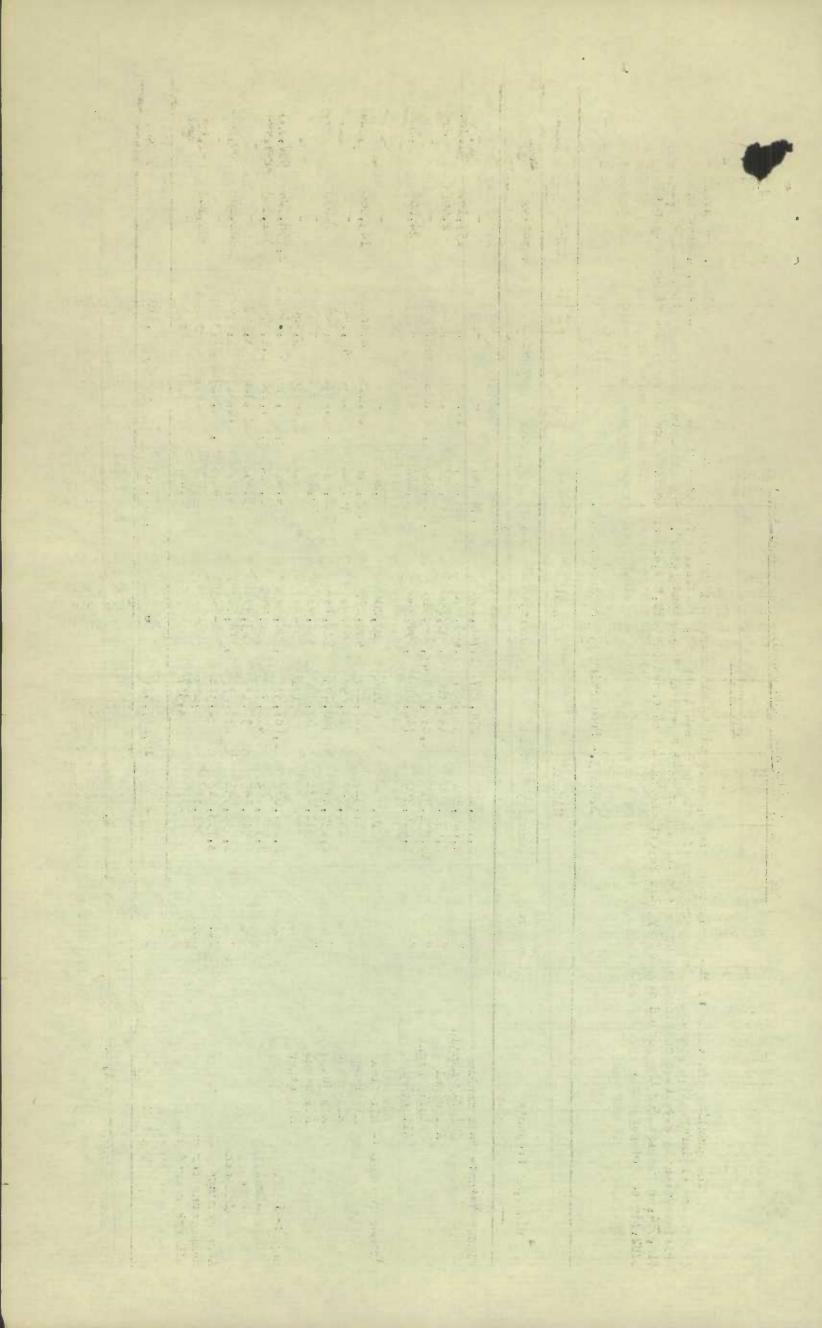
PRODUCTION

The quantity and value of the products of the industry during the calendar year 1927 is shown by provinces in Table 3. To avoid disclosure of information concerning the operations of individual establishments, statistics for the provinces of Nova Scotia, quebec and British Columbia have been combined and are shown throughout this report as "Other provinces". The total value of production in 1926 was \$10,574,682 whilst for the period covered by this report the amount recorded was \$10,827,418 or an increase in the value of production of \$252,736 or 2.4 per cent.

Table 3.- Production by provinces, 1927.

	linit .e	CANAD	A	ONTARIO		QUEBEC		OTHER PROVINCES x	
Principal Preducts	Unit of Measure.	Quantity	Value _{\varphi}	quantity	Value	quantity	Value 🕏	Quantity	Value 😛
Binder twine:- All manila	Pounds	1,766,150	274,797	1,766,150	274,797	-	-	-	
Chiefly manila	F1	2,640,961	336,871	1,669,000	216,157	714.800	89,350	257,161	31,364
All sisal	H n	2,639,600	332,316	2,622,150	330,391	15,450	1,700	2,000	225
Chiefly sisal	11	48,831,915	5,831,509	47,786,915	5,711,334	1,045,000	120,175	dan	-
All other	11	5,818,350		5,794,350	738,291	BALLE	400	24,000	3.720
wines for sale:- All flax	18	10,206	6,206	10,206	6,206		Agr.	_	674
All kemp	11	597,319	169,179		135,576		4,082	143,000	29,52
All cotton	11	182,769	79,692		36,744	99,144			-
All jute	11	2,130,140	348,483			1,401,017	225,564	7,393	88
All sisal	10	331,431	50,200		50,200	-	-	- 1	~
All other			4,101	-	551	-	3,550	-	-
ope:- Wanila	Founds	8,224,002	1,687,375	2,508,203	574,378	2,717,075	516,244	2,998,724	596,75.
Sisal	11	2,966,762	452,356		150,584		141,776	941,153	159,99
Jute	n	548,685	95,159	523,385	91,592	25,300	3,567	-	-
All cther	ft ~	1,558,931	272,290		178,206	41,500	9,234	501,186	84,850
erc cordage	Wift.	3,753,812	71,322	-	-	3,753,812	71,322	-	-
emp yarns for sale	Pounds	301,142	51,194		40		-	301,142	51,194
ll other products	11=		22,357		21,472	-	-	-	885
TOTALS		400	10,827,418	7	8,638,511		1,229,512	_	959,39

x Includes Nova Scotia 1, Manitoba 1, British Columbia 1.



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Capital investment in the industry as presented in table 4 shows a decline of ,749 when compared with the 1926 totals, due to a shortening in the volume of a capital and finished products on hand and also of commercial paper carried. The total investment fell from \$15,679,569 to \$14,890,220 in 1927 whilst the reduction in stocks, etc., above stated totalled \$980,156. There was, on the other hand, an increase in fixed capital of \$190,807 accounted for by an increase of three in the number of establishments reporting. Of the total investment, the province of Ontario provided 84.63 per cent, Quebec 7.27 per cent and the remaining provinces 8.10 per cent.

Table 4. - Capital investment by provinces, 1927

	Fixed Capital	Working Capital		
CANADA Canada	Cash, trading and operating accounts, etc.	Total Capital		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CANADA	5,965,331	5,401,592	3,523,297	14,890,220
Ontario Quebec Other provinces		4,478,478 465,525 457,589	3,268,428 134,600 120,269	12,601,425 1,082,006 1,206,789

EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES

The total number of persons employed in the industry during the years 1926 and 1927 is given in Table 5 by (a) classes of employment (b) sex and (c) salary and wage: payments. The total number of employees in all classes fell from 1,514 in 1926 to 1,440 in 1927, a decrease of 74 or 4.9 per cent. The payroll also showed a corresponding decrease, the total in 1926 being \$1,591,125 whilst for the period covered by this report the amount was \$1,558,987, a decrease of \$32,138 or approximately 2 per cent.

Table 5. - Employees, Sciaries and Wages, 1926 and 1927

		1926		1927			
Classes of employment	Male	Female	Sal. & Wages	Male	Female	Sal.& Wages	
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$	
Employees on salaries Employees on wages(average number)	89 1,051	28 346	253,092 1,338,0 3 3	82 958	24 376	287,3 21 1,271,666	
TOTALS	1,140	374	1,591,125	1,040	400	1,558,987	

OTHER EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

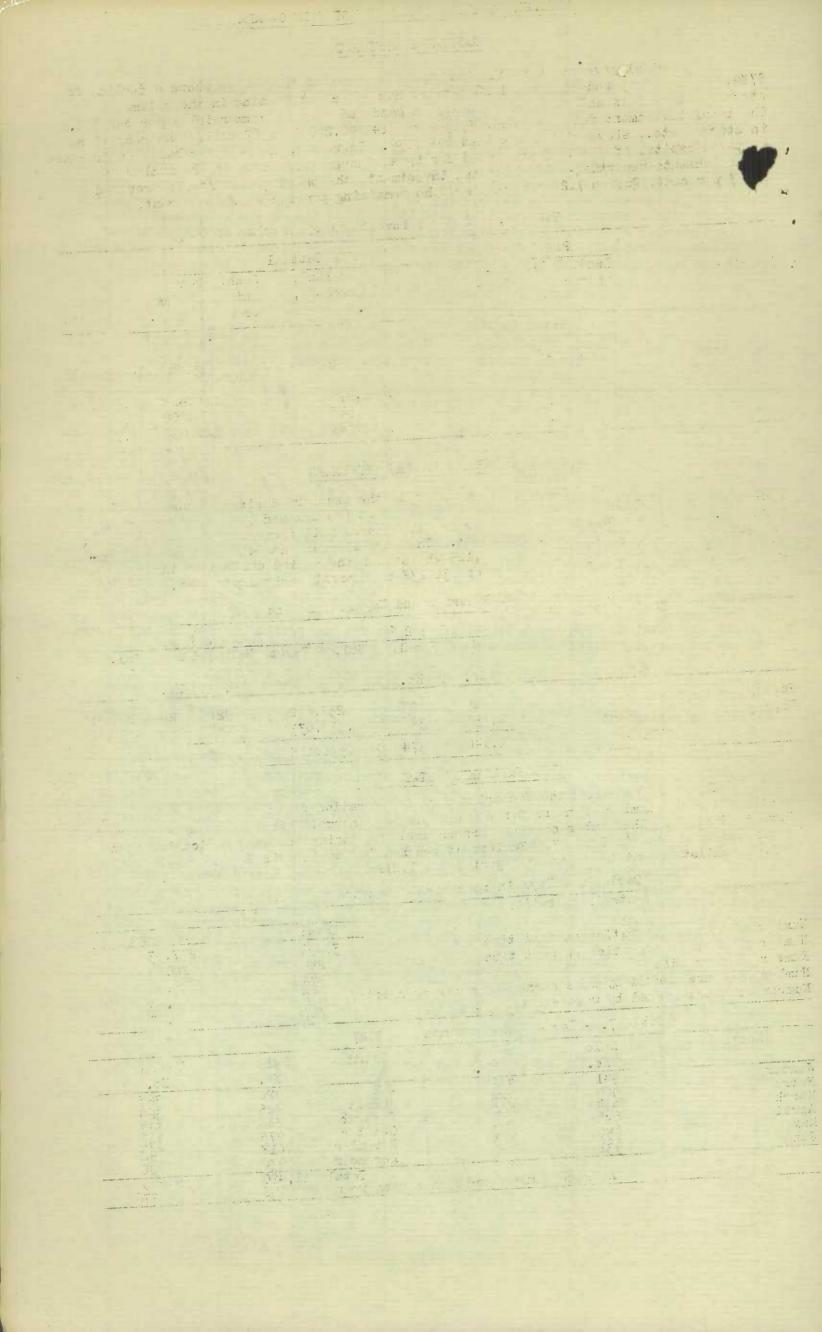
The number of days the factories were in operation during the calendar year 1927 together with the number of hours per day and per week normally worked by wage-earners is shown in Table 6. The number of wage earners employed during the same period is given by sex and by months in Table 7. Employment reached its maximum in November with a total of 1,410 whilst the minimum number reported was 1,271 in the month of September.

Table 6. - Days in operation and hours worked, 1927

Number of establishments in operation	11	-
	Total	Average
Number of days in operation on full time	7,891	277.93
Number of days in operation on part time	289	20.64
Number of days idle	76	5.43
Number of hours worked by wage earners per day or shif	t 132	9.43
Number of hours worked by wage earners per week	727	51.93

Table 7. - Wage-earners by months, 1927

Month	Male No.	Female No.	Month	Male No.	Female No.
January February March April May June	941 969 985 985 950	346 358 366 358 363 371	July August September October November December	920 928 888 975 1,018 930	367 369 383 392 392 380
	Average	number employed	during year	11,420 958	4,445



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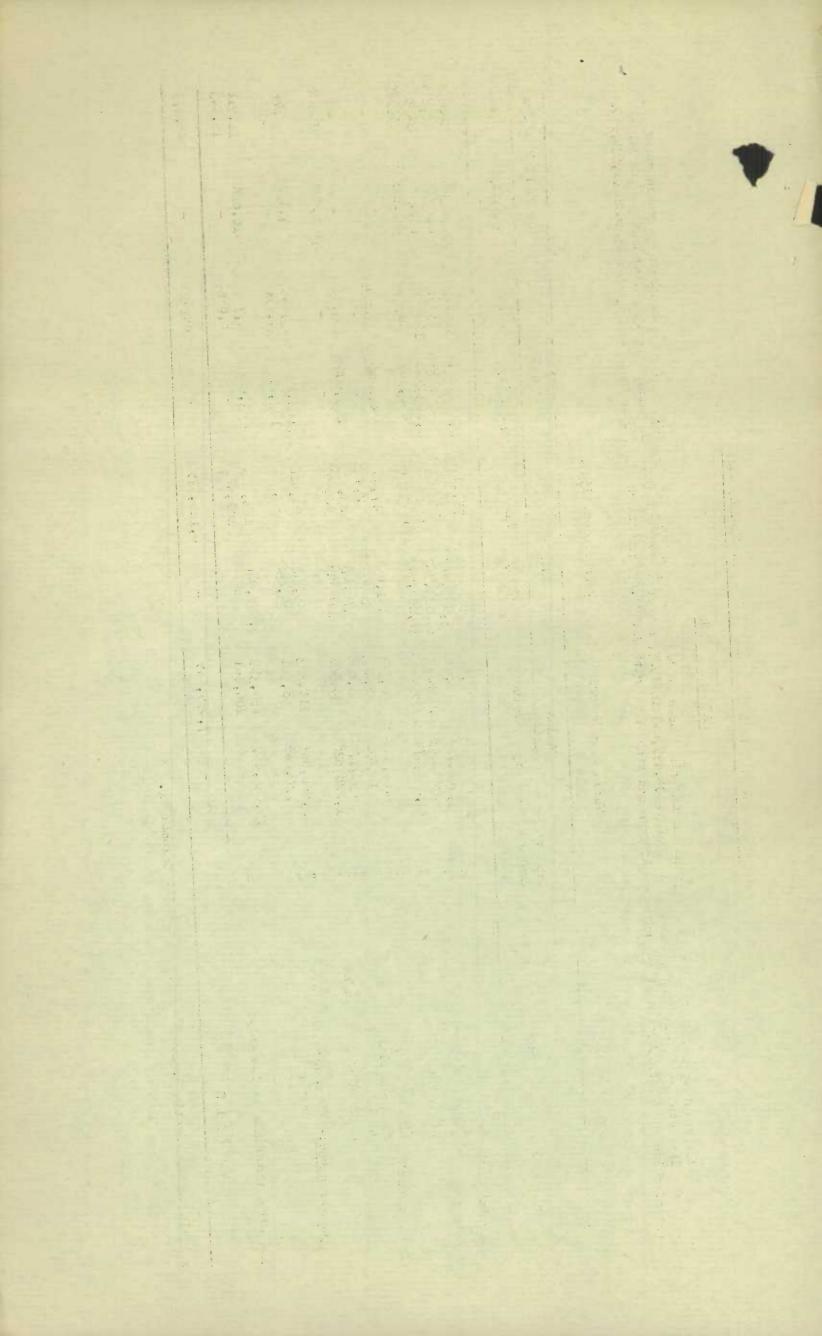
MATERIALS USED

The quantity and cost value of the principal materials used in the industry during the calendar year 1927 is given by provinces in Table 8. The total cost fell from \$7,566,817 in 1926 to \$6,499,649 in 1927, a decrease of \$67,168. The most important item was a cost of which was \$2,795,093, next in order was African and other hemp with \$2,033,837 and third place was taken by manila hemp with \$1,535,814.

Table 8. - Materials Used by Provinces, 1927.

		l limit of	CANA	ADA.	ONTAR	10	QUEBEC		OTHER PRO	VINGES X
Principal	Waterials used	Unit of	Quantity	Value ç	Quantity	Value v	Quantity	Value ÿ	Quantity	Value
Hard fibres:-	Manila hemp New Zenland hemp African and other hemp Sisal hemp Hemp and hemp tow Flax and flax tow Jute Other fibres and yarns	Pound	10,608,548 3,964,723 19,965,063 32,490,479 484,450 10,922 655,770 1,228,828	2,795,093	5,280,284 3,239,548 18,023,767 31,262,049 451,650 10,922 376,170 178,828	757,441 270,299 1,837,933 2,694,874 47,443 2,403 23,599 24,991	2,652,897 282,510 1,103,550 640,369 32,800	391,692 23,872 111,679 50,654 3,116 27,263.	2,675,367 442,665 837,746 588,061	336,681 34,844 84,225 49,565
Yarns purchase	d:- Flax, hemp and jute Cotton	n	1,866,883 226,649	211,323 58,501	755,225 83,632 9,448,986	94,586 20,785	1,104,226 143,017 653,645	115:943 37,716 14,708	7,432	794 - 11,918
All other mate	rials (value only) TALS		-	7,499,649	-	187,462	-	8,856 785,497	-	588,37

x Includes Nova Scotia 1, Manitoba 1, and British Columbia 1.



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FUEL STATISTICS

The quantity and value of the various kinds of fuel consumed in the industry during the calendar year 1927 is shown in Table 9. The total expenditure for all fuel fell from \$49.425 in 1926 to \$31,186 in 1927, a decrease of \$18,239 in the two-year period. Bituminous coal was accountable for nearly 99 per cent of the total fuel cost. The cost of electric power amounted to \$108.188 in 1927 as compared with a total cost of \$106,509 in 1926.

Table 9. > Fuel Consumption, 1927.

Kinds of fuel	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Cost Value
Bituminous coal Other fuel	ton	5,881	30,846
TOTAL			31,186

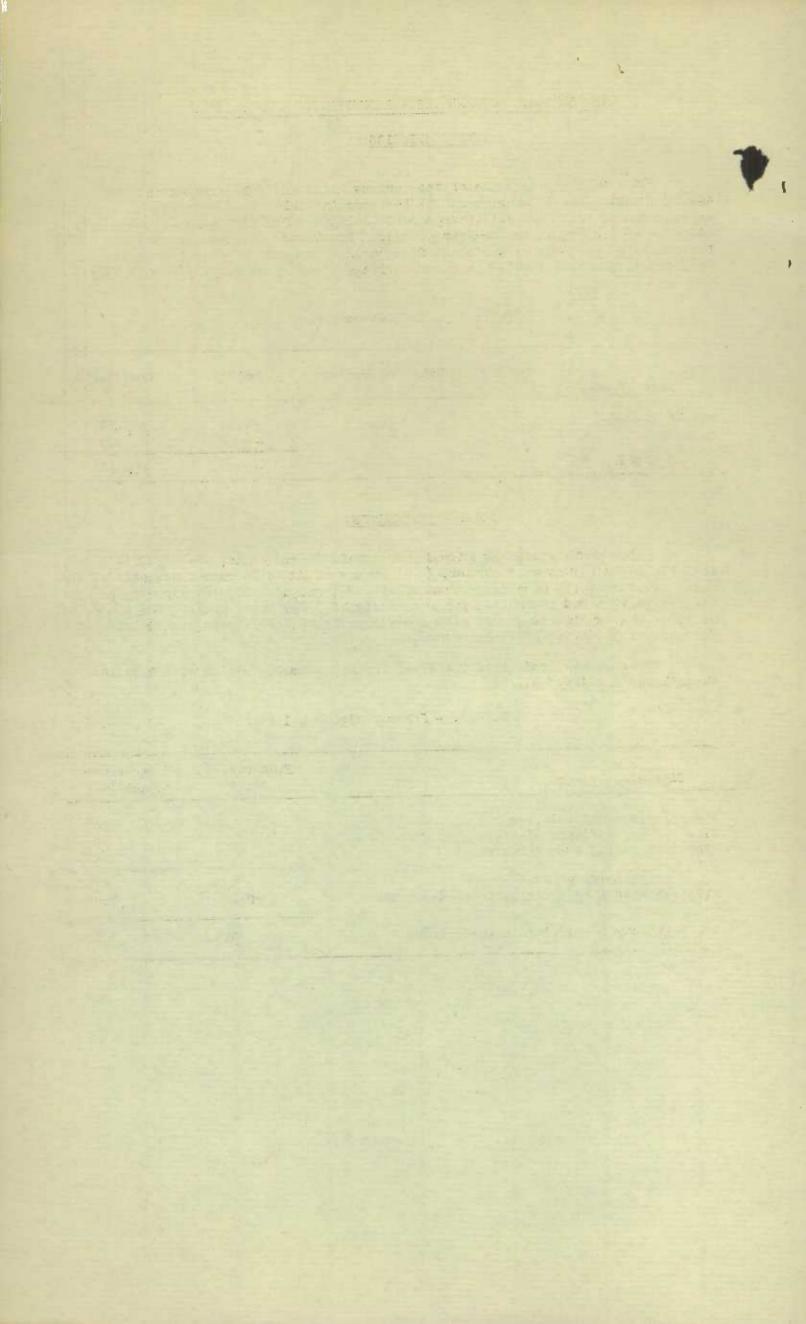
POWER INSTALLATION

The power equipment of the industry for the calendar year 1927 is shown in Table 10 by (a) classes of power, (b) number of units in each class and (c) the horse power capacity according to manufactulers' rating. The total power installed in 1926 was 199 units with a capacity of 7,792 horse power. The number of units in the year 1927 was 229 with a development of 7,807 horse power, being an increase of 30 units and 15 horse power.

The number of boilers installed for all purposes was 12 with a boiler horse power capacity of 1,883.

Table 10, - Power equipment, 1927.

Classes of power	Number of units	Horse power capacity
Steam engines and turbines Oil, gas and gasoline engines Hydraulic turbines or water wheels	1 1 1	200 2 165
Total primary power Electric motors operated by purchased power	3 226	367 7,440
Total power used in manufacturing	229	7,807



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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

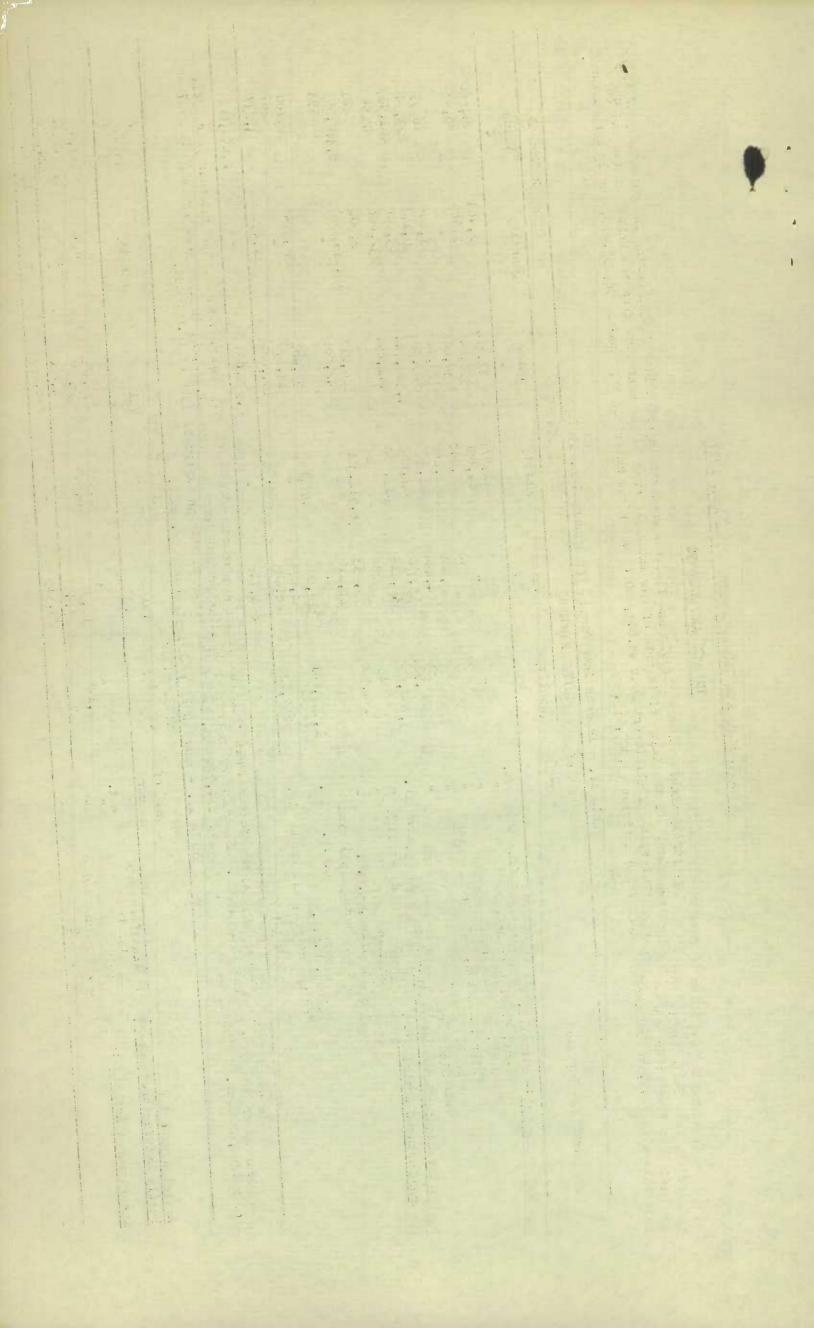
The quantity and value of raw, partly manufactured materials and finished products imported into Canada during the calendar year 1927, is shown in Table 11, by principal countries. Of the value of imports of raw materials over 90 per cent came from the United States and 9.5 per cent from other countries. The total value of all imports was 49,843,450 of which raw materials represented \$6,295,278, partly manufactured materials 9540,596 and wholly manufactured articles \$3,307,576.

Toble 11 - Imports into Consda for consumption 1927

Unit of	f UNITED KIN	NGDOM	UNITED STA	TES	OTHER CO	UNTRIES
Articles imported Neasur	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Ş		¥		Value 24,660 28,434 18,990 123,745 401,509 52,589 581 1,370,055 593 20,180 287 3,237
aw Materials :- Fibrilla, flax fibre and flax tow cwt.	1	8	11,877	43,314	2,483	24,660
Hemp, dressed or undressed "	-		84,806	998,046	2,989	28,434
Jute, and jute butts "	27	70	5,448	34,043	-	-
Fibre, Mexican, istle or tampico "	196	2,268	1,260	23,748	1,198	18,990
Manila grass	555	44444	21,305	269,503	10,171	123,745
Sisal grass	1,924	19,752	527,282	4,302,744	43,046	401,509
artly Manufactured Materials :- Jute or hemp yarn lb.	3,264,593	336,113	813,568	141,894	232,608	52,589
anufactured Articles: - Sail twine of hemp or flax "	406	285	45	16	2,000	581
Einder twine "	454,900	55,633	6,912,300	866,217	12,074,200	1,370,055
Fishing lines, n.c.p.		11,010		42,886		
Twines and cordage, all kinds						
n.c.p. lb.	1,919,641	312,006	406,859	97,481	136,524	20,180
Twines, n.o.p.	-	38,674	-	15,072		287
Cordage cotton, all kinds lb.	252,725	68,483	252,877	104,880	11,491	3,237
TOTALS		858,746	-	6,939,844		2,044,860

The quantity and value of partly manufactured materials and finished products of the industry experted during the calendar year 1927, is given by principal countries in Table 12. The value of exports of Canadian produce increased from 1,222,213 in 1926 to 2,763,675 in 1927 or ever 126 per cent. Russia was the destination of 114,934 cwt. in 1927 as compared with an expert in 1926 of 16,600 cwt.

Tab.	le 12 Ex	perts by princ	ipal countri	es, 1927.				
		UNITED KINGDOM		UNITED STA	UNITED STATES		R. COUNTRIES	
	Unit of	quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Articles experted	Measure		Q F		Υ		· ·	
Partly Manufactured Materials: - Flax fibre and flax tow	cwt.	2	3.5	2,459	15,101	874	17,500	
Manufactured Articles: - Binder twine	11	1,120	11,983	70,545	838,388	161,402	1,734,331	
Cordage, rope and twine	11	-	17,497	-111011	4,620	-	124,220	
TOTALS		-	29,515	-	858,109	-	1,876,051	



CONSUMPTION

The approximate consumption of binder twine in Canada during the calendar years 1925, 1926 and 1927 is given in Table 13.

Table 13. Consumption of binder twine in Canada 1925, 1926 and 1927.

	1925		1926		1927	
	Quantity Cwt.	Value \$	Quantity Cwt.	Value \$	Quantity Value Cwt. \$	
Production Imports	482,247 473,865	5,805,011 6,671,823	584,311 283,191	7,611,098 4,127,978	616,73¢ 7,513,78¹ 194,414 2,291,90	
Total Exports	956,112 95,477	12,476,834	867,502 84,634	11,739,076	811,144 9,805,689 233,067,2,584,70	
Available for consumption	860,635	11,276,213	782,868	10,682,910	578,077 7,220,98	

APPENDIX

Cordage, Rope and Twine Manufacturers Operating in Canada, 1927.

Name of firm	Loce tion	Products made	
Consumers' Cordage Company	Wyse Road, Darthmouth, N.S.	Binder twine, rope	
Brantford Cordage Company	111 Brant St., Brantford, Ont.	Binder twine	
Doon Twines Limited	33-49 South Street, Kitchener	Binder twine	
	Ontario	rope, twines.	
Huron Cordage Co. Ltd.	Brantford, Ont.	Binder twine.	
Plymouth Cordage Co.	Main Street, Welland, Ont.	Binder twine.	
		rope, twines.	
International Harvester Co.			
of Canada, Ltd.	Sherman Ave. W., Hamilton, Ont.	Binder twine.	
Derrett Ltd.	1080 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont.	Twine.	
F. Patterson	203 Hardisty St. Ft. William, Ont.	Fishnets	
Aero Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Main St., Lennoxville, Que.	Cordage.	
Consumers' Cordage Co. Ltd.	287 St. Patrick St.,	Binder twine,	
	Montreal, Que.	rope, twines.	
Samson Cordage Works of			
Canado, Ltd.	Sherbrooke, Que.	Cordage.	
Canada Western Cordage Co.Ltd.	Braid St., New Westminster,		
	B.C.	Binder twine, rope.	
Turner Manufacturing Co.	199 Victoria St. Sherbrooke,		
	Que.	Cordage.	
Manitoba Cordage Co. Ltd.	Portage la Prairie, Manitoba	Rope and twines.	

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