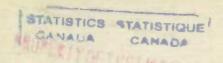
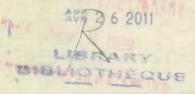
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THE SILK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927.

Ottawa, December 1928 - A report is herewith presented on the silk industry in Canada for the calendar year 1927. The total number of establishments in operation rose from 12 in 1926 to 14 in 1927, an increase of 2 establishments - of which 9 were in Quebec and 5 in Ontario.

Principal Statistics

A summary of the principal statistics of the industry compared for the calendar years 1926 and 1927 is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Principal Stati	Industry for 1926-1	.927.	
		1926	1927
Establishments Capital employed	No.	12 10,019,519	14 22,327,818
Employees on salaries - male female salaries	No. No.	131 61 357,808	149 57 389,197
Employees on wages - (average number	er)		
gale	No.	781	946
female wages	No.	1,450	1,738 1,950,774
Cost of fuel and electricity	\$	178,140	233,588
Power installation - units capacity	No. Horse power	4,506	5,478 7,089
Cost of materials	\$	3,472,965	4,016,631
Gross value of products	\$	8,507,153	9,570,917
Net value of products	\$	5,034,188	5,554,286

Other Comparative Statistics

A table showing comparative statistics of the silk industry in Canada indicates the advance made in the industry during the past eleven years. During that period the number of establishments increased by 55.5 per cent, capital investments by 904 per cent, employees by 251 per cent, salaries and wages 496 per cent, materials by 379 per cent and the gross value of products by 303 per cent.

Comparative Statistics of the Silk Industry in Canada, 1917-1927.

	Estab-			Salaries	Cost	Value
Year	lish-	Capi tal	Employees	and	of	of
	ments			Wages	Materials	Products
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	9 7 8 5 7 7 10 11 12 14	2,223,164 2,890,431 3,661,373 4,901,679 4,559,909 4,618,448 4,594,313 5,744,502 9,224,224 10,019,519 22,327,818	824 975 1,294 1,165 932 1,467 1,457 1,210 1,727 2,423 2,890	392,398 438,695 698,760 817,440 719,845 1,236,130 1,224,036 978,686 1,364,857 1,985,000 2,339,971	837,041 1,436,229 1,975,539 3,438,792 1,890,171 2,267,250 2,677,229 2,486,845 3,361,035 3,472,965 4,016,631	2,372,001 2,451,220 3,317,181 5,376,751 3,536,513 4,675,205 5,044,968 4,381,234 5,483,363 8,507,153 9,570,917

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THE SILK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927

Size of Establishments

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

A crage capital investment increased from \$834,960 per plant in 1926 to \$1,594,844 in 1927, owing to an increase of two in the number of plants reporting.

In gross value of products the average production per factory shows a decrease from \$705,930 in 1926 to \$683,537 owing to the fact that the two new plants were not in full operation during the year.

In employment the total number of persons entered on the payroll rose from 2,423 in 1926 to 2,890 in 1927 and the average per plant from 202 in 1926 to 206 in 1927.

(a) Capital invested. Capital invested by Number Total Capital Average Capital plants investment investment \$ 33 Under \$200,000 327,070 109,023 1,297,391 \$200,000 to under \$500,000 \$500,000 to under \$1,000,000 432,457 715,881 \$1,000,000 and over 17,123,970 5.707,990 14 22,327,318 1.594,844

(b) Gross value of production. Groups of values of Products Establish-Total gross value Average value ments of products per establishment No: Under \$200,000 2 151,351 1,856,633 75,675 \$200,000 to under \$500,000 6 309,439 \$500,000 to \$1,000,000) 4) 7,562,933 1,260,489 \$1,000,000 and over 14 Total 9,570,917 683,637

(c) Employment											
Groups of Employees	Establish - monts	Number of Employees	Average number per establishment								
	No.										
From 20 to under 50 50 to under 100 100 to under 200	2 11. 14	52 191, 729	26 48 182								
200 to under 500 500 and over	1)	1,915	479								
Total	J)i	2,890	206								

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Production

In reporting production in this industry it has been found necessary to greatly reduce the items of products in order to avoid disclosure of individual statistics regarding these commodities, which will account for the apparently few items of silk manufacture. The output of silk and silk goods in Canada during the calendar year 1927 is shown by provinces in Table 2. The total value of all products rose from \$8,507,153 in 1926 to \$9,570,917 in 1927, an increase of \$1,063,764 or 12.5 per cent. The province of Quebec with a total output valued at \$4,154,444 accounted for 43.4 per cent and Ontario with \$5,416,473 contributed 56.6 per cent of the total value of production in the Dominion.

Table 2. - Production of Silk and Silk Goods by provinces, 1927.

Principal Products		CANADA		Ont	tario	Quebec	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$	Quanti ty	Value \$
Broad silk, silk piece goods, etc.	Yd.	1,655,687	2,277,530	755,030	1,064,740	900,657	1,212,790
Silk and artificial	Yd.	400,912	480,164			400,912	480,164
Silk and artificial silk yarns and thread	lb.	3,387,727	5,148,269	3,204,180	3,971,577	183,547	1,176,692
All other products including custom work			1,664,954	_	380,156	-	1,284,798
Total	-	-	9,570,917		5,416,473	-	4,154,444

Capital Investment

The capital employed in the silk industry in Canada during the calendar year 1927 is shown by provinces in Table 3. The total investment rose from \$10.019,519 in 1926 to \$22,327,818 in 1927, an increase of \$12,308,299 or 172.5 per cent. The province of Quebec with \$16,255,544 contributed 72.8 per cent of the total capital investment for the Dominion.

Table 3.- Capital Investment, by provinces, 1927.

	Fixed Capital	35.40.4.7	Working Capital	
Provinces	Land, buildings fixtures, machinery and tools	Materials on hand, Stocks in process, etc.	Cash, trading and operating accounts & bills receivable	Total Capital
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CANADA	13,348,083	2,600,098	6,379,637	22,327,818
Quebec	8,998,090	1,911,406	5,346,048	16,255,544
Ontario	4,349,993	688,692	1,033,589	6,072,274

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Employees, Salaries and Wages

The number of persons employed during the year 1927 is given in Table IV by (a) classes of employment, (b) sex and (c) salary and wage payments. The number of persons employed during the year 1926 was 2,423 and their salary and wage payments amounted to \$1,985,000. For the period covered by this report the number recorded was 2,590 with a payroll of \$2,339,971, being an increase of 167 employees and \$354,971 in salary and wage payments.

Table 4 Employees, Salarie	s and Wages,	1927.	
	Male	Temale	Salaries and
Classes of Employment	No.	No	Wages
Employees on salaries Employees on wages (average number)	149 946	57 1.738	389,197 1,950,774
Total	1,095	1.795	2,339,971

A summary of employment by provinces, sex and remuneration shows that of a total of 2,890 persons employed 1,412 were in Quebec of whom 480 were males and 932 were females. In Ontario the total number employed was 1,478 of whom 615 were males and 863 were females. The average payment per employee whether on salaries or wages was \$716 in Quebec and \$899 in Ontario, whilst the average for the Dominion was \$1,889,30 for salaried employees and \$726,81 for wage earners.

Employees by Provinces, 1927.								
	Male No.	Temale No.	Total Salaries and Wages					
Canada Quebec Ontario	1,095 480 615	1,795 932 863	\$ 2,339,971 1,010,972 1,328,999					

Other Employment Statistics

The number of days the establishments 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 given in Table V(a). The number of wage-earners employed during the year is given by sex and by months in Table V(b). The maximum number employed was 2,981 in the month of December whilst the minimum number reported was 2,359 in January.

Table 5(a) .- Days in operation and hours worked, 1927. Number of establishments in operation Cotal Average 288.72 4.042 Days in operation on full time 13:57 55 Days in operation on part time 192 Days idle 9.29 130 Hours worked by wagepearners per day or shift 716 Number of hours worked by wage-earners per week

	Table 5(b).	Table 5(b) - Wage-earners by months. 1927.						
Months	Male No.	Temale No.	Months	Male No.	Female No.			
January February March April May June	817 855 873 917 918 908	1,542 1,560 1,677 1,680 1,699	July August September Ostober November December	938 948 967 1,010 1,038 1,073	1,722 1,746 1,746 1,816 1,854 1,908			
	Average number	employed	Total dwing the year	11,262 946	20,705			

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Other Employment Statistics

The number and percentage of wage-earners in months of highest employment working specified hours per day is shown in Table 7 for Canada and the provinces. For the Dominion, the number working specified hours was distributed between the classes, the percentage working 9 hours being highest. In Ontario over 98 per cent of the employees worked 9 hours per day, whilst in Quebec 69.36 per cent worked 9 hours and 30.44 per cent worked 10 hours. Less than one per cent of the wage-earners in the Dominion worked less than 8 hours or over 10 hours per day.

Table 6.- Hours worked by wage-earners in month of highest employment, 1927.

	highest	rners in employment	ent work		Percentage of wage-earners working per day of			
Provinces	8 hours or less	9 hours	10 hours	Over 10 hours	8 hours or less	9 hours	10 hours	Over 10 hours
	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
CANADA	11	2,571	460	9	. 36	84,27	15.07	.30
Ontario	11	1,523		6	.72	98, 89	-	:39
Quebec	_	1,048	460	3	-	69.36	30.44	• 50

The number of hours worked per day in the month of highest employment and the standard working hours per week are shown by provinces in Table 8. It should be noted that whilst the statistics relating to hours of labour in columns 1, 2 and 3 are based on figures compiled for the month of highest employment, those in columns 4 and 5 represent the total and average of standard weekly hours of labour for the number of establishments reporting to the Bureau. For this reason the relation between daily and weekly hours of labour is to some extent impaired. The average daily hours of labour on the above basis was for the Dominion 9.15, whilst the average standard weekly hours worked out at 51.14 per plant.

Table 7.- Hours of Labour per day and per week, 1927.

	earners	aily hours and in month of h	Standard working hours per week			
Provinces	Total Hours	Total Wage- earners	Average hours per day per wage-earner	Total	Average	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
CANADA	27,922	3,051	9.15	716	51,14	
Ontario .	13,858	1,540	9.00	246	49.20	
Quebec	14,064	1,511	9.31	470	52:22	

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Fuel Consumption

The quantity and value of the various kinds of fuel consumed in the industry during the calendar year 1927 will be found in Table 1. The total fuel costs rose from \$76,876 in 1925 to \$102,676 in 1926 and to \$151,666 in 1927, an increase of \$74,790 in the three year period.

Table 8 - Fuel Consumption, 1927.

Kinds of fuel	Unit of measure	Quanti ty	Cost Value
Bituminous coal, Canadian Bituminous coal, imported Anthracite coal Gasoline	ton ton ton gal.	637 15,206 4,835	\$ 4,396 117,008 30,214
Gas, artificial or natural	m. cu.ft.	40	48
To tal			151,666

Power Installation

The power installation of the industry in the calendar year 1927 is given in Table 9 by (a) classes of power, (b) number of units in each class and (c) the horse-power capacity according to manufacturers' rating. In 1926 there were 4,506 units developing 3,283 horse-power. For the period covered by this report there were 5,478 units, with a capacity of 7,089 horse-power, an increase of 972 units and 3,806 horse-power. The cost of electricity purchased during the year was \$81,922. The number of hoilers installed for all purposes was 27 with a total horse-power capacity of 2,445.

Table 9 .- Power Installation, 1927. No. of Horse-power Classes of Power uni ts capaci ty Steam engines and turbines 65 1 Hydraulic turbines and water wheels 7,024 Electric motors operated by purchased power 5,477 Total power used in manufacturing 5,478 7,089

Materials Used

The cost value of the various materials used in the industry during the calendar year 1927 was \$4,016,631. Of this total Quebec contributed \$2,086,804 and Ontario \$1,929,827. The total cost of all materials used rose from \$3,472,965 in 1926 to \$4,016,631 in 1927, an increase of \$543,666. The principal materials used during the calendar year 1927 are itemized in Table 10 by provinces.

Table 10 .- Materials used by Provinces, 1927. Quebec CANADA Ontario Value Classes of Material Value Quanti ty Value Quanti ty Quanti ty Lb. \$ Lb. Lb. \$ \$ 2,004,211 210,706 1,200,001 804,210 352,886 142,180 Raw silk Yarns, thread, etc. for 28,421 4,126 76,806 27,596 72,680 825 further manufacture Artificial silk or rayon 246, 248 314,891 459,5691 68,643 382,393 yarns 77,176 Yarns and thread of 40,234 4,334 40.880 35,900 4,864 36,016 cotton 6,056 3,828 6,056 3,828 Yarns, woollen and worsted Chemicals soap and dyed 570,101 53,425 516,676 All other materials including 517,249 859,654 342,405 pulp, etc. 4,016,631 2,086,804 1,929,827 Total Cost

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Imports and Exports

Imports. The quantity and value of raw, partly manufactured and fully manufactured articles, the chief component material being of silk or artificial silk, imported for consumption in Canada is shown by principal countries for the calendar year 1927 in table 11. The total value of imports of silk and artificial silk or rayon imported during 1927 amounted to \$36,535,910 of which silk from the cocoon totalled \$29,423,129 and artificial silk \$7,112,781.

Table 11 .- Imports for consumption by principal countries, 1927. Value Quanti ty Uni t Articles by Countries Silk cocoons and silk waste (value only) 8,399 United States Other Countries 8,399 Total Silk, raw or as reeled from the cocoon, not being doubled twisted or manufactured in any way -144 971 United Kingdom pound 3,815,970 1,098,468 680,026 United States 11 200, 143 Japan 11 4,915,409 880,313 Total Silk in the gum or spun for the manufacture of underwear or woven labels or shoe laces -67,012 20,824 pound United Kingdom 51,627 30,965 9,205 United States 9,254 Switzerland 11 2,171 8,929 Other Countries 11 41,427 158,366 Total Silk spun, not coloured, silk in the gum and tram silk -1,937 1,037 pound United Kingdom 3,546 11 United States 2,578 Other Countries 21,304 11 5,228 Total Sewing and embroidery silk, silk twist and silk floss - (value only) -121,120 United Kingdom 77,421 United States 1,537 Other Countries 200,078 Total Bolting cloth not made up - (value only) 3,808 United Kingdom 41,590 2,419 United States Other Countries 47,817 Total Handkerchiefs, silk - (value only)
United Kingdom 51,998 3,336 United States 35,863 France 159,409 Japan 39,540 Other Countries 290,146 Total Ribbons of all kinds and materials -(value only) 52,652 United Kingdom 205,505 United States France 93,127 Germany Switzerland 8,669 Other Countries 1,099,226

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Imports and Exports (Cont'd.

Articles by Countries	Uni ts	Quanti ty	Value
Articles by Committee	OIII 05	quantor oy	\$
Silk cloth, woven in the gum when imported			
for dyeing and finishing (value only) -	-		
United Kingdon	-	-	10,018
United States	-		
France	_		415,200
Japan	-		2,616,367
Switzerland	0 -d		344, 435
Other Countries	-	••	J 65/i
Total	-	0.0	3,387,944
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Silk fabrics of which silk is the component	nt		
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manufacture of neckties - (value only)			34,002
United Kingdom	_		436,307
United States		**	
Czecho-Slovakia	-	-	60,969
Germany	-	7	248,713
Italy			152,197
Swi tzerland			362,272
Other Countries	***	-	76,214
Total	out.	640	1,370,674
Silk fabrics, n.o.p (value only)			
United Kingdom			532,106
United States			1,517,108
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Belgium			
China		-	15,838 2,527,543
France	-	_	
Germany	~		55, 437
Italy	-		187,953
Japan	-	-	3,396,509
Switzerland	-	-	3,508,421
Other Countries	_		34,848
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United Kingdom	yards	677,655	959,201
United States	11	24,933	39,222
Belgium	11	47,862	45,334
France	11	525,677	552,208
Germany	11	42,713	92,720
Swi tzerland	11	9,014	13,806
Other Countries	11	16,455	22,976
Total	11	1,344,309	1,725,467
Blouses and shirt waists, silk-(value			
only)			
United Kingdom	-		2,175
United States	-	-	4,861
Other Countries	_	240	5,089
Total	5-4	prob	12,125
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Shawls, silk - (velue only)			3,471
United Kingdom	Aug	nut .	
Uni ted States	quat		23,358
Other Countries			18,206
Total	-	4.	¥5,035
Shirts, silk -			
United Kingdom	dozen	17	1,139
United States	fr fr	74	2,118
Other Countries	11	336 127	7,910
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Imports and Exports (Contid)

Table 11 Imports for Consumption	n by principal	Countries, 19	27 (Cont:a)
Articles by Countries	Uni ts	Quanti ty	Value
Socks and stockings. silk -			\$
United Kingdom	doz.pairs	3,389	30,012
United States	ii	60.637	524,468
Germany	11	5,246	37,202 20,078
Other Countries	ti .	1,525	870,05
Total	Ħ	70,797	612,620
Undershirts and drawers, silk -			
(value only)			
Uni ted Kingdom	949	and	307
United States	-	-	269
Other Countries	m-6	-	1,122
Total	***	drup	1,098
Clothing, silk, noop, -(value only)			
United Kingdom	-	•	367,384
United States	646	-	1,124,581
Belgium	ned.	-	71,266
France	140	e-a	1,328,199
Germany Japan			148,397
Other Countries			62,709
Total	-		3, 148, 300
Silk and all manufactures of which silk			
is the chief component material -			12,505
United Kingdom United States			250, 192
France		4.0	94,570
Japan	••		76,800
Other Countries	-	~	43,998
Total	448		558,065
Total silk and manufactures of -			
(value only) United Kingdom			2,331,818
United States	0.0		8,143,121
France	-		5, 359, 766
Germany	•••		572,963
I taly	-	_	340,150
Japan	-		7,495,950
Switzerland	-		1,592,933
Other Countries		gud gud	586,372
Total	•••		
Artificial silk yarns etc, not cologred -			
United Kingdom	Lb.	45,845	65,976
United States	P7	175,826	436,541
Belgium	[7	121,698	159,729
France	1	61,610	54,981
Germany	1	281,691 81,958	257,341 65,080
Italy Netherlands	79	81,958	707,656
Switzerland	17	25, 855	107,000
Other Countries	10	680	353
Total	- IT	1,568,464	1,731,260
Artificial silk tops and wastes -	**	30.036	- h(a
United Kingdom	Lb.	19,01.6	5.468
Uni, ted States Germany	# * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	329.971	78,331 5,294
Other Countries	1	7,477 6,636	2.23
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Imports and Exports (Contide)

The exports of silk and artificial silk and their manufacture is shown by principal countries in table 12, the total for the calendar year amounting to of which silk from the cocoon totalleds and artificial silk \$250,005.

Table 12 - Exports of silk and artificial silk, 1927.

Articles exported by Countries	Value \$		
Silk and manufactures of - (value only)			
United Kingdom United States	1,024 4,929 29,624		
Australia Br. West Indies	33,661		
Other British Possessions China	17,709 4,307 28,421		
New Zealand	5,286		
Other Countries	3,414	_	
Total.	128,375	-	
Artificial silk and manufactures of - (value only) United Mingdom United States India Other British Possessions	327,320 4,032 131,487 5,154		
Newfoundland New Zealand Other Countries	1,966 3,641 13,915		
20 tel	487,515		

APPENDIX

Firms engaged in the Silk Industry in Canada, 1927.

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Name

Belding Corticella Limited, Bruck Silk Mills Limited, Louis Roessel & Co. Limited, Belding-Corticelli Limited, Independent Silk Limited, Belding-Corticelli Limited, Carl Stohn of Canada Limited. British American Silk Mills Limited, Canadian Celanece Limited,

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