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THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928.

Production from the sand-lime brick industry in Canada rose to a new high value during 1928 at \$1,112,466, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1927 the output value for this industry was \$939,911 and in 1926 the total stood at \$629,672. Production in 1928 included 82,271,000 sand-lime brick worth \$1,038,510 as against a production of 72,864,000 valued at \$864,911 in 1927 and 50,282,000 at \$606,409 in 1926. The balance of the output in each year consisted mainly of hollow building blocks.

During the year under review, 11 plants were operating in Canada, 7 of which were located in Ontario, 2 in Quebec and 2 in Manitoba. These concerns employed a capital of \$1,916,060 and distributed \$352,311 in salaries and wages to an average of 270 workmen. Purchased materials cost \$322,027 and the value added by manufacturing amounted to \$790,439.

Table 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924 - 1928.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1924 ...	12	1,346,239	236	248,045	182,260	619,945	438,686
1925 ...	10	960,729	239	257,116	130,555	854,055	723,500
1926 ...	10	1,082,577	218	223,599	197,400	629,672	432,272
1927 ...	11	1,586,064	254	300,318	258,777	939,911	681,134
1928 ...	11	1,916,060	270	352,311	322,027	1,112,466	790,439

Table 2.- MATERIALS USED IN THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Item	Unit of Measure	1927		1928	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
Portland cement.....	barrels	9,490	18,306	14,444	26,433
Quicklime.....	bushels	383,434	138,404	467,011	160,263
Sand.....	cu. yd.	111,007	96,367	127,337	124,392
Other materials.....	-	...	5,700	...	10,939
TOTAL.....	-	...	258,777	...	322,027

Table 3.- PRODUCTS OF THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Item	1927		1928	
	Quantity	Selling value	Quantity	Selling value
	M	\$	M	\$
Sand-lime brick.....	72,864	864,911	82,271	1,038,510
Other products (x).....	...	75,000	...	73,956
TOTAL.....	...	929,911	...	1,112,466

(x) Includes hollow building blocks.

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