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THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1929.

Production from the sand-lime brick industry in Canada during 1929 was valued at \$953,726, a decline of 14 per cent from the record established in the previous year at \$1,112,466, but 15 per cent higher than the average reported for the five-year period, 1924-1928. Output of sand-lime brick during the year under review amounted to 78,361,000 brick worth \$953,726 as against a total of 82,271,000 brick valued at \$1,038,510 in 1928 when the balance of the output consisted of hollow building blocks.

In 1929 a total of 12 plants were operating in Canada, 7 of which were located in Ontario, 2 in Quebec, 2 in Manitoba, and 1 in Alberta. These concerns employed a capital of \$2,356,726 and distributed \$341,005 in salaries and wages to a monthly average of 304 employees. Purchased materials cost \$264,465 and the value added by manufacturing processes was \$689,261.

Table 1.- PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925-1929.

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
1925 ...	10	\$960,729	239	\$257,116	\$130,555	\$854,055	\$723,500
1926 ...	10	1,082,577	218	223,599	197,400	629,372	432,272
1927 ...	11	1,536,064	254	300,318	258,777	939,911	681,134
1928 ...	11	1,916,060	270	352,311	322,027	1,112,466	790,439
1929 ...	12	2,356,726	304	341,005	264,465	953,726	689,261

Table 2.- MATERIALS USED IN THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928 and 1929.

Item	Unit of measure	1928		1929	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
Quicklime.....	bushels	467,011	\$160,263	412,974	\$140,784
Sand.....	cu.yd.	127,537	124,392	126,086	121,628
Other materials....	-	...	37,352	...	2,053
TOTAL.....	-	...	322,007	...	264,465

Table 3.- PRODUCTS OF THE SAND-LIME BRICK INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928 and 1929.

Item	1928		1929	
	Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
Sand-lime brick.....	M 82,271	\$1,038,510	M 78,361	\$953,726
Other products(x).....	...	73,936
TOTAL.....	1,112,466	...	953,726

(x) Includes hollow building blocks.

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