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THE ACIDS, ALKALIES, SALTS AND COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927.

A further increase in the output value of acids, alkalies, salts and compressed gases was recorded in 1927 when production for the industry reached a total value of $30,740,846 or half a million dollars above the corresponding figure for 1926.

(a) Acids, Alkalies and Salts.- Output from the 16 plants in Canada producing acids, alkalies and salts as principal products in 1927 was valued at $28,115,148 and as materials used cost $15,110,991, the value added by manufacturing amounted to $13,004,157. Capital employed stood at $31,134,457 and employment was given to 1,881 people to whom $2,858,644 was paid in salaries and wages during the year.

Of the 16 plants in operation, 8 were in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 3 in British Columbia and 1 in Nova Scotia. Sulphuric acid was made in 7 different plants, nitric acid in 2 plants and hydrochloric acid in 3 plants; cyanamide, bleaching powder, sodium cyanide, paraldehyde, glacial acetic acid, phosphorus, liquid chlorine, soda ash, phosphoric acid, hydrofluosilicic acid, sodium hypochlorite, ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, butyl alcohol and caustic soda were each made by only 1 firm in Canada. Calcium carbide was made for sale in 2 plants and for intermediate use in one other establishment.

(b) Compressed Gases.- Production of compressed gases in 1927 totalled $2,625,698 in value as compared with $2,422,486 in 1926. Capital employed amounted to $4,177,794; employees numbered 404; expenditures for salaries and wages totalled $604,417 and materials cost $550,795.

Of the 25 plants reporting, 11 were in Ontario, 6 in Quebec, 3 in Manitoba, 2 in Nova Scotia, 2 in British Columbia and 1 in Alberta. Acetylene was made in 11 different plants, carbon dioxide in 8, oxygen in 12, hydrogen in 3 and aqua and anhydrous ammonia in 1 plant.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE ACIDS, ALKALIES, SALTS AND COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1923 - 1927.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed $	No. of Employees	Salaries and Wages $	Cost of Materials $	Selling Value of Products $	Value added by manufacturing $
Acids, Alkalies and Salts							
1923	24	31,963,419	2,488	3,318,679	11,147,442	21,747,547	10,600,105
1924	20	30,182,113	2,121	3,025,998	11,214,692	24,190,274	12,975,562
1925	20	32,236,424	2,084	2,992,695	12,472,687	25,396,782	12,924,095
1926	19	34,589,930	2,040	3,075,649	12,924,539	27,809,836	14,885,297
1927	16	31,134,457	1,881	2,858,644	15,110,991	28,115,148	13,004,157
Compressed Gases							
1923	23	4,472,896	300	461,764	488,879	2,165,445	1,676,566
1924	21	4,115,958	292	443,322	401,951	2,051,448	1,649,497
1925	20	3,420,104	325	481,595	370,569	2,086,615	1,716,044
1926	24	3,799,733	360	521,824	43[illegible],729	2,422,486	1,986,757
1927	25	4,177,794	404	604,417	550,795	2,625,698	2,070,903
TOTAL							
1923	47	36,436,315	2,788	3,780,443	11,636,321	23,912,992	12,276,671
1924	41	34,298,071	2,413	3,469,320	11,616,643	26,241,722	14,625,079
1925	40	35,656,528	2,409	3,474,290	12,843,256	27,483,395	14,640,139
1926	43	38,389,663	2,400	3,597,473	13,360,268	30,232,322	16,872,054
1927	41	35,312,251	2,235	3,463,061	15,661,786	30,740,846	15,079,060

MATERIALS USED IN THE ACIDS, ALKALIES, SALTS AND COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

Material	Unit of Measure	1926 Quantity	1926 Cost at Works	1927 Quantity	1927 Cost at Works
			$		$
ACIDS, ALKALIES AND SALTS.					
Acid, sulphuric, 66°Be	lb.	2,932,532	26,567	7,161,589	109,373
Ammonia, anhydrous, and ammonia liquor	lb; NH_3	174,633	22,132	161,683	15,684
Calcium carbonate (limestone)	ton	212,009	495,254	273,783	472,212
Calcium chloride	lb.	153,400	2,454	206,050	3,267
Calcium hydroxide (slaked lime)	lb.	4,748,040	24,684	1,437,107	7,540
Coke (not for fuel)	ton	93,278	794,031	84,624	751,066
Coal, anthracite (not for fuel)	ton	7,649	47,179	3,688	28,386
Carbon electrodes	lb.	5,869,870	322,277	3,503,997	218,252
Iron sulphide (pyrites)	ton	15,986	82,708	19,379	100,374
Silica	ton	29,233	88,975	4,504	16,015
Sodium carbonate (soda ash)	lb.	1,866,289	27,209	598,346	9,926
Sodium chloride (including brine)	ton	42,189	122,067	83,858	117,510
Sodium hydroxide	lb.	258,347	9,143	318,723	11,020
Sodium nitrate (Chile saltpetre)	ton	1,200	73,274	1,115	65,597
Sodium salts, all other	-	-	10,960	-	6,613
Sulphur (brimstone)	ton	22,893	419,056	19,847	388,008
Containers, boxes, etc	-	-	416,996	-	418,205
All other materials.[1]	-	-	658,391	-	1,351,461
TOTAL	-	-	3,643,357	-	4,090,509
Intermediate products used as materials [2]	-	-	9,281,182	-	11,020,482
TOTAL MATERIALS USED	-	-	12,924,539	-	15,110,991
COMPRESSED GASES					
Acetone	lb.	91,281	18,520	125,532	25,244
Calcium carbide	lb.	6,361,871	207,125	7,385,241	234,192
Coke	ton	4,609	32,817	1,696	25,769
All other materials	-	-	98,987	-	54,414
Cylinders purchased during year	No.	3,011	78,280	-	211,176
TOTAL	-	-	435,729	-	550,795
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[1] Includes acetylene, calcium acetate, calcium fluoride, phosphate rock, sodium bichromate, pathway oil and other materials.

[2] Includes calcium carbide, acetaldehyde, acetylene, electrodes, crude phosphorus, crude cyanamide, lime, calcined salt cake, nitrogen and sulphuric acid, 66°Be and 100%.

PRODUCTS OF THE ACIDS, ALKALIES, SALTS AND COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

Product	Unit of Measure	1926 Quantity	1926 Selling Value at works	1927 Quantity	1927 Selling Value at works
			$		$
ACIDS, ALKALIES AND SALTS					
Products made for sale:-					
Sulphuric acid, 66°Be	lb.	207,585,802	1,265,866	193,734,509	1,153,507
Hydrochloric acid, 20°Be [1]	lb.	7,409,881	109,992	6,938,978	68,356
All other products	-	-	17,150,389	-	15,864,925
TOTAL	-	-	18,526,247	-	17,086,788
Intermediate products made for own use		-	9,283,589	-	11,028,360
TOTAL	-	-	27,809,836	-	28,115,148
COMPRESSED GASES					
Acetylene	Cu.ft.	27,814,736	700,977	31,195,053	798,480
Carbon dioxide	lb.	3,896,524	395,974	4,706,519	445,989
Hydrogen	Cu.ft.	23,951,424	41,262	26,989,730	43,228
Oxygen	Cu.ft.	86,989,015	1,102,523	112,757,727	1,238,987
All other products [2]	-	-	181,750	-	99,014
Total	-	-	2,422,486	-	2,625,698
TOTAL	-	-	30,232,322	-	30,740,846

[1] Includes products reported by only 1 or 2 firms such as acetylene, acetic acid, 28%, glacial acetic acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluosilicic acid, phosphoric acid, nitric acid, butyl acetate, ethyl acetate, butyl alcohol, calcium carbide, calcium cyanamide, bleaching powder, liquid chlorine, iron phosphide, copper cyanide, copper carbonate, paraldehyde, phosphorus, soda ash, sodium cyanide, caustic soda, sodium hypochlorite, saltcake, glauber's salt, acetylene black and satin white.

[2] Includes aqua and anhydrous ammonia, nitrogen and other products.