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## THE COAL TAR DISTILLATION INDUSTRY

## 1955

Output from the Coal Tar Distillation Industry in Canada in 1955 was valued at $\$ 11,892,812$, a decline of 8.4 per cent from 1954. Factory shipments of creosote oils totalled $10,240,525$ gallons at $\$ 2,804,106$ in 1955; refined tars amounted to $3,559,726$ gallons at $\$ 733,231$ and pitch totalled 119,649 tons at $\$ 4,679,193$. Phenols, cresols, cresylic acid, xylenols, phthalic anhydride, coal tar paints, pitch coke, tar and asphalt cements, disinfectants and asphalt saturants were other principal products.

Eleven plants operated in 1955, there being 1 in Nova Scotia, 2 in Guebec, 5 in Ontario, 2 in Manitoba and 1 in British Columbia. These works afforded employment to 528 people who were paid $\$ 2,080,557$ in salaries and wages.

Materials for manufacturing in 1955 cost $\$ 7,010,908$, including $37,792,738$ gallons of crude tars al $\$ 5,297,909$. In addition, an amount of $\$ 611,810$ was paid for fuel and electricity.

Note: Figures for value added by manufacture, shown in Table 1, prior to 1952 were obtained by subtracting the cost of materials used, including fuel and electricity, from the value of production. In 1952 the gross value of production was replaced by value of factory shipments, f.o.b. plant. As no information on inventory change is available for 1952 and 1953 , value added figures for these years were obtained by subtracting from the value of shipments the cost of materials, fuel and electricity. In 1954 and 1955 information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses was collected as part of the annual Census of Industry and information thus made available was taken into account in calculating the value added figures for 1954 and 1955.

TABLE 1. Principal statistics of the Coal Tar Distillation Industry, Significant Years, 1929-1955

| Year | Establishments | Em- <br> ployees | Earnings | Cost of fuel and electricity at plant | Cost at plant of materials used | Value added by manufacture ${ }^{3}$ | Gross selling value of products ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 110. | 150 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1929. | 10 | 242 | 353.970 | 123.019 | 2,658.555 | 1,036,476 | 3,818,050 |
| 1933 .. | 10 | 183 | 272,439 | 74.186 | 1.076.277 | 521.836 | 1,672,299 |
| 1937 | 10 | 254 | 357, 744 | 170,910 | 2,189,237 | 1, 039,394 | 3,399,541 |
| 1939 | 11 | 302 | 393,522 | 163,950 | 2,108,544 | 1,375,586 | 3,648,080 |
| 1943 | 10 | 424 | 789,335 | 326,448 | 4,059.598 | 2.154,239 | 6,540,285 |
| 1946 | 11 | 410 | 740,619 | 341.182 | 3,116,167 | 2,052,078 | 5,509,727 |
| 1949 | 11 | 415 | 1.166.863 | 549,310 | 4.786,640 | 3,996.837 | 9,332,787 |
| 1951 | 11 | 468 | 1,442,776 | 668.588 | 7.077.237 | 4.331.465 | 12,077,290 |
| 1952 | 11 | 500 | 1,679,495 | 655,814 | 7,143,102 | 4,835,360 | 12,634,276 |
| 1953 | 11 | 541 | 1,861,353 | 755, 122 | 7,551,105 | 5.328,672 | 13,634,899 |
| 1954 | 11 | 544 | 2,101.870 | 655,821 | 7.417.777 | 4,752,227 | 12,878.275 |
| 1955 | 11 | 528 | 2.080.557 | 611.810 | 7.010,908 | 4,802,463 | 11,892.812 |

Note: Profits or losses cannot be calculated from above figures as data are notavailable for general expense items. such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

1. See footnote to Text.

TABLE 2. Inventories ${ }^{1}$, 1955

|  | Raw materia]s and supplies | Goods in process | Finished goods of own manufacture | Tota] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Opening | 760,622 | 143,334 | 796.306 | 1,700, 262 |
| Closing | 991.281 | 130,213 | 1.328.675 | 2,450,169 |

1. (a) Book value of all manufacturing inventories owned and held at plant and plant warehouses.
(b) Beginning with 1954, information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses is leing collected as part of the annual Census of Industry. These data were formerly collected by a separate survey. The summarized results for the Coal Tar Distillation Industry for the year under review are shown in the above table,

TABLE 3. Products of the Coal Tar Distillation Industry, 1954 and 1955

| Product | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unit } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { measure } \end{aligned}$ | 1954 |  | 1955 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Quantity | Value of factory shipments | Quantity | Vajue of factory shipments |
|  |  |  | \$ |  | \$ |
| Refined tar | Imp. gal. | 4,641.583 | 825.996 | 3,559,726 | 733.231 |
| Pitch ............................................................. | ton | 135.912 | 4,756,895 | 119,649 | 4,679,193 |
| Creosote oils ....................................... | Imp.gal. | 10,959,458 | 2,978,245 | 10,240,525 | 2,804.106 |
| All other products ${ }^{1}$............................ |  | , | 4,317,139 | , | 3,676,282 |
| Total | - | - | 12,878,275 | - | 11,892, 812 |

1. Includes coal tar paints, cements and disinfectants; also asphalt cements, asphalt saturant, pitch coke, phenol, cresol, orthocresol, metaparacresol, cresylic acid, phthalic anhydride, etc. Figures cannot be shown for these items as each was made by only one or two companies.

TABLE 4. Materials Used in the Coal Tar Distiliation Industry, 1954 and 1955

| Material | $\begin{gathered} \text { Unit } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { measure } \end{gathered}$ | 1.954 |  | 1955 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Quantity | Cost at plant | Quantity | Cost at plant |
|  |  |  | \$ |  | \$ |
| Crude coal tar. | Imp. gal. | 37,045,152 | 5,125,363 | 37.792,738 | 5,297,909 |
| Crude water-gas tar .......................................... | "1 | 1.496.931 | 161.042 | 1.954.165 | 254,430 |
| Asphalt ............................................... | " " | 3,932,054 | 452.393 | 233,946 | 32. 205 |
| Containers and packing materials ......... | - | - | 604.997 | - | 485, 261 |
| All other materials ............................. | - | - | 1.073,982 | - | 941,103 |
| Total ................................................ | - | - | 7,417,777 | - | 7,010,908 |

TABLE 5. Production ${ }^{1}$ of Creosote Oils, Pitch and Refined Tars, 1946-1955

|  | Year | Creosote and other oils | Pitch | Refined tar, tarvia, etc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Imp. gal. | Tons | Imp. gal. |
| 1946 |  | 10,234.997 | 85,018 | 5,234,788 |
| 1947 |  | 9,622,811 | 77.367 | 3. 5577.356 |
| 1948 |  | 11,044,351 | 87,614 | 2,443,658 |
| 1949 |  | 12,556,889 | 92.291 113.510 | 3,542,989 |
| 1951 |  | 11,726,520 | 112,141 | 4,377,223 |
| 1952 |  | 11.608,114 | 131.742 | 3,976.884 |
| 1953 |  | 13,750,179 | 132,737 | 4, 742,967 |
| 1954 |  | 10.959 .458 | 135.912 | 4.641.583 |
| 1955 |  | 10,240,525 | 119.649 | 3.559.726 |

[^0]TABLE 6. Crude Tar Used in Tar Distilleries, 1946-1955


TABLE 7. Employees and Their Earnings in the Coal Tar Distillation Industry, 1951-1955

| Year | Number of employees |  |  |  |  | Earnings |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Supervisory and office |  | Workmen |  | Totad | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Supervisory } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { office } \end{aligned}$ | Workmen | Total |
|  | Male | Fermale | Male | Female |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1951. | 78 | 19 | 368 | 3 | 468 | 362,681 | 1,080,095 | 1,442,776 |
| 1952. | 96 | 20 | 381 | 3 | 500 | 465,461 | 1,214,043 | 1,679,495 |
| 1953. | 107 | 29 | 401 | 4 | 541 | 528,636 | 1,332,717 | 1,861.353 |
| 1954. | 132 | 35 | 370 | 7 | 544 | 805, 866 | 1,296, 004 | 2, 101, 870 |
| 1955 .... | 136 | 30 | 356 | 6 | 528 | 807.533 | 1,273,024 | 2,080,557 |

TABLE 8. Production Workers, by Months, 1954 and 1955

| Month | 1954 |  |  | 1955 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .... | 362 | 6 | 368 | 346 | 6 | 352 |
| February. | 361 | 6 | 367 | 352 | 6 | 358 |
| March.. | 367 | 6 | 373 | 352 | 6 | 358 |
| April | 356 | 7 | 363 | 351 | 6 | 357 |
| May | 370 | 7 | 377 | 362 | 6 | 368 |
| Iune. | 380 | 7 | 387 | 370 | 6 | 376 |
| July | 377 | 7 | 384 | 371 | 6 | 377 |
| August.. | 391 | 7 | 398 | 363 | 6 | 369 |
| September | 381 | 7 | 388 | 355 | 6 | 361 |
| October ., | 371 | 7 | 378 | 356 | 6 | 362 |
| November | 368 | 7 | 375 | 353 | 6 | 359 |
| December ................ | 361 | 7 | 368 | 350 | 6 | 356 |
| Average......... | 370 | 7 | 377 | 356 | 6 | 362 |

TABLE 9. Capital and Repair Expenditures in the Coal Tar Distillation Industry, 1951-1955

| Year | Capital expenditures |  | Sub-total | Repair and maintenance expenditures |  | Sub-total | Total <br> capital and repair expenditures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Construction | Machinery and equipment |  | Construction | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Machinery } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { equipment } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  | \$ ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1951 | 2 | 2 | 195 | 2 | 2 | 477 | 672 |
| 1952. | 296 | 1. 235 | 1. 531 | 2 | 2 | 549 | 2,080 |
| 1953 | 124 | 593 | 717 | 2 | 2 | 694 | 1,411 |
| 1954. | 2 | 2 | 214 | 2 | 2 | 612 | 826 |
| 19551......... | 2 | 2 | 220 | 2 | 2 | 580 | 800 |

1. Preliminary.
2. Not available separately - see sub-total.

TABLE 10. Imports and Exports of Coal Tat, Pitch, Etc., 1954 and 1955


List of Firms in the Coal Tar Distillation Industry, 1955

| Name | Head office address | Location of plant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominion Tar \& Chemical Company Limited | 2240 Sun Life Buliding, Montreal, Quebec | Sydney, Nova Scotia V1lle LaSalle, Quobeo Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Toronto, Ontario St, Boniface, Manitoba |
| The Barrett Company Limited ...................... | 5551 St. Hubert Street, Montreal, Quebec | Montreal, Quebec <br> Toronto, Ontario <br> St. Boniface, Manitoba <br> Vancouver, British Columbia |
| Currie Products Limited .................................. | 87 Sheaffe Street, Hamilton, Ontario ........ | Hamilton, Ontario |
| Northern Tar \& Chemical Company Limited .. | P.O. Drawer 310, Port Arthur, Ontario ...... | 2nd A venue, Port Arthur, Ontario |

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[^0]:    1. Factory shipments since 1953.
