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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

THE COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY, 1933.

Production from the compressed gases industry in 1933 was valued at \$2,490,215 compared with \$2,504,550 in 1932 and \$2,818,306 in 1931.

Thirty-one factories were included in this group in 1933, the same as in 1932; 14 were in Ontario, 7 in Quebec, 3 in Manitoba, 2 in Nova Scotia, 2 in Alberta, 2 in British Columbia and 1 in Saskatchewan. These works employed 428 persons to whom \$613,278 were paid in salaries and wages. The 14 plants in Ontario employed 186 workers and made industrial gases worth \$1,096,144 and the 7 works in Quebec gave work to 105 persons and had an output valued at \$606,019.

The main products were oxygen, carbon dioxide, acetylene and hydrogen. Production of acetylene declined 4 per cent in quantity to 32,387,312 cubic feet; carbon dioxide dropped 11 per cent to 5,410,993 pounds; oxygen increased slightly to 93,511,573 cubic feet and hydrogen advanced 5 per cent to 31,175,453 cubic feet. Solid carbon dioxide ('dry ice'), aqua ammonia, anhydrous ammonia, nitrogen and nitrous oxide were also made by these firms.

This industry includes only those firms which made industrial gases as their main products. In addition, liquid chlorine and synthetic ammonia were manufactured in the Sandwich plant of Canadian Industries Limited but data pertaining to these departments were not shown separately from the general plant operations and so have been included in the acids, alkalies and salts industry. Synthetic ammonie was also made at Trail, B.C., by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada but as all of the output was used in making ammonia fertilizers the statistics relating thereto have been included in the fertilizers industry. Similarly, acetylene was made by Shawinigan Chemicals Limited at Shawinigan Falls for use in their own works in making acetic acid, etc., and nitrogen was produced as an intermediate by the American Cyanamid Company at Niagara Falls for use in the manufacture of calcium cyanamide. Pintsch gas for lighting railway coaches was made at several divisional points but these plants have always been classified to the artificial gas industry and again have been included in that group. Sulphur dioxide was made at Hamilton. Ont., by Canadian Industries Limited, but this output has been included in the report for the general chemical plant at that point.

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Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STAT			RESSED GAS	ES INDUSTR		
37 0		Average	0.1	0	Selling	Value
No.of		number	Salaries	Cost of	value of	added by
Years plants	employed		and	materials at works	products at works	manu- facturing
	\$	ployees	wages \$	\$	\$	\$
1929 28	4,995,560	542	770,424	785,377	3,967,416	3,182,039
1930 30	5,020,875		737,240	504,975	3,557,486	3,052,511
1931 30	4,597,170		654,364	429,048	2,818,306	2,389,258
1932 31	4,326,599		617,901	380,795	2,504,550	2,123,755
1933 -	2,020,000		,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	.,,	n,=no, . oo
Quebec 7	782,157	105	132,042	94,963	606,019	511,056
Ontario 14	2,478,905		291,966	146,202	1,096,144	949,942
Manitoba 3	219,671		61,020	33,253	231,554	198,301
Nova Scotia 2)			1		La urille	
Saskatchewan 1)	543,704	94	128,250	96,786	556,498	459,712
Alberta 2)	040,104		120,200	00,100	000, 400	2009 12.00
British Columbia 2)						
CANADA 31	4,024,437	428	613,278	371,204	2,490,215	2,119,011
Table 2 - SIZE OF ESTABL	ISHMENTS.	1933.				
					rage	Selling
		o.of	Capital		ber	value of
	p	lants	employe		em-	products
			\$	plo	yees	at works
(a) PRODUCTION			₩			₩
(a) PRODUCTION						
Under \$25,000		6	467,9	87	31	87,777
\$25,001 - \$50,000		8	717,0		54	282,431
\$50,001 - \$100,000		3	117,1		30	217,354
\$100,001 - \$212,000		14	2,722,2	94 3	13	1,902,653
TOTAL		31	4,024,4	37 4	28	2,490,215
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(b) EMPLOYEES - Numb	er					
l or 2		3	130,7		5	59,319
3 - 10		17	1,202,3			1,052,895
11 - 20		5	530,8		82	593,355
21 - 72		6	2,160,4	58 2	26	784,646
TOTAL		31	4,024,4	37 4	28	2,490,215
(c) CAPITAL EMPLOYED						
		Co tele		200	- 11 - 11	
Under \$25,000		7	121,0		43	590,796
\$25,001 - \$50,000		3	115,4		23	160,972
\$50,001 - \$100,000		10	716,2		50	817,824
\$100,001 - \$200,000		8	1,012,8		88	477,801
Over \$200,000		3	2,058.8		24	442,822
TOTAL	*****	31	4,024,4	5/ 4	28	2,490,215

Table	3 _	CAPTTAT.	EMPLOYED.	7039	and 1933
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	Present value	Inventory value		Operating capital	1
	of lands, build-	of materials on	Inventory	(cash, bills	
	ings, machin-	hand, stocks in	value of	and accounts	TOTAL
Provinces	ery, tools and	process, fuel	finished	receivable, pre-	CAPITAL
	other equip-	and miscellaneous	products	paid, expenses,	EMPLOYED
	ment	supplies on hand	on hand	etc.)	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1932	1				
Quebec	. 620,187	4,898	67,207	98,492	790,784
Ontario	. 754,636	110,731	126,730	1,718,739	2,710,836
Manitoba	. 166,210	16,059	14,381	30,741	227,391
Other provinces	. 460,515	21,335	28,577	87,161	597,588
CANADA	. 2,001,548	153,023	236,895	1,935,133	4,326,599
1933					
Quebec	. 647,625	8,540	58,992	67,000	782,157
Ontario	. 686,169	115,819	105,699	1,571,218	2,478,905
Manitoba	. 161,826	5,671	22,902	29,272	219,671
Other provinces	. 404,879	26,659	21,985	90,181	543,704
CANADA	. 1,900.499	156,689	209,578	1,757,671	4,024,437

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Provinces		verage alaries	numbe On w		mployees Total	Salaries	Wages	Total salaries
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Employees			and wages
						\$	\$	\$
1932								
Quebec	32	9	53	3	97	73,622	60,656	134,278
Ontario	75	29	79	3	186	187,443	99,931	287,374
Manitoba	16	4	24	0 0 0	44	33,917	28,193	62,110
Other provinces .	31	16	48	0 0 0	95	82,586	51,553	134,139
CANADA	154	58	204	6	422	377,568	240,333	617,901
1933								
Quebec	37	15	51	2	105	76,793	55,249	132,042
Ontario	76	30	80		186	194,607	97,359	291,966
Manitoba	15	4	24		43	34,926	26,094	61,020
Other provinces .	31	15	48	0.00	94	78,472	49,778	128,250
CANADA	1.59	64	203	-2	428	384,798	228,480	613,278

Table 5 - WAGE-EARNERS, BY MONTHS, 1932 and 1933.

	1	9 3	2	1	9 3	3
Months	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
January	215	6	221	194	2	196
February	202	6	208	189	2	191
March	215 198	6	221 204	187 194	2 2	189 196
May	211	6	217	200	2	202
July	209 204	6	215 210	204	2 2	206 204
August	199 197	6	205	214	2	216
September	193	6	203 199	210 214	2	212
November	198	6	204	204	2	206
December	198	6	204	204	2	206
AVERAGE	204	6	210	203	2	205

		1 9	3	2	1 9 ;	
Kinds	Unit of			Cost at		Cost at
	measure	Quantity	7	works	Quantity	works
Dituminana sasi Camadian	about ton	21	0	\$ 220	205	\$ 007
Bituminous coal - Canadian Imported				1,619	205 190	1,627
Anthracite coal		1,18		6,318 4,963	672	1,020 5,450
Coke		1,09		5,973	1,890	9,679
Gasoline		24		65	305	79
Fuel oil		8,31		450	11,190	562
Gas - Manufactured		32		315	542	492
Natural		1,62		609	1,233	452
Other fuel				742		1,485
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	10,888,30)2	100,819	10,586,797	96,536
TOTAL	XX		0	121,873	0.00	117,382
Table 7 - POWER EQUIPMENT, 19	932 and 1933					
27.0 3		1 9	3	2	1 9	3 3
Kinds		Number of		tal rated	Number of	Total rated
		units	noi	rse power	uni ts	horse power
Steam engines and steam turbi	nee	1		40	1	40
Total Primery				40	1	40
Electric motors run by purch				5,768	145	5,844
TOTAL				5,808	146	5,884
Total Electric Motors		142		5.768	145	5,844
Boilers		6		615	5	590
				020		000
Table 8 MATERIALS USED, 193	32 and 1933.					
	7.00	1	9	3 2	1 9	3 3
Materials	Unit	of		Cost at		Cost at
	meas	ure Quant	ity	works	Quanti ty	works
				\$		\$
Acetone				19,486	128,628	21,060
Calcium carbide				251,655	6,949,118	223,748
Ccke			657	18,248	1,605	16,584
Other materials			000	84,799		109,389
Cylinders purchased during th			200	6,607		423
TOTAL		XX	000	380,795	000	371,204
Table 9 - PRODUCTS MADE, 193;	and 1933					
A MAN SOLD MINNES AVOI	1 9	3 2	-		1 9 3	3
Products Unit of		Selling va	lue			ng value
measure (uantity	at works		Quanti		_
		\$				\$

Acetylene cu.ft. 33,744,251 800,248 32,387,312 759,997 6,057,311 Carbon dioxide ... 1b. 374,965 5,410,993 401,747 Hydrogen cu.ft. 29,685,571 102,735 31,175,453 171,533 92,828,715 918,639 Oxygen cu.ft. 93,511,573 848,736 Other products(x) . xx 307,963 308,202 TOTAL XX 2,504,550 2,490,215

⁽x) Includes aqua and anhydrous ammonia, nitrogen, solid carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, for which figures cannot be shown separately as each was produced by only one company in this group.

Table 10 - PRODUCTION OF ACETYLENE, CARBON DIOXIDE, AND OXYGEN IN CANADA, 1918 to 1933.

	1000		
		Carbon	
Years	Acetylene	dioxide	Oxygen
	Cubic feet	Pounds	Cubic feet
1918	5,484,755	2,742,632	33,880,000
1919	11,684,646	3,571,681	34,768,587
1920	16,121,701	5,582,149	54,618,400
1921	15,663,702	3,567,431	53,612,271
1922	17,631,590	3,263,908	52,448,907
1923	21,729,109	3,355,628	72,637,943
1924	19,229,042	3,428,953	68,331,575
1925	24,384,431	3,650,547	68,685,153
1926	27,814,736	3,896,524	86,989,015
1927	31,195,053	4,706,519	112,757,727
1928	37,342,101	5,533,275	138,688,619
1929	46,009,766	6,818,800	166,066,394
1930	44,181,816	6,632,544	152,419,201
1931	37,048,521	5,437,464	120,326,797
1932	33,744,251	6,057,311	92,828,715
1933	32,387,312	5,410,993	93,511,573

Table 11 -- PRODUCTION OF ACETYLENE, CARBON DIOXIDE, AND OXYGEN IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1928 - 1933.

	Ontario	Quebec	Other Provinces	CANADA
ACETYLENE -				
1928 cu. ft.	14,032,110	11,203,260	12,106,731	37,342,101
1929 cu. ft.	18,463,129	12,854,099	14,692,538	46,009,766
1930 cu. ft.	18,569,197	11,463,532	14,149,087	44,181,816
1931 cu. ft.	14,680,022	9,483,373	12,885,126	37,048,521
1932 cu. ft.	12,962,120	8,141,640	12,640,491	33,744,251
1933 cu. ft.	12,004,827	7,879,957	12,502,528	32,387,312
CARBON DIOXIDE - 1928 1929 1930 1951 1932 1933	1,277,440 1,453,180 1,385,398 1,538,928 1,636,732 1,564,607	2,677,526 3,687,948 3,588,703 2,668,100 3,111,813 2,819,946	1,578,309 1,677,672 1,658,443 1,230,436 1,308,766 1,026,440	5,533,275 6,818,800 6,632,544 5,437,464 6,057,311 5,410,993
OXYGEN -				
1928 cu. ft.	54,430,578	41,971,320	42,286,721	138,688,619
1929 cu. ft.	66,116,620	50,714,300	49,235,474	166,066,394
1930 cu. ft.	59,045,143	45,737,255	47,636,803	152,419,201
1931 cu. ft.	44,420,908	38,162,619	37,743,270	120,326,797
1932 cu. ft.	32,280,715	28,865,340	31,682,660	92,828,715
1933 cu. ft.	34,991,667	27,093,759	31,426,147	93,511,573

Table 12 - CONSUMPTION OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CARBONATED BEVERAGES (SOFT DRINKS), 1928-1932.

	Quanti ty	Cost at
	pounds	\$
1928	1,718,847 3,950,733 2,408,694 2,396,592 2,020,941	177,777 380,699 241,915 217,262 182,098

Table 13 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA OF CARBON DIOXIDE AND CHLORINE, 1931 - 1933.

	Quantity	Value
1931		\$
Carbon dioxide or carbonic acid gas	• • •	211
Chlorine, liquid or chlorine gas 1b.	7,372,657	172,424
1932		
Carbon dioxide or carbonic acid gas	· · ·	501
Chlorine, liquid or chlorine gas	5,172,827	130,913
1933		
Carbon dioxide or carbonic acid gas	2.163.840	91 245,791
844	.,,	210,102

Table 14 - EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO CANADA OF COMPRESSED AND LIQUIFIED GASES, 1931 and 1932.

(From Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States, Calendar Years 1931 and 1932)

		1 9 3	1	1 9 3 2		
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$	
Ammonie, anhydrous	1b.	585,587 7,866,196 938,477	40,757 184,917 143,974	55,844 5,617,052 748,215	7,397 114,215 103,058	

DIRECTORY(x) OF FIRMS INCLUDED IN THE COMPRESSED GASES INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1933.

Name	Location of Plants	Products Made
Cheney Chemical Limited	180 Duke St., Toronto, Ont.	Pure nitrous oxide, oxygen-carbon dioxide mixtures.
L'Air Liquide Society & Canadian Liquid Air Co. Ltd.	H.O1111 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, P.Q. Plants at Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver	Acetylene and oxygen.
Liquid Carbonic Canadian Corporation, Limited	H.O500 Dominion Square Bldg., Montreal, P.Q. Plants at Dartmouth, Montreal(St. Boniface, Edmonton and Vancouver.	Carbon dioxide.
Dominion Oxygen Company, Limited	H.OCanada Life Bldg., 340 University Ave., Toronto, O Plants at Montreal and Toronto	
Dominion Carbonic Company Limited	Cor. Mill and Trinity Sts., Toronto, Ont.	Carbon dioxide
Canadian Dry Ice Company, Limited	H.O5303 Headley St., Cote St.Paul, Montreal, P.Q. Plants at Montreal and Teronto	Solid carbon dioxide.
Prest-O-Lite Company of Canada, Limited	H.OCanada Life Bldg., 340 University Ave., Toronto, Ont. Plants at Shawinigan Falls, Meritton and St. Boniface.	Acetylene.
Canadian Gas & Equipment Ltd.	H.O2240 St.Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Ont. Plants at Montreal and Toronto	Acetylene, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen.
Canadian Industries Limited	H.O P.O.Box 1260, Montreal, P.Q. Plant at Toronto, Ont.	Aqua ammonia and anhydrous ammonia
Lever Brothers, Limited	Eastern Aye., Toronto, Ont.	Hydrogen and oxygen.
The People's Gas Supply Co Ltd.	2 Mill St., Ottawa, Ont.	Acetylene.
Proctor & Gamble Co. of Canada, Limited	Burlington St., Hamilton, Ont.	Hydrogen and oxygen.
Swift Canadian Company, Limited	Keele St. and St.Clair Ave., Toronto, Ont.	Hydrogen.

⁽x) The above plants are included under the Compressed Gases Industry. In addition to these, Canadian Industiee Limited produced synthetic ammonia and liquid chlorine at Sandwich, Ont., and liquid sulphur dioxide at Hamilton, Ont., but when classified to the main products these plants come under the Acids, Alkalies and Salts Industry which is reviewed in a separate bulletin. Synthetic ammonia is also made at Trail, B.C., by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company but is used by that company in the manufacture of ammonia fertilizers; acetylene is made by the Shawinigan Chemicals and used in making acetic acid, etc.; and nitrogen is produced as an intermediate in the manufacture of cyanamide by the American Cyanamid Company at Niagara Falls.

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