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THE INKS, DYES AND COLOURS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926.

Final statistics just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa show that production in the inks, dyes and colours industry in Canada during 1926 was valued at \$2,819,945, an increase of 3 per cent over the total of \$2,749,807 for the previous year. Plants making inks, dyes and colours represent a capital investment in Canada of \$2,729,166. Purchased materials used during the year cost \$1,069,957 and the value added by manufacturing was given at \$1,749,988. This industry afforded employment to an average of 441 people, paid \$728,273 in salaries and wages and expended \$38,249 for fuel and electricity.

Of the 27 plants in this industry, 7 made dyes and colours, 14 made printing inks and 6 produced writing inks as the main product. By provinces they were distributed as follows: 14 in Ontario; 8 in Quebec; 2 in British Columbia; 2 in Manitoba; and 1 in New Brunswick.

Imports into Canada of dyeing and tanning materials of all kinds were valued at \$3,654,158 during the calendar year 1926. Imports of printing inks, mostly from United States were valued at \$243,490; writing inks at \$41,527 of which about 50 per cent came from United States; and mucilage and adhesives at \$105,809, of which about 94 per cent was brought from United States.

SUMMARY STATISTICS OF THE INKS, DYES AND COLOURS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1922-1926.

Year	No. Of Plants	Capital Employed	No. of Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Selling Value of Products	Value added by Manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1922	26	2,146,953	416	668,719	1,070,287	2,756,006	1,685,719
1923	26	2,252,370	415	659,336	1,141,102	2,876,347	1,735,245
1924	24	2,391,859	377	632,607	942,325	2,656,400	1,714,075
1925	27	2,669,720	403	677,077	968,830	2,749,807	1,780,977
1926	27	2,729,166	441	728,273	1,069,957	2,819,945	1,749,988

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TABLE 2.- MATERIALS USED IN THE INKS, DYES AND COLOURS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925 and 1926.

Materials Used	Unit of Measure	1 9 2 5		1 9 2 6	
		Quantity	Cost at Works \$	Quantity	Cost at Works \$
DYES AND COLOURS -					
Raw materials #.....		...	102,278	...	104,433
Containers (boxes, bags, packages, etc.)		...	26,954	...	20,963
TOTAL	129,232	...	125,396
PRINTING INKS -					
Carbon black.....lb.		167,550	12,769	123,750	12,028
Dry colours.....lb.		796,321	291,950	1,092,290	332,990
Oils and varnishes.....		...	185,318	...	243,761
Glue.....lb.		...	15,049	58,497	14,097
Glycerine.....lb.		100,379	21,610	128,724	33,583
Methylated spirits, benzine, naphtha, coal oil and turpentine.....		...	7,118	...	10,805
Resin and gums.....lb.		158,086	6,211	148,072	10,600
Shellac.....lb.		10,000	6,000	7,500	3,400
Containers (boxes, etc.).....		...	42,483	...	50,319
All other materials.....		...	128,723	...	109,055
TOTAL.....		...	717,231	...	820,638
WRITING INKS -					
Dextrine and gums.....lb.		31,400	4,302	48,000	5,545
Dyes and colours.....lb.		617	1,891	700	1,620
Oils.....Gal.		740	407	...	407
Coated paper and ribbon cloth.....		...	3,862	...	4,471
Tannic acid, gallic acid and carbolic acid.....		...	4,267	...	1,079
All other materials.....		...	21,427	...	35,955
Containers (boxes, etc.).....		...	74,000	...	74,846
TOTAL.....		...	122,367	...	123,923
TOTAL MATERIALS.....		...	968,830	...	1,069,957

Includes grape sugar, ammonia, malt, aniline dye and dye mixtures, alcohol, shellac and various other materials.

TABLE 3.- (x) PRODUCTS OF THE INKS, DYES AND COLOURS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1925 and 1926.

Products	Unit of Measure	1 9 2 5		1 9 2 6	
		Quantity	Selling Value \$	Quantity	Selling Value \$
DYES AND COLOURS -					
Dyes.....		...	360,785	...	274,359
All other products #.....		...	73,790	...	109,529
TOTAL.....		...	434,575	...	383,888
PRINTING INKS -					
Printing Inks.....lb.		4,981,364	1,442,512	5,682,610	1,554,415
Printers' rollers and composition.....		...	214,222	...	228,976
Dry colours and showcard colours.....		...	30,972	...	43,452
Paints, varnishes, stains and enamels...		...	151,516	...	157,488
All other products @.....		...	193,718	...	164,293
TOTAL.....		...	2,032,940	...	2,148,624
WRITING INKS -					
Writing inks.....)		...	241,449	...	253,450
Mucilage and paste).....		...	1,370	...	1,348
Ink pallets, ink powders and miscellaneous inks.....		...	27,192	...	27,847
Carbon paper, inked ribbon and stamp pads.....		...	12,281	...	4,788
All other products (-).....		...	282,292	...	287,433
TOTAL.....		...	2,749,807	...	2,819,945

(x) Production data cover only the output for this industry and do not necessarily represent the total production in Canada of the commodities listed; there may be also a small output in other industries. In 1926, there was a production of \$159,616 worth of writing ink in other industrial groups.

Includes malt flour, hat colour, butter colour, washing blue, caramel, carbolic acid, and other products.

@ Includes paste, padding cement and various other products.

(-) Includes polish, seals and various other products.

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