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THE MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA,
1928.

Production in Canada during 1928 of patent and proprietary medicines, pharmaceuticals and similar commodities amounted in value to \$17,224,351, an increase of nearly a million dollars over the total for 1927 and a higher total than in any other year. Leading products of this industry were patent and proprietary preparations, \$7,348,058; pharmaceuticals, \$5,680,599; and toilet preparations, \$1,564,577. Capital invested totalled \$17,427,506; employees numbered 2,667 and payments in salaries and wages reached \$3,375,024. Of the 140 reporting plants, 82 were located in Ontario, 44 in Quebec, 5 in Manitoba, 4 in British Columbia, 2 in each of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and 1 in Alberta. Individual pharmacists throughout the country who compound medicines but who, in the main conduct a retail business, are not included. Production in Ontario totalled \$11,268,846; in Quebec, \$4,439,303; in Manitoba, \$1,261,720; in British Columbia, \$101,485; and in New Brunswick, Alberta, and Nova Scotia, \$152,997.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA,
1924-1928.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average no. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1924 ..	104	15,156,479	2,193	2,666,997	4,895,352	13,350,347	8,454,995
1925 ..	120	16,037,286	2,273	2,892,975	4,798,120	13,987,849	9,189,729
1926 ..	130	17,194,519	2,365	2,875,677	5,552,699	15,382,475	9,829,776
1927 ..	136	17,542,111	2,578	3,160,802	5,762,019	16,249,191	10,487,172
1928 ..	140	17,427,506	2,667	3,375,024	5,707,934	17,224,351	11,516,417

PRODUCTS OF THE MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

Products	Unit of measure	1927		1928	
		Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
			\$		\$
Patent medicines and proprietary preparations.....	-	...	6,990,127	...	7,348,058
Medicated wines.....	-	...	62,959	...	90,731
Pharmaceutical preparations.....	-	...	5,583,508	...	5,680,599
Toilet preparations, (including perfumes, hair tonics, tooth paste, etc.).....	-	...	1,389,588	...	1,564,577
Disinfectants.....	-	...	36,804	...	46,127
Hydrogen peroxide.....	-	...	46,881	...	38,022
Iodine resublimed.....	lb.	5,591	30,146	4,286	23,356
Potassium iodide.....	lb.	8,518	34,939	9,372	38,026
Silver nitrate.....	lb.	4,859	32,886	5,839	39,117
Flavouring extracts.....	-	77,992
All other products (x).....	-	...	2,041,353	...	2,277,746
TOTAL.....	-	...	16,249,191	...	17,224,351

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.

x Includes collodion, casein, sugar of milk, confection extracts, insulin, vaccines, serums, and various other products.

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