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THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA - 1925

According to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, production in the soaps, washing compounds and toilet preparations industry in Canada amounted in value to \$17,338,506 in 1925 as compared with \$15,965,318 in 1924. Statistics for this industry covered the operations of 88 different establishments which reported a combined working capital of nearly 17 million dollars and gave employment to 2,050 persons throughout the year. Of the operating plants, 36 manufactured soaps of various kinds as the chief product, 21 produced washing compounds and 31 were engaged in the preparation of perfumes, cosmetics and other toilet essentials.

Soaps - The 36 plants in Canada engaged primarily in the manufacture of soaps were distributed by provinces as follows: Ontario, 19; Quebec, 9; Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, 2 each; and New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, 1 each. Production from these plants was valued at \$13,568,252 as compared with an output value of \$13,137,267 in 1924. Among the main products were 47 million pounds of household soap worth 3.5 million dollars; 39 million pounds of laundry soap at a total selling value of 3.9 million dollars and nearly 16 million pounds of toilet soap worth 2.5 million dollars. Soap powder, crude glycerine, refined glycerine, toilet preparations, and cleaning preparations of various kinds were the other main products. The production of soaps in other industries amounted in value to \$259,834.

Washing Compounds - The 21 establishments operating in this industry in 1925 were located as follows: 10 in Ontario, 5 in Quebec, 3 in Manitoba, 2 in British Columbia and 1 in Alberta. These plants made commodities for sale worth \$500,126 which was an increase of nearly 50 per cent over the output value for 1924. Javelle water and ammonia powder were the main products. Output of washing compounds in other industries amounted in value to \$209,075.

Toilet Preparations - Although considerable quantities of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations are made as minor products of several other industries, in 1925 these commodities represented the principal products of 31 establishments in Canada distributed as follows: 18 in Ontario, 9 in Quebec, 2 in Manitoba, and 1 each in Alberta and British Columbia. Output from these plants in 1925 was valued at \$5,320,228; the production of toilet essentials including hair tonics, perfumes, tooth paste, etc., but excluding toilet soap, amounted in value to \$3,055,636, and as \$1,345,725 worth of similar commodities were made in other industrial groups the total production of toilet preparations in Canada was valued at \$4,401,411 in 1925.

Imports of soaps into Canada during the calendar year 1925, were valued at \$1,128,154. This total included 941,316 pounds of castile soap worth \$76,635, most of which came from France; 9,574,623 pounds of common laundry soap valued at \$584,929 mostly from United States; 96,482 pounds of liquid soap at \$9,975; 421,775 pounds of soap powder and powdered soap valued at \$38,430; toilet soaps not included elsewhere were worth \$237,802, and harness soap, whale oil soap, parice, silver and mineral soaps made up the remainder of the imports in this class.

Exports of soaps in the same year were valued at \$630,731; over 4.2 million pounds of toilet soap worth \$599,519 and 357,036 pounds of other soaps valued at \$31,212 were shipped to foreign countries.

Imports into Canada of perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations amounted in value to \$1,073,451 during 1925. Export data for these commodities are not available.

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SUMMARY STATISTICS OF THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS, AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1921-1925

YEAR	No. of Plants	Capital Employed	No. of Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cent of Major %	Selling Value of Products	Value Added by Manufacturing
<u>Soaps -</u>							
1921...	28	14,499,010	1,456	1,737,089	7,695,474	13,211,414	5,515,940
1922...	32	13,881,099	1,447	1,752,416	7,534,475	13,132,290	5,597,815
1923...	33	13,774,170	1,591	1,965,915	8,455,229	14,939,786	6,484,557
1924...	33	14,497,596	1,464	1,848,329	7,824,844	13,187,267	5,362,423
1925...	36	14,127,348	1,446	1,926,277	8,774,532	13,568,252	4,793,720
<u>Washing Compounds -</u>							
1921...	15	256,111	77	104,973	117,230	340,107	222,877
1922...	13	274,660	85	123,677	124,625	354,328	229,703
1923...	11	283,851	83	113,254	103,725	348,801	245,076
1924...	9	251,829	67	135,617	108,295	334,470	226,175
1925...	21	362,194	107	173,529	174,968	500,126	325,138
<u>Toilet preparations -</u>							
1921...	20	1,359,544	338	318,004	670,000	1,756,300	1,086,300
1922...	23	1,625,485	341	339,223	825,576	2,355,287	1,529,711
1923...	26	1,610,571	408	380,486	841,798	2,620,424	1,778,626
1924...	24	1,617,644	373	375,074	848,946	2,443,581	1,594,635
1925...	31	2,242,016	497	518,701	1,144,241	3,320,128	2,175,887
<u>TOTAL</u>							
1921...	63	16,114,665	1,871	2,160,066	8,482,704	15,307,821	6,825,117
1922...	68	15,781,244	1,873	2,215,316	8,484,676	15,841,905	7,357,229
1923...	70	15,668,592	2,082	2,459,655	9,400,752	17,909,011	8,508,259
1924...	66	16,367,069	1,904	2,359,060	8,782,085	15,965,318	7,183,233
1925...	88	16,731,558	2,050	2,618,507	10,093,741	17,388,506	7,294,765

PRODUCTS OF THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924 and 1925

Products	Unit of Measure	1924		1925	
		Quantity	Selling Value	Quantity	Selling Value
<u>Soaps-</u>					
<u>Hard soaps-</u>					
Household soaps.....	lb.	41,075,620	3,107,893	46,920,388	3,538,591
Laundry soaps and soap chips "	"	43,026,334	4,150,022	39,300,100	3,917,206
Toilet soaps.....	"	15,766,134	2,495,248	15,786,178	2,527,139
Polishing & scouring soap...	"	2,189,883	166,717	845,547	57,214
Soap powder.....	"	12,440,062	984,814	11,601,433	919,848
Foots soap.....	"	137,287	11,426	130,210	10,470
All other hard soaps.....	"	3,254,558	248,488	3,346,248	283,715
Liquid Soaps.....	"	280,275	22,713	260,805	23,612
Soft soaps.....	"	901,461	59,651	1,347,243	76,347
<u>Cleaning preparations:</u>					
Ammonia powder.....	"	1,125,497	71,967	1,331,230	83,106
Lye.....	"	724,101	96,925	637,262	86,783
Washing compounds.....	"	2,134,345	57,979	1,542,082	34,284
Other cleaning preparations.	"	1,343,041	159,249	...	475,148
Glycerine, crude, sold as such "	"	3,250,408	347,574	3,288,092	385,939
Glycerine, refined.....	"	3,367,899	690,295	3,461,772	687,711
Toilet preparations.....	"	...	213,279	...	299,421
Perfumes.....	"	...	46,443	...	94,451
All other products #.....	"	...	256,584	...	67,267
Total.....		...	13,187,267	...	13,568,252
<u>Washing Compounds -</u>					
Ammonia powder.....	lb.	1,094,326	69,100	...	71,857
Javelle water.....	"	...	183,083	...	216,002
Washing compounds.....	lb.	202,940	47,167	...	58,457
All other products.....	"	...	35,120	...	153,810
Total.....		...	334,470	...	500,126
<u>Toilet Preparations -</u>					
Toilet preparations, including hair tonics, perfumes, tooth paste, etc.....		...	2,243,045	...	2,776,791
Toilet soaps.....	lb.	138,886	147,471	254,456	165,560
Liquid soaps.....	"	16,280	2,244	...	1,130
Perfumes.....	"	278,895
All other products.....	"	...	50,821	...	97,752
Total.....		...	2,443,581	...	3,320,128
TOTAL.....		...	15,965,318	...	17,388,506

#Includes laundry blue, hand cleaner, borax, refined tallow and various other products.

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