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THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA,
1927.

Production in the soaps, washing compounds and toilet preparations industry in Canada during 1927 amounted in value to \$19,993,453 or almost a million dollars above the figure for 1926, according to final statistics just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. This industry included 110 different establishments which reported a combined working capital of over 19.3 million dollars and gave employment to 2,106 persons throughout the year. Of the operating plants, 40 manufactured soaps of various kinds as the chief product, 22 produced chiefly washing compounds and 48 were engaged in the preparation of perfumes, cosmetics and other toilet essentials as their main business.

Soaps.- The 40 plants in Canada engaged primarily in the manufacture of soaps were distributed by provinces as follows: Ontario, 22; Quebec, 9; British Columbia, 3; Manitoba and Alberta, 2 each; and New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, 1 each. Production from these plants was valued at \$14,947,503 as compared with an output value of \$14,327,693 in 1926. Among the main products were 48 million pounds of household soap worth 3.5 million dollars; 56 million pounds of laundry soap at a total selling value of 4.3 million dollars and nearly 18.5 million pounds of toilet soap worth 2.8 million dollars. Textile soaps, soap powder, crude glycerine, refined glycerine, toilet preparations, and cleaning preparations of various kinds were the other main products. There was also a production of soaps in other industries amounting in value to about half a million dollars.

Washing Compounds.- The 22 establishments operating in this industry in 1927 were located as follows: 9 in Ontario, 9 in Quebec, 3 in Manitoba, and 1 in British Columbia. These plants made commodities for sale worth \$580,597 which was an increase of nearly 12 per cent over the output value for 1926. Javelle water and ammonia powder were the main products. Output of washing compounds in other industries amounts to about \$200,000 in value annually.

Toilet Preparations.- Although considerable quantities of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations were made as minor products of several other industries, in 1927 these commodities represented the principal products of 48 establishments in Canada distributed as follows: 25 in Ontario, 17 in Quebec, 4 in Manitoba, and 1 each in Alberta and British Columbia. Output from these plants in 1927 was valued at \$4,465,353; the production of toilet essentials including hair tonics, perfumes, tooth paste, etc., but excluding toilet soap, amounted in value to \$3,813,818; there is also an annual output of about a million dollars worth of similar commodities in other industries.

Imports of soap into Canada during the calendar year 1927 were valued at \$1,189,040. This total included 1,176,528 pounds of castile soap worth \$96,772 most of which came from France; 9,875,487 pounds of common laundry soap valued at \$718,906, mostly from the United States; 233,227 pounds of liquid soap at \$26,640; 324,448 pounds of soap powder and powdered soap valued at \$27,540; toilet soaps not included elsewhere were worth \$256,494 and harness soap, whale oil soap, pumice, silver and mineral soaps made up the remainder of the imports in this class.

Exports of soaps in the same year were valued at \$851,258; about 5 million pounds of toilet soap worth \$811,000 and 493,027 pounds of other soaps valued at \$40,258 were shipped to foreign countries.

Imports into Canada of perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations amounted in value to \$1,291,812 during 1927. Export data for these commodities are not available.

More detailed information on these industries may be obtained on application to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

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PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1923-1927.

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	No. of employ-ees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Selling value of products	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
SOAPS -							
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
1926 ...	39	14,181,242	1,382	1,817,787	9,368,082	14,327,693	4,959,611
1927 ...	40	15,626,944	1,423	1,844,213	9,677,467	14,947,503	5,270,036
WASHING COMPOUNDS -							
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
1926 ...	23	428,288	117	176,084	188,514	519,325	330,811
1927 ...	22	501,512	126	192,570	212,553	580,597	368,044
TOILET PREPARATIONS -							
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
1926 ...	46	2,741,848	569	595,589	1,403,399	4,225,510	2,822,111
1927 ...	48	3,124,209	557	624,922	1,497,699	4,465,353	2,967,654
TOTAL -							
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
1926 ...	108	17,351,378	2,068	2,589,460	10,959,995	19,072,528	8,112,533
1927 ...	110	19,252,665	2,106	2,661,705	11,387,719	19,993,453	8,605,734

PRODUCTS OF THE SOAPS, WASHING COMPOUNDS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

Products	Unit of Measure	1926		1927	
		Quantity	Selling Value	Quantity	Selling Value
			\$		\$
SOAPS -					
Hard Soaps -					
Household soaps.....	lb.	50,610,468	3,631,745	47,568,013	3,509,507
Laundry soaps and soap chips....	lb.	42,390,197	4,127,784	56,076,973	4,348,435
Textile soaps.....	"	1,656,699	126,055
Toilet soaps.....	"	16,850,170	2,489,727	18,514,258	2,847,251
Polishing and scouring soap....	"	852,231	57,051	391,015	25,642
Soap powder.....	"	11,379,020	418,846	5,224,179	304,264
Foots soap.....	"	16,027	1,602
All other hard soaps.....	"	2,753,742	235,397	2,580,554	235,998
Liquid soaps.....	"	244,825	29,290	335,059	34,686
Soft soaps.....	"	1,356,502	84,283	1,388,754	74,661
Cleaning preparations:					
Ammonia powder.....	"	1,484,384	101,001	1,604,065	94,225
Lye.....	"	542,787	68,862	607,607	81,703
Washing compounds.....	"	1,302,083	35,595	922,954	30,633
Other cleaning preparations.....	"	...	966,748	...	938,943
Glycerine, crude, sold as such....	"	2,569,938	403,768	2,308,984	331,202
Glycerine, refined.....	"	3,304,882	851,731	4,598,093	1,091,299
Toilet preparations.....		...	537,206	...	525,969
Perfumes.....		...	104,476	...	74,215
All other products #.....		...	182,581	...	272,815
TOTAL.....		...	14,327,693	...	14,947,503
WASHING COMPOUNDS -					
Ammonia powder.....		...	53,568	...	54,119
Javelle water.....		...	237,733	...	289,889
Soaps, all kinds.....	lb.	204,873	16,393	230,296	18,240
Washing compounds.....		...	54,944	...	50,314
All other products.....		...	156,687	...	168,035
TOTAL.....		...	519,325	...	580,597
TOILET PREPARATIONS -					
Toilet preparations, including hair tonic, facial cream, etc.....		...	2,682,288	...	2,749,180
Tooth paste.....		...	631,317	...	818,109
Toilet soaps.....	lb.	2,838,335	436,719	857,298	429,850
Liquid soaps.....		...	4,693	...	5,268
Perfumes.....		...	379,044	...	246,529
All other products.....		...	91,449	...	216,417
TOTAL.....		...	4,225,510	...	4,465,353
GRAND TOTAL.....		...	19,072,528	...	19,993,453

Includes laundry blue, hand cleaners, refined tallow and other products.



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