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## ANNUAL REPORT

## CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

## PRELIMINARY SUMMARY STATISTICS, 1936.

Preliminary figures for 1936 indicate that the production of chemicals and allied products in that year was valued at \$125,702,725 or 6 per cent above the corresponding total for 1935. In only one year has this figure been exceeded, this being in 1929 when the record of \$138,545,281 was attained. But the general price level for chemicals and related products is now about 18 per cent lower than in 1929, and when allowance is made for this factor, the calculation shows the 1936 volume to be greater than in any other year.

The improvement in 1936 was quite general with 13 of the industries showing substantial advances and 1 reporting a very small decline. The gains were as follows: coal tar distillation, 12.9 per cent to \$2,942,255; compressed gases, 7.7 per cent to \$3,315,793; fertilizers, 13.9 per cent to \$6,923,364; medicinals, 4.9 per cent to \$22,356,888; paints, 8.8 per cent to \$22,144,522; soaps, 1.9 per cent to \$16,312,876; toilet preparations, 1.1 per cent to \$6,085,900; inks, 6.2 per cent to \$3,066,923; wood distillation, 6.5 per cent to \$858,147; adhesives, 24.1 per cent to \$1,783,391; explosives, 9.5 per cent to \$9,354,351; and miscellaneous, 11.3 per cent to \$9,251,376. The acids, alkalies and salts industry, or the heavy chemical industry, showed a very small decline from 1935, the value of output being \$18,926,291 as against \$19,012,615 in the previous year.

In the whole group there were 743 factories in operation in 1936, involving a capital of \$149,135,904 and employing 19,770 workers. A total of \$51,614,590 was spent on raw materials, \$25,210,970 for salaries and wages, and approximately \$4,300,000 for fuel and electricity. The increase in the average number of employees as compared with 1935 was 4.4 per cent, and the advance in salaries and wages amounted to 6.5 per cent.

About 57 per cent of the production was from Ontario with 387 establishments and output valued at \$71,704,600. Quebec, with 250 factories and production worth \$38,915,253, accounted for 51 per cent.

Canada's imports of chemicals and allied products during 1936 were valued at \$31,971,047 or \$2.2 millions more than in 1935. Purchases from United States at \$18,531,817 made up 57.9 per cent of the total, and shipments from the United Kingdom at \$6,802,014 accounted for 21.3 per cent.

Exports increased in value to \$17,749,628 from \$16,372,476 in 1935. About 43.7 per cent of the exports went to the United States and 21.7 per cent to the United Kingdom. The value of shipments to the United States was \$7,763,681 and to the United Kingdom, \$3,858,025.

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

IN CANADA, BY INDUSTRIES, 1935 and 1936.									
	Averag	е		Selling					
No. of	Capital number	Salaries	Cost of	value of					
Industries plants	employed of em-	and	materials	products					
	ployee	s wages	at works	at works					
	\$	\$	\$	\$					
1935									
Coal tar distillation 10	4,725,668 20	4 273,279	1,523,137	2,606,338					
Acids, alkalies and				,					
salts	33,381,688 2,62	7 3,490,897	4,606,713	19,012,615					
Compressed gases 28	4,316,244 51	0 741,631	433,045	3,077,765					
Explosives, ammunition									
and fireworks 8	6,290,008 1,61	7 1,978,558	3,207,264	8,537,514					
Fertilizers 19	15,646,828 99	6 1,239,337	4,362,594	6,075,616					
Medicinals and pharma-									
ceuticals 166	20,091,688 3,66	4 4,500,252	7,009,191	21,292,751					
Paints, pigments and									
varnishes 80	22,709,466 3,06	0 4,242,116	9,610,743	20,341,407					
Soaps and washing									
compounds 104	14,118,130 1,93	1 2,490,918	8,980,703	16,002,048					
Toilet preparations . 83			2,121,621	6,017,944					
Inks 31			1,081,695	2,886,853					
Wood distillation 6			420,866	805,756					
Adhesives 17			550,700	1,436,259					
Polishes and dressings 46		,	959,157	2,149,239					
Miscellaneous 118		,	3,449,447	8,332,123					
	147,472,534 18,93		48,316,376	118,574,228					
1936									
Coal tar distillation 10	4,507,861 21	6 287,819	1,516,122	2,942,255					
Acids, alkalies and									
salts 19	32,516,308 2,96	3 3,982,787	4,409,669	18,926,291					
Compressed gases 28			487,290	3,315,793					
Explosives, ammunition									
and fireworks 8	7,880,237 1,64	4 2,041,593	3,504,787	9,354,351					
Fertilizers 20			5,003,408	6,923,364					
Medicinals and pharma-				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
ceuticals 174	20,905,901 3,82	6 4,822,072	7,319,742	22,356,888					
Paints, pigments and	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,					
varnishes 77	23,111,934 3,02	4 4,357,319	10,622,001	22,144,522					
Soaps and washing	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		,						
compounds 101	13,880,823 2,02	5 2,586,250	9,187,068	16,312,876					
Toilet preparations , 81			2,192,141	6,085,900					
Inks			1,206,236	3,066,923					
Wood distillation 6			406,690	858,147					
Adhesives 19			817,722	1,783,391					
Polishes and dressings 44			1,123,537	2,380,648					
Miscellaneous 125			3,818,177	9,251,376					
	149,135,904 19,77		51,614,590	125,702,725					
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NOTE - 1936 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

Table 2 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

IN CANADA,	BY PROVINCES,	, 1935 and	1936.		
		Average			Selling
No. o	f Capital	number	Salaries	Cost of	value of
Provinces plants	s employed	of em-	and	materials	products
		ployees	wages	at works	at works
	*		*	\$	8
1935					
Nova Scotia and Prin			040 545	055 500	7 505 050
Edward Island			242,347	977,792	1,725,279
New Brunswick	7 1,363,3		153,531	697,411	1,232,251
Quebec			8,072,962	14,194,239	34,767,941
Ontario			12,893,223	27,270,531	69,304,933
Manitoba	36 4,908,49	91 612	682,198	1,813,824	3,839,153
Saskatchewan	10 599,7		92,128	127,743	324,764
Alberta	14 480,58	82 72	89,021	230,950	562,736
British Columbia	47 15,631,9	54 1,082	1,489,895	3,004,386	6,817,171
CANADA	734 147,472,5	34 18,933	23,715,305	48,316,876	118,574,228
1936					
Nova Scotia and Prin	ce				
Edward Island	14 1,937,	448 260	277,434	1,091,097	1,976,211
New Brunswick	7 1,172,	853 138	181,099	867,981	1,289,163
Quebec	230 52,999,	618 7,173	8,605,677	15,655,267	38,915,253
Ontario		518 10,295	13,610,856	28,823,273	71,704,600
Manitoba	35 4,812,		682,960	1,824,110	3,963,825
Saskatchewan			90,075	101,829	239,714
Alberta			77,242	212,692	518,908
British Columbia			1,685,727	3,038,341	7,095,051
CANADA			25,210,970	51,614,590	125,702,725

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