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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

FINAL SUMMARY STATISTICS, 1932.

Final figures for 1932 show that the production of chemicals and allied products in that year was valued at \$95,279,376 at factory prices. This total was about 10 per cent below the corresponding value of \$105,501,905 in 1931 and 21 per cent below the 1930 total of \$119,969,637.

A total of 662 plants reported in 1932 compared with 621 in 1931, but capital employed declined \$4 millions to \$160,929,954, salaries and wages dropped to \$1 million to \$20,008,108, the cost of materials fell \$5.5 millions to \$35,276,531 and the value added by manufacturing 4.7 millions to 60,002,845. The number of employees remained about the same at 15,295 compared with 15,207 in 1931.

For purposes of the annual census of manufactures, the chemical industry is divided into 15 separate groups to which the firms have been classified in accordance with the nature of their main products. Three of these groups showed slight increases in output values and 12 showed declines when compared with 1931. The acids, alkalies and salts, or the heavy chemical industry, advanced 4 per cent to \$11,357,649; the polishes and dressings industry gained 2 per cent to \$1,812,603, and the toilet preparations industry was maintained at \$5,946,409 compared with \$5,946,292 in 1931.

The greatest decline was in the paints industry; the 1932 production was reported at \$14,912,383 compared with \$18,536,463 in 1931, a decline of 20 per cent. The medicinal and pharmaceutical industry, which was the most important of the group in 1932, dropped 3 per cent to \$17,573,979; soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparations fell 13 per cent to \$14,739,158; fertilizers, 6 per cent to \$4,006,187; compressed gases, 11 per cent to \$2,504,550; inks, 7 per cent to \$2,153,632; coal tar distillation, 18 per cent to \$2,114,650; wood distillation, 13 per cent to \$607,394; flavouring extracts, 11 per cent to \$1,282,175; adhesives, 38 per cent to \$1,087,215; explosives, 16 per cent to (7,184,574, and the miscellaneous industry, 9 per cent to 27,996,818.

Principal statistics by industries are given below. Detailed reports on each of these industries may be obtained by applying to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS IN CANADA, BY

		INDUSTRI	ES, 1932.			
Industries	Number of plants	Capital employed	Average number of em- ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works
Cont tom distillation	77.	6 120 UUS	101	947 155	; 1,382,425	2,114,650
Coal tar distillation		5,168,775		247,133 2,211,467	2,283,076	11,357,649
Acids, alkalies and salt Compressed gases		44,067,194		617,901	380,795	2,504,550
Explosives, ammunition		, - ,		· ·		
and fireworks	. 8	7,016,875	1,168	1,262,732	2,332,215	7,184,574
Fertilizers	. 19	17,083,478	748	1,097,812	2,616,333	4,006,187
Medicinals and pharma-						
ceuticals	. 151	18,379,601	2,959	3,833,778	5,595,117	17,573,979
Paints, pigments and varnishes		23,978,252	2,658	3,858,813	6,295,860	14,912,383
Soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparatio		13,801,620	1,777	2,426,190	6,478,638	14,739,158
Toilet preparations		5,492,507		956,233	1,876,280	5,946,409
Inks		2,495,373		671,625	737,023	2,153,632
Wood distillation		1,578,391		98,839	320,457	607,394
Adhesives		2,501,171		263,142	457,146	1,087,215
Flavouring extracts	. 23	1,160,003		293,136	735,684	1,282,175
Polishes and dressings . Miscellaneous		2,032,642 11,853,473		400,847	681,274 3,104,208	1,812,603 7,996,818
TOTAL		160,929,954		20,008,108	35,276,531	95,279,376

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