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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

THE HARDWOOD DISTILLATION INDUSTRY, 1933.

Products made in Canada from the distillation of hardwoods were valued at \$669,120 in 1933 compared with \$607,394 in 1932. Only 5 carbonizing plants and 1 refinery were in operation. Charcoal, grey acetate of lime, wood alcohol, acetic acid, formaldehyde and columnian spirits were the main products.

The number of employees in 1933 was 138 and payments in salaries and wages amounted to \$113,433. Capital employed was reported at \$2,036,570. Fuel and electricity cost \$91,001 and materials for manufacturing, mostly hardwoods, cost \$454,298 at the works.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE WOOD DISTILLATION INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1929 - 1933.

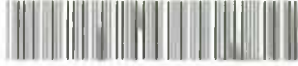
Years	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
1929	6	2,028,757	242	252,281	736,954	1,680,332	943,378
1930	7	2,263,181	167	160,928	504,323	1,195,986	691,663
1931	5	1,644,073	123	119,132	379,147	700,937	321,790
1932	5	1,572,391	98	98,839	320,457	607,394	286,937
1933	6	2,036,570	138	113,433	454,298	669,120	214,822

LIST OF HARDWOOD DISTILLATION PLANTS IN CANADA, 1933.

<u>Names of Firms</u>	<u>Location of Plants</u>	<u>Main Products</u>
Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company, Ltd.	Head Office, 910 Canada Cement Bldg., Montreal, P.Q. Plant at Lindsay, Ont.	Charcoal, grey acetate of lime, crude methyl hydrate.
Standard Chemical Co., Ltd.	Head Office, 200 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. Plants at Donald, Ont.; South River, Ont.; Longford, Ont.; Fassett, P.Q., and Montreal, P.Q.	Charcoal, grey acetate of lime, crude methyl hydrate, columnian spirits, pure methyl hydrate, 28% and 80% acetic acid, formaldehyde.

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