

MEAT INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1917.

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics have completed a preliminary census of the meat industry in Canada for the year 1917, the statistics being compiled under the following heads:-

1. Slaughtering and meatpacking with 69 plants.
2. Slaughtering not including meatpacking with 10 plants.
3. Other related industries including sausage, sausage casings, tallow refined and beef extract with 11 plants.

Capital, Employees and Salaries and Wages.

The total capital invested in the industry was \$85,673,271, of which \$60,143,347 was in the first class, \$17,044,264 in the second and \$9,886 in the third class. The statistics of employees, salaries and wages by sex distribution are summarized in the following table for each of the above named classes.

Class	Employees on Salaries			Employees on Wages		
	Males	Females	Salaries	Males	Females	Wages
Slaughtering and meatpacking	1,486	375	2,211,683	6,218	687	5,772,545
Slaughtering not including meatpacking	267	59	402,593	1,384	51	1,053,581
Other related industries	13	6	21,187	55	18	47,714
Total	1,746	430	2,641,423	7,457	756	6,873,840

Materials and Products.

The value of materials used in the production of meats for consumption was \$156,095,921, of which class (1) accounted for \$117,-196,755; class (2) for \$38,569,565 and class (3) for \$229,601.

The value of production was \$153,279,252 in class (1), \$53,441,466 in class (2) and 452,585 in class (3), or a total for all classes of \$207,173,303.

Itemizing the articles of production for value, fresh meats with \$79,585,556 occupies first place, cured meats with \$73,886,140 the second, various by-products with \$28,865,045 the third, and other food products with \$19,835,522 the fourth.

Exports and Imports.

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