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THE MEAT INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1918

A preliminary report of the meat industry in Canada for the calendar year 1918 has just been completed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The report covers the operations of 78 plants, 67 of which were packing plants and 11 abattoirs, distributed as follows:-

Province	Packing plants	Abattoirs	Province	Packing plants	Abattoirs
Alberta	5	1	Quebec	15	1
B. Columbia	5	1	N. Brunswick	6	-
Manitoba	5	3	Nova Scotia	1	-
Saskatchewan	3	-	P.E. Island	5	-
Ontario	22	5	TOTALS	67	11

Capital Invested

The total capital invested in the industry was \$86,969,756, of which \$74,352,487 was in packing plants and \$12,617,269 in abattoirs. Distributed by items of capital, land buildings and fixtures were valued at \$13,676,329, machinery and tools \$6,342,766, materials on hand, stocks in process, finished products and miscellaneous supplies \$39,659,721, and cash, accounts and bills receivable \$27,290,940.

Employees, Salaries and Wages.

The number of persons employed in the industry by classes of employment and by sex together with the amounts paid each class are shown in the following tabular statement for each division

	Employees		Salaries and Wages
	Male	Female	\$
<u>In Packing plants:-</u>			
Officers, superintendents and managers.	260	-	1,882,564
Clerks, stenographers and salesmen.	1,376	459	889,288
Employees on wages, avg. no.	7,145	382	7,224,467
<u>In Abattoirs:-</u>			
Officers, superintendents, managers	64	-	225,766
Clerks, stenographers, salesmen	174	72	472,498
Employees on wages avg. no.	1,327	128	1,478,802
Totals for all plants	10,346	1,571	\$ 12,173,385

Fuel and Miscellaneous Expenses.

Fuel consumption.- The total cost of fuel used during the year for both kinds of plants was \$1,036,441, of which foreign fuel amounted to \$700,918 and domestic fuel to \$335,523. An analysis of the different classes of fuel used shows coal in first place with 157,242 tons valued at \$959,030; gas, gasoline and fuel oils to the value of \$76,829, wood \$18,811 and other fuel \$1,721.

Miscellaneous expenses.- The amount charged as miscellaneous expenses during the year was \$14,744,695 to which packing plants contributed \$12,455,513 and abattoirs \$2,289,182. The items comprising the total expense account were rent of offices, works and machinery \$326,504; rent of power \$169,939; insurance (premiums only) \$570,347; taxes, federal, provincial and municipal \$434,496; advertising \$209,148; travelling expenses \$779,340; ordinary repairs to buildings and machinery \$1,144,202, and all other sundry expenses \$10,810,719.



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Materials used in Canada, 1913

(a) Number of animals slaughtered in packing houses and abbatoirs:-

		In Packing Houses	In Abbatoirs	Total
Beeves, slaughtered	No.	535,322	171,689	707,011
Sheep	"	255,935	91,884	347,819
Hogs	"	2,116,971	156,107	2,273,078
Calves	"	91,972	29,227	121,199
Totals		3,000,200	448,907	3,449,107

(b) Dressed weight and cost value of animals slaughtered and of dressed meats purchased in packing houses and abbatoirs.

	In Packing Houses		In Abbatoirs	
	Dressed weight	Cost value	Dressed weight	Cost value
Beeves, slaughtered	246,387,756	42,458,285	85,353,980	17,233,720
Sheep	11,658,619	3,429,821	4,247,649	1,165,288
Hogs	302,910,635	76,686,296	23,409,034	5,823,112
Calves	8,795,912	1,553,976	2,723,178	575,613
Other animals "	(value only)	35,100	-	21,769
Dressed meats purchased for further processes of curing	71,352,593	16,343,785	21,569,351	5,577,403
Sundry stocks & supplies		128,936		
Total cost value		140,626,199		30,396,905

Products - Meats sold fresh, meats cured, and by-products in packing houses and abbatoirs.

Products	In Packing Houses		In Abbatoirs	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Meats sold fresh:-				
Beef. lbs.	237,050,883	44,400,859	58,145,405	20,708,478
Mutton "	16,991,291	5,600,358	4,383,462	1,126,809
Pork "	54,140,789	13,406,263	7,554,334	2,122,564
Veal "	7,482,746	1,559,432	2,566,614	576,706
All other "	372,463	71,449	1,805,178	507,935
Meats cured:-				
Beef, salted or cured "	3,909,021	823,066	1,060,588	211,331
Pork, salted "	56,445,108	17,053,941	50,000	16,500
Hams "	29,664,810	10,253,303	1,219,958	408,046
Shoulders "	106,549,051	32,968,072	10,294,656	3,626,351
Bacon & sides "	51,299,219	17,762,497	111,488	44,970
Sausage, fresh or cured "	25,181,151	5,732,037	4,405,586	408,190
Lard "	46,927,974	10,697,887	1,895,025	559,341
Canned goods "	9,571,859	4,255,806	-	-
Tallow "	7,511,966	1,277,833	4,397,052	779,282
Oleo & other oils gals.	1,559,974	611,719	4,207,780	694,134
Oleomargarine and stearine . . . lbs.	4,035,424	1,193,947	6,122,918	1,916,872
Fertilizer materials.tn.	67,937	1,652,562	7,734	508,520
Glue & gelatine lbs.	43,945	880	513,621	117,946
Hides "	26,630,054	6,684,191	9,975,613	2,386,307
Skins, sheep & calf . . No.	281,690	991,765	48,817	347,810
Wool lbs.	-	-	344,426	375,592
Hair "	753,451	38,107	209,248	6,661
All other products(including custom work)	9	9,565,068	-	5,176,399
Repairs to machinery and buildings	-	1,082,179	-	798,701
Totals		185,806,221		43,425,445

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