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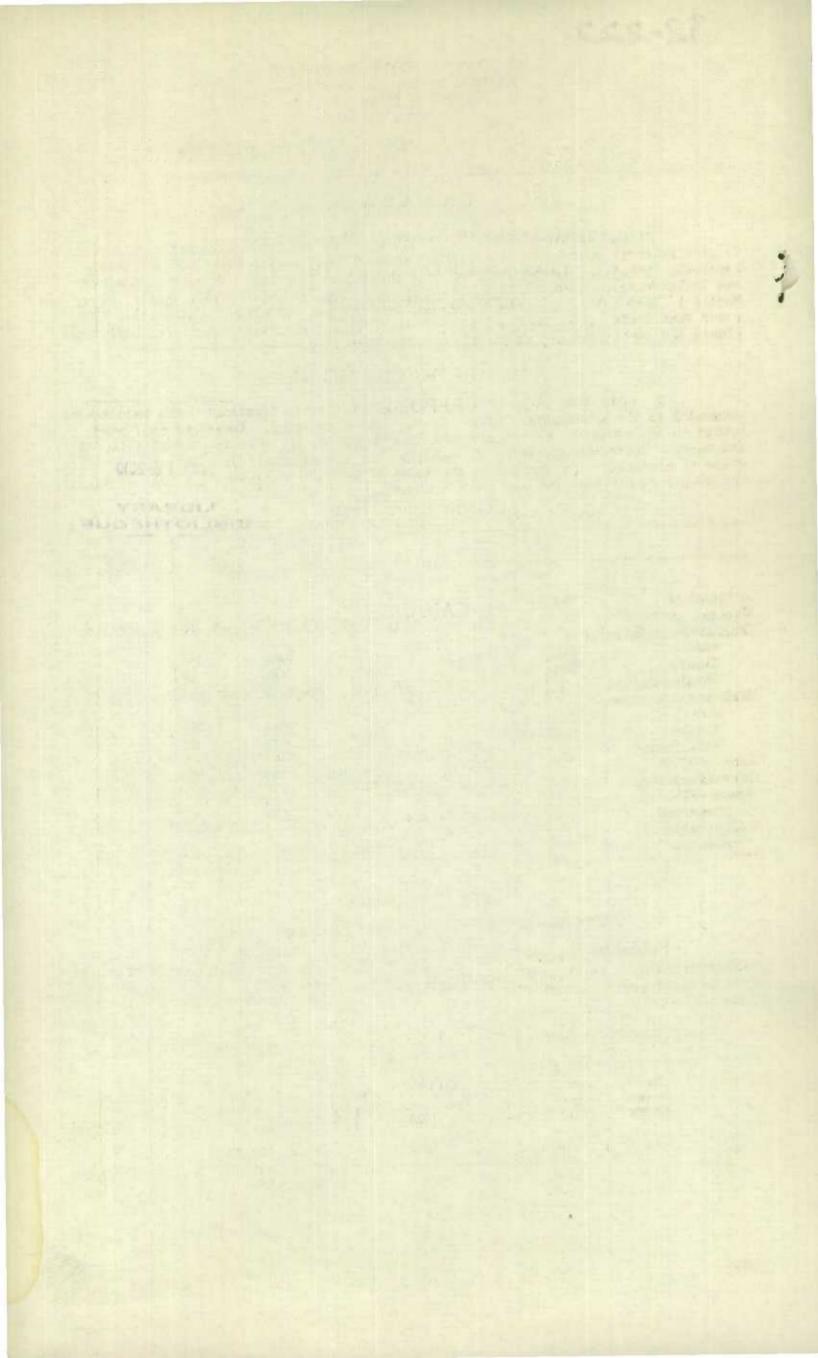
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THE SUGAR REFINING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926.

Ottawa, December 1927. Statistics of the sugar refining industry in Canada for the calendar year 1926 are presented in this report. The number of refineries reporting operations during the year were located as follows:— Ontario 2 (Chatham and Wallaceburg); Quebec 2 (both at Montreal); New Brunswick 1 (St. John); Nova Scotia 1 (Dartmouth); Alberta 1 (Raymond) and British Columbia 1 (Vancouver). In order that there may be no disclosure of statistical information regarding individual plants the statistics are shown only for the Dominion.

Principal Statistics Compared

A comparative study of the principal statistics relating to the industry is presented in the accompanying table for the past five years. Increases over 1925 appear in the items of employees working for wages and the amounts paid in salaries and wages. Decreases appear in the cost of fuel and materials used and also in the value of products. The decline in the value of production is due to a fall in the market prices for both raw and refined sugars.

Table 1. Principal Statistics Compared 1922-1926.

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		1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
Refineries	No.	, 8	8	7	7	7
Capital invested	\$	49,748,404	50,089,717	46,229,188	45,618,182	36,691,472
Employees on salarie	8 -		1.0			
Male	No.	299	303	285	300	271
Female	No.	53	53	50	48	46
Total salaries	\$	1,002,218	931,333	834,178	831,107	773,366
Employees on wages -						
Male	No.	2,458	2,325	1,955	1,961	2,331
Female	No.	106	103		84	97
Total wages	\$	2,965,922		2,565,648	2,498,555	2,492,606
Cost of fuel	\$	1,634,993	1,815,135	1,414,339	1,510:367	1,918,987
Cost of materials	\$	48,848,507	54, 457, 385	55,071,573	61,817,862	56,093,942
Gross value of						
Preducts	\$ [64,270,687	68,445,879	67,292,122	77,004,026	70,822,782
Value added by						
manufacture	\$	15,422,180	13,988,494	12,220,549	15, 186, 164	14.728.840

Comparative Statistics

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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR BEETS AND BEETROOT SUGAR, 1918-26.

The following table gives particulars of the area, yield and value of sugar beets grown for beetroot sugar, and of the production and value of refined sugar made from Canadian-grown sugar beets, for the year 1926, with comparative figures for the years 1918-25.

Area, Yield and Value of Sugar Beets in Canada and Production of Refined Beetroot Sugar compared, 1918-26.

			20001000	sugar com	pared, 1918-	∠0.		
Year	Acres grown	yield per acre	Total yield	Average price per ton	Total value		on and valuabeetroot s	
	acres	tons	tens	\$ £	\$	Lb.	\$	per 1b.
1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926	18,000 18,800 34,491 25,535 14,955 17,941 31,111 34,803 30,073	11.25 9.50 9.94 7.80 8.55 8.87 9.50 10.63 8.90	204,000 180,000 343,000 199,334 127.807 159,200 295,177 370,047 267,754	12.71 14.61 15.47 9.90 7.56 12.08 5.78 7.27 8.54	2,593,715 2,630,027 5,307,243 1,974,384 966,521 1,922,668 1,704,791 2,688,302 2,286,761	50,092,835 37,839,271 89,280,719 52,862,377 29,911,770 39,423,160 85,770,709 72,819,919 70,388,105	4,358,077 3,924,411 12,856,424 3,554,203 1,645,885 3,745,200 6,192,645 5,206,624 4,269,076	8.70 10.40 14.40 6.70 5.50 9.50 7.30

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Comparative Production and Consumption of Sugars

A comparative study of the production and consemption of sugars in Canada for the past five years by classes, quantity and value is presented in Table 2(a) and 2(b). Consumption of any commodity is computed on the basis of production plus imports less exports. The per capita consumption of sugar of all kinds by quantity and value based on estimated population is shown for each year of the period covered by the report.

Table 2(a). - Production of Sugars, 1921 1926.

Kind of Sugar	1926	1925	1924	1923	1322
Granulated sugars - Made from cane Lb. Made from beets Lb. Total value \$	70,388,105	72,819,919	8,770.709	39, 423, 350	1,006,099,197 29,911,770 63,518,155
Soft sugars from cane Lb.	124,591,115	128,667,990	89,100,877	84 506,388	112,093,407
sugar \$	6,426,738	6,890,358	6,769,333	, 154, 355	6.148,861
Total production					

all sugars Total value, all Lb. 1,138,781,739 1,171,496,690 871,628,232 841,978,637 1,148,104,374

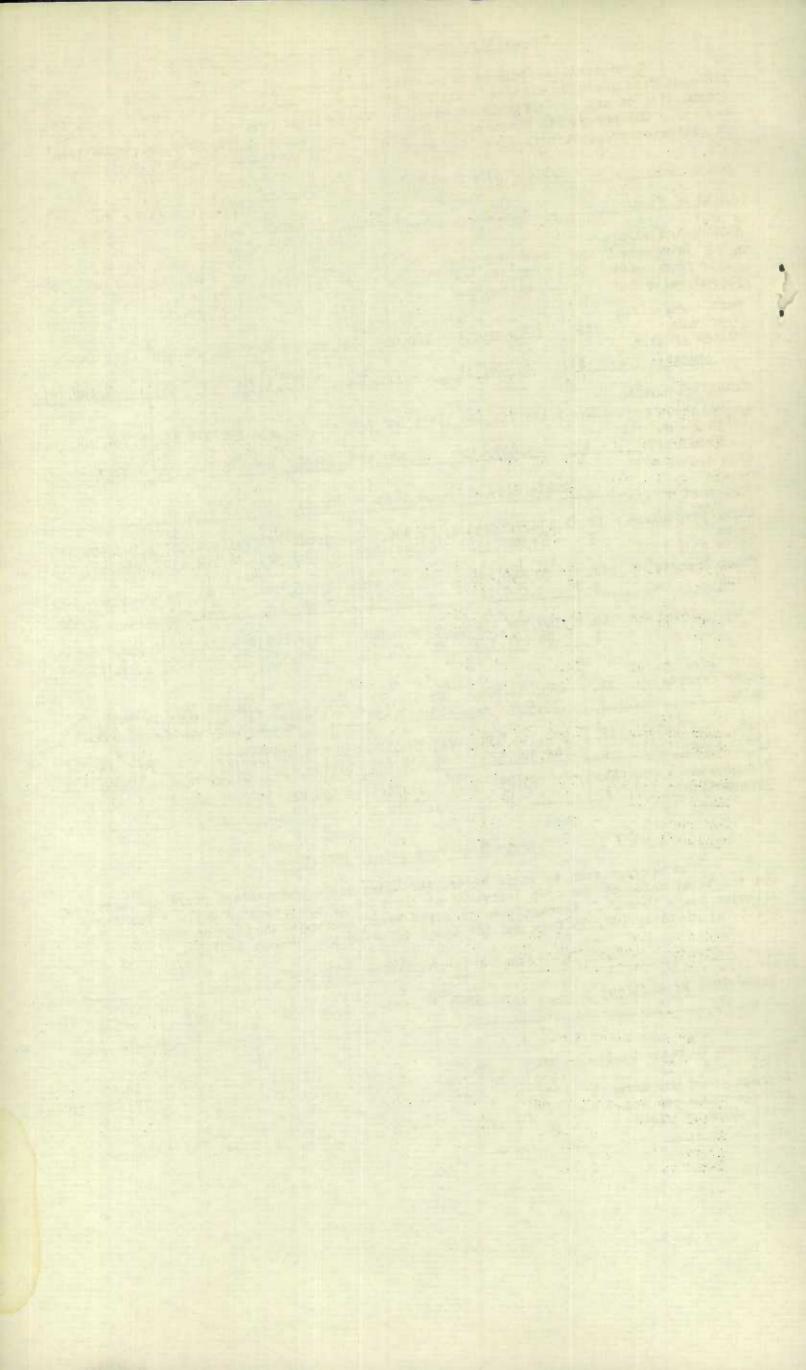
sugars	\$	63,207,131	66,983,488	65,922,309	76,144,634	69,667,016
		Table 2(b)	Consumption of	Sugars, 1928	21926.	
Sugar production Value plus	Lb.	1,138,781,739 63,207,131	1,171,496,690 66,983,488			1,148,104,374 69,667,016
_	Lb.	30,550,386 1,090,188	17, 19.936	42,926,370 2,624,126	17.039,979	2,654,290 96,692
Total	Lb.	1,169,332,125	1,189,216,626	914,554,602	879.018,616 77,386,125	1,150,758,664 69,763,708
less Sugar exports Value	Lb.	285,214,600 15,990,794	305,373,500 19,117,527		119,121,347	316,651,937 20,566,055
Sugar available) for consumption)	Lb.	874,117,525 48,306,525	883,843,126 48,632,678		739,897,269	834,106,727 49,197,653
Per capita) consumption)	Lb.	93.09 5.14	94.38 5.19	90.01 6.62	81, 46 7, 20	93.30 5.50

Sugar Beet Production, 1922-1926

The acreage sown to sugar beets, the total yield and average yield per acre and the total value of the crop delivered at the factory are shown in Table 3 for the calendar years 1922-26. Acreage sown to sugar beets decreased during the year by 4,730, the total yield by 102,293 tons and the total value of the crop by \$401,541.

Table 3.- Sugar beet production. 1922-1926.

Table) Sugar beet production, 1922-1920.						
Sugar Beet Production		1926	1925	3,924	1923	1922
	son \$	30,073 267,754 3,90 6,54 2,286,761	34,803 370,047 10,63 7,27 2,685,302	31,111 295,177 9,49 7,36 1,704,791	17,941 159,200 8.67 12,51 1,992,653	14,955 127.807 8,55 7,56 965,522



Production in Sugar Refineries, 1926

Table 4 gives the production of sugar and its by-products by class, quantity and selling value at the refinery for the calendar year 1926. The quantity of refined sugars produced in Canadian refineries during 1926 was less than that of 1925 by 28,638,076 lbs. and the value by \$3,312,737. Of this deficiency cane sugars alone contributed 26,206,262 pounds and beet sugar 2,431,814 pounds making the total decrease as stated above. Syrups manufactured show a decrease of \$19,064 in value and molasses \$210,376. Of the 8 refineries reporting one showed a value of production of less than a million dollars, two showed a production of less than five millions, two a production from five to under two millions and three a production exceeding ten millions in value.

Table 4.- Sugar Production, 1926.

Classes of Products	Unit	Products and	By-Products
Ulassos ul floude vs	measure	Quantity	Selling Value
			\$
Granulated sugars made -			
From cane	pounds	943,802,519	52,511,317
From beets	17	70,388,105	4,269,076
Soft sugars made	H	124,591,115	6,426,738
Syrups	tt	8,989,207	201,984
Molasses made -			
From cane	ft ft	37,584,497)	1.72 704
From beets	11	23,575,650)	431,708
Dried beet pulp	ton	11,409	294.841
All other by-products (value only)	_	-	135,023
Total Value of Products	_		64,270,687

Capital Invested

The capital invested in the sugar industry is presented by items in Table 5 for the calendar year 1926. Fixed capital including land, buildings, machinery and tools totalled \$31,271,037, a decrease of \$873,461 from the preceding year, whilst working capital including materials, fuel, stocks in process, finished products and miscellaneous supplies on hand, totalled \$18,477,367 or \$532,148 more than in 1925. The net decrease of all capital investment over 1925 was therefore \$341,313 or .68 per cent.

Table 5 .- Capital Invested in the Sugar Industry, 1926.

Items of Capital	Amount \$
Fixed capital (land, buildings, machinery and tools) Working capital -	31,271,037
Materials, fuel, stocks in process, finished products and miscellaneous supplies on hand Cash, trading and operating accounts and bills	10,926,047
receivable	7,551,320
Total Capital Invested	49,748,404

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Employment Statistics

Employment in the sugar industry for the calendar year 1926 is presented in the following series of tables.

Table 6. Employment by classes, number, sex and remuneration.

Table 7. Employment by months.
Table 8. Working time of plants and employees.

The total number of persons at employment during 1926 was 2,916 comprising 2,757 males and 159 females, an increase over 1925 of 129 males and 3 females - a total of 132 representing an increase in employment of 4.74 per cent. The cost of salaries and wages also increased from a total of \$3.828,442 in 1925 to \$3,968,140 in 1926 or 3.65 per cent. Salaries increased by \$70,885 or 7.6 per cent and wages by \$68,813 or 2.4 per cent. The average cost of salaries rose from \$2,616 in 1925 to \$2,847 in 1926 or a Sain of 8.83 per cent, whilst on the other hand, the average wage declined from \$1,193 in 1925 to \$1,157 in 1926 or about 4 per cent. The average employment per factory was 348 in 1925 as compared with 364 in 1926. Classified according to average annual employment two of the eight factories employed less than 100 persons, five employed from 100 to 500 persons (average 355) and one plant employed over 500 persons.

Table 6. - Employees by classes number, sex and remuneration, 1926.

Table 0 Employees, by Classes, many	Persons employed Salaries and				
Classes of Employment	Male	Female	Wages		
			\$		
Salaried employees	299	53	1,002,218		
Wage-earners, average number	2,458	106	2,965,922		
Total	12,757	159	3,968,140		

The number of persons employed on wages is shown by months and sex in Table 7. The maximum of employment was reached in November with a total of 3,270 and the minimum in January with a total of 1,982. The average monthly employment during the year was 2,564, of which 2,458 were males and 106 females.

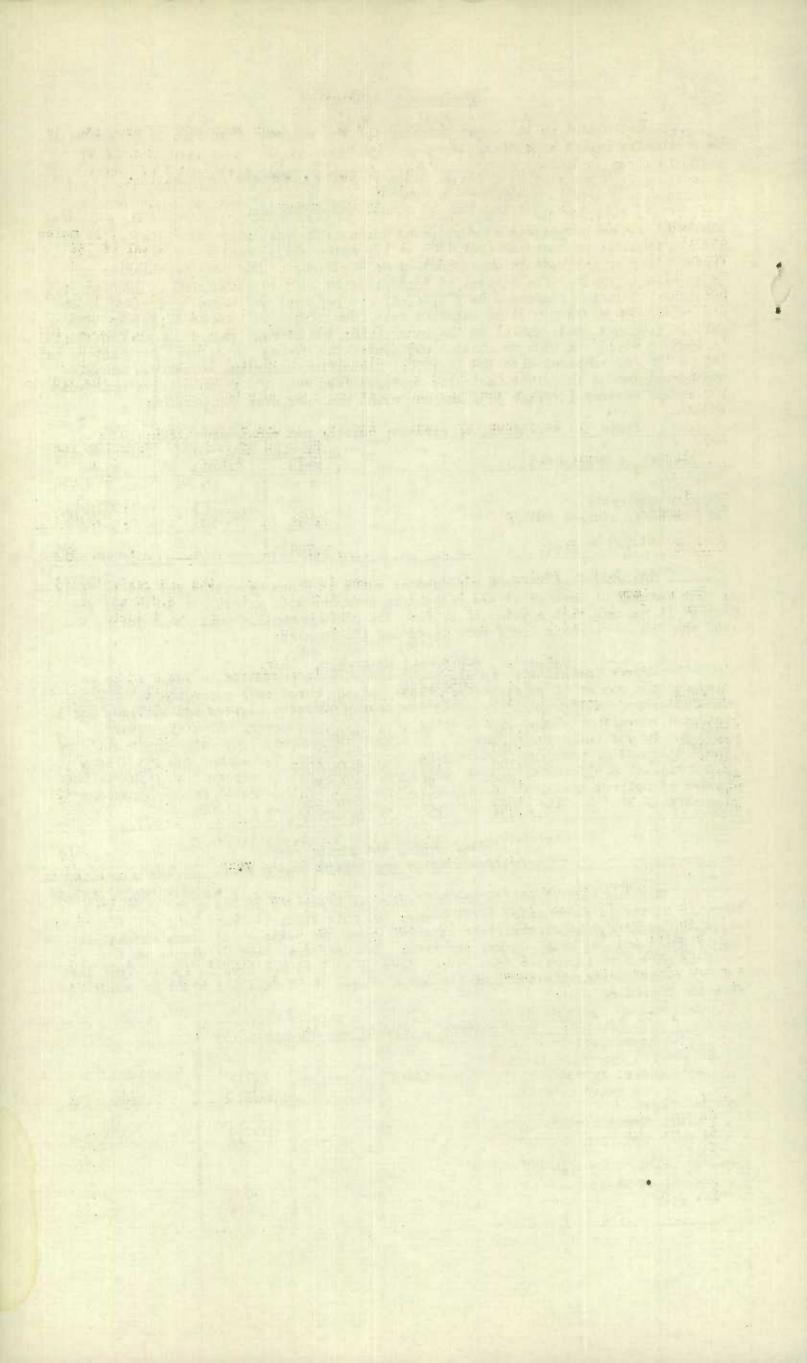
Table 7.- Employment by months, 1926

	No. cf	Employees		No. of	Employees
Months	Male	Female	Months	Male	Female
January	1,892	90	July	2,529	109
February	1,950	77 !	August	2,581	112
arch	2,102	1 108	September	2,526	85
April	2,205	86	October	1 2,946	99
l'av	2,192	93	November	3,142	128
June	1 2,498	105	December	2,925	126
			ent during year	29,488	1,218
	Averag	e monthly e	mployment during year	2,458	106

Working time of plants and employees is presented in Table 8. Operating time in plants is shown under three heads, (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) idle, while the working time of employees is shown under two heads - (a) hours worked per day or shift and (b) hours worked per week. The operating time of plants whether on whole or part time increased from 244.25 days in 1925 to 245 days in 1926. Time lost through plants being idle shows an average decrease of 59 days per plant as compared with the preceding year.

Table 8 .- Working time of plants and employees, 1926.

Refineries reporting in 1926	g		
Days in operation -	Totals	Average 3	
On full time On part time Idle Hours worked by employees	1,760 200 472	220.00 25.00 59.00	
Per day or shift Per week	37,990 518	10.76 64.75	



Fuel Consumption

The quantity of the classes of fuel used and the value laid down at the works is shown in Table 9 for the calendar year 1926. The principal fuels used were bituminous coal and fuel oils, both of which show decreases in quantity, the first named having decreased by 36,552 tons and the last by 1,175,606 gallons. The total cost of all fuel for the year amounted to \$1,634,993 or a decrease over the preceding year of \$180,142 or approximately 10 per cent.

Table 9.- Fuel used by Classes, 1926.

Classes of Fuel	Unit of measure	Quantity	Cost Value delivered at works
			\$
Bituminous coal	ton	213,574	948,316
Anthracite coal	ton	- 1	-
Coke	ton	2,647	30,349
Gasoline	gal.	14,107	4,009
Oils (fuel)	gal.	10,554,518	652,024
Gas, artificial or natural	m.c.ft.	262	295
Total Cost of Fuel			1,634,993

Power Installation

Power installation in the sugar industry is presented in Table 10 by classes, the number of units in each class and the horsepower according to manufacturers' rating. Primary power comprising 94 steam engines and turbines and 1 internal combustion engine with a total of 11,415 horsepower. Electric motors operated by purchased power were 398 in number aggregating 7,991 horsepower while of those operated by power generated by the establishment, the number was 653 with a rated h.p. of 8,933 making a total developed electrical horsepower of 16,924. The number of boilers installed for all purposes was 87 with a rated boiler horsepower capacity of 25,769. The cost of electricity purchased was \$132,386.

Table 10.- Power installed by classes, 1926.

Classes of power	Number of units	Horsepower according to manufacturers' rating
Steam engines and turbines Oil, gas and gasoline engines	94 1	11,410
Total primary power	95	11,415
Electric motors operated by purchased power	398	7,991
Total power used in manufacturing	493	19,406
Electric motors operated by power generated by the establishments	653	8,933
Total electric motor installation	1,051	16,924
Boiler installation for any purpose	87	25,769

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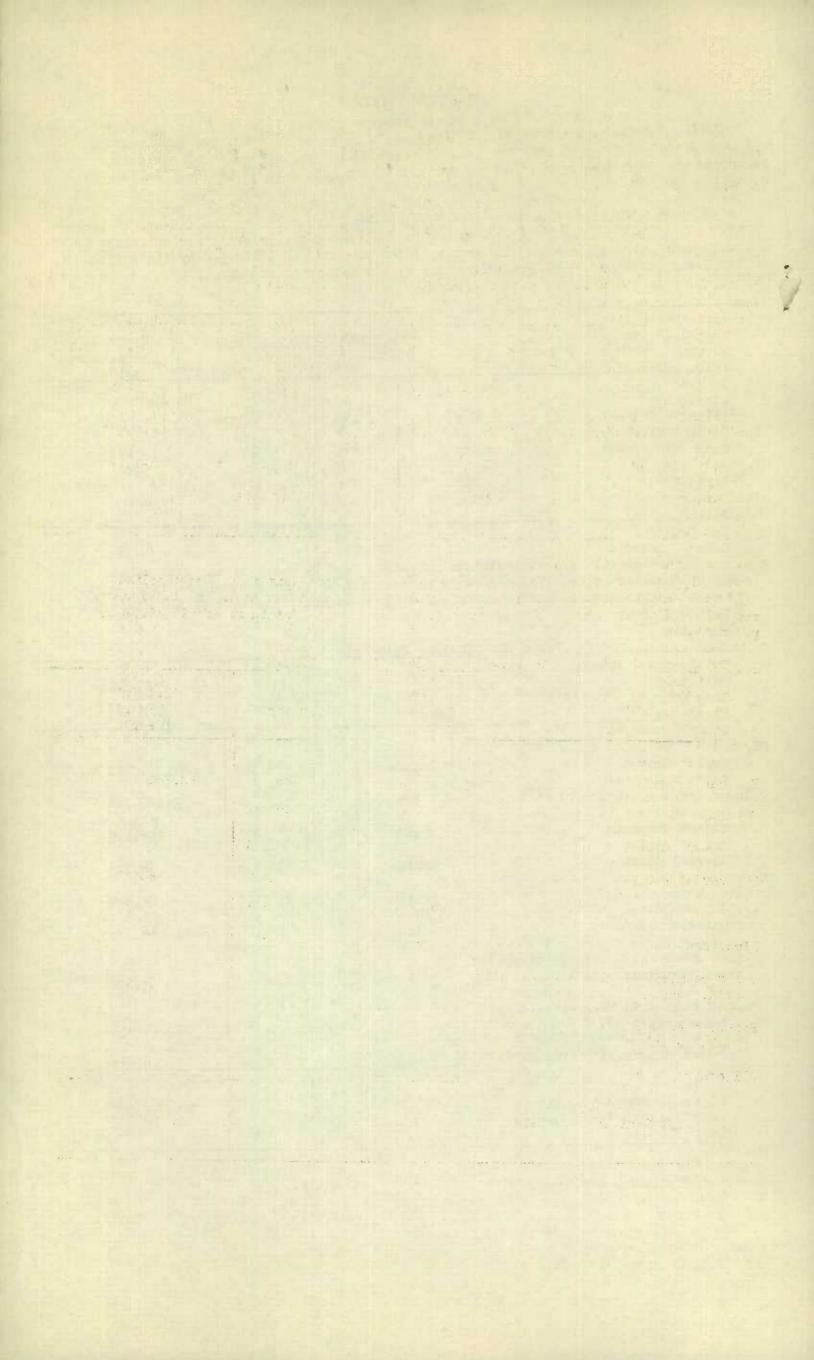
Materials Used

The cost of materials used in the industry during 1926 is shown in Table 11, the total amounting to \$48,548,507. This is a decrease from the previous year of \$5,608,878 and is accounted for by a decrease in the market prices of raw cane sugar and sugar beets, the average price of which laid down at Montreal falling from \$3.971 per cwt. in 1925 to \$3.8808 per cwt. in 1926. Home grown sugar beets on the contrary show an advance in cost laid down at the factory from \$7.27 per ton in 1925 to \$8.54 in 1926, but this is counterbalanced by a reduction in the tonnage of beets used which in 1926 was 102,293 tons. This decline in the price of raw materials is reflected in the market selling prices of the products as indicated by the average wholesale prices for each grade of sugar in the following summary table:-

Grades of Sugar		Average Whol	Increase (/) or decrease (-) wholesale prices	
Refined cane sugar	Cwt.	6.250	5.957	293
Refined beet sugar	€wt.	7.150	6.065	-1.085
Soft sugar	Cwt.	5.870	5.577	293

The table itemizes the various materials used by quantity and cost value, delivered at the works. Raw materials constituted 91.4 per cent of the total cost, whole or partly manufactured materials 2.8 per cent and containers of all kinds 5.8 per cent.

Table 11 Cost of Materials, 1926.				
Kinds of Materials	Unit of measure	Quantity	Cost Value delivered at works	
			\$	
Raw cane sugar	pounds	1,120,926,369	42,391,691	
Sugar beets	ton	267,754	2,286,761	
Beneblack purchased	pounds	2,771,261	157,110	
Infusorial earth	pounds	1,590,934	36,316	
T.ime	pounds	2,257,115	14,504	
Limestone	ton	20,115	46,907	
Other chemicals (sulphur, sulphuric acid, lead acetate, etc.)	-		74,538	
Boxes, bags and other containers (value only)	-		2,824,454	
All other materials (value only	-		1.016,226	
Total Cost of Materials		-	48,848,507	

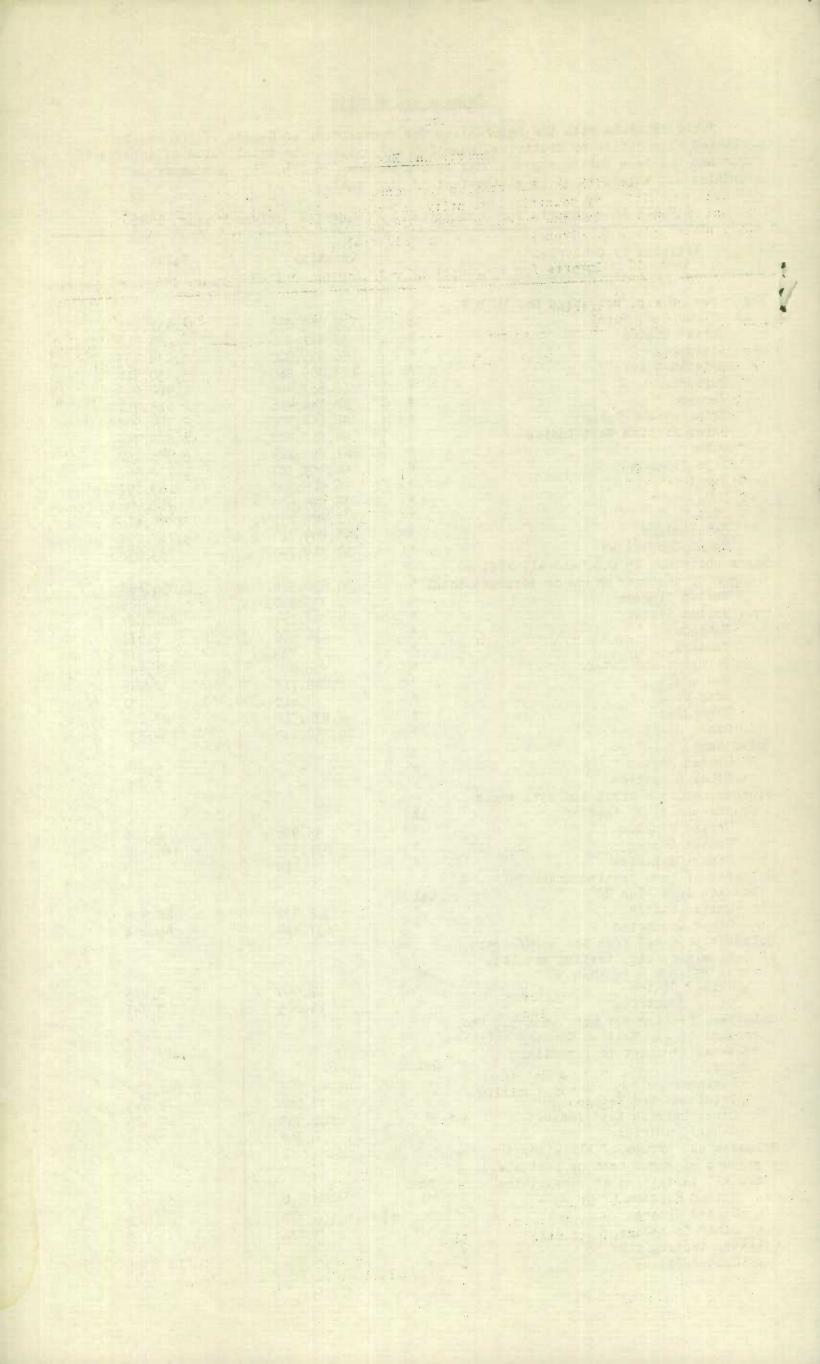


Imports and Exports

Table 12 deals with the importation for consumption in Canada of the undermentioned commodities by countries, quantity and value. The total value of imports of sugar and molasses during the calendar year 1926 was \$36,016,121. A summary by countries and values is given at the foot of this table.

Table 12 .- Imports for Consumption by Countries, calendar year, 1926.

Articles by Countries		Quantity	Value \$-
Sugar raw, n.o.p. not above No. 16 D.S.			Medicani, .
in colour etc. Total	Lb.	1,119,093,896	32,431,281
United States	110.	38,421,516	863,212
Australia	11	56,999,900	3,239,933
	11		
British Guiana	11	123,009,860	3,830,516
Barbados	11	62,663,496	1,902,993
Jamaica	11	82,744,416	2,615,917
Trinidad and Tobago		82,112,700	2,564.503
Other British West Indies	f1	54,818,200	1,868,959
Cuba	- 11	241,890,124	5,948,252
Fiji Islands	11	54,959,787	1,772,567
Hayti	81	6.425,500	163,757
Handuras	19	36,835,600	917,906
Pera	11	11,283,297	242,476
San Domingo	11	249,209,710	5.717,252
Other Countries	11	17,719,790	783,038
Sugar above No. 16 D.S. and all refined			
sugar of whatever grade or standard. Tot	n Fa.	30,550,386	1,090,188
United Kingdom	11	333,660	12,428
United States	Ħ	4,752,944	206,824
Barbados	11	216,900	7,577
	- 11		7,375
Jamaica Mahama	11	199,833	
Trinidad and Tobago	11	56,900	1,858
Guatemala	ff	1,208,717	32,246
Hong Kong		2,610	131
Nicaragua	17	2,886,712	87,212
Other Countries	11	20,892,110	734,537
Sugar cane, shredded	-		
United States	-	-	5,614
Other Countries	-		2,636
lucose, glucose syrup and corn syrup			
or any admixture thereof	Lb.		
United Kingdom	11	35,986	2,906
United States	11	5,071,383	166,417
Other Countries	Ħ	110	13
Colasses of cane testing under 35°			
but not less than 20°	Gal.		
United States	11	302,530	28,965
Other Countries	If	657,464	40,242
Molasses produced from the manufacture		0)1,101	10,212
of cane sugar, etc. testing not less	Gal.		
than 35° nor more than 56° United States	11	17,565	9,285
Other Countries	11	11,225	3, 341
Molasses, testing not more than 56° the		11,229	21212
produce of any British Country entitled			
to benefits under preferential	Gal.		
tariff, etc.	11	4,740,665	1,742,192
Barbados	11		
Trinidad and Tobago	11	37,602	9.649
Other British West Indies	- II	201,553	65,626
Other Countries	"	2,368	936
Molasses and syrups of all kinds the			
product of sugar came or beet n.o.p.			
and all imitations or substitutes	Lb.		
United Kingdom	11	647,414	55.750
United States	11	11,166,312	360,828
Other Countries	11	3,786	178
Molasses testing over 560	11		
United States	11	258	74



Imports and Exports - Cont'd.

Table 12.- Imports for consumption by countries, calendar year 1926. Cont'd.

Articles by Countries	Value \$
Summary of import values by countries - United Kingdom United States British West Indies British Possessions Cuba San Domingo Honduras Hayti Peru Guatemala All Other Countries	72,020 1,641,219 10,786,649 8,843,016 5,948,252 5,717,252 917,906 163,757 242,476 32,246 1,651,328
Total Value	36,016,121

The exports of Canadian produce are presented by countries, quantity and value in Table 13 for the calendar year 1926. The total value of goods the produce of Canada exported was \$16,473,767, of which the United Kingdom took \$8,741,864 or 53.06 per cent. The principal item of export was sugar of all kinds valued at \$15,990,794, representing more than 97 per cent of the total value of all exports.

Articles by Countries	adian Produce for calendar year Quan tit y		Value \$	
Sugar of all kinds, n.o.p Totals	Lb.	285,214,600	15,990,794	
United Kingdom	It	154,714,600	8,741,834	
United States	TI.	1,758,200	102,564	
Belgium	11	1,276,800	49,796	
Bermuda	tt .	1,590,400	90,159	
British Guiana	11	890,200	53,676	
British Honduras	tt .	1,461,300	39,476	
Barbados	11	1,097,700	63,503	
Jamaica	H	1,326,500	78,239	
Trinidad and Tobago	rt .	2,558,200	145,985	
Other British West Indies	tt	1,553,100	93,910	
France	tt	27,585,700	1,469,795	
Newfoundland	11	13,130,000	820,279	
Norway	11	17,596,200	1,086,614	
St. Pierre and Miguelon	11	730,600	46,901	
Uruguay	11	40,036,000	2,138,224	
Netherlands	II.	22,400	1,277	
Other Countries	n .	17,356,700	918,562	
Molasses and syrups of all kinds	Gal.	1,000,100	910, 000	
United States	11	1,854,588	07 362	
Other Countries	11	956	97,362	
Sugar house syrup	Gal.	9,00	16.	
United States	11		bod	
Glucose and glucose syrup	-			
United Kingdom			30	
Other Countries			109	
Sugar beets	Ton		10)	
United States	11	61,753	385,048	
Summary of export values by countries		01,103	JOJ, 040	
United Kingdom		_	3,741,864	
United States		-	584,974	
British Possessions		-	965,431	
British West Indies		_	471,796	
Belgium			49,796	
France		-	1,469,795	
Norway Standard			1,086,614	
St. Pierre-Miquelon		del	46,901	
Uruguay			2,138,224	
Netherlands		-	1,277	
Other Countries Total Value of Exports		**	919,095	

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SUGAR REFINERIES, 1926

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Dominion Sugar Company, Ltd.,

Canadian Sugar Factories, Ltd.,

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Rogers St., Vancouver, B. C.

Hollis St., Halifax, N. S.

St. John, N. B.

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Chatham, Ont.

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