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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF QUEBEC

Gross factory value of products shipped by manufacturing industries in Quebec rose 9.8 per cent in 1955 to a record \$5,922,367,000 from 1954's previous high of \$5,395,787,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has announced. Establishments increased to 12,194 from 12,191 in 1954, employees to 429,575 from 424,095, salaries and wages to \$1,271,078,000 from \$1,214,661,000, material costs to \$3,152,541,000 from \$2,806,248,000 and value added by manufacture to \$2,622,333,000 from \$2,448,028,000.

Quebec has developed its \$5,900,000,000 manufacturing output with such leading industries as pulp and paper, non-ferrous metal smelting and refining, petroleum products, slaughtering and meat packing, cotton yarn and cloth, men's and women's clothing, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, synthetic textiles and silk, railway-rolling stock, leather footwear and miscellaneous electrical apparatus.

Quebec's leading industry is pulp and paper with an output of approximately \$561,000,000 in the year. Quebec is a principal world centre for the production of newsprint with 55 major pulp and paper plants concentrated in the Trois-Rivières and Shawinigan Falls districts as well as along the Saguenay, Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers. The production of non-ferrous metals has expanded considerably during the past decade. The output of aluminum has made impressive strides during the past years and reached a record total of 612,543 tons in 1955.

Two of the most important industrial developments in Quebec today are the Ungava iron ore project and the new titanium industry. With the exploitation of the Ungava iron deposits on which it is believed, the future of the great steel industries of this continent rests, Quebec's industrial base is being expanded to the point where the future industrial development of the province is well assured.

Quebec's industries are not as diversified as those of Ontario, although a number have an output approximately half or more of the total Canadian production. The manufacture of pulp and paper occupies the premier position. The annual gross value of production of this industry had not yet reached \$100,000,000 in the mid-1920's, but by the end of 1955 it accounted for 9 per cent of the gross value of Quebec's manufactures and for about 42 per cent of the Canadian total for this industry.

Other large Canadian industries in which Quebec predominates are tobacco, cigars and cigarettes 94 per cent of the Canadian total; women's factory clothing 69.5 per cent; cotton yarn and cloth 67.6 per cent; men's factory clothing 56.2 per cent; synthetic textiles and silk 53 per cent; miscellaneous electrical apparatus and supplies 48.6 per cent; miscellaneous chemical products 44.2 per cent; non-ferrous metal smelting and refining 43.6 per cent; pulp and paper 42.3 per cent; railway-rolling stock 42 per cent; acids, alkalies salts 39.3 per cent; brass and copper products (Over)

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