

Silk and Artificial Silk Industry.Par. 18.

The silk and artificial silk industry in Canada, although of comparatively recent growth, in 1934 employed 9,220 people. The capital employed was \$34,192,892, the annual pay roll \$7,535,972, the cost of materials \$9,553,932, the net value of production \$15,493,231, and the gross value of production \$25,879,059. (Exhibit 788, p.41). It might be noted that the pay roll amounts to 48.6% of the net value of production.

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The recent growth of this industry may be seen from Table 1, Reports on the Silk Industry in Canada 1934 and 1935, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1917 there were 9 establishments with a capital of \$2,223,164, 824 employees and a pay roll of \$392,398. By 1926 the establishments had increased to 12, the capital to \$10,019,519, the employees to 2,423, and the pay roll to \$1,985,000. By 1935, nine years later, the number of establishments had increased to 33, the capital to \$35,063,023, the number of employees to 10,888, and the annual pay roll to \$8,371,037. Artificial silk forms a substantial and increasing proportion of the business of the silk mills, the above figures do not include the output of artificial silk by the cotton mills, nor the value of the further processing done by the commission dyeing and finishing industry.

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On page 1 of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Report on the Silk Industry in Canada, 1935, it states that the outstanding feature of the textile situation in Canada was the expansion of the silk and artificial silk industry which since 1929 has recorded an increase of 24% in capital investment, 131% in number of employees, and 119 per cent in salary and wage payments.

From the same report it will be seen that the distribution of the industry in 1935 was as follows:

	<u>Establishments</u>
Quebec	22
Ontario	<u>11</u>
	33

and that the industry was located in 13 municipalities in Quebec and 6 municipalities in Ontario. Only 6 of the total of 33 mills are located in the larger centres of population.