

It is interesting to note that the total number of farmers in Canada holding ten acres and over is 633,748, or about equal to the total number directly engaged and employed in manufacturing.

Industrial Statistics

Now, in order to ascertain what the National Policy has done for Canada, and is doing in the building up of our great national interests, it might be well to refresh our minds with some statistics. In the year 1915 returns show that the total number of people engaged in manufacturing on salary and wage-earners was 514,883. If we consider the munitions-making and other industries, in which women are now largely employed, we might fairly estimate the total number to-day as being about 650,000. If we multiply this number by two and one-half we should probably reach the total number directly dependent upon the manufacturing industry for their livelihood, making 1,625,000. If we add to this total the number of people who indirectly make their living on account of the total industrial dependents, we should add from twenty-five to fifty per cent., the number varying according to conditions governing different localities. This division would include farmers and truck gardeners, railway (steam and electric) workers, banking interests, civic employees, butchers, bakers, storekeepers, caterers, etc., etc. Adding only twenty-five per cent., this would give a grand total of over two million persons. The total capital employed is estimated at two and one-half billions. The total exports of manufactured products last year was \$682,521,000. A comparative estimate of our main products for home and foreign consumption for the year 1917, according to the "Canadian Annual Review," is as follows:

Manufactured products	\$2,000,000,000
Field crops	1,100,000,000
Dairy products and live stock	1,300,000,000
Forest products	176,000,000
Minerals	200,000,000
Fisheries	34,000,000
Eggs, fruit, etc.	40,000,000

It might be interesting to try and figure out what it would mean in the case of a great manufacturing centre like the city of Hamilton to have its manufacturing industries removed. The total population of Hamilton is 106,000, having increased from 52,000 in 1900. The total number of manufacturing plants is 340; the total capital invested \$110,000,000; the total number of hands employed, including office and travelling staffs, 30,000; total wages and salaries paid per year, \$25,000,000. Statistics show that upwards of fifty United States concerns have located branch industries in Hamilton, representing a capital investment of about \$25,000,000. These