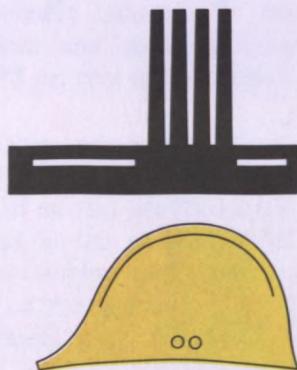


# SECONDARY INDUSTRIES



At the time of Confederation, approximately 15 per cent of the workers in the population were employed in manufacturing and half in agriculture. Today less than 8 per cent are employed in agriculture and almost a quarter in manufacturing. Early manufactures were textiles, iron work, furniture, farm implements, flour, food and shoes.

The very rapid rate of industrial growth during the last 25 years of the nineteenth century had a massive impact on Canadian manufacturing. But it was the enormous demand of the Second World War on industry as a whole that caused the Canadian economy to undergo a surge of growth that reached its peak in 1944. The value of shipments of the manufacturing industries in that year was over two and a half times that of 1939.

Since then, the discovery of large supplies of petroleum and natural gas and the construction of pipelines for their distribution, the discovery of large-scale deposits of iron ore and base metals, the growth of population, and the demand for consumer goods, have all contributed to a diversified expansion of manufacturing unequalled in any period.

Canada is one of the leading manufacturing nations of the world. Manufacturing employs one of every four Canadians in the labour force, approximately the same proportion as in the United States. There are more Canadians employed in manufacturing than in farming, fishing, forestry, mining and construction combined. In 1965, the selling value of factory shipments reached \$33.9 billion. Salaries and wages reached \$7.8 billion, and there were 1.6 million employees.

Ontario is recognized as one of the world's major industrial areas, and, in 1965, accounted for 52 per cent of the total Canadian value of shipments in the manufacturing industries. Quebec accounted for 28 per cent and British Columbia for 8 per cent.

Motor-vehicle manufacturing today ranks as Canada's largest industry in gross value of shipments. Factory production began in 1904 and, by 1967, the country's assembly-lines were producing almost 721,000