

Q- How many war workers are there in Canada?

A- On September 1, 1943, there were 1,100,000 persons engaged directly or indirectly in war work in Canada. The total population is approximately 11,700,000, according to the most recent decennial census taken in 1941. Of the 1,100,000 war workers, approximately 550,000 are women.

Q- What has been the cost of war production and construction in Canada since the outbreak of war?

A- The total cost has been more than \$5,500,000,000. This is equivalent to approximately \$500 for every man, woman, and child in Canada.

Q- How much have completed munitions cost?

A- Munitions production in 1941 amounted to \$1,500,000,000. In 1942 it had increased to about \$2,600,000,000. Total munitions production to September, 1943, totaled approximately \$2,000,000,000.

Q- What is the present cost of munitions?

A- Now at the peak of her production program, Canada has reached a weekly output of \$55,000,000 in munitions.

Q- What munitions has Canada produced?

A- Up to September, 1943, Canada had produced 600 ships; 9,000 aircraft; 510,000 motor vehicles; 27,500 armored vehicles, including tanks; 61,000 guns (barrels or mortars); 23,000,000 rounds of heavy ammunition; 750,000 small arms; 2,500,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; 900,000 tons of chemicals and explosives; and 230,000,000 worth of instruments and communications material.

Canada now ranks fourth among the United Nations as a producer of war materials, and third among the exporting nations of the world. Some peacetime industries have expanded to two, five, and even ten times their former size, while numerous new industries have come into being. During the four years of war, Canada has become a great shipping nation. In 23 major shipyards, 62 smaller boatyards, and in the large component industry which supplies their needs, Canada employs about 100,000 people. Overall commitments for shipbuilding in Canada total \$1,000,000,000, about one-third of which is earmarked for cargo vessel construction.

Now producing six or more ships weekly, Canada expects to have launched some 750 ships by the end of 1943. Eighty planes are made in Canada every week, including such first-line aircraft as the Mosquito and Lancaster bombers, the Catalina patrol bomber, and the Curtiss "Hellcat". Of about 100,000 workers employed in the Canadian aircraft industry, more than 25% are women. Canada expects to have delivered more than 10,000 aircraft by the end of 1943.

Q- What was the value of munitions and other war materials exported by Canada in World War II?

A- The value of war munitions and material exported from Canada in World War I was \$1,000,000,000, an amount smaller than Canadian war production in the one year 1943.