

According to returns published by the Ontario Bureau of Mines, the production of Canadian oil refineries in 1901, 1902 and 1903 (calendar years) was as follows:—

PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1901, 1902 AND 1903.

	1901.	1902.	1903.
Crude produced Imp. Galls.	21,433,500	18,185,592	16,640,338
" distilled. "	17,745,182	15,630,592	14,464,248
Value of crude produced. \$	1,305,540	1,298,961	1,024,597
" of distilled products. \$	980,222	940,104	1,451,756
Illuminating oil. Imp. Galls.	9,463,262	7,720,866	7,096,073
Lubricating oil. "	764,861	2,765,677	2,614,313
Benzine and naphtha. "	1,075,999	902,847	832,153
Gas and fuel oils and tar. "	2,652,987	2,157,039	1,968,172
Paraffine wax and candles Lbs.	3,489,592	2,433,127	2,673,806
Workmen employed. No.	351	323	291
Wages paid. \$	161,042	169,398	165,700

The average price of crude oil on the Petrolia Oil Exchange in the years named was as follows:—

	\$	cts.	
1886.	88	68	per barrel.
1887.	78	00	"
1888.	1	03	84 "
1889.	95	54	"
1890.	1	17	88 "
1891.	1	33	77 "
1892.	1	26	50 "
1893.	1	10	25 "
1894.	1	01	50 "
1895.	1	46	00 "
1896.	1	59	00 "
1897.	1	42	50 "
1898.	1	40	00 "
1899.	1	48	66 "
1900.	1	60	00 "
1901.	1	53	90 "
1902.	1	73	25 "
1903.	2	05	00 "

By chapter 28, Acts of Canada, 1904, the Governor in Council was authorized to pay to the producer a bounty of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per gallon on all crude petroleum produced from wells in Canada after June 8, 1904, and also to the owner a like amount on all Canadian-produced petroleum held in storage receptacles on the above date.

1904.	\$	cts.	1904.	\$	cts.
Jan. 1.	2	30	*June 8.	1	62
Feb. 12.	2	27	" 17.	1	60
Mar. 1.	2	24	" 21.	1	59
" 4.	2	21	July 9.	1	54
" 12.	2	18	" 13.	1	51
" 29.	2	15	Sept. 24.	1	53
April 8.	2	12	Dec. 16.	1	48
" 29.	2	09	" 29.	1	43
June 7.	2	06			

*Date when bounty came into effect:—

Under this Act the following amount has been paid to December 31, 1904:—

Bounty paid on crude petroleum produced and in store \$147,262