

3.—The Manufactures of Ontario, 1925.

Ontario is the most important manufacturing province of the Dominion. The gross value of its manufactured products in 1925 represented nearly 52 p.c. of those of the whole Dominion, while those of Quebec, the second province in importance in this respect, amounted to about 28 p.c. This premier position in manufacturing has been fairly uniformly maintained by Ontario over a long period, as the following percentages show:—in 1924, 52 p.c.; 1923, 52 p.c.; 1920, 50 p.c.; 1918, 53 p.c.; 1910, 50 p.c.; 1900, 50 p.c.; 1890, 51 p.c. and 1880, 51 p.c. Thus, in spite of the rapid industrial development in recent years in other provinces such as Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba, Ontario is maintaining a manufacturing production more than equal to that of the remainder of the Dominion.

The automobile manufacturing industry of Ontario in 1925 came first in the value of its products, which amounted to \$110,835,380, as compared with \$104,522,309 for the flour and grist-milling industry, which held second place. Other important industries in descending order, with the value of their products in 1925, were:—slaughtering and meat-packing, \$94,427,211; pulp and paper, \$74,179,929. As compared with 1924, automobile manufacturing showed a gain of over \$22,000,000 and advanced from second to first place. Flour and grist-mill products, which held first place in 1924, showed a reduction of over \$1,500,000. Slaughtering and meat-packing showed an increase of over \$16,000,000 and pulp and paper manufacturing showed a slight increase over the figures for 1924.

As an indication of the greater diversification of industry in Ontario as compared with Quebec, the percentage which the 40 leading industries bear to the total manufacturing of the province is higher in nearly every particular in Quebec than Ontario, especially in the capital employed and the number of establishments and employees. This feature of industrial development in Ontario is more marked if the ten leading industries be taken and comparison made with provinces other than Quebec. Outstanding among the industries in which the province of Ontario is pre-eminent is that of automobile manufacturing, which is carried on in this province alone. Other important industries in which Ontario leads, with the percentage which its production bore to that of the Dominion in 1925, are as follows:—agricultural implements, 95 p.c.; leather tanneries, 85 p.c.; rubber goods, 79 p.c.; furniture and upholstering, 78 p.c.; fruit and vegetable canning, preserving, etc., 69 p.c.; electric apparatus and supplies, 68 p.c.; castings and forgings, 66 p.c.; steel and rolled products, pig iron, etc., 63 p.c.; slaughtering and meat-packing, 58 p.c.; flour and grist-mill products, 56 p.c.

12.—Statistics of the Forty Leading Industries of the Province of Ontario, 1925.

Industries.	Estab-lish-ments.	Capital.	Em-ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Cost of Materials.	Gross Value of Products.
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
Automobiles.....	11	74,678,451	19,301	17,249,270	74,166,378	110,835,380
Flour and grist-mill products..	684	29,012,816	3,154	3,483,077	90,811,425	104,522,309
Slaughtering and meat-packing	24	30,352,706	5,488	7,032,749	76,793,615	94,427,211
Pulp and paper.....	45	170,462,147	10,050	14,452,522	31,672,039	74,179,929
Rubber goods (including foot- wear).....	26	54,353,960	8,990	10,796,430	32,507,694	62,360,401
Butter and cheese.....	1,009	16,853,677	5,369	5,258,514	48,791,824	61,678,608
Electric light and power.....	418	356,375,495	6,290	9,657,160	-	49,651,990
Electrical apparatus and sup- plies.....	91	53,563,573	8,868	9,862,246	17,126,501	40,952,860
Castings and forgings.....	188	55,475,604	11,450	14,250,584	15,357,728	40,613,286
Sawmills.....	710	52,755,427	8,361	8,490,771	22,073,392	36,141,672
Hosiery, knit goods and gloves	109	35,846,327	10,759	8,873,932	20,020,546	36,085,171