

increase in economy and efficiency of operation. In addition to the principal statistics reported in the decennial censuses from 1871 to 1911, annual figures collected through the Census of Industry for the years 1921 to 1925 are included in Table 16, whilst live stock slaughtered at Canadian inspected establishments in 1925 and 1926 is shown in Table 17.

16.—Principal Statistics of the Slaughtering and Meat-packing Industry of Canada, by censal years, 1871 to 1925.

Description.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901. ¹	1911. ¹
Establishments..... No.	193	203	527	57	80
Capital Invested..... \$	419,325	1,449,679	2,173,077	5,395,162	15,321,068
Employees..... No.	841	852	1,690	2,416	4,214
Salaries and Wages..... \$	145,376	209,483	503,053	1,020,164	2,685,513
Cost of Materials..... \$	2,942,786	3,163,576	5,554,246	19,520,058	40,951,761
Value of Products..... \$	3,799,552	4,084,133	7,125,831	22,217,984	48,527,076

Description.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Establishments..... No.	84	83	76	74	74
Capital Invested..... \$	58,459,555	56,710,481	53,058,776	56,675,118	54,318,043
Employees..... No.	9,711	9,800	9,914	10,046	10,709
Salaries and Wages..... \$	13,547,778	12,366,896	12,708,253	13,127,504	13,549,545
Cost of Materials..... \$	113,389,835	115,154,525	107,788,344	106,764,011	132,329,355
Value of Products..... \$	153,136,289	143,414,693	138,218,909	133,740,271	163,816,810

¹Includes only establishments employing five hands and over.

17.—Live Stock slaughtered at Canadian Inspected Establishments, by months, 1925 and 1926.

Months.	1925.			1926.		
	Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	60,415	19,310	335,413	64,226	25,666	232,242
February.....	48,624	11,172	245,440	53,402	16,686	199,978
March.....	73,634	10,847	240,476	83,706	22,206	216,917
April.....	87,197	13,341	219,884	90,630	15,036	203,892
May.....	59,003	10,674	210,073	100,093	11,391	203,458
June.....	75,959	16,851	225,372	100,021	19,037	182,057
July.....	73,801	31,272	168,162	87,244	30,373	164,310
August.....	77,643	43,830	155,310	92,541	51,052	164,518
September.....	89,973	72,690	173,536	100,990	74,702	189,275
October.....	118,920	129,283	208,502	110,746	113,389	216,762
November.....	100,644	89,578	224,359	124,499	119,940	263,527
December.....	82,701	41,856	235,204	89,320	46,201	254,489
Total.....	975,814	490,704	2,641,731	1,097,418	545,769	2,491,425

Consumption of Animal Products.—The consumption of meats in Canada in 1926 is estimated at 708,494,927 pounds of beef, 727,143,775 pounds of pork and 88,060,396 pounds of mutton and lamb. The per capita consumption of beef on this basis amounts to 75.45 pounds; pork, 77.44 pounds; and mutton and lamb, 9.38 pounds, a total of 162.27 pounds of meats per capita per annum. The corresponding data for other animal products are as follows:—butter, 267,014,555 pounds and 28.43 pounds; cheese, 37,902,326 pounds and 4.04 pounds; eggs, 264,783,655 dozen and 28.20 dozen; and poultry, 90,212,585 pounds and 9.62 pounds. Details are given in Table 18.