

Subsection 4.—The Forty Leading Manufacturing Industries.

The Forty Leading Industries in 1926.—The seven foremost industries during 1926 were pulp and paper-making, the milling of grain, meat-packing, saw-milling, the manufacture of automobiles, the manufacture of butter and cheese and the generation and distribution of electric light and power. Each of these industries in 1926 produced goods with a gross value of more than \$100,000,000, while the gross value of the products of the leading industry—pulp and paper—amounted to more than \$215,000,000. On the basis of gross production values, the first four of the above industries have, with slight changes in the order of their rank, been the four chief industries since 1920. The automobile industry has increased in relative importance in recent years, rising from eighth place in 1921 to fifth in 1926, while the manufacture of butter and cheese has dropped from fifth to sixth place.

Electric light and power plants have a greater invested capital than any other industry, with pulp and paper mills and sawmills next in order.

It is interesting to note that of the ten leading industries, seven, including the four leading manufactures, the manufacture of butter and cheese, the production of electric light and power, and non-ferrous metal smelting, are directly dependent upon Canadian natural resources, while in the manufacture of automobiles, rubber and cotton goods the materials worked upon are very largely imported in a raw or semi-finished state. The manufacture of rubber goods, principally vehicle tires, has risen from 29th place in 1921 to 8th in 1925 and 1926. Other interesting comparisons may be made between the various industries, with regard to the relations between capital invested, the number of employees, salaries and wages paid, the cost of materials and value of gross production, as shown in Table 9.

9.—Principal Statistics of Forty Leading Industries, 1926.

Industries.	Estab- lish- ments.	Capital.	Em- ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Cost of Materials.	Net Value of Products.	Gross Value of Products.
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pulp and paper	115	501,184,714	31,279	44,175,502	85,365,465	130,004,809	215,370,274
Flour and grist-mill products	1,291	58,335,813	6,348	7,222,464	163,905,450	25,675,291	189,580,741
Slaughtering and meat- packing	73	55,712,724	10,685	13,757,638	139,200,096	27,926,995	167,127,091
Sawmills	2,780	175,186,704	35,078	34,925,391	78,921,416	56,261,176	135,182,592
Automobiles	11	82,791,938	11,905	19,650,804	89,372,095	44,226,361	133,598,455
Butter and cheese	3,021	39,964,526	11,224	11,406,983	92,200,617	27,992,860	120,193,417
Central electric stations Rubber goods, including footwear	1,057	756,220,068	13,406	19,943,000	26,534,207	88,933,733	115,467,940
Cotton yarn and cloth ..	39	62,861,702	13,587	14,708,023	49,902,189	36,605,948	86,508,137
Non-ferrous metal smelting	38	83,439,179	20,323	15,229,008	44,265,529	32,008,728	76,274,257
Railway rolling stock ..	9	81,779,240	6,226	9,584,938	39,237,657	33,615,909	72,853,566
Petroleum	36	82,024,510	22,286	30,721,743	38,053,559	34,652,493	72,706,052
Castings and forgings ..	23	57,178,125	3,763	5,892,399	51,172,159	20,024,152	71,196,311
Electrical apparatus and supplies	335	91,193,541	19,183	24,037,578	27,250,473	42,985,325	70,235,798
Sugar refineries	132	80,323,534	15,246	18,626,500	30,195,935	39,571,373	69,767,308
Bread and other bakery products	8	49,748,404	2,916	3,968,140	48,848,507	15,422,180	64,270,687
Printing and publishing ..	2,214	37,416,879	13,389	14,732,139	32,928,065	29,991,944	62,920,009
	701	50,858,011	14,711	21,315,346	13,757,474	43,284,749	57,042,223