

Slaughtering and Meat-packing.—The tendency to large scale production in this industry is shown in the summary of census records below. The number of establishments has rapidly dropped off while the industry has grown by leaps and bounds. The concentration of the industry into a comparatively small number of large establishments has resulted in the utilization of by-products and in a marked increase in economy and efficiency of operation. In addition to the principal statistics reported in the decennial censuses from 1871 to 1921, annual figures collected through the Census of Industry for the years 1925 to 1930 are included in Table 15, whilst live stock slaughtered at Canadian inspected establishments in 1930 and 1931 are shown in Table 16.

15.—Principal Statistics of the Slaughtering and Meat-Packing Industry of Canada, decennially 1871-1921, annually 1925-30.

Description.		1871.	1881.	1891.	1901. ¹	1911. ¹	1921.
Establishments.....	No.	193	203	527	57	80	84
Capital invested.....	\$	419,325	1,449,677	2,173,077	5,395,162	15,321,068	58,459,555
Employees.....	No.	841	852	1,690	2,416	4,214	9,711
Salaries and wages.....	\$	145,376	209,483	503,053	1,020,164	2,685,518	13,547,778
Cost of materials.....	\$	2,942,786	3,163,576	5,554,246	19,520,058	40,951,761	113,389,835
Value of products.....	\$	3,799,552	4,084,133	7,125,831	22,217,984	48,527,076	153,136,289

Description.		1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Establishments.....	No.	74	73	76	75	74	76
Capital invested.....	\$	54,316,043	55,712,724	60,612,029	66,198,507	67,777,803	60,778,996
Employees.....	No.	10,709	10,685	11,048	11,244	10,762	9,290
Salaries and wages.....	\$	13,549,545	13,757,638	14,551,250	14,242,362	15,998,716	12,114,667
Cost of materials.....	\$	132,329,355	139,200,096	133,076,361	142,396,342	151,814,517	129,004,327
Value of products.....	\$	163,816,810	167,127,091	167,220,892	174,096,419	185,842,902	164,029,953

¹ Includes only establishments employing five hands and over.

16.—Live Stock Slaughtered at Canadian Inspected Establishments, by months, 1930 and 1931.

Month.	1930.				1931.			
	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Hogs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	54,345	14,137	30,879	206,542	53,193	15,383	37,301	165,902
February.....	40,703	15,981	20,064	167,722	40,979	17,828	32,443	161,161
March.....	43,429	30,818	24,208	168,370	47,917	36,594	31,553	153,883
April.....	44,065	56,068	26,839	161,804	48,107	52,644	26,905	172,315
May.....	48,466	59,227	22,584	174,082	50,927	51,618	22,905	157,831
June.....	40,356	41,545	35,553	159,200	47,673	44,261	55,889	163,981
July.....	45,815	34,741	55,933	127,031	45,794	31,021	70,858	148,255
August.....	48,231	26,736	79,223	123,580	48,508	29,195	80,820	161,664
September.....	53,662	29,876	114,460	139,804	52,446	28,107	116,930	204,498
October.....	68,613	27,897	184,560	160,432	55,179	25,117	192,571	248,950
November.....	57,503	20,562	98,252	167,501	52,668	22,158	98,077	259,110
December.....	56,829	18,649	52,564	170,257	48,645	17,150	54,539	247,250
Totals.....	602,017	376,237	745,119	1,326,325	592,036	371,076	820,891	2,242,765

Consumption of Animal Products.—The consumption of meats in Canada in 1930 is estimated at 671,425,526 pounds of beef, 744,327,819 pounds of pork and 70,639,631 pounds of mutton and lamb. The per capita consumption of beef on this basis amounts to 65.79 pounds; pork, 72.93 pounds and mutton and lamb, 6.92 pounds, a total of 145.64 pounds of meats per capita per annum. The corresponding data for other animal products are as follows: butter, 299,032,488 pounds and 29.30 pounds; cheese, 36,758,647 pounds and 3.60 pounds; eggs, 307,147,408 dozen and 30.09 dozen, and poultry 112,300,270 pounds and 11.00 pounds. Details are given in Table 17.