

Slaughtering and Meat Packing.—This industry has become one of the most important branches of manufacturing in Canada. Its growth, shown by the statistics of Table 15, has been accompanied by a concentration of the major part of the production of the industry into a comparatively small number of large establishments, thereby facilitating the utilization of by-products and greater efficiency of operation. In 1931, the latest year recorded, the large increase in the number of establishments is due to the inclusion of wholesale butchers operating small plants engaged in slaughtering only. These small establishments did not add more than 4 p.c. to the total output of the industry in 1931. The numbers of live stock slaughtered at Canadian inspected establishments in 1931 and 1932 are shown in Table 16.

15.—Principal Statistics of the Slaughtering and Meat-Packing Industry of Canada, decennially 1871-1921, annually 1926-31.

| 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 | 5,395,182 | 15,321,088 | 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 | 153,136,239 |

| Description. | 1926. | 1927. | 1928. | 1929. | 1930. | 1931. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Establishments..... No. | 73 | 76 | 75 | 74 | 76 | 147 ² |
| Capital invested..... \$ | 55,712,724 | 60,612,029 | 66,198,507 | 67,777,808 | 60,778,996 | 62,481,905 |
| Employees..... No. | 10,685 | 11,048 | 11,244 | 10,762 | 9,290 | 9,294 |
| Salaries and wages..... \$ | 13,757,638 | 14,551,250 | 14,242,362 | 13,998,719 | 12,114,667 | 11,626,678 |
| Cost of materials..... \$ | 139,200,096 | 133,076,361 | 142,398,342 | 151,814,517 | 129,094,327 | 91,276,842 |
| Value of products..... \$ | 167,127,091 | 167,220,892 | 174,096,419 | 185,842,902 | 164,029,953 | 117,596,697 |

¹ Figures for this year cover establishments employing five hands and over only.

² The increase in 1931 is due to the inclusion of a large number of wholesale butchers engaged in slaughtering only. The combined output of their small establishments did not amount to more than 4 p.c. of the whole industry in 1931.

16.—Live Stock Slaughtered at Canadian Inspected Establishments, by months, 1931 and 1932.

| Month. | 1931. | | | | 1932. | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Cattle. | Calves. | Sheep. | Hogs. | Cattle. | Calves. | Sheep. | Hogs. |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| January..... | 53,193 | 15,383 | 37,301 | 165,902 | 47,875 | 17,305 | 48,272 | 263,785 |
| February..... | 40,979 | 17,828 | 33,443 | 161,161 | 39,379 | 22,679 | 34,712 | 239,921 |
| March..... | 47,917 | 36,594 | 31,553 | 153,833 | 44,505 | 45,253 | 37,105 | 232,875 |
| April..... | 48,107 | 52,644 | 26,905 | 172,315 | 43,302 | 46,612 | 29,874 | 229,134 |
| May..... | 50,927 | 51,618 | 22,905 | 187,831 | 44,156 | 51,240 | 23,204 | 254,836 |
| June..... | 47,673 | 44,261 | 55,889 | 163,951 | 41,818 | 45,171 | 50,198 | 247,722 |
| July..... | 45,794 | 31,021 | 70,858 | 148,255 | 41,228 | 32,252 | 64,006 | 191,577 |
| August..... | 48,508 | 29,195 | 80,920 | 161,664 | 47,184 | 31,598 | 85,839 | 189,253 |
| September..... | 52,446 | 28,107 | 116,930 | 204,493 | 52,174 | 29,450 | 101,155 | 166,352 |
| October..... | 55,179 | 25,117 | 192,571 | 246,950 | 50,408 | 27,248 | 145,584 | 189,222 |
| November..... | 52,668 | 22,158 | 98,077 | 259,110 | 56,038 | 23,722 | 118,852 | 249,858 |
| December..... | 48,645 | 17,150 | 54,539 | 247,260 | 45,075 | 14,919 | 49,388 | 268,300 |
| Totals..... | 592,636 | 371,076 | 820,891 | 2,242,765 | 553,142 | 393,449 | 788,222 | 2,722,925 |

Consumption of Animal Products.—The consumption of meats in Canada in 1931 is estimated at 600,987,458 pounds of beef, 866,129,150 pounds of pork and 73,045,572 pounds of mutton and lamb. The per capita consumption of beef on this basis amounts to 57.93 pounds; pork, 83.49 pounds and mutton and lamb, 7.04 pounds, a total of 148.46 pounds of meats per capita per annum. The corresponding data for other animal products are as follows: butter, 320,521,885 pounds and 30.90 pounds; cheese, 36,364,669 pounds and 3.51 pounds; eggs, 311,396,473 dozen and 30.02 dozen, and poultry 112,688,797 pounds and 10.87 pounds. Details are given in Table 17.