

Section 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia,* 1937.

British Columbia was, in 1937, the third most important manufacturing province in the Dominion with 7.0 p.c. of the total production. The rich forests have given the wood industries a pre-eminence in the Province. Sawmilling, in 1937, accounted for 21 p.c. of the manufacturing production of the Province and for 51 p.c. of the total value of sawmill output in the Dominion. Further emphasizing the importance of the forests in the industrial life of the Province, the pulp and paper industry ranked second. Third in importance was fish curing and packing, based principally on the estuarial salmon fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 59 p.c. of the total production of this industry in Canada. The varied resources of the Province and its position on the Pacific Coast have resulted in a good deal of diversification in its manufactures.

*Including Yukon.

7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia,¹ 1937.

Industry.	Estab- lish- ments.	Capital.	Em- p- loyees.	Salaries and Wages.	Cost of Materials.	Gross Value of Products. ²
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills	254	39,282,827	12,992	15,371,240	29,915,166	53,647,601
2 Pulp and paper	7	47,130,784	2,997	4,395,682	6,070,885	18,038,957
3 Fish curing and packing	85	11,839,166	1,763	1,751,282	9,459,843	15,409,333
4 Petroleum products	5	5,270,813	377	643,669	8,455,693	10,498,679
5 Slaughtering and meat packing	11	4,827,720	847	1,067,698	7,957,377	9,810,734
6 Bread and other bakery products	286	3,846,990	1,876	1,776,146	3,216,436	6,443,189
7 Fruit and vegetable preparations	59	5,406,312	1,503	1,089,599	3,956,646	6,170,661
8 Planing mills, sash and door factories	53	3,356,193	1,434	1,443,452	2,728,259	5,534,276
9 Sheet metal products	13	6,734,284	545	692,275	3,537,660	5,397,026
10 Printing and publishing	72	4,351,901	1,533	2,392,396	935,012	5,280,983
11 Coffee, tea, and spices	12	1,974,090	242	286,237	4,193,183	5,075,638
12 Butter and cheese	35	1,907,054	490	575,298	3,101,129	4,382,829
13 Breweries	11	6,478,322	310	506,281	1,317,863	3,403,736
14 Foods, stock, and poultry	27	1,529,120	214	242,278	2,205,462	2,856,911
15 Fertilizers	4	10,556,992	392	728,651	1,872,040	2,816,431
16 Coke and gas products	4	12,265,870	313	449,758	705,901	2,417,251
17 Furniture	60	1,693,580	842	814,767	901,699	2,295,356
18 Miscellaneous paper products	10	1,541,244	272	318,100	1,532,235	2,220,151
19 Shipbuilding and repairs	16	6,592,367	720	1,050,089	570,662	2,193,751
20 Boxes, wooden	21	1,394,565	646	607,101	1,106,215	2,142,438
21 Miscellaneous chemical products	8	1,666,092	274	373,171	702,170	1,891,608
22 Distilleries	3	4,080,869	226	307,411	511,199	1,877,845
23 Printing and bookbinding	100	2,060,565	641	762,116	568,380	1,668,949
24 Acids, alkalies, and salts	3	1,104,557	182	353,573	128,050	1,488,946
25 Wire and wire goods	8	1,404,111	160	207,028	875,191	1,415,979
26 Castings and forgings	29	1,674,968	545	659,534	369,840	1,391,416
27 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.	31	952,510	407	387,535	623,437	1,320,905
28 Paints, pigments, and varnishes	8	1,785,792	190	255,052	564,769	1,306,900
29 Boxes and bags, paper	9	769,642	205	234,653	609,070	1,203,166
30 All other leading industries ³	11	36,765,167	4,054	6,136,562	35,709,072	50,426,067
Totals, Leading Industries³	1,255	230,244,467	37,192	45,878,664	134,400,544	230,027,762
Totals, All Industries	1,713	256,011,093	42,576	51,979,393	144,466,346	251,924,258
Percentages of leading industries to total of all industries	73.3	89.9	87.3	88.3	93.0	91.3

¹Including Yukon. ²See footnote 1 to Table 3, p. 457. ³Includes other leading industries, statistics of which cannot be published because there are fewer than three establishments in each industry. Such industries are: condensed milk, sugar refineries, wood preservation, non-ferrous metal smelting and refining, bridge and structural steel.