

25.—Quantity of Each Kind of Gas Sold in Canada, Fiscal Years 1920-39.

Year.	Carburetted Water Gas.	Coal Gas.	Coke Oven Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acetylene Gas.	Butane.	Total
	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.
1920.....	4,487,512	6,787,370		17,117,100	1,670		28,393,652
1921.....	5,331,442	7,096,222		1	1	-	12,427,664 ²
1922.....	4,668,392	8,433,861	-	11,289,592	1,005		24,392,850
1923.....	6,632,962	7,637,114	132 ³	12,238,837	1,165		26,510,210
1924.....	5,214,843	8,042,882	3,189	14,866,619	1,194		28,128,727
1925.....	5,254,803	7,824,193	91,628	10,525,604	1,266		23,697,494
1926.....	4,835,613	8,149,894	1,449,795	13,004,470	1,211		27,440,983
1927.....	5,804,504	8,405,556	1,049,978	17,863,366	1,247		33,124,651
1928.....	6,883,635	7,488,965	1,680,237	20,365,049	1,325		36,419,211
1929.....	4,550,829	6,273,275	6,097,920	25,491,446	647		42,414,117
1930.....	4,456,997	5,802,653	8,153,473	31,880,845	847		50,294,815
1931.....	4,214,554	6,249,190	7,792,047	28,534,604	875	9,137 ²	46,800,407
1932.....	4,267,074	6,385,622	7,235,463	27,244,803	790	6,600	45,140,352
1933.....	3,821,680	7,491,005	5,908,231	27,342,696	4,982	11,930	44,580,524
1934.....	3,349,893	7,652,344	5,331,047	26,423,633	4,737	13,268	42,774,922
1935.....	2,256,568	8,378,714	6,267,577	25,051,664	5,729	12,576	41,972,828
1936.....	1,972,511	7,876,353	6,637,103	29,334,639	6,774	16,976	45,844,356
1937.....	1,969,493	6,894,858	7,685,207	30,291,438	8,066	19,781	46,868,843
1938.....	2,301,030	6,945,789	7,229,881	31,370,930	9,889	21,301	47,878,820
1939.....	2,229,700	6,267,914	7,589,430	31,928,682	10,300	20,141	48,046,167

¹ Not reported. ² Not including natural gas and acetylene gas which were not reported for this year. ³ First year reported.

Section 9.—Merchandising and Service Establishments.*

A comprehensive census of business carried on by trading and service establishments was undertaken for the first time in 1931 in connection with the Seventh Decennial Census. A partial survey of trading establishments had been made in 1924, but the results of this initial survey, while indicative of the extent of domestic trade, suffered from the incompleteness of the canvass made. The Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments, 1931, covered not only the operations of retail and wholesale merchandising establishments in 1930 but also those of service establishments, including hotels. In addition, information was collected to show the initial channels (manufacturers' wholesale branches, other wholesalers, retailers, industrial consumers, expert sales, etc.) through which goods manufactured in Canada were distributed and the proportion of the total value of production sold through each channel. The results have been published in several series of reports and in Volumes X and XI of the Census of 1931.

Annual Statistics.—An outgrowth of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments, 1931, has been an annual survey of wholesale and retail trade based on reports from large concerns in the respective fields. In the case of wholesale trade, the annual survey is confined to wholesalers proper and reports are secured from firms that had a volume of sales of \$100,000 or more in 1930 together with firms of a similar size that have commenced business since 1930. The survey of retail trade is based on the reports of all chain stores and of independent stores with a turnover of \$20,000 or more in 1930. Reports are also secured from newly established independent stores. While the annual figures for merchandising are not based on such a comprehensive survey as that made in connection with the

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