

Section 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia,* 1938

British Columbia was, in 1938, the third most important manufacturing province in the Dominion with 6·8 p.c. of the total production. The rich forests have given the wood industries a pre-eminence in the Province. Sawmilling, in 1938, 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 third. Second in importance was fish curing and packing, based principally on the estuarial salmon fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 63 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 wide diversification of its manufactures.

6.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia,¹ 1938

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Capital	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Gross Value of Products ²
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills.....	275	38,928,923	12,290	14,787,524	26,948,318	46,986,133
2 Fish curing and packing.....	75	15,065,019	1,670	1,897,181	10,449,196	17,705,321
3 Pulp and paper.....	6	47,437,265	2,416	3,300,710	3,871,231	12,004,843
4 Slaughtering and meat packing...	12	5,605,359	885	1,170,565	9,133,385	10,710,098
5 Petroleum products.....	5	4,471,163	317	601,693	7,717,605	9,178,542
6 Bread and other bakery products.	300	3,488,343	1,891	1,965,491	3,283,703	6,882,809
7 Butter and cheese.....	38	3,596,102	856	1,079,406	3,890,817	5,998,649
8 Fruit and vegetable preparations.	62	5,691,711	1,212	980,615	3,890,179	5,717,474
9 Printing and publishing.....	78	4,981,595	1,629	2,513,907	1,045,568	5,499,961
10 Sheet metal products.....	21	7,301,797	527	662,202	3,376,740	5,181,719
11 Coffee, tea and spices.....	12	2,013,502	239	260,335	3,626,326	4,568,469
12 Planing mills, sash and door fac-tories.....	55	3,553,643	1,218	1,315,022	2,052,261	4,181,381
13 Fertilizers.....	4	9,141,710	471	679,334	2,046,124	3,886,296
14 Breweries.....	11	5,856,314	329	531,539	1,198,719	3,130,328
15 Foods, stock and poultry.....	34	1,894,736	204	335,205	1,840,733	2,519,861
16 Miscellaneous paper products.....	10	1,561,150	292	356,892	1,733,953	2,476,821
17 Coke and gas products.....	4	12,830,524	329	463,425	796,914	2,476,227
18 Shipbuilding and repairs.....	17	6,540,662	749	1,078,991	770,296	2,376,721
19 Furniture.....	58	1,721,879	824	806,761	928,552	2,183,934
20 Boxes, wooden.....	21	1,521,414	659	657,797	1,037,043	2,088,182
21 Miscellaneous chemical products..	9	1,835,481	220	361,575	625,121	1,788,348
22 Acids, alkalis and salts.....	3	786,165	218	323,077	364,699	1,765,723
23 Printing and bookbinding.....	107	2,083,011	707	803,235	579,648	1,692,751
24 Paints, pigments and varnishes...	8	1,710,240	196	275,760	581,847	1,372,772
25 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.	32	973,450	413	388,556	629,760	1,344,258
26 Castings and forgings.....	28	1,655,025	484	623,427	320,664	1,280,892
27 Wire and wire goods.....	7	1,365,226	145	189,648	699,703	1,217,557
28 Boxes and bags, paper.....	8	793,056	191	222,728	577,561	1,125,979
29 All other leading industries ³	10	39,925,130	4,644	6,603,321	23,496,304	36,069,950
Totals, Leading Industries.....	1,310	234,329,595	36,325	45,236,422	117,513,020	203,411,999
Totals, All Industries.....	1,785	264,615,596	42,213	52,044,823	127,196,430	225,585,469
Percentages of leading industries to total of all industries in the Province.....	73·4	88·5	86·1	86·9	92·4	90·1

¹ Including Yukon. ² See footnote 1 to Table 2, p. 354. ³ Includes 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.

Section 6.—Manufacturing Industries in Cities and Towns

The prosperity of most of the cities and towns of Canada, especially in the East, is intimately connected with their manufacturing industries, which provide employment for a large proportion of their gainfully occupied population. In the West the cities are more largely distributing centres, though manufactures are rapidly increasing there also.

* Including Yukon.