

Section 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia, 1939

Except for the major industrial provinces of Ontario and Quebec, British Columbia leads in manufacturing production. The rich forests have given the wood industries a pre-eminence in the Province. Sawmilling, in 1939, accounted for 22 p.c. of the manufacturing production of the Province and for 55 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 processing, based principally on the estuarial salmon fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 61 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, 1939

Industry	Estab- lish- ments	Capital	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Gross Value of Products ¹
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills.....	251	38,472,479	12,603	15,491,339	29,706,269	54,685,280
2 Fish processing.....	67	14,323,276	1,658	1,877,638	11,022,543	17,473,982
3 Pulp and paper.....	6	50,576,149	2,555	3,953,198	10,165,135	16,005,957
4 Slaughtering and meat packing...	12	5,862,670	831	1,140,036	10,108,110	11,901,799
5 Petroleum products.....	4	4,271,032	274	527,142	7,948,618	9,144,073
6 Fruit and vegetable preparations..	64	4,976,382	1,212	979,568	4,194,897	6,677,352
7 Bread and other bakery products	276	3,815,185	1,928	2,020,143	2,858,812	6,467,546
8 Coffee, tea and spices.....	13	2,544,027	315	382,481	4,979,186	6,211,548
9 Butter and cheese.....	36	3,023,104	817	1,053,650	3,714,831	5,985,717
10 Printing and publishing.....	78	5,080,636	1,628	2,526,100	1,088,554	5,533,757
11 Sheet metal products.....	22	7,304,123	485	687,935	3,505,714	5,518,623
12 Sash, door and planing mills.....	58	5,130,436	1,338	1,506,486	2,133,772	4,804,946
13 Fertilizers.....	5	9,115,176	446	780,155	2,027,144	4,219,038
14 Breweries.....	11	6,080,352	309	523,662	1,255,883	3,636,353
15 Shipbuilding and repairs.....	17	7,377,871	928	1,312,731	735,323	2,925,345
16 Miscellaneous paper products.....	9	1,521,131	288	345,462	1,680,130	2,518,362
17 Food, stock and poultry.....	29	2,824,782	293	340,839	1,842,072	2,491,949
18 Coke and gas products.....	4	13,030,622	360	515,926	773,955	2,461,926
19 Furniture.....	54	1,797,187	814	834,276	1,039,843	2,349,706
20 Boxes, wooden.....	20	1,638,696	664	686,262	1,042,310	2,155,150
21 Miscellaneous chemical products..	10	2,078,194	245	408,771	707,839	2,096,094
22 Acids, alkalies and salts.....	3	777,471	218	378,746	298,040	1,901,088
23 Printing and bookbinding.....	107	2,206,516	676	785,192	531,363	1,635,728
24 Paints, pigments and varnishes...	9	1,909,110	201	286,274	641,957	1,408,043
25 Wire and wire goods.....	7	1,454,822	143	217,452	751,700	1,382,014
26 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.	31	916,798	403	393,354	617,508	1,345,473
27 Boxes and bags, paper.....	9	859,957	209	260,484	688,984	1,312,800
28 Machinery.....	24	1,998,274	408	615,329	394,893	1,283,586
29 Other leading industries ²	12	44,371,505	4,501	6,397,172	25,645,035	39,358,381
Totals, Leading Industries.....	1,248	245,337,963	36,750	47,227,803	132,100,420	224,891,616
Totals, All Industries.....	1,710	274,969,502	42,554	53,881,994	136,655,872	247,948,600
Percentage of leading industries to total of all industries in the Province.....	73.0	89.2	86.3	87.7	97.4	90.7

¹ See footnote 1 to Table 2, p. 403. ² 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, aircraft, bridge and structural steel.