

Section 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia, 1941

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 1941, accounted for 20 p.c. of the manufacturing production of the Province and for 50 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 fourth. Second in importance was shipbuilding and repairs with a value of production of \$32,421,032. This industry advanced from sixth place in 1940 when the output was valued at only \$9,943,941. Third in importance was fish-curing and packing, based principally on the estuarial salmon fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 66 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, 1941

| Industry | Estab-lish-ments | Capital | Em-ploy-ees | Salaries and Wages | Cost of Materials | Gross Value of Products ¹ |
|--|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | No. | \$ | No. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 Sawmills..... | 370 | 47,883,525 | 16,541 | 22,980,137 | 41,510,929 | 82,364,174 |
| 2 Shipbuilding and repairs..... | 21 | 25,168,915 | 6,314 | 10,196,097 | 13,475,414 | 32,421,032 |
| 3 Fish-curing and packing..... | 71 | 18,836,306 | 2,734 | 3,069,230 | 19,936,424 | 31,757,945 |
| 4 Pulp and paper..... | 7 | 58,237,083 | 3,574 | 6,377,993 | 8,719,072 | 28,873,327 |
| 5 Slaughtering and meat packing... | 11 | 6,655,326 | 868 | 1,264,671 | 12,035,523 | 13,717,234 |
| 6 Petroleum products..... | 4 | 4,247,973 | 338 | 687,299 | 10,107,981 | 12,333,758 |
| 7 Fruit and vegetable preparations.. | 74 | 6,747,352 | 1,682 | 1,453,264 | 6,897,774 | 10,427,899 |
| 8 Sheet metal products..... | 20 | 9,360,315 | 717 | 1,082,630 | 6,758,356 | 10,098,710 |
| 9 Planing mills, sash and door factories..... | 63 | 5,634,802 | 2,162 | 2,775,569 | 4,781,614 | 10,029,526 |
| 10 Foods, miscellaneous..... | 27 | 4,651,118 | 443 | 525,556 | 8,292,938 | 9,649,197 |
| 11 Butter and cheese..... | 40 | 3,366,067 | 964 | 1,248,571 | 5,157,199 | 7,952,027 |
| 12 Bread and other bakery products. | 266 | 3,839,123 | 2,068 | 2,244,563 | 3,681,474 | 7,734,835 |
| 13 Printing and publishing..... | 78 | 5,223,967 | 1,664 | 2,727,247 | 1,266,804 | 6,066,112 |
| 14 Fertilizers..... | 5 | 9,118,535 | 896 | 1,674,326 | 2,325,259 | 5,243,755 |
| 15 Breweries..... | 11 | 5,101,956 | 338 | 638,809 | 2,290,627 | 4,576,014 |
| 16 Acids, alkalies and salts..... | 3 | 787,523 | 283 | 836,088 | 392,889 | 4,287,095 |
| 17 Other leading industries ² | 4 | 48,074,765 | 4,422 | 8,004,247 | 32,699,948 | 55,535,721 |
| Totals, Leading Industries | 1,075 | 262,£34,651 | 46,008 | 67,786,297 | 180,330,225 | 333,068,361 |
| Totals, All Industries | 1,905 | 340,609,179 | 62,447 | 89,256,478 | 219,755,738 | 412,957,897 |
| Percentage of leading industries to total of all industries in the Province..... | 56.4 | 77.2 | 73.7 | 75.9 | 82.1 | 80.7 |

¹ See footnote 1, Table 2, p. 412.² 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 refining, non-ferrous metal smelting and refining, and bridge and structural steel.