

## Section 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia, 1942

British Columbia in 1942 was again the third most important manufacturing province of the Dominion. Normally its rich forests give the wood industries a pre-eminence in the Province. Due to the exigencies of the War which resulted in the establishment of a huge shipbuilding industry on the Pacific Coast, the iron and its products group displaced wood and paper as the dominant factor in British Columbia manufacturing production. As a result, the shipbuilding industry with a gross value of production of \$118,243,552 contributed 21 p. c. of the total output of the Province. This industry was in sixth place in 1940 when the output was valued at only \$9,943,941. It furnished employment to 23,806 persons or 26.6 p.c. of the total number engaged in manufacturing in 1942. Emphasizing the importance of the forests in the industrial life of the Province, the sawmilling industry ranked second with a gross value of production of \$90,695,092, and the pulp and paper industry fourth with \$27,804,218. Third 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. Other important industries were: slaughtering and meat packing, petroleum products, planing mills, fruit and vegetable preparations, sheet metal products, etc. The varied resources of the Province and its position on the Pacific Coast have resulted in a wide diversification of its manufactures.

### 7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia, 1942

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Capital	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Gross value of Products <sup>1</sup>
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1 Shipbuilding and repairs.....	23	41,215,957	23,806	46,803,632	35,049,259	118,243,552
2 Sawmills.....	426	49,939,786	16,850	26,357,229	44,538,581	90,695,092
3 Fish-curing and -packing.....	65	23,222,141	3,574	4,254,385	23,485,181	37,528,935
4 Pulp and paper.....	7	58,912,740	4,017	7,618,433	9,353,209	27,804,218
5 Slaughtering and meat packing...	11	6,912,903	914	1,471,466	14,402,725	17,329,610
6 Petroleum products.....	6	5,092,010	370	776,512	11,418,189	13,091,261
7 Planing mills sash and door factories.....	64	5,879,023	2,293	3,010,836	4,840,230	10,732,149
8 Fruit and vegetab <sup>l</sup> preparations..	70	6,689,090	1,719	1,717,029	7,314,092	10,608,236
9 Sheet metal products.....	18	9,332,223	797	1,294,133	6,875,356	10,395,077
10 Bread and other bakery products.	272	4,043,212	2,185	2,597,220	4,405,399	9,279,347
11 Butter and cheese.....	41	3,429,650	1,024	1,451,719	6,040,799	9,170,557
12 Machinery.....	22	4,739,727	1,483	2,810,351	3,710,093	8,792,118
13 Foods, miscellaneous.....	28	4,485,065	469	528,815	7,330,000	8,525,783
14 Fertilizers.....	5	8,295,983	976	1,892,893	2,979,848	6,563,001
15 Breweries.....	11	4,612,167	402	838,073	1,177,171	6,063,414
16 Printing and publishing.....	73	5,295,704	1,613	2,602,193	1,286,791	6,055,001
17 All other leading industries <sup>2</sup> .....	4	47,496,510	10,413	18,575,013	37,658,701	67,757,438
<b>Totals, Leading Industries...</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>290,593,891</b>	<b>72,914</b>	<b>124,599,932</b>	<b>221,865,624</b>	<b>458,634,789</b>
<b>Totals, All Industries.....</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>388,649,300</b>	<b>83,570</b>	<b>148,782,063</b>	<b>270,823,072</b>	<b>558,137,606</b>
Percentage of leading industries to total of all industries in the Province.....	57.6	74.8	81.4	83.7	81.9	82.2

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1 to Table 5, p. 435.

<sup>2</sup> Includes other leading industries, statistics of which cannot be published because there are fewer than three establishments in each industry. Such industries are: aircraft, bridge and structural steel work, and non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.