

Subsection 2.—The Manufactures of Quebec, 1946

Among the assets of Quebec that have tended to develop manufacturing industries in the Province may be mentioned its natural resources of forests, water powers, minerals, agricultural lands, and its geographic position astride the St. Lawrence estuary permitting sea-going shipping to reach its main centres of population. Added to these natural advantages, there is a stable and industrious population, which is an important factor in industries such as textiles, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., where a large labour force is required.

The most notable change among the manufactures of Quebec in recent years has been the development of the non-ferrous metal smelting industry. This industry first appeared among the forty leading industries of the Province in nineteenth place in 1927. It has been in second place since 1935, with the exception of 1942 when it was in first place.

Quebec with about 31 p.c. of the total Canadian output in 1946 was the second largest manufacturing province. The production of pulp and paper again occupied the premier position which was held during 1942 by non-ferrous metal smelting and refining and in 1943 and 1944 by miscellaneous chemical products. In addition to accounting for about 11 p.c. of the gross value of Quebec manufactures in 1946 the pulp and paper industry furnished about 50 p.c. of the Canadian total for this industry. The value of tobacco products totalled approximately 89 p.c., cotton yarn and cloth 71 p.c., women's factory clothing 68 p.c., silk 68 p.c., leather boots and shoes 65 p.c., men's factory clothing 59 p.c., railway rolling-stock 54 p.c., fur goods 48 p.c., and hosiery and knit goods 41 p.c. Quebec is thus an outstanding manufacturing province by reason of large individual industries and not so much on account of a great diversification of manufacturing activity.

4.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of Quebec, 1946

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Net Value of Products	Gross Value of Products
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Pulp and paper.....	50	21,628	48,230,279	110,153,483	130,761,861	265,989,953
2 Clothing, women's factory.....	702	19,785	28,484,879	62,386,741	55,561,988	118,193,625
3 Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.....	6	4,706	9,219,149	63,620,424	32,195,891	106,254,910
4 Clothing, men's, factory.....	334	14,820	20,578,282	49,685,063	40,009,113	89,933,365
5 Railway rolling-stock.....	10	13,385	27,770,157	49,563,606	35,804,561	87,188,385
6 Cotton yarn and cloth.....	16	13,726	20,062,866	45,882,620	30,396,295	78,418,260
7 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	33	3,340	5,939,938	66,896,722	9,299,914	76,749,913
8 Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	51	8,370	11,238,413	41,036,289	31,218,513	72,515,400
9 Sawmills.....	1,989	11,581	12,309,305	41,541,973	24,202,772	66,160,934
10 Petroleum products.....	6	1,465	3,076,642	42,101,046	18,703,002	63,510,289
11 Boots and shoes, leather.....	195	14,707	18,286,224	34,675,039	27,605,672	62,555,915
12 Butter and cheese.....	972	4,224	5,277,863	48,818,179	9,664,130	59,611,193
13 Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	50	12,809	22,738,340	25,796,463	32,720,757	59,193,595
14 Silk and artificial silk.....	27	9,105	12,814,308	17,245,790	26,101,622	44,451,338
15 Machinery.....	58	8,758	15,687,098	15,721,623	27,891,880	44,301,572
16 Hosiery and knit goods.....	103	10,283	12,790,198	19,126,820	23,751,754	43,372,805
17 Bread and other bakery products.....	1,046	8,064	10,980,494	18,354,823	18,994,359	37,742,168
18 Breweries.....	8	3,216	6,889,682	7,468,063	23,902,821	31,949,882
19 Shipbuilding.....	10	6,785	13,505,617	14,559,194	16,359,621	31,382,338
20 Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	86	3,450	6,056,294	10,318,114	20,769,872	31,344,798
21 Aircraft.....	8	8,935	19,129,503	4,702,362	24,251,749	29,486,360
22 Sheet metal products.....	51	4,825	7,611,196	16,004,074	12,657,708	29,032,473
23 Rubber goods.....	20	6,142	8,974,774	10,839,402	17,013,297	28,356,599
24 Furniture.....	254	6,465	9,286,410	13,185,493	14,590,364	28,097,295
25 Miscellaneous foods.....	75	1,464	2,258,127	18,852,519	9,003,188	28,074,228
26 Fur goods.....	261	3,064	4,942,500	19,039,426	8,521,892	27,630,349
27 Flour and feed mills.....	164	1,059	1,865,087	22,190,667	4,901,903	27,350,744