

Subsection 4.—The Manufactures of the Prairie Provinces, 1946

The leading industries of the Prairie Provinces are those based on their agricultural resources—grain-growing, cattle-raising, and dairying areas. Next in importance, generally, are industries providing for the more necessary needs of the resident population, such as the baking of bread, printing and publishing, etc. The extensive railway services require large shops for the maintenance of rolling-stock, especially in the Winnipeg area. The widespread use of motor-vehicles and power machinery on farms has given rise to petroleum refineries in each province. The greatly increased production of crude petroleum in Alberta seems likely to lead to further development of the refining industry. Manitoba, as the early commercial centre of the prairies, has had a greater industrial development than either of the other provinces. Its natural resources of accessible water powers, forests and, more recently, minerals, have given rise to a diversification of industrial production.

Considering the Prairie Provinces as an economic unit, slaughtering and meat packing had the largest gross value of production in 1946, amounting to \$211,887,820, followed by flour and feed mills with \$91,168,034, butter and cheese \$57,039,341, and petroleum products \$43,889,825. These four industries accounted for 52 p.c. of the total production of the Prairie Provinces. Other leading industries, in the order named, were: railway rolling-stock, breweries, bread and other bakery products, sawmills, printing and publishing, etc.

6.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Prairie Provinces, 1946

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Net Value of Products	Gross Value of Products
MANITOBA						
1 Slaughtering and meat packing...	12	4,629	8,141,688	78,268,464	15,454,438	94,167,162
2 Flour and feed mills.....	37	785	1,220,881	23,111,920	3,752,566	27,073,112
3 Railway rolling-stock.....	4	5,430	10,674,131	10,140,359	11,174,777	21,806,635
4 Butter and cheese.....	90	1,545	2,506,876	13,463,553	4,767,075	18,536,315
5 Clothing, men's factory.....	37	1,910	2,248,608	5,577,516	4,311,149	9,925,705
6 Miscellaneous foods.....	18	375	517,484	6,650,181	1,794,248	8,481,279
7 Clothing, women's factory.....	38	1,463	2,026,363	5,130,229	3,274,767	8,432,746
8 Breweries.....	6	602	1,198,752	1,682,473	6,345,360	8,166,145
9 Bags, cotton and jute.....	5	299	422,880	6,309,779	1,334,945	7,663,520
10 Bread and other bakery products	130	1,442	2,042,182	3,483,947	3,552,678	7,269,234
11 Malt mills.....	3	212	451,529	3,305,563	2,490,095	6,054,450
12 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.	14	739	884,615	2,496,068	3,183,714	5,753,162
13 Printing and bookbinding.....	82	1,445	2,232,931	1,901,444	3,616,318	5,579,377
14 Printing and publishing.....	79	1,260	1,969,125	1,266,375	4,143,647	5,479,277
15 Fur goods.....	54	696	1,056,938	3,506,768	1,834,711	5,352,959
16 All other leading industries ¹	3	499	1,152,559	9,571,501	5,042,450	15,389,211
Totals, Leading Industries.	612	23,331	38,747,542	175,866,140	76,072,938	255,130,290
Totals, All Industries.....	1,357	38,367	61,018,345	223,096,935	122,780,805	351,887,099
SASKATCHEWAN						
1 Slaughtering and meat packing...	8	2,233	3,847,970	33,351,608	6,903,836	40,530,080
2 Flour and feed mills.....	37	803	1,407,399	26,776,239	3,092,736	30,282,634
3 Butter and cheese.....	69	1,464	2,006,632	15,817,810	4,088,011	20,179,912
4 Petroleum products.....	7	576	1,160,143	15,619,338	3,268,847	19,705,687
5 Breweries.....	5	388	765,274	1,291,297	5,452,797	6,852,625
6 Bread and other bakery products	91	1,009	1,284,987	2,786,958	2,419,931	5,351,563
7 Sawmills.....	390	1,349	903,609	1,672,775	2,178,140	3,947,249
8 Printing and publishing.....	104	950	1,563,560	705,810	2,758,533	3,527,464
9 Feeds, stock and poultry.....	9	104	179,414	1,762,664	327,193	2,118,892
10 Miscellaneous foods.....	8	152	187,692	1,585,814	354,247	1,957,440

For footnote, see end of table.