was fish curing and packing, based principally on the estuarial salmon fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 49 p.c. of the total production of this industry in Canada. Other important industries include: slaughtering and meat packing, petroleum products, fertilizers, planing mills, veneers and plywoods, miscellaneous food products, fruit and vegetable preparations, butter and cheese, etc.

7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia, 1949

	Industry	Estab- lish- ments	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Net Value of Products	Gross Value of Products
		No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
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1	Sawmills	1,290	24,027	56,527,596	103,345,925	104,089,164	209,607,511
	Pulp and paper	9	4,586	14,374,571	23, 460, 417	42,881,670	69,925,185
	Fish processing	68	3,888	8,285,182	32,600,417	22,190,548	55,553,356
4	Slaughtering and meat packing	11	1,332	3,533,092	41,655,627		
5	Petroleum products	5	682	2,017,831	23,306,034	10,067,554	34,409,015
6	Fertilizers	5	1,368	4,027,647	8,966,988		
7	Sash, door and planing mills	138		5,682,083			
8	Veneers and plywoods	11	2,769	6,341,935			
	Miscellaneous food industries	42	694	1,126,600			
	Fruit and vegetable preparations	77	2,224	3,683,224	14,272,893		
	Butter and cheese	32	1,734	3,751,152			20,267,063
	Bread and other bakery products.	253	2,612	5,553,045		8,567,356	
	Printing and publishing	77	2,633	6,945,490		11,629,254	16,014,950
	Feeds, stock and poultry, prepared	34	759	1,529,046		3,073,763	15,028,791
	Shipbuilding	27	2,604	7,289,235	3,635,365		
	Breweries	11	718	1,850,119	2,459,639	9,155,439	11,807,728
	Sheet metal products		874	2,249,525			11,640,408
	Furniture	174	2,048				
19	Machinery, industrial	39	1,678	4,431,994	3,274,511	7,942,786	11,395,478
	Totals, Leading Industries ¹	2,333	59,718	143, 191, 869	354,916,434	308, 385, 783	674,367,250
	Totals, All Industries	3,493	82,934	196, 403, 722	531,112,329	409,665,348	959,008,088

¹ Other leading industries for which statistics cannot be given because there are fewer than three establishments in each industry are: non-ferrous metal smelting and refining, and sugar refining.

Section 2.—Manufacturing Industries in Urban Centres

The prosperity of most of the cities and towns of Canada, especially in the east, is intimately connected with their manufacturing industries, which provide employment for a large proportion of the labour forces. In the west the cities are more largely distributing centres, though manufactures are increasing rapidly there also.

Table 8 indicates the extent to which the manufacturing industries of Canada are concentrated in urban centres and shows by provinces the proportion of the gross manufacturing production contributed by cities and towns having a gross production of over \$1,000,000 each. In the more highly industrialized Provinces of Ontario and Quebec such cities and towns in 1949 accounted for 93.8 p.c. and 91.7 p.c., respectively, of the total manufactures for those Provinces, while in the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia, where sawmilling, fish packing, and dairying are leading industries, the proportions were 68.9 p.c. and 58.6 p.c., respectively. In the Prairie Provinces manufacturing is confined largely to a few urban centres.