

A feature of recent progress in the Province is that new developments are taking place in areas far removed from established industrial centres. Growing lines of communication and transportation are fanning out from and leading into formerly locked interior areas to tap a vast new potential and offer new sources of provincial economic unity and strength. The growth of the Province industrially is indicated by the increase in employment which, in 1952, was more than double the 1939 figure. Gross value of manufacturing in 1952 was more than double that of the immediate post-war year and increased more than five-fold since 1939. The most spectacular post-war development is the multi-million-dollar hydro-electric and aluminum smelter project at Kitimat, production from which started in August 1954. In addition, large capital investments have been made in sawmills and new plants for the manufacture of plywood and furniture. British Columbia dominates the wood products industry, accounting for 38 p.c. of the Canadian production of this group of industries. Four new pulp and paper mills have been built and others expanded to increase British Columbia's output of newsprint, kraft and dissolving pulps. New plants making chemicals, principally fertilizers and plywood adhesives, have been established as well as factories making machinery and equipment. Food-processing plants and oil refineries have also made considerable headway.

7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia, 1951 and 1952

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Net Value of Products	Gross Value of Products ¹
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills.....	1,564	29,462	81,751,249	176,682,690	167,001,838	347,147,390
2 Pulp and paper.....	11	5,778	21,899,728	44,933,463	90,824,327	141,503,427
3 Fish processing.....	63	4,168	11,348,419	51,646,344	31,543,333	84,121,542
4 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	11	1,370	4,263,002	52,814,828	5,982,251	59,081,092
5 Veneers and plywoods.....	12	3,416	9,832,376	18,130,385	24,806,299	43,202,315
6 Petroleum products.....	6	579	2,100,645	28,508,586	12,321,512	41,903,272
7 Sash, door and planing mills.....	166	2,770	7,217,625	27,136,332	13,811,839	41,331,453
8 Miscellaneous food preparations, n.e.s.....	47	782	1,584,218	30,168,144	6,323,452	36,613,721
9 Fertilizers.....	6	1,280	4,583,245	9,850,262	20,832,682	30,809,678
10 Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	71	2,355	4,146,456	15,975,947	8,659,717	24,897,710
11 Butter and cheese.....	29	1,773	4,636,619	13,960,783	7,011,938	21,566,132
12 Bread and other bakery products.....	262	2,621	6,154,025	10,360,405	10,201,433	21,168,241
13 Shipbuilding.....	27	3,484	11,127,087	5,952,140	14,793,689	21,042,863
14 Printing and publishing.....	86	2,752	7,658,511	4,665,053	14,076,956	18,906,674
15 Machinery, industrial.....	40	2,138	6,569,451	6,419,233	11,471,074	18,110,416
16 Sheet metal products.....	28	890	2,672,665	9,426,314	5,247,076	14,800,217
17 Feeds, stock and poultry, prepared.....	42	652	1,521,571	11,649,778	2,825,752	14,703,208
18 Furniture.....	189	1,953	4,625,016	6,723,015	7,415,149	14,310,215
19 Breweries.....	11	688	1,997,318	2,901,872	9,590,778	12,727,902
20 Miscellaneous wood products, n.e.s.....	43	645	1,848,950	7,253,483	4,523,713	11,938,090
21 Boxes and bags, paper.....	12	691	1,772,933	7,245,735	4,343,437	11,653,032
22 Miscellaneous paper goods.....	13	608	1,518,491	7,100,585	3,465,150	10,608,685
Totals, Leading Industries.²	2,739	70,855	200,829,600	549,500,377	477,073,394	1,042,147,265
Totals, All Industries.....	3,897	93,647	262,626,283	789,840,417	592,448,565	1,404,880,341

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