

### Subsection 5.—The Manufactures of British Columbia

British Columbia, with factory shipments totalling \$1,859,368,466 in 1956, ranked third among the provinces in manufacturing production. This province increased its share of the total Canadian output from 7.1 p.c. in 1939 to 8.6 p.c. in 1956.

Forest resources, fisheries, minerals and electric power have given a broad base and wide diversification to its industrial development. The sawmilling industry ranked first in 1956 and pulp and paper second. British Columbia holds the dominant position among the provinces in the production of wood products, its output making up 42 p.c. of the Canadian total. Third in importance was the petroleum products industry which moved up from seventh place in 1953 as a result of the completion of the Trans Mountain oil pipeline. The province also accounted for approximately 48 p.c. of the output of the nation's fish processing industry in 1956 and is mainly responsible for Canada's position as the major fish exporting nation in the world.

A feature of recent progress has been that new developments are taking place in areas far removed from accepted industrial centres. A new railway cutting diagonally across the province from south to north has opened up the formerly locked interior of the province. Factories and plants in remote sections are drawing greater value in employment and dollars from natural resources. The growth of the province industrially may be indicated by the increase in employment, two and one-half times the prewar figure. In dollar terms, gross value of manufacturing has increased 650 p.c. since 1939. The consumption of 6,500,000,000 kwh. of electric power by manufacturers during 1956 marked a steady upward climb of 200 p.c. in the past decade.

British Columbia ranks second among the provinces in available water power resources and its hydraulic development, which at the end of 1956 totalled 2,566,460 h.p. out of a Canadian total of 18,403,048 h.p., was exceeded only by Quebec and Ontario.

The manufacturing industries of British Columbia expanded during 1954, at a time when the remainder of Canada experienced a minor recession, and continued to expand during 1956. In the latter year the number of employees was 15.7 p.c. higher than in 1953 and the value of factory shipments was 36.0 p.c. higher, compared with 1.9 p.c. and 21.7 p.c. respectively for Canada as a whole.

### 7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of British Columbia, 1956

Industry	Estab- lish- ments	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost at Plant of Materials Used	Value Added by Manufacture	Selling Value of Factory Shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills.....	1,746	30,295	102,513,109	213,771,245	178,630,187	397,934,856 <sup>1</sup>
2 Pulp and paper.....	12	7,386	35,248,286	79,557,505	97,235,818	184,526,395
3 Petroleum products.....	5	1,307	6,507,873	72,415,680	47,475,305	123,235,472 <sup>1</sup>
4 Veneer and plywood.....	17	6,050	22,301,157	45,810,977	42,792,191	87,532,258
5 Fish processing.....	55	3,334	10,171,347	46,879,193	42,912,348	81,979,253
6 Sash, door and planing mills.....	221	4,002	13,248,196	52,398,688	23,487,412	76,412,294
7 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	12	1,555	6,003,952	44,503,876	9,559,586	54,667,475
8 Miscellaneous food preparations.....	42	875	2,560,020	37,974,817	9,487,612	47,398,782
9 Shipbuilding.....	22	4,643	19,752,840	11,633,194	30,183,071	42,290,932 <sup>1</sup>
10 Fertilizers.....	5	1,179	5,217,234	12,917,576	18,822,008	34,596,322
11 Printing and publishing.....	88	3,197	12,779,420	7,438,267	23,523,901	31,174,985
12 Butter and cheese.....	27	1,934	6,713,947	19,317,242	29,997,664	29,997,664
13 Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	66	2,249	5,087,999	17,437,498	9,453,243	28,452,269
14 Bridge and structural steel.....	4	1,784	8,154,984	15,310,939	12,760,455	28,311,242 <sup>1</sup>
15 Bread and other bakery products.....	290	3,034	9,019,406	12,396,058	14,324,066	27,573,172
16 Machinery, industrial.....	41	2,190	8,380,127	9,007,605	17,333,371	25,735,329
17 Sheet metal products.....	33	1,033	4,210,885	13,283,771	8,260,913	21,525,324
18 Furniture.....	225	2,196	6,418,602	10,686,850	9,301,588	20,350,518
19 Boxes and bags, paper.....	17	1,056	3,531,168	12,238,854	6,439,427	18,829,597
20 Feeds, stock and poultry, prepared.....	40	697	2,271,713	14,576,674	3,950,157	18,769,820
21 Breweries.....	9	639	2,598,540	4,044,499	13,176,487	17,845,474
<b>Totals, Leading Industries<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>86,635</b>	<b>292,690,805</b>	<b>753,601,008</b>	<b>629,279,690</b>	<b>1,399,139,433</b>
<b>Totals, All Industries.....</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>108,595</b>	<b>393,869,388</b>	<b>1,007,882,346</b>	<b>824,249,273</b>	<b>1,859,368,466</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reported on a production basis.

<sup>2</sup> Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining is also a leading industry; statistics, however, are confidential since there are fewer than three firms reporting.