

Section 2.—Manufacturing Industries in Urban Centres

The prosperity of most of the cities and towns of Canada, especially in Eastern Canada, is intimately connected with their manufacturing industries, which provide employment for a large proportion of the labour forces.

Table 8 indicates the extent to which the manufacturing industries are concentrated in urban centres and shows, by province, the proportion of the selling value of factory shipments contributed by cities and towns having shipments of over \$1,000,000 each. In the more highly industrialized provinces of Ontario and Quebec such cities and towns accounted for 78 p.c. and 94 p.c., respectively, of the total manufactures of those provinces in 1956, while in the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia, where sawmilling, fish packing and dairying are leading industries, the proportions were 69 p.c. and 49 p.c., respectively. In the Prairie Provinces, manufacturing is confined largely to a few urban centres.

A noticeable trend towards the decentralization of industry is apparent in all provinces but the most striking change has been shown by Ontario where there has been a recent tendency to establish new industry in smaller urban centres and where many new one-industry areas have been opened up. For Canada as a whole the percentage of manufactures accounted for by urban centres having shipments of over \$1,000,000 was 85.8 in 1954 but dropped to 79.8 by 1956.

8.—Urban Centres, each with Selling Value of Factory Shipments of Over \$1,000,000, Number of Establishments and Total Shipments in these Centres as a Percentage of the Provincial Total, by Province, 1956, and Totals for Canada, 1954-56.

Note.—Statistics published in this table are sometimes higher than the figures published in Table 11, pp. 671-673, since the table below includes statistics of towns with fewer than three establishments and production of over \$1,000,000 each. It is not possible to publish this information in Table 11 without disclosing the operations of individual establishments.

Province or Territory	Urban Centres with Value of Factory Shipments of over \$1,000,000 each	Establishments Reporting in Urban Centres with Value of Factory Shipments of over \$1,000,000	Selling Value of Factory Shipments of Urban Centres having \$1,000,000 or over	Selling Value of Factory Shipments of each Province	Selling Value of Factory Shipments of Urban Centres as a Percentage of Shipments in each Province
	No.	No.	\$	\$	
Newfoundland.....	6	146	80,506,515	123,691,344	65.1
Prince Edward Island.....	3	63	17,209,481	24,497,245	70.3
Nova Scotia.....	26	507	247,045,562	384,398,103	64.3
New Brunswick.....	17	335	236,598,702	313,280,599	75.5
Quebec.....	187	8,197	6,238,944,938	6,622,502,699	94.2
Ontario.....	187	9,267	8,283,074,138	10,655,098,620	77.7
Manitoba.....	13	1,134	546,603,403	647,389,185	84.4
Saskatchewan.....	9	403	235,731,004	298,203,489	79.1
Alberta.....	16	936	471,661,108	703,188,739	67.1
British Columbia.....	34	2,301	904,675,269	1,859,368,466	48.7
Yukon and Northwest Territories..	—	—	—	5,130,497	—
Canada, 1956.....	498	23,289	17,262,050,120	21,636,748,986	79.8
1955.....	482	23,618	15,704,708,812	19,513,933,811	80.5
1954.....	472	23,869	15,045,342,071	17,554,527,504	85.8