

fisheries. British Columbia accounted for 43 p.c. of the total production of this industry in Canada. Other important industries are: shipbuilding, slaughtering and meat packing, fruit and vegetable preparations, fertilizers, butter and cheese, petroleum products, veneer and plywood, etc. The varied resources of the Pacific Coast have resulted in a wide diversification of its manufactures.

7.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Province of British Columbia, 1946

Industry	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Net Value of Products	Gross Value of Products
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Sawmills.....	858	18,600	32,109,406	64,956,039	64,385,778	130,433,625
2 Fish-curing and -packing.....	73	3,630	6,166,172	27,832,916	14,962,918	43,256,957
3 Pulp and paper.....	7	4,147	10,087,386	15,725,048	23,576,986	42,030,596
4 Shipbuilding.....	23	6,259	13,664,846	5,062,216	26,260,513	31,680,612
5 Slaughtering and meat packing...	10	1,263	2,404,417	23,708,635	4,178,823	28,087,775
6 Fruit and vegetable preparations.	73	2,246	2,912,936	14,774,100	6,255,984	21,269,911
7 Fertilizers.....	5	983	2,441,298	6,137,395	12,642,183	20,623,774
8 Butter and cheese.....	34	1,444	2,523,122	11,003,378	5,475,241	16,793,945
9 Petroleum products.....	5	446	985,391	11,182,019	3,420,619	15,206,344
10 Veneer and plywood.....	9	2,177	3,649,437	5,948,470	8,574,888	14,677,940
11 Bread and other bakery products	261	2,728	4,163,533	6,442,441	7,136,506	13,914,412
12 Foods, miscellaneous.....	35	604	775,336	10,996,273	1,990,310	13,036,653
13 Sheet metal products.....	22	899	1,690,518	7,026,790	4,018,399	11,136,133
14 Breweries.....	11	701	1,451,721	1,629,077	8,986,043	10,754,368
15 Machinery.....	33	2,050	4,205,852	3,180,641	6,444,700	9,758,602
16 All other leading industries ¹	3	4,065	8,811,862	46,077,394	22,276,191	71,542,002
Totals, Leading Industries.	1,462	52,242	98,043,233	261,682,832	220,586,082	494,203,649
Totals, All Industries.....	2,731	75,484	137,506,645	335,708,533	293,352,652	644,527,898

¹ Includes distilleries and non-ferrous metal smelting.

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 their gainfully occupied population. In the west the cities are more largely distributing centres, though manufactures are rapidly increasing.

Table 8 indicates the extent to which the manufacturing industries of Canada are concentrated in urban centres. It shows by provinces the proportion of the gross manufacturing production contributed by urban centres 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 1946 accounted for 94 p.c. and 92 p.c., respectively, of the totals for those provinces, while in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, where sawmilling, fish-packing, and dairying are leading industries, the proportions fell to 67 p.c. and 66 p.c. respectively. In the Prairie Provinces manufacturing is confined largely to a few urban centres.