

CHAPTER XVI.—MANUFACTURES

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This Chapter deals with manufacturing industries in Canada in three Parts. Part I is a textual review of manufacturing in 1951 compared with the previous year. Part II gives general analyses including: the historical development of manufacturing; detailed treatment of current production under various groupings and individual industries; and principal factors in manufacturing production such as capital, employment, salaries and wages and size of establishment. Part III deals with the provincial and local distribution of manufacturing production.

PART I.—REVIEW OF CANADIAN MANUFACTURING

Canada is no longer on the fringes of industrialization but ranks among the world's most important manufacturing countries. Basic historical developments, such as the opening of the West and the magnitude of requirements of all kinds for World Wars I and II, have been followed by recent discoveries of far-reaching significance. Such events as the discovery of a major oil pool on the prairies in 1947, the discovery of large-scale deposits of iron ore and the successful search for uranium have given new dimensions to Canadian thinking and business planning. These are the factors that explain the records of capital expenditures year by year since the end of the War. Yet it is not the mere rate of expansion that is significant. There have been other periods when Canada's population has grown more rapidly and in many respects the rate of industrial expansion in the late 1920's was relatively as great as in the post-war years. The real significance of the latter period is that never before has there been an advance on such a broad industrial front.