

The nature of developments vary from one province to another. Alberta has moved to the forefront, especially since 1950. There the emphasis has been more on the manufacture of machinery and equipment, including such products as drill bits and tanks, heat exchangers and other bulky equipment for the burgeoning oil and gas industries. Chemicals, especially petrochemicals, have made striking gains; second in terms of new growth, they now embrace various rayon intermediates and polythene plastics as well as fertilizers and the manufacture of other new inorganic products such as caustic soda and chlorine. Sizable gains have been made by the food processing and building materials industries.

Developments in Saskatchewan have continued along more or less traditional lines, the largest gains having been recorded in food processing. The manufacture of building materials, including non-metallic mineral products and lumber, has also increased. The largest gain in employment was recorded by the oil-refining industry.

In Manitoba a surprisingly large number of small and medium-sized firms have located in the Winnipeg area since 1945. The clothing industry has outstripped electrical apparatus in employment gains; food processing, building materials and machinery manufacture following in that order. In plant development, the largest single increase has been in the meat-packing industry, although three large electrical apparatus plants and a sizable new oil refinery have also been established.

6.—Statistics of the Leading Industries of the Prairie Provinces, 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.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manitoba						
1 Slaughtering and meat packing...	14	2,758	8,488,894	100,744,384	17,304,984	118,518,654
2 Railway rolling-stock.....	4	6,065	16,696,467	18,188,726	17,187,504	35,949,321
3 Flour mills.....	9	523	1,161,150	24,354,337	3,192,480	27,702,651
4 Butter and cheese.....	74	1,535	3,578,273	19,688,664	7,033,429	27,106,232
5 Petroleum products.....	4	358	1,113,217	17,192,300	3,088,003	21,061,570
6 Miscellaneous food preparations...	24	633	1,584,153	16,078,473	4,559,134	21,000,336
7 Clothing, men's factory.....	39	2,438	4,361,183	10,205,831	7,808,886	18,077,230
8 Bread and other bakery products.	122	1,530	3,481,894	6,456,125	6,131,562	12,999,173
9 Pulp and paper ²	2	487	1,754,303	3,522,079	8,137,890	12,589,185
10 Clothing, women's factory.....	32	1,764	3,359,108	6,444,104	4,931,332	11,414,005
11 Furniture.....	95	1,383	3,180,840	6,299,701	4,990,036	11,394,575
12 Printing and publishing.....	78	1,626	3,923,332	3,308,422	7,662,738	11,091,840
13 Breweries.....	6	566	1,778,879	1,996,514	7,092,776	9,243,149
14 Printing and bookbinding.....	76	1,478	3,466,793	2,969,974	5,911,841	8,955,065
15 Primary iron and steel.....	4	1,000	2,792,450	2,672,887	5,563,398	8,732,057
16 Boxes and bags, paper.....	8	579	1,522,357	5,096,229	3,475,734	8,618,299
17 Bags, cotton and jute.....	4	206	444,065	7,467,042	694,305	8,180,784
18 Sheet metal products.....	18	875	2,151,161	3,722,243	3,984,656	7,786,847
19 Feeds, stock and poultry, prepared	37	251	533,108	5,820,961	1,207,545	7,107,015
20 Fur goods.....	60	727	1,650,117	3,955,205	2,255,280	6,258,843
21 Carbonated beverages.....	21	382	827,273	2,015,492	3,389,817	5,532,415
22 All other leading industries ³	6	1,119	3,392,036	24,898,981	9,180,837	34,843,284
Totals, Leading Industries...	737	28,283	71,241,053	293,098,674	134,783,862	434,139,530
Totals, All Industries.....	1,512	41,459	100,170,966	349,203,612	192,848,667	551,346,046

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