

---

1930-1931

32 cm. of textual records

---

The National Development Bureau, Department of the Interior, Ottawa in 1931 produced the Port Arthur Industrial Survey Report. The information was collected by the Industrial Committee of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, through its survey of Port Arthur civic and business officials in 1930 and 1931, and also contains information obtained from Provincial and Federal publications, the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. One of the objectives of the survey was to assist in finding ways and means of stimulating the industrial growth of the City. The Report consists of eight volumes.

The first volume, Part One – Survey of General Conditions, correlates and consolidates data relative to power, transportation, labour, cost of living, housing, education, water supply, gas supply and various other factors which affected the community's progress and interest to prospective manufacturers or other commercial organizations.

The second volume, Part Two – Survey of Port Arthur Business Interests consists of information collected by the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce through its field survey of Port Arthur business interests, by questionnaires. It contains the opinions of the individuals who co-operated with the Industrial Committee of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, with respect to the general advantages of Port Arthur for industrial development and opportunities. It also summarizes, by classes, the variety of suggestions submitted by the business organizations in regard to industrial opportunities, and contains data relating to the businesses carried on by the participants at the time the survey was undertaken. It is interesting to note that 527 survey questionnaires were distributed but only 97 individuals returned completed surveys.

The third volume, Part Two – Survey of Port Arthur Business Interests Appendices Nos. 1, 2 & 4 includes an alphabetical list of the citizens who were approached, sample questionnaire forms and opinions and suggestions of representative citizens who were approached, regarding local industrial expansion.

The fourth volume, Part 2 – Survey of Port Arthur Business Interests Appendix No. 3 contains an index of the various individuals who returned questionnaires, and includes the returned questionnaires.

The fifth volume, Part 2 – Survey of Port Arthur Business Interests Appendix No. 5 contains classified opinions and suggestions in regard to industrial expansion in Port Arthur.

The sixth volume, Part 2 – Survey of Port Arthur Business Organizations Appendices Nos. 6 and 7 contains detailed information supplied by the various individuals surveyed, concerning

their businesses.

The seventh and eighth volumes, Part 3 – Analyses of Industrial Suggestions Volumes I and II contain analyses of industries suggested through the survey, as having possibilities for local expansion or development. Some of the industries included in these two volumes are milk products, livestock, slaughtering and meatpacking, the leather industry, fur industry, flour milling, furniture, paint and the manufacture of glass.

A

Further accruals are not anticipated.