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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOOT AND SHOE PRODUCTION OF CANADA, DECEMBER, 1926.

Statistics of the production of boot and shoe factories for the month of December, 1926, are based on the returns of 167 plants out of a total of 169 plants in operation during the month. Two factories in Quebec failed to make return. The output of leather footwear in December shows a slight decrease compared with the preceding month, the production totalling 1,474,439 pairs compared with 1,525,739 pairs in November. The total quantity of felt footwear made was 136,750 pairs, an increase over the preceding month of 1,473 pairs. The returns show increases in the output of leather footwear for men, boys and youths, and babies and infants, and decreases in production of footwear for women and misses and children. The numbers of pairs under each of these classifications, in comparison with the figures for the preceding month are as follows, the statistics for November being within brackets: men's 478,213 (443,248); boys' and youths', 171,607 (149,556); women's, 544,548 (630,309); misses' and children's, 173,899 (200,681); and babies' and infants', 106,172 (101,945). the classification according to process of manufacture shows increased production for welts and stitchdowns and decreased production for the other items.

The cumulative production of leather and felt footwear (exclusive of larrigans and shoepacks, and Indian slippers and moccasins) for the 12 months ending December 31, 1926, was 18,693,189 pairs, an increase over the output for 1925 of 2,141,390 pairs, or 13 p.c. The following table gives the total production of footwear in 1926, by months.

<u>No. of Pair</u>		<u>No. of Pair</u>		<u>No. of Pair</u>	
January	1,198,661	May	1,455,307	September	1,644,674
February	1,434,503	June	1,550,274	October	1,744,768
March	1,762,446	July	1,571,101	November	1,661,016
April	1,527,533	August	1,531,217	December	1,611,189

Statistics of production for the month of December and cumulative production for the 12 months ending December 31, 1926, are given in the following tables.

1. PRODUCTION OF BOOT AND SHOES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1926. "

A. Boots and Shoes with Leather or Fabric Uppers.								
Men's Boys' and youths' Women's Misses' and children's Babies' and infants (0 to 7½)	Velts and all imitation Velts	Turns	Pegged, Screw or Wire Fastened	Stitchdowns	All Other	Total	B. Belt Footwear of all kinds and Cloth Slip- pers for House wear	Pair
265,900	66,790	7,947	105,936	27,993	3,551	470,213	55,725	Pair
16,953	59,208	116	69,163	25,030	329	171,607	4,139	Pair
71,762	377,295	51,436	10,112	28,004	5,059	544,540	55,716	Pair
15,652	78,600	4,013	13,092	61,126	616	173,099	15,067	Pair
16,370	13,945	11,739	397	56,396	7,317	106,172	5,303	Pair
306,733	595,646	76,051	198,700	200,237	16,072	1,474,439	136,750	Pair
Total								

2. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF BOOTS AND SHOES FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1926. "

A. Boots and Shoes with Leather or Fabric Uppers.								
Men's Boys' and youths' Women's Misses' and children's Babies' and infants (0 to 7½)	Velts and all imitation Velts	Turns	Pegged, Screw or Wire Fastened	Stitchdowns	All Other	Total	B. Belt Footwear of all kinds and Cloth Slip- pers for House wear	Pair
2,075,309	663,564	69,792	1,294,613	231,853	40,307	5,175,518	413,212	Pair
119,667	516,554	9,279	671,385	306,029	16,092	1,639,006	64,170	Pair
759,106	5,015,590	016,123	90,670	340,315	46,600	7,004,420	502,259	Pair
166,444	879,524	62,641	120,233	1,030,741	44,100	2,319,771	176,471	Pair
190,507	109,979	131,134	5,750	614,470	122,252	1,254,100	63,374	Pair
4,111,193	7,265,211	1,000,969	2,190,667	2,540,200	269,447	17,473,695	1,219,494	Pair
Total								

Exclusive of harrigans and shoebacks and Indian slippers and moccasins.

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