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REPORT ON THE PRODUCTION OF LEATHER FOOTWEAR IN CANADA,
FEBRUARY, 1931.

Number of Factories.- Statistics of the production of leather footwear in Canada in February, 1931, are based on the returns of 166 factories out of a total of 171 factories in operation during the month. The operating factories were located by provinces as follows: Nova Scotia, 2; New Brunswick, 4; Quebec, 102; Ontario, 56; Manitoba, 1; and British Columbia, 6. Four factories in Quebec and one factory in Ontario neglected to furnish return. There were also 3 factories (1 each in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba) which reported the temporary closing of plant during the month.

Production.- A large increase over the preceding month is shown in the February output of this industry, the total quantity of leather footwear manufactured during the month amounting to 1,276,965 pairs, compared with 984,924 pairs in January. The increase is particularly noticeable in the case of footwear for women, the production of which rose from 386,168 pairs in January to 554,616 pairs in February. To the total output of leather footwear in February, the quantity made in sizes for women contributed 43 per cent. Although the output of the factories in February records an increase over the month of January, it falls short of the production for February, 1930, by 169,645 pairs.

Cumulative Production.- The total production of the factories for the two months ended February 28, 1931, was 2,261,889 pairs, compared with a total of 2,679,931 pairs in the corresponding period of 1930.

Imports and Exports.- The imports into Canada of all footwear (except rubber) in February, 1931, amounted to 46,565 pairs, compared with 28,849 pairs in January and 74,401 pairs in February, 1930. Of the total quantity imported in February, 1931, the imports from the United States amounted for 29,609 pairs, or 64 per cent, and from the United Kingdom, 11,216 pairs, or 24 per cent. The quantity of Canadian made leather footwear exported in February, 1931, was 1,053 pairs, compared with 670 pairs in January and 13,777 pairs in February, 1930. The largest shipments in February, 1931, went to the United Kingdom, the United States and New Zealand.

Statistics of the production of leather footwear in Canada are given according to classifications of size and of process in the following tables.



1. Production of Boots and Shoes in Canada, February, 1931.

Process	Men's	Boys' and Youths'	Women's	Misses and Children's	Babies' and Infants'	Total
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
(a) Boots and shoes with leather or fabric uppers:-						
Welts	195,029	6,837	41,933	17,453	16,395	276,200
McKays, and all imitation welts	45,515	24,926	403,486	93,615	28,152	600,694
Turns	614	-	22,733	30	5,428	28,805
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	89,098	30,146	2,287	2,270	8	123,809
Stitchdowns	13,095	4,340	15,191	68,409	32,086	133,121
All other	363	-	3,099	-	11,225	14,687
TOTAL	348,714	66,249	493,779	181,777	93,797	1,184,316
(b) Sneepacks, harrigans and moccasins, (oil tan)	665	223	-	72	6	966
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	3,493	2	1,009	600	1,428	6,592
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	11,794	1,289	4,204	2,409	515	20,211
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	3,436	600	55,624	3,918	1,302	64,880
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	368,102	68,363	554,616	188,776	97,103	1,276,965

2. Comparative Statistics of the Production of Boots and Shoes in Canada, for the month of February, 1930.

Process	Men's	Boys' and Youths'	Women's	Misses and Children's	Babies' and Infants'	Total
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
(a) Boots and shoes with leather or fabric uppers:-						
Welts	225,699	12,711	36,189	25,463	17,765	317,827
McKays, and all imitation welts	55,298	35,754	456,915	96,172	15,303	659,442
Turns	1,574	-	37,491	63	3,333	42,261
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	97,583	28,376	2,734	4,408	2,810	135,911
Stitchdowns	25,606	6,478	23,301	73,224	47,038	175,647
All other	941	-	-	5,975	6,454	15,371
TOTAL	406,501	83,319	556,630	205,306	92,703	1,344,459
(b) Shoepacks, harrigans and moccasins, (oil tan)	1,009	138	5	361	23	1,536
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	1,780	638	906	471	120	3,915
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	22,286	2,849	14,081	4,893	690	44,799
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	3,290	320	40,293	2,741	5,257	51,901
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	434,866	87,264	611,915	213,772	98,793	1,446,610



3.-Cumulative Production of Boots and Shoes for the two months ended February 28, 1931.

	Men's	Boys' and Youths'	Women's	Misses and Children's	Babies' and Infants'	Total
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
(a) Boots and shoes with leather or fabric uppers						
Welts	352,011	12,699	80,697	33,476	30,855	509,698
McKays, and all imitation welts	83,702	48,249	681,533	164,829	48,493	1,026,806
Turns	1,790	52	38,150	90	7,156	47,238
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	157,553	66,571	5,292	5,491	8	234,915
Stitchdowns	35,889	9,416	29,908	118,963	70,255	264,431
All other	643	-	3,099	-	19,364	23,106
TOTALS	631,588	136,987	838,679	322,809	176,131	2,106,194
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins (oil tan)	4,548	1,870	1	283	18	6,720
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	4,471	12	2,384	1,130	2,870	10,867
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	18,573	1,711	8,438	2,610	592	31,924
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	5,223	742	91,232	6,737	2,200	106,184
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	664,403	141,322	940,734	333,569	181,811	2,261,839

4.- Cumulative Production of Boots and Shoes for the two months ended February 28, 1930.

	Men's	Boys' and Youths'	Women's	Misses and Children's	Babies' and Infants'	Total
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
(a) Boots and Shoes with leather or fabric uppers-						
Welts	437,767	16,146	69,178	47,560	35,983	606,634
McKays, and all imitation welts	102,606	66,507	795,484	166,965	27,604	1,159,166
Turns	2,387	-	65,230	129	6,055	73,801
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	201,762	62,452	9,675	7,501	2,975	284,365
Stitchdowns	51,663	15,083	46,820	155,633	93,058	362,257
All Other	2,129	-	1,000	5,976	17,143	26,248
TOTALS	798,314	160,188	987,387	383,764	182,818	2,512,471
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins (oil tan)	4,681	2,173	54	853	23	7,784
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	3,376	1,089	1,696	522	144	6,887
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	34,098	4,969	24,965	6,090	870	70,992
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	6,206	803	61,272	4,132	9,384	81,797
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	846,675	169,222	1,075,374	395,421	193,239	2,679,931



5. Total Production of Boots and Shoes in Canada, by Months, 1927 to 1931.

Month	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
January	1,407,163	1,482,914	1,378,219	1,233,321	984,924
February	1,510,942	1,665,304	1,585,378	1,446,610	1,276,965
March	1,787,581	1,947,380	1,712,852	1,594,865	
April	1,566,750	1,711,543	1,492,526	1,574,405	
May	1,603,886	1,697,259	1,688,350	1,524,938	
June	1,612,791	1,739,697	1,569,576	1,398,444	
July	1,503,578	1,632,876	1,688,035	1,414,872	
August	1,855,391	1,829,964	1,854,773	1,542,686	
September	1,719,693	1,643,759	1,737,939	1,615,859	
October	1,711,244	1,838,624	1,936,372	1,552,392	
November	1,615,667	1,555,467	1,473,741	1,124,798	
December	1,622,532	1,260,576	1,317,756	1,064,192	



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