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

Number of Factories.— Statistics of the production of leather footwear in Canada in April, 1931, have been prepared from the returns of 164 factories out of a total of 170 factories in operation during the month. The operating factories were located by provinces as follows: Nova Scotia, 2; New Brunswick, 4; Quebec, 100; Ontario, 57; Manitoba, 1; and British Columbia, 6. Five factories in Quebec and one factory in Ontario failed to reply to the Bureau's questionnaire.

Production.— The April, 1931, output was slightly under that of the preceding month, but was greater than that of April, 1930. The production of all classes of leather footwear in April, 1931, amounted to 1,669,917 pairs, compared with 1,729,930 pairs in March, and 1,574,405 pairs in April, 1930. Footwear for women in April, 1931, represented 45 per cent of the total output for the month; footwear for men, 26 per cent; for misses and children, 15 per cent; for babies and infants, 8 per cent; and for boys and youths, 6 per cent.

Cumulative Production.— The total production of footwear for the four months ended April 30, 1931, amounted to 5,661,736 pairs, or an average per month of 1,415,434 pairs, compared with a total of 5,849,201 pairs and an average per month of 1,462,300 pairs in the corresponding period of 1930.

Imports and Exports.— The imports into Canada of footwear (except rubber) in April, 1931, amounted to 81,208 pairs, a decrease from the preceding month of 5,116 pairs and a decrease from the month of April, 1930, of 13,562 pairs. Shown in dollars, the total imports in April, 1931, had a value of \$179,899, compared with \$235,162 in March and \$281,271 in April, 1930. The imports from the United States in April, 1931, were valued at \$114,505, from the United Kingdom at \$38,309, and from other countries at \$27,085. The quantity of Canadian made leather footwear exported from Canada in April, 1931, amounted to 1,593 pairs, compared with 2,006 pairs in March and 9,968 pairs in April, 1930. The United States in April, 1931, took 508 pairs; Trinidad and Tobago, 465 pairs; St. Pierre and Miquelon, 249 pairs; the United Kingdom, 193 pairs; and other countries, 178 pairs.

General Tables.— The following tables give statistics of production according to classifications of size and of process.

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1. Production of Boots and Shoes in Canada, April, 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	229,669	12,629	52,926	15,795	21,287	332,306
McKays, and all imitation welts	59,855	45,071	548,671	122,745	34,311	810,653
Turns	679	-	40,784	1,235	6,578	49,276
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	103,215	25,165	3,638	1,980	27	134,025
Stitchdowns	28,097	6,636	27,041	102,032	43,487	207,393
All Other	323	-	45	-	12,140	12,508
TOTAL	421,838	89,501	673,105	243,837	117,830	1,546,111
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins, (oil tan)	2,161	202	17	65	-	2,445
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	2,970	1,246	943	617	505	6,281
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	11,787	958	7,649	1,888	598	22,880
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	5,041	922	75,267	6,224	4,742	92,200
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	443,797	92,829	756,981	252,635	123,675	1,669,917

2. Comparative Statistics of the Production of Boots and Shoes in Canada, for the Month of April, 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	197,980	12,004	44,490	26,528	27,156	308,158
McKays, and all imitation welts	65,625	39,813	497,899	109,502	18,257	731,106
Turns	2,664	-	37,760	307	3,390	44,121
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	89,250	23,557	2,325	2,039	42	117,263
Stitchdowns	30,098	6,825	22,065	85,034	75,914	219,996
All Other	1,054	-	151	-	10,462	11,667
TOTAL	386,671	82,259	604,690	219,550	135,221	1,428,391
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins, (oil tan)	1,078	416	4	72	5	1,575
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	3,583	324	1,674	236	194	6,011
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	23,872	2,595	29,725	5,827	885	62,904
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	6,660	758	52,776	7,887	7,373	75,464
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	421,864	86,362	688,869	233,632	143,678	1,574,405

3. Cumulative Production of Boots and Shoes for/ four months ended April 30, 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	825,626	36,354	171,828	64,601	69,707	1,168,116
MacKays, and all imitation welts	213,946	135,062	1,834,146	417,634	117,522	2,718,310
Turns	3,814	102	111,984	1,385	20,265	137,550
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	372,173	125,930	12,373	10,727	65	521,268
Stitchdowns	84,312	22,694	81,641	306,558	153,711	648,916
All Other	1,312	-	3,264	-	49,978	54,554
TOTALS	1,501,183	320,142	2,215,236	800,905	411,248	5,248,714
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins (oil tan)	9,914	2,652	177	446	25	13,214
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	7,465	1,967	4,097	2,416	3,672	19,617
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	46,313	4,238	25,808	7,716	2,691	86,766
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	15,994	2,667	243,296	18,841	12,627	293,425
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	1,580,869	331,666	2,488,614	830,324	430,263	5,661,736

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4. Cumulative Production of Boots and Shoes for/ four months ended April 30, 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	869,591	39,147	158,538	102,276	90,778	1,260,330
MacKays, and all imitation welts	230,653	142,521	1,832,125	366,628	58,427	2,630,354
Turns	6,082	15	139,446	499	12,556	158,598
Nailed, pegged, screw or wire fastened	394,236	113,007	13,799	14,067	5,862	540,971
Stitchdowns	110,123	29,445	90,961	319,693	222,359	772,581
All Other	3,792	-	1,268	5,976	42,485	53,521
TOTALS	1,614,477	324,135	2,236,137	809,139	432,467	5,416,355
(b) Shoepacks, larrigans and moccasins (oil tan)	6,573	3,193	60	1,246	40	11,112
(bb) Moccasins for outdoor wear (other than oil tan)	9,221	2,231	4,800	1,154	338	17,744
(c) Footwear of all kinds with felt uppers	83,979	10,441	67,452	16,898	2,660	181,430
(d) Cloth, carpet, boudoir and Indian slippers	15,826	5,028	161,004	18,255	22,447	222,560
TOTAL FOOTWEAR	1,730,076	345,028	2,469,453	846,692	457,952	5,849,201

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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	1,729,930
April	1,566,750	1,711,543	1,492,526	1,574,405	1,669,917
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	

