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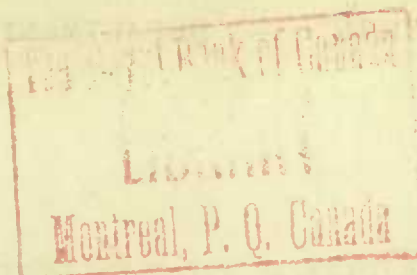
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- A General Review
- B The Leather Footwear and Leather Boot and Shoe Findings Industries (French and English)
- C The Leather Glove and Mitten Industry
- D The Leather Tanning Industry
- E The Miscellaneous Leather Products and Leather Belting Industries

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Taken as a whole, the leather products group of industries, which includes the industries shown in the table below, registered an increase of 3.5 p.c. in the value of gross output in 1949 as compared with 1948. The cost of materials rose by 2.7 p.c., salaries and wages by 8.3 p.c. and the volume of employment by 1.8 p.c.

The group falls naturally into two sections, leather tanning and the industries producing consumer goods from tanned leather. In the tables below, these latter industries are grouped in a sub-total as "secondary" industries.

Considering tanning as a "primary" manufacturing industry, the data for 1949 show a trend opposed to that of the leather products group, taken as a whole. All the principal statistics show a decline as compared with 1948, the value of production being lower by 9.4 p.c., that of materials used by 5.8 p.c., the salaries and wages paid by 2.0 p.c. and the volume of employment afforded by 5.7 p.c.

The second sub-group, the "secondary" manufactures, registered increases in all the principal statistics, the value of production being greater than that of 1948 by 8.8 p.c., the cost of materials by 7.1 p.c., the salary and wage payments by 10.7 p.c. and the volume of employment by 3.0 p.c.

The leather footwear industry and the miscellaneous leather products industry were the only two to record increases in the year but as they constituted 91.1 p.c. of the "secondary" sub-group and 67.6 p.c. of the total group, they naturally exercised a predominant influence on the totals.

While the value of output of these two industries increased by 10.6 p.c. and 13.5 p.c., respectively, the three other "secondary" industries showed declines in value of output as follows: leather belting, 20.6 p.c.; leather gloves and mittens, 7.9 p.c. and leather boot and shoe findings, 10.5 p.c. The decrease in this latter industry is aggravated by the reclassification of certain firms, engaged in the manufacture of paper board, to the pulp and paper industry.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1948 and 1949

Industry	Establish- ments	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
<b>1948</b>					
<i>Primary:</i>					
Leather tanning .....	73	4,848	10,502,690	39,716,815	59,982,121
<i>Secondary:</i>					
Leather belting .....	14	214	422,050	1,224,561	2,093,240
Leather boot and shoe findings .....	24	613	1,090,024	1,565,777	3,286,062
Leather footwear .....	292	21,265	32,513,272	56,073,584	105,339,643
Leather gloves and mittens .....	81	2,415	2,991,458	5,308,902	10,189,418
Miscellaneous leather products .....	273	4,936	7,603,369	10,929,594	22,868,017
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries.....</i>	<i>684</i>	<i>29,443</i>	<i>44,620,173</i>	<i>75,102,418</i>	<i>143,776,380</i>
<b>Totals, All Leather Products .....</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>34,291</b>	<b>55,122,863</b>	<b>114,819,233</b>	<b>203,758,501</b>
<b>1949</b>					
<i>Primary:</i>					
Leather Tanning .....	70	4,573	10,295,023	37,409,211	54,348,438
<i>Secondary:</i>					
Leather belting .....	16	208	388,127	1,049,869	1,661,882
Leather boot and shoe findings .....	26	417	785,288	1,638,472	2,940,713
Leather footwear .....	284	22,290	36,733,243	61,023,445	116,514,520
Leather gloves and mittens .....	79	2,051	2,766,459	4,840,484	9,383,529
Miscellaneous leather products .....	272	5,361	8,731,746	11,907,981	25,955,092
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries .....</i>	<i>677</i>	<i>30,327</i>	<i>49,404,863</i>	<i>80,460,251</i>	<i>156,455,736</i>
<b>Totals, All Leather Products .....</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>59,699,886</b>	<b>117,869,462</b>	<b>210,804,174</b>

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