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- A—General Review, 25¢.
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- C—The Leather Glove and Mitten Industry, 25¢.
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- E—The Miscellaneous Leather Products and Leather Belting Industries, 25¢.

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Taken as a whole, the leather products group of industries, which includes the industries shown in Table 1, registered an increase of 5.4 p.c. in the value of gross output in 1951 as compared with 1950. The cost of materials rose by 11.5 p.c. and salaries and wages increased by 3.2 p.c. but the volume of employment decreased by 4.3 p.c. The cost of materials accounted for 60.9 p.c. of the gross value of production in 1951 as against 57.6 p.c. in 1950 and 55.9 p.c. in 1949 but the proportion of salaries and wages to gross value of output fell from 28.3 p.c. in 1949 and 27.5 p.c. in 1950 to 26.9 p.c. in 1951.

The group falls naturally into two sections, a "primary" one consisting of the tanning of leather and a "secondary" one, comprising those industries that produce consumer goods from tanned leather. This section includes the leather belting, leather boot and shoe findings, leather footwear, leather gloves and mittens and miscellaneous leather products industries.

The tanning industry recorded a decrease of 2.0 p.c. in gross value of production but an increase of 8.5 p.c. in cost of materials. There was a decrease of 7.7 p.c. in employment and one of 0.3 p.c. in salary and wage payments. The volume of business

was lower than in the preceding year, the number of hides and skins tanned having fallen by 21.6 p.c.

In the "secondary" section, the total gross value of production rose by 8.3 p.c., all the component industries having recorded increases except in the case of the miscellaneous leather products industry where the decline was 6.5 p.c. The leather footwear industry accounted for 73.1 p.c. of the total value of the section as compared with 73.2 p.c. in 1950 and 74.5 p.c. in 1949. Total employment in the section was 3.7 p.c. below that in 1950 while salaries and wages were 4.0 p.c. higher. The cost of materials increased by 13.0 p.c. over the previous year.

The volume of production in the "secondary" section was, in general, lower, footwear production being down by 2.3 p.c., that of gloves by 1.4 p.c. and that of belting leather by 17.0 p.c. The production of leather straps, however, more than doubled. In the miscellaneous leather products industry, where the variety of products makes comparison of the volume of production difficult, trunks, hand luggage and hand bags were in lower production but this was offset to some extent by a greater production of some types of harness and saddlery, brief cases and fabric hand bags.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1950 and 1951

Industry	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Gross value of production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1950					
<i>Primary:</i>					
Leather Tanning	68	4,399	10,345,085	40,923,465	59,093,493
<i>Secondary:</i>					
Leather belting	16	179	384,775	1,159,278	1,894,298
Leather boot and shoe findings	25	408	792,938	1,782,762	3,082,922
Leather footwear	292	20,785	34,710,042	59,684,259	110,968,680
Leather gloves and mittens	76	2,075	2,792,326	5,381,660	9,421,662
Miscellaneous leather products	266	5,144	8,784,511	12,285,771	26,101,958
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	675	28,591	47,464,592	80,293,730	151,469,520
Totals, All Leather Products	743	32,990	57,809,677	121,217,195	210,563,013
1951					
<i>Primary:</i>					
Leather Tanning	67	4,061	10,318,606	44,385,680	57,879,980
<i>Secondary:</i>					
Leather belting	15	182	439,741	1,418,185	2,219,069
Leather boot and shoe findings	25	513	1,220,668	2,909,390	4,639,269
Leather footwear	290	19,999	35,847,436	67,338,736	119,905,782
Leather gloves and mittens	75	2,303	3,496,470	7,285,990	12,843,522
Miscellaneous leather products	239	4,526	8,345,843	11,776,129	24,395,172
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	644	27,523	49,350,158	90,728,430	164,002,814
Totals, All Leather Products	711	31,584	59,668,764	135,114,110	221,882,794

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