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The present report belongs in Part VI, Leather Products. It is punched to permit of filing in a ring binder along with others of the group. The reports in this group are:

- A—General Review, 25¢
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The leather products group, which includes the industries shown in Table 1, recorded factory shipments valued at \$219,201,000 in 1952. In order to facilitate comparison with the statistics of former years, which represent the gross value of production, account has been taken of the changes in inventory between the beginning and end of 1952 and the estimated value of production is \$214,933,000, a decrease of 3 p.c. from 1951. The cost of materials decreased by 14 p.c. but salaries and wages increased by 11 p.c., employment being afforded to 2 p.c. more persons than in the previous year. The cost of materials accounted for 54 p.c. of the gross value of production in 1952 as against 61 p.c. in 1951 but the proportion of salaries and wages to gross value of production rose to 31 p.c. in 1952 as against 27 p.c. in the earlier year.

The group falls naturally into two sections, a "primary" one consisting of the tanning of leather and a "secondary" one, combining 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 25 p.c. in gross value of production and one of 37 p.c. in cost of materials. Employment decreased by 3 p.c. but salaries and wages increased by nearly 5 p.c. The volume of business was slightly lower than in 1951, some 15,000 fewer skins having been tanned.

In the "secondary" section the total gross value of production was estimated at \$171,599,000, an increase of nearly 5 p.c. over the 1951 figure. Shoe findings, footwear and miscellaneous leather goods registered increases in the value of production but decreases were shown for leather belting and gloves. The leather footwear industry accounted for 74 p.c. of the total value of production in 1952 as against 73 p.c. in 1951. Total employment in the section was 2 p.c. above that in 1951 but salaries and wages were higher by 12 p.c. The cost of materials was lower by 3 p.c.

There was an increase of 14 p.c. in the volume of leather footwear production. In the other industries the change from a 'production' to a 'shipment' base has made it difficult to compare the figures for 1952 with those of 1951 but the data on employment would indicate that there was no great change in volume of production.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1951 and 1952

Industry	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Gross value of production ¹
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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>	<i>644</i>	<i>27,523</i>	<i>49,350,158</i>	<i>90,728,430</i>	<i>164,002,814</i>
Totals, All Leather Products	711	31,584	59,668,764	135,114,110	221,882,794
1952					
<i>Primary:</i>					
Leather Tanning	67	3,923	10,790,441	27,973,421	46,601,610
<i>Secondary:</i>					
Leather belting	16	167	430,415	1,020,671	1,805,821
Leather boot and shoe findings.....	27	593	1,424,030	2,975,447	5,079,631
Leather footwear	282	20,697	41,092,001	65,391,217	128,265,771
Leather gloves and mittens	77	2,194	3,447,086	6,252,555	11,756,460
Miscellaneous leather products.....	232	4,535	8,969,517	12,101,194	25,691,636
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries.....</i>	<i>634</i>	<i>28,186</i>	<i>55,363,049</i>	<i>87,741,084</i>	<i>172,599,319</i>
Totals, All Leather Products	701	32,109	66,153,490	115,714,505	219,200,929

1. Figures for 1952 represent value of factory shipments.

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