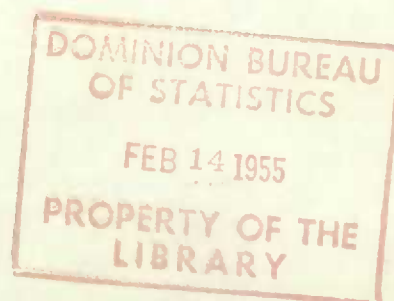


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Taken as a whole, the leather products group of industries, which includes those shown in Table 1, registered an increase of 1.4 p.c. in the gross value of shipments in 1953 as compared with 1952. The net value of shipments, or value added by manufacture, however, rose by 2.4 p.c., as the cost of materials rose by only 0.6 p.c. The volume of employment increased by 3.1 p.c. but salaries and wages were higher by 7.3 p.c. The cost of materials accounted for 50 p.c. of the gross value of shipments as against 54 p.c. in 1952 and salaries and wages accounted for 32 p.c. of the gross value in both years.

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 miscellaneous leather products industries.

The tanning industry recorded an increase of 2.9 p.c. in the gross value of shipments but increases of 8.5 p.c. in the cost of materials and

of 3.7 p.c. in those of fuel and electricity resulted in a decrease in the net value of shipments amounting to 5.8 p.c. The volume of hides processed, however, increased by about 9 p.c.

In the "secondary" section, the gross value of shipments was 1.1 p.c. above that in 1952, but decreases of 1.9 p.c. in the cost of materials and of 3.7 p.c. in those of fuel and electricity, together with higher prices for finished products, resulted in an increase of 4.1 p.c. in the net value of shipments. Employment increased by 3.0 p.c. and salaries and wages by 6.9 p.c.

The volume of production in the footwear industry was higher by 4 p.c. but lower by 14 p.c. and 12 p.c. in the leather belting and leather glove industries. In the miscellaneous leather products industry, where the variety of products makes comparison of the volume of production difficult, there were increases in shipments of hand luggage, hand bags of materials other than leather and of leather body belts. There were decreases in shipments of shopping bags, leather hand bags and leather washers and gaskets.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1952 and 1953

Industry	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of fuel and electricity	Cost of materials used	Gross value of shipments	Net value of shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1952							
<i>Primary:</i>							
Leather tanning.....	67	3,923	10,790,441	1,071,424	27,973,421	46,601,610	17,556,765
<i>Secondary:</i>							
Leather belting.....	16	167	430,415	23,229	1,020,671	1,805,821	761,921
Leather boot and shoe findings	27	587	1,424,030	68,886	2,975,447	5,079,631	2,035,298
Leather footwear.....	282	20,697	41,092,001	593,940	65,391,217	128,265,771	62,280,614
Leather gloves and mittens.....	77	2,194	3,447,086	59,100	6,252,555	11,756,460	5,444,805
Miscellaneous leather products	232	4,535	8,969,517	158,696	12,101,194	25,691,636	13,431,746
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	<i>634</i>	<i>28,180</i>	<i>55,363,049</i>	<i>903,851</i>	<i>87,741,084</i>	<i>172,599,319</i>	<i>83,954,384</i>
Totals, Leather and Products	701	32,103	66,153,490	1,975,275	115,714,505	219,200,929	101,511,149
1953							
<i>Primary:</i>							
Leather tanning.....	60	4,051	11,757,538	1,111,472	30,354,423	47,996,398	16,530,503
<i>Secondary:</i>							
Leather belting.....	14	162	444,437	20,981	963,801	1,745,383	760,601
Leather boot and shoe findings	29	616	1,530,633	86,593	3,146,511	5,417,064	2,183,960
Leather footwear.....	286	21,497	44,036,122	629,656	65,210,564	131,307,119	65,466,899
Leather gloves and mittens.....	80	2,068	3,603,161	52,458	4,801,051	9,686,441	4,832,932
Miscellaneous leather products	226	4,674	9,593,604	155,581	11,939,829	26,257,777	14,162,367
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>29,017</i>	<i>59,207,957</i>	<i>945,269</i>	<i>86,061,756</i>	<i>174,413,784</i>	<i>87,406,759</i>
Totals, Leather and Products	695	33,068	70,965,495	2,056,741	116,416,179	222,410,182	103,937,262

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