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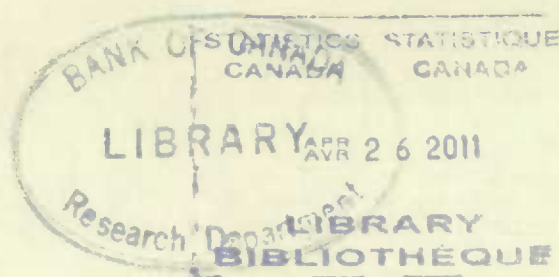
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The leather products group of industries, which includes those shown in the table below, recorded an increase in the gross value of shipments in 1956, the \$237,031,985 shown being nearly 9 p.c. above the \$218,043,090 shown for 1955. The percentage of value added, however, increased by only 5 p.c. in the year.

The number of reporting establishments was the same as in the previous year but the number of employees increased by 3 p.c. and their salary and wage payments by 9 p.c. The cost of materials was higher by 14 p.c. and that of fuel and electricity by 9 p.c.

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.

In the tanning industry, the gross value of shipments rose by 7 p.c., employment by 4 p.c.,

salaries and wages by 10 p.c., the cost of materials by 18 p.c. and that of fuel and electricity by 9 p.c.

The secondary section, taken as a whole, reported one more firm than in the previous year. The number of employees increased by 2 p.c., their salary and wage payments by 8 p.c., the cost of materials by 12 p.c. and that of fuel and electricity by 8 p.c. The value added by manufacture was higher by 7 p.c. and that of the gross value of shipments by 9 p.c.

The volume of shipments increased in all industries. Tanners handled only 0.2 p.c. more hides but the weight of these increased by 7 p.c. as compared with 1955. The number of pairs of footwear shipped increased by 10 p.c. while the volume of output in the glove industry was higher by 23 p.c. In the miscellaneous leather products industry, where the variety of products shipped renders it difficult to make a comparison on the basis of volume, there were slight decreases in shipments of custom-built luggage and handbags made of materials other than leather but these decreases were more than offset by increases in other items.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1955 and 1956

Industry	Estab- lish- ments	Em- ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost at plant of materials used	Cost of fuel and electricity used	Value added by manufacture	Gross value of shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1955							
<i>Primary:</i>							
Leather tanning	54	3,821	11,364,476	27,695,719	1,047,562	19,244,679	48,398,161
<i>Secondary:</i>							
Leather belting	10	136	426,779	600,456	26,259	685,446	1,366,333
Leather boot and shoe findings ..	31	600	1,438,651	3,276,362	85,293	2,190,545	5,562,101
Leather footwear	257	19,829	42,839,930	59,510,235	682,234	66,128,612	125,552,623
Leather gloves and mittens	72	1,711	3,125,734	5,039,888	71,461	4,450,158	9,628,042
Miscellaneous leather products ..	222	4,478	9,774,706	12,838,959	203,567	14,515,900	27,535,830
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>26,754</i>	<i>57,605,800</i>	<i>81,265,900</i>	<i>1,068,814</i>	<i>87,970,661</i>	<i>169,644,929</i>
Totals, Leather and Products..	646	30,575	68,970,276	108,961,619	2,116,376	107,215,340	218,043,090
1956							
<i>Primary:</i>							
Leather tanning	53	3,973	12,520,734	32,584,209	1,145,746	18,332,391	51,858,497
<i>Secondary:</i>							
Leather belting	11	142	460,626	687,417	31,034	738,214	1,446,716
Leather boot and shoe findings ..	33	656	1,705,330	3,641,554	88,367	2,608,299	6,267,090
Leather footwear	259	20,181	46,394,642	66,901,254	745,254	69,992,895	136,681,737
Leather gloves and mittens	69	1,857	3,625,203	5,991,660	69,952	5,906,228	11,737,959
Miscellaneous leather products ..	221	4,575	10,263,499	13,984,738	217,170	15,279,353	29,039,980
<i>Totals, Secondary Industries</i>	<i>593</i>	<i>27,411</i>	<i>62,449,300</i>	<i>91,206,623</i>	<i>1,151,777</i>	<i>94,524,989</i>	<i>185,173,488</i>
Totals, Leather and Products..	646	31,384	74,970,034	123,790,832	2,297,523	112,857,380	237,031,985

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