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The leather products group of industries, which includes those shown in the table below, recorded a very slight increase in the gross value of shipments in 1957, the $\$ 238,789,101$ shown being only 0.7 per cent above the $\$ 237,031,985$ shown for 1956. The value added, however, increased by 2.9 per cent in the year.

The number of reporting establishments was 22 less than in the previous year and the number of employees decreased by 285 or 0.9 per cent: however, salary and wage payments increased by 3.7 per cent. The cost of materials decreased slightly by 1.0 per cent, whereas that of electricity increased by 2.1 per cent.

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 ml scellaneous leather products industries.

In the tanning industry there was an overall decrease of activity, the gross value of shipments drouning by 5.3 per cent, employment by 2.5 ber
cent, salaries and wages by 0.7 per cent, cost of materials by 9.0 per cent, and that of fuel and electricity by 0.8 per cent.

The secondary section, taken as a whole, reported 20 firms less than in the previous year. The number of employees decreased by 0.7 per cent whereas their salary and wage payments increased by 4.6 per cent; the cost of materials increased by 1.8 per cent, and that of fuel and electricity by 4.9 per cent. The value added by manufacture was higher by 3.2 per cent and that of the gross value of shipments by 2.4 per cent.

Tanners showed a decrease of 5.3 per cent total shipments from 1956 to 1957. The volume of shipments increased only in leather boot and shoe findings and in the leather footwear industries. The number of pairs of footwear shpped increased very slightly while the volume of shipments in the glove industry was less by 5.3 per cent. In the miscellaneous leather products industry, where the varlety of products shipped renders it difficult to make a comparison on the basis of value, there were decreases in the shipments of hand luggage and leather hand bags as opposed to increases in the shipments of custom-built luggage and of brief cases. However, the overall value of shipments decreased by 2.2 jeer oent.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group of Industries, 1956 and 1957

| Industry | Esta-blishments | 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number |  | dollars |  |  |  |  |
| 1956 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary: <br> Leather tanning | Primary: |  |  |  |  |  | 51,858,497 |
| Secondary: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather belting ...................... | 11 | 142 | 460, 826 | 687,417 | 31,034 | 738,214 | 1,446,718 |
| Leather boot and shoe findings .. | 33 259 |  | 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 ........ Miscellaneous leather products.. | 69 | 1,857 4,575 | $3,825,203$ $10,263,499$ | $5,991,680$ $13,984,738$ | 69.952 | 5,906, 228 | 11, 737, 959 |
| Totals, secondary industries | 593 | 27,411 | 449 | 91,206,623 |  | 15,279,353 | 29,039,986 |
| Totals, leather and products | 646 | 31,384 | 74,970, 034 | 123, 750, 832 | 2.297, 523 | 112,857,380 | 5 |
| 1957 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary: <br> Leather tanning $\qquad$ | 51 | 3,874 | 12,436,595 | 29,656, 588 | 1,137,145 | 18,563,042 | 49,132, 823 |
| Secondary: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather belting | 11 | 148 | 479,934 | 533, 764 | 28,761 | 576,525 | 1,166,286 |
| Leather boot and shoe findings .. | 30 | 737 | 1,875,166 | 3,912,962 | 92, 093 | 2, 851, 855 | 6, 800, 408 |
| Leather footwear ...................... | 253 | 20, 248 | 49,139,983 | 60,906,951 | 791,986 | 73, 039, 505 | 142,163,496 |
| Leather gloves and mittens ....... | 67 | 1.813 | 3,755,835 | 5,712,955 | 77,932 | 5,624.389 | 11,115, 134 |
| Miscellaneous lesther products.. | 212 | 4,281 | 10,080,970 | 12, 606, 321 | 216, 876 | 15, 483,764 | 28,410,852 |
| Totals, secondary industries..... | 573 | 27,225 | 65, 331, 888 | 92, 872,953 | 1,207,648 | 97, 576,038 | 189,656, 178 |
| Totals, leather and products .. | 624 | 31, 099 | 77, 768, 483 | 122, 529,541 | 2,344,793 | 116, 139, 080 | 238, 789, 101 |

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