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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

This report is one in a series of about 130 publications which present the results of the 1958 Census of Manufactures. Most reparts in this series refer to specific industries, but there are summary reports for Canada and the provinces and for major industry groups. An annual Census of Manufactures has been carrled out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics since 1916.

Industry statistics given in these reports refer to number of establishments, employees, salaries and wages, cost of materials, supplies, fuel and electricity, gross value of shipments. inventories and value added by manufacturing. Details of materials used and products shipped are also given. Descriptions of the principal industry statistics. with special reference to 1958 , are as follows:

## Period Covered

Firms are asked to submit figures for the calendar year, if at all possible, and most reports are on this basis. Financial year reports for periods differing from the calendar year are accepted in instances where the firms find it impossible to supply calendar year data from accounting records. However the data on employees, salaries and wages are requested on a calendar year basls in all cases.

## Establishment

Data for the annual census is collected on an establishment basis. A firm with more than one plant is required to file a report for each plant. In most cases an establishment is a complete factory. Sometimes, however, a plant is divided into two of mote establishments when it carties out operations classifiable to different industries and when separate accounting records are available. Usually the statistics for an establishment relate only to the manufacturing activities. Othet activities such as construction at the plant by its own employees, wholesale of retail activities cartied on at the plant location, etc.. are not included. Plants engaged solely in repair work (except in the case of furniture. shipbullding, boat building, alrcraft and rallway rolling stock industries) are not included but plants occupled in assembling parts into complete units are included

## Employees

Administrative and office employees include all executives and supervisory officials such as presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurets, etc., together with managers, professional and technical employees, superintendents and factory supervisors above the working foremen level and clerical employees. Wotking owners and partners are also included in this category.

Production and related workers include all other factory workmen whether paid on a monthly. weekly, hourly or piece-work basis. Working foremen doing work similar to that of the employees they supervise are included, as are maintenance, warehousing and delivery staffs. Employees on new construction work, in retail or wholesale operations, on outside piece work etc., are not included

Production workers are reported by months, an average for the year being obtained by summing the monthly figures and dividing by twelve. This piocedure is followed even though the plant did not operate in all months. Figures on employment tefer to calendar years whether or not some establishments ieported other data on a financial year basis.

## Salaries and Wages

Salaries and wazes refer to gross earnings of the employees described above, including salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, the value of room and board where provided, deductions for income tax and social services such as sickness and unemployment insurance, pensions, etc., as well as any other allowances forming pait of the employees' wages. Payments for overtime are included.

Salaries refer to amounts paid to administrative and office employees. Withdrawals by working owners of partners for normal living expenses for self and family are included but not their withdrawals for income tax. Wages refer to the amounts paid to production and related workers as defined above. Data on earnings refer to the calendar year whether or not some establishments reported other data on a financlal year basis.

## Cost of Fuel and Electricity

Figures for fuel refer to amounts actually used, (including fuel used in cars and trucks), not to purchases unless the quantities are the same. Values refer to the laid-down cost at the works, including frelght, duty. etc.

## Materials and Supplies Used

Figures represent quantities and laid-down cost values, at the works, of materials and supplies actually used during the year whether purchased from others of recelved as transfers from other plants of the reporting company. Amounts paid to other manufacturers for work done on materials owned by the reporting company are included. Returnable containers or any other items charged to capital account are not included. Fuels are not included. Goods bought from others or received as transfers from other plants of reporting companies
for resale without further processing are not included. Maintenance and repair supplies not chargeable to capital account are included.

## Factory Shipments

Factory shipments refer to shipments of goods made from own materials either in the reporting plant or by other manufacturets on the basis of a charge to the reporting plant for work done. All products and by-products shipped from the establishment are included whether for domestic use, export, or for government departments. Transfer shipments to sales outlets, distrlbuting watehouses of to other manufacturing units of the reporting firm are included. Goods bought or received as transfers and resold without further processing are not included. Values are computed on P.o.b. plant of plant warehouse basis, and do not include sales tax or excise duties. Values of containers not returnable are included. Amounts received in payment for work done on materials owned by others are included.

In a few industries such as shipbuilding, aircraft, etc., where work on principal products extend over a relatively long period, the value of production is recorded rather than the value of shipments. For those industries production is computed from the value of deliveries of complete units during the year plus the value of work done during the year on unfinished units less the value of work done in previous years on finished units delivered in the year under review.

## Inventories

Values represent the book values of manufacturing inventories owned and held at the reporting plant. Figures include inventories held in warehouses or selling outlets which have been included with plant operations for purposes of reporting shipments.

## Value Added by Manufacturing

Figures are computed from value of shipments plus or minus changes in inventories of finished
goods and goods in process less cost of materials, fuel and electricity. This figure is sometimes referred to as net production. ${ }^{1}$

## Standard Industrial Classification

The Standard Industrial Classification Manual, prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, provides for 135 three-digit industrles in the manufacturing sector, arranged in 17 major groups. Reporting establishments are classlfied or allotted to specific industries on the basis of the value of principal products made or shipped.

## Short Forms

Prior to 1949 all manufacturing firms, regardless of size, were required to complete a standard form annually covering all census details, but for later years an effort was made to ease the reporting burden for smaller firms which usually do not maintain regular records in the required detall. A modified or short form was introduced in 1949 asking for the total value of shipments only, or in industries with a large number of small firms, for total value of shipments and quantities and values of a few principal products. Using the ratio of value of shipments in the current year to value of shipments in the base year, 1948, estimates of other census data were made for each plant for inclusion in the regular compilations. In general, the cut-off point for short forms was set at $\$ 50,000$ gross value of shipments annually, but there were lower cut-offs for a number of industries in which the small firms accounted for a larger share of total shlpments. About 40 per cent of the total number of establlshments reported on the modifled or short form. They accounted for less than 3 per cent of the total value. In 1958, to establish a new base year, the small firms were again asked to report data on employees, salaries and wages, and other principal statistics together with some detail on materlal and products.

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The leather products group of industries, which includes those shown in the table below, recorded a slight increase in the gross value of shipments in 1958 , the $\$ 246,826,765$ shown being 3,3 per cent above the $\$ 238,789,101$ shown for 1957 . The value added increased by 2.6 per cent in the year.

The number of reporting establishments was 26 less than in the previous year and the number of employees decreased by 948 or 3 per cent: however, salary and wage payments increased by 1.2 per cent. The cost of materials increased slightly by 1.7 per cent, whereas that of fuel and electricity decreased by 3 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 miscellaneous leather products industries.

In the tanning industry, the gross value of shipments rose by 6.1 per cent, the cost of materials by 3.3 per cent, salaries and wages by 4.8 per cent; whereas employment decreased by 4.1 per cent and fuel and electricity by 4.4 per cent.

The secondary section, taken as a whole, reported 25 firms less than the previous year. The number of employees decreased by 2.9 per cent whereas their salary and wage payments increased by 0.6 per cent; the cost of materials increased by 1.2 per cent; and the cost of fuel and electricity decreased by 1.6 per cent. The value added by manufacture was higher by 1.2 per cent and that of the gross value of shipments by 2.5 per cent.

The volume of shipments increased in all industries except in leather belting and in leather gloves and mittens. The number of pairs of footwear shipped increased by 2.7 per cent while the volume of shipments in the glove industry was less by 10.4 per cent. In the miscellaneous leather products industry, where the variety of products shipped renders it difficult to make a comparison on the basis of value, there were increases in the shipments of hand luggage, leather handbags and plastic handbags as opposed to decreases in the shipments of custom-built luggage and of brief cases. However, the overall value of shipments increased by 1.2 per cent.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Products Group, of Industries, 1957 and 1958



[^0]:    2 To artive at the National Accounts concept of "gross domestlc product at factor cost", it would be necessary to subtract also the cost of office supplies used, advertising, insurance and other goods and services obtained from other businesses. Data on these inputs are not collected on the annual Census of Manufactures. Value added figures for "The primary industries and construction's are published in D.B.S. publication 61-202, Survey of Production.

