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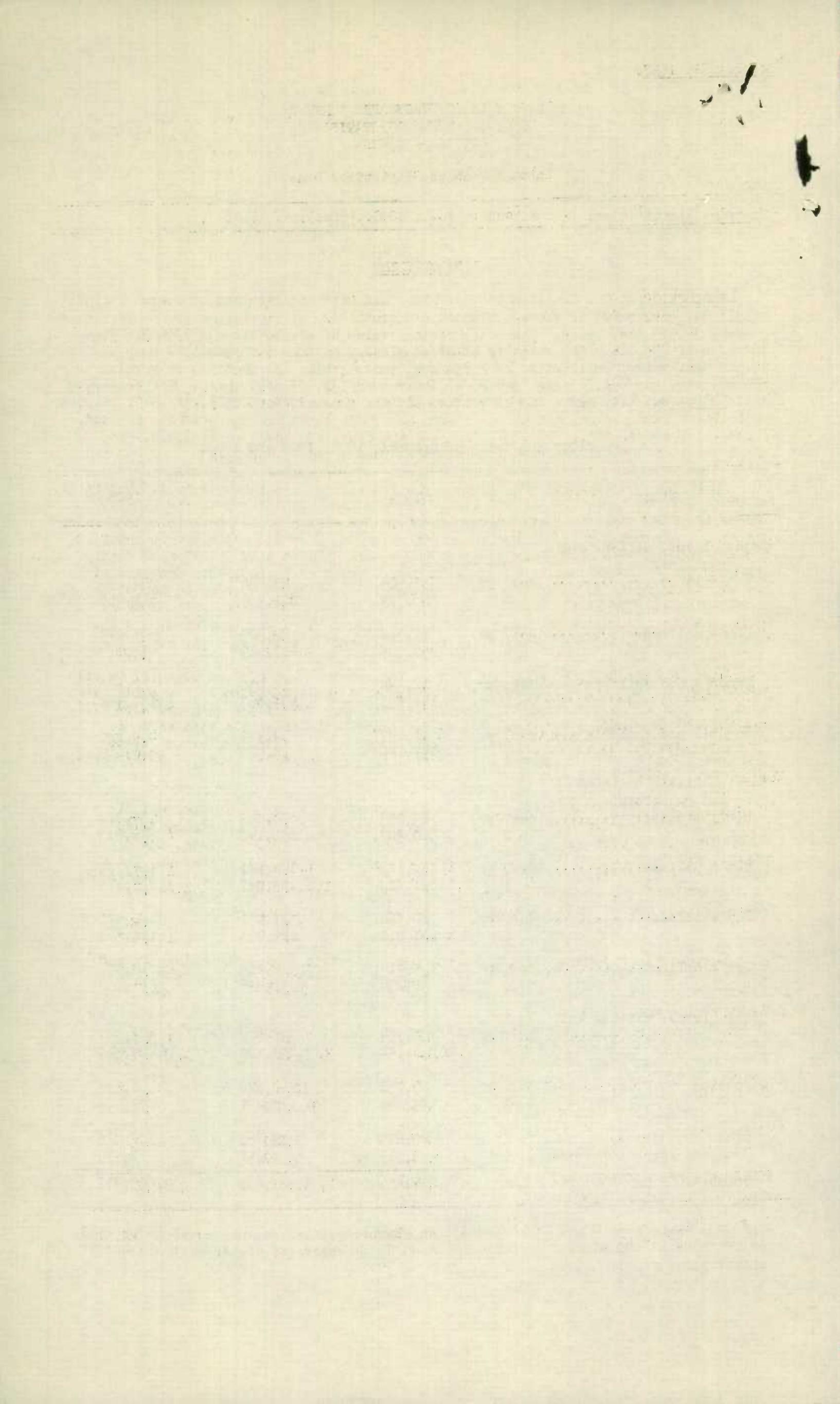
INTRODUCTION

PRODUCTION.— The Canadian leather glove and mitt industry had an output in 1926 of 387,347 doz. pairs of gloves, mittens and gauntlets, an increase over the preceding year of 39,319 doz. pairs. The total factory value of production was \$3,609,277, an increase of \$95,616. The quantity of dress gloves, mittens and gauntlets made was 95,524 doz. pairs, an increase of 7,836 doz. pairs, while the quantity of working gloves, etc. was 291,823 doz. pairs, an increase of 31,483 doz. pairs. The following table gives quantity and value of product for the years 1924 to 1926.<sup>1/</sup>

Quantity and Value of Product, 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Kind	1924	1925	1926
Dress gloves, mittens and gauntlets —			
Men's lined.....doz. pr.	37,504	43,856	50,690
\$	505,374	601,559	681,266
Men's unlined.....doz. pr.	27,368	25,325	27,179
\$	452,365	417,919	475,774
Women's and children's....doz. pr.	12,384	12,058	12,660
lined.....\$	148,837	139,663	137,961
Women's and children's....doz. pr.	11,647	6,449	4,995
unlined.....\$	144,148	88,929	70,019
Working gloves, mittens and gauntlets —			
Men's lined.....doz. pr.	63,053	80,843	84,713
\$	560,367	650,140	642,317
Men's unlined.....doz. pr.	133,126	142,481	161,789
\$	1,061,818	1,195,087	1,228,775
Boy's lined.....doz. pr.	18,768	27,851	26,428
\$	111,011	128,995	111,527
Boy's unlined.....doz. pr.	5,914	9,165	18,893
\$	35,234	31,836	61,708
Total gloves, mittens and gauntlets.....doz. pr.	309,764	348,028	387,347
\$	3,019,154	3,254,128	3,409,347
Moccasins <sup>2/</sup> .....doz. pr.	9,752	10,626	6,553
\$	159,203	168,421	95,426
Other products.....\$	20,675	89,261	102,025
Received for custom work....\$	3,519	1,851	2,479
TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTS .... \$	3,202,556	3,513,661	3,609,277

1/ See table 5 pp 4 and 5 for production of gloves, mittens and gauntlets by kinds of leather. 2/ Moccasins are also found among the products of the boot and shoe industry.



THE LEATHER GLOVE AND MITT INDUSTRY, CANADA

ESTABLISHMENTS.— The number of factories reporting operations in 1926 was 41, a decrease of 2 from the preceding year and a decrease of 7 from the year 1924. Quebec and British Columbia each show a decrease of 1, while the number for Ontario remains the same as in 1925. The following table gives number of establishments by provinces for the years 1924 to 1926.

	<u>1924</u>	<u>1925</u>	<u>1926</u>
Quebec	16	14	13
Ontario	27	23	23
Manitoba	2	3	3
British Columbia	3	3	2
Total	48	43	41

CAPITAL.— The amount of capital invested in the industry was \$2,323,940, divided as follows: land, buildings and machinery, \$656,583; materials and products on hand, stocks in process, etc., \$990,034; and cash and operating accounts \$682,323. The total value of capital was practically the same as in 1925, Table 2.

EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES AND WAGES.— The industry gave employment to 1,369 persons, of which 197 are classified as salaried employees and 1,172 as wage-earners. The number of women employed in this industry comprises over half of the total number of employees, the returns for 1926 showing 156 male and 41 female employees on salaries and 431 male and 691 female employees on wages. The amount paid in salaries during the year was \$268,456, and in wages, \$814,892, a total of \$1,103,348. Compared with the preceding year, an increase of 53 is shown in the total number of employees and an increase of \$61,834 in the total amount paid in salaries and wages. The month of highest employment for wage-earners was November when 1,353 were employed, and the month of lowest employment, January with 958 wage-earners, Tables 3 and 4.

TIME IN OPERATION AND HOURS OF WORK.— The total number of days operated by all establishments was 11,545, an average of 281.6 days per establishment, compared with an average of 278.3 days in 1925. The number of hours worked per week averaged 47.6, and the average working day consisted of 8.9 hours. The classification of wage-earners according to number of hours worked in month of highest employment shows 520 wage-earners working 8 hours per day or less, 568 working 9 hours, and 366 working 10 hours, Tables 7 and 8.

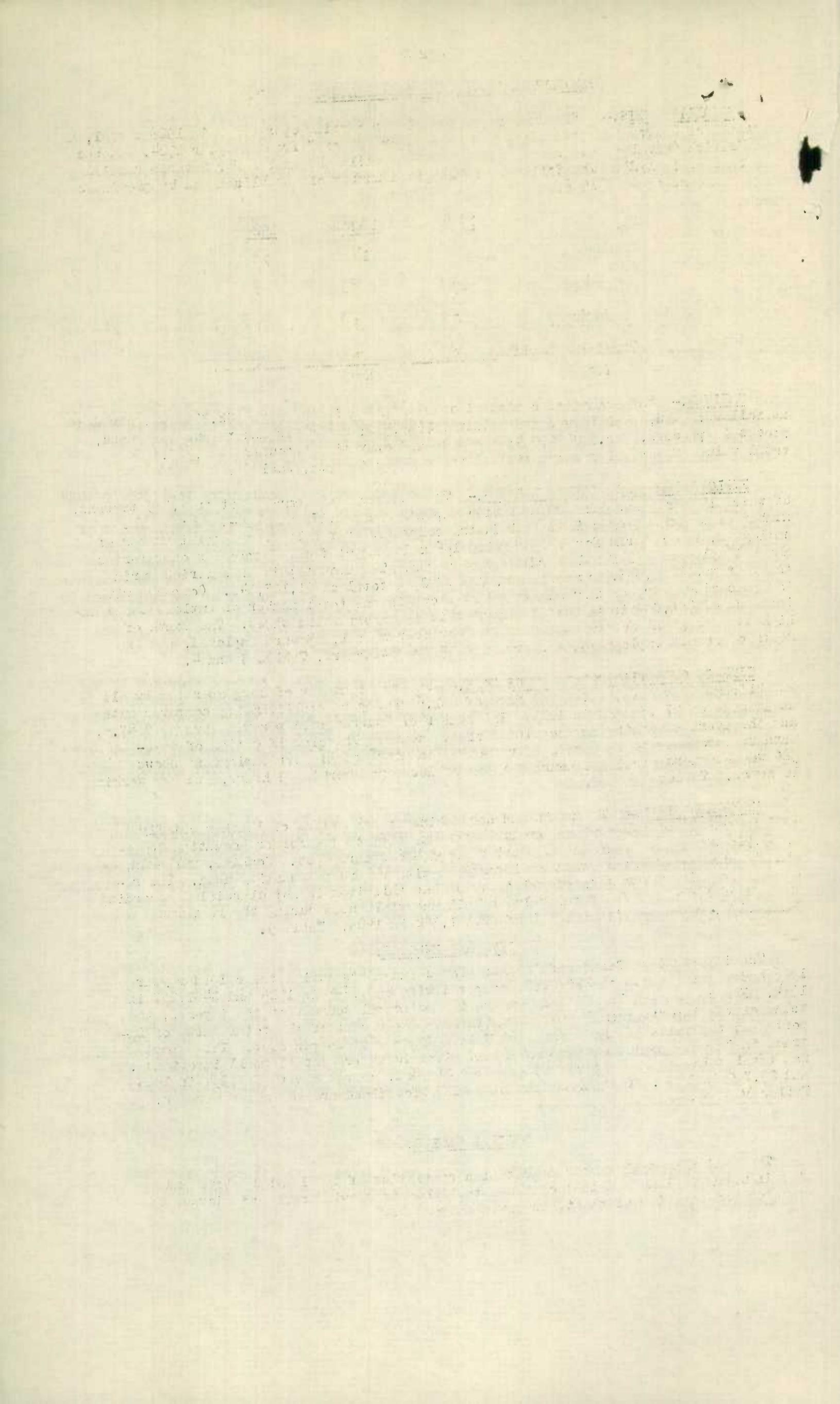
MATERIALS USED.— Sheepskin and horse hide are the kinds of leather chiefly used in the manufacture of the product, the quantity of the former amounting to 2,829,916 square foot and of the latter 2,651,426 square feet. Cowhide, muleskin, pigskin and deerskin were next in importance with regard to quantity used. The returns show a large quantity of splits used, but this item is not classified according to kind of leather. The total value of all materials used during the year was \$2,078,134, compared with a total of \$2,121,302 in 1925. Table 9.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The imports into Canada of leather gloves and mitts during the calendar year 1926 had a total value of \$707,212, compared with \$552,655 in 1925 and \$451,257 in 1924. France and the United Kingdom are the principal sources of the imports, the value of the imports from France amounting to 55 per cent of the total value of imports and the value of those from the United Kingdom to 25 per cent. The export trade in Canadian made leather gloves and mitts is at present of small importance. The total value of the exports in 1926 was \$13,402, compared with \$18,994 in 1925 and \$5,790 in 1924. The United Kingdom and Newfoundland are the chief markets. Tables 10 and 11.

GENERAL TABLES.

The following tables contain detailed statistics of the leather glove and mitt industry in 1926. A list of the establishments showing name and address of operator and location of plant, is given on page 5.



The Leather Glove and Mitt Industry, Canada.

1. Principal Statistics of the Leather Glove and Mitt Industry, 1926.

Province	Establishments	Capital Invested	Employees		Cost of Materials used	Value of Products
			No.	\$		
Quebec	13	1,315,145	317	666,661	1,179,054	2,082,113
Ontario	23	715,092	355	257,512	540,714	965,398
Manitoba	3					
British Columbia	2	298,703	197	179,175	358,366	561,766
Total	41	2,328,940	1,369	1,103,543	2,078,134	3,609,277

2.

Capital Invested, 1926.

Province	Materials and Cash			Total Capital	
	Land	Buildings and Machinery	products on hand, stocks in process, etc.	and operating accounts	
Quebec		310,524	600,557	404,064	1,315,145
Ontario		297,205	236,963	180,924	715,092
Manitoba					
British Columbia		48,854	152,514	97,335	298,703
Total		656,583	990,034	682,323	2,328,940

3.

Persons Employed and Salaries and Wages Paid, 1926.

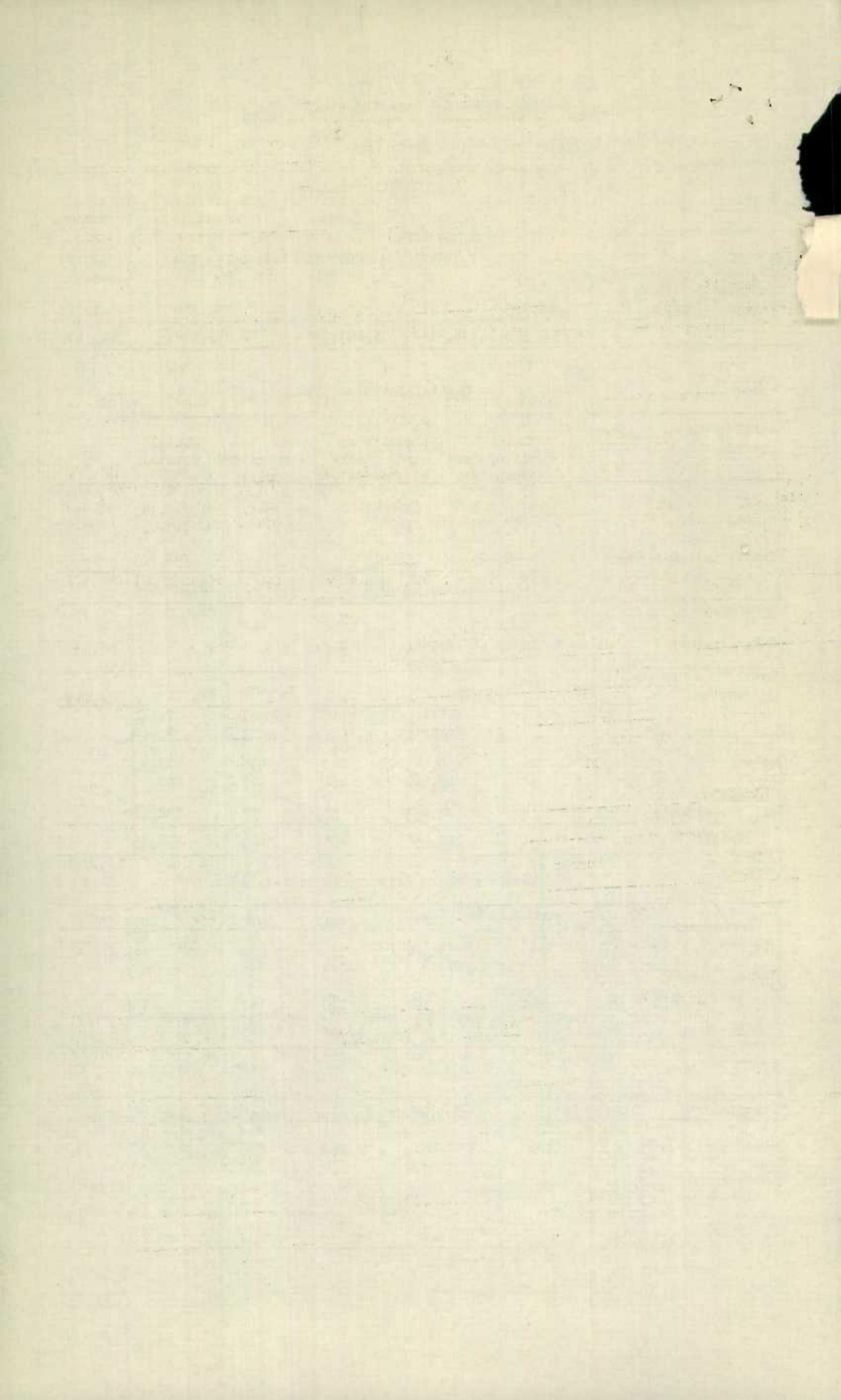
Province	Salaried Employees			Wage-Earners		
	Male	Female	Total Salaries	Male	Female	Total Wages
Quebec	97	26	193,943	248	446	472,718
Ontario	28	11	49,560	151	165	207,952
Manitoba						
British Columbia	31	4	44,953	82	80	134,222
Total	156	41	288,456	481	691	814,892

4.

Number of Wage-Earners, by months, 1926.

Province	January	February	March	April	May	June
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Quebec	533	534	564	589	625	676
Ontario	305	313	300	273	269	232
Manitoba						
British Columbia	140	140	141	145	147	155
Total	958	957	1,005	1,007	1,041	1,113

Province	July	August	September	October	November	December
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Quebec	736	762	803	824	852	838
Ontario	315	321	330	336	335	345
Manitoba						
British Columbia	169	181	185	184	166	155
Total	1,220	1,264	1,318	1,344	1,353	1,338



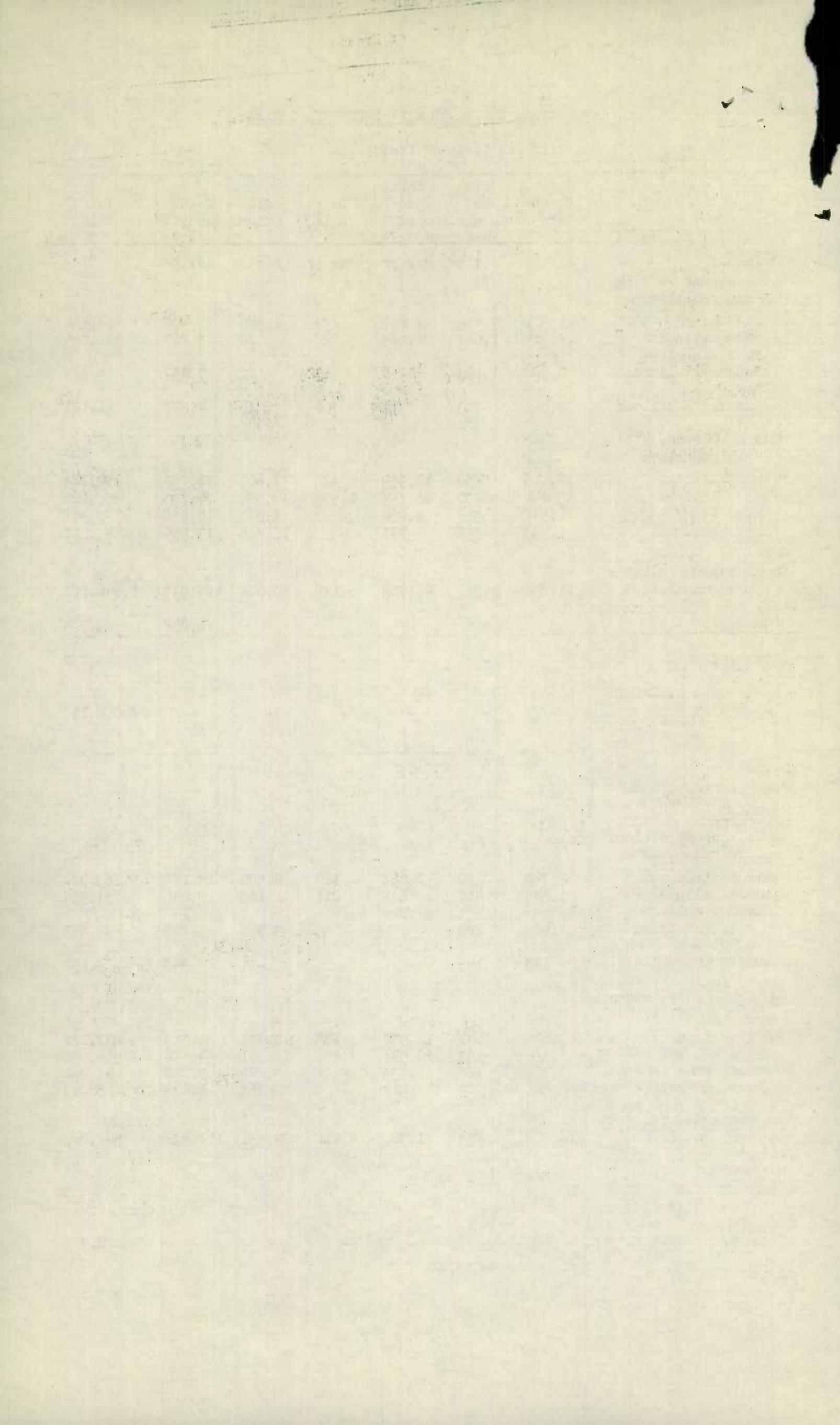
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Quantity and Value of Products, 1926.

	Kid		Horse		All	Total	Total		
	Sheep	Skin	and	Lamb	hide	Deer	Other	Quantity	Value
			Skirs	pigskin					
<b>QUEBEC</b>		doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.		\$
Dress gloves, mittens and gauntlets -									
Men's lined	29,501	4,575	2,739	233	1,360	38,408	214,124		
Men's unlined	14,914	1,047	4,665	3,223	20	23,869	418,059		
Women's and children's lined	5,622	1,803	2	10	20	7,457	98,376		
Women's and children's unlined	3,066	743	10	800	28	4,647	66,821		
Working gloves, mittens and gauntlets -									
Men's lined	6,116	250	12,959	325	2,600	22,250	198,121		
Men's unlined	13,048	230	26,799	1,558	33,095	74,730	553,066		
Boys' lined	6,548	359	1,094	-	2,077	10,078	49,404		
Boys' unlined	1,933	358	497	-	10,306	13,594	48,470		
Total gloves, mittens and gauntlets -	80,748	9,365	48,765	6,149	50,006	195,033	1,946,501		
Moccassins	-	-	-	-	-	6,282	89,774		
Other products	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,838		
Total Value of Pro- duction	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,082,113		

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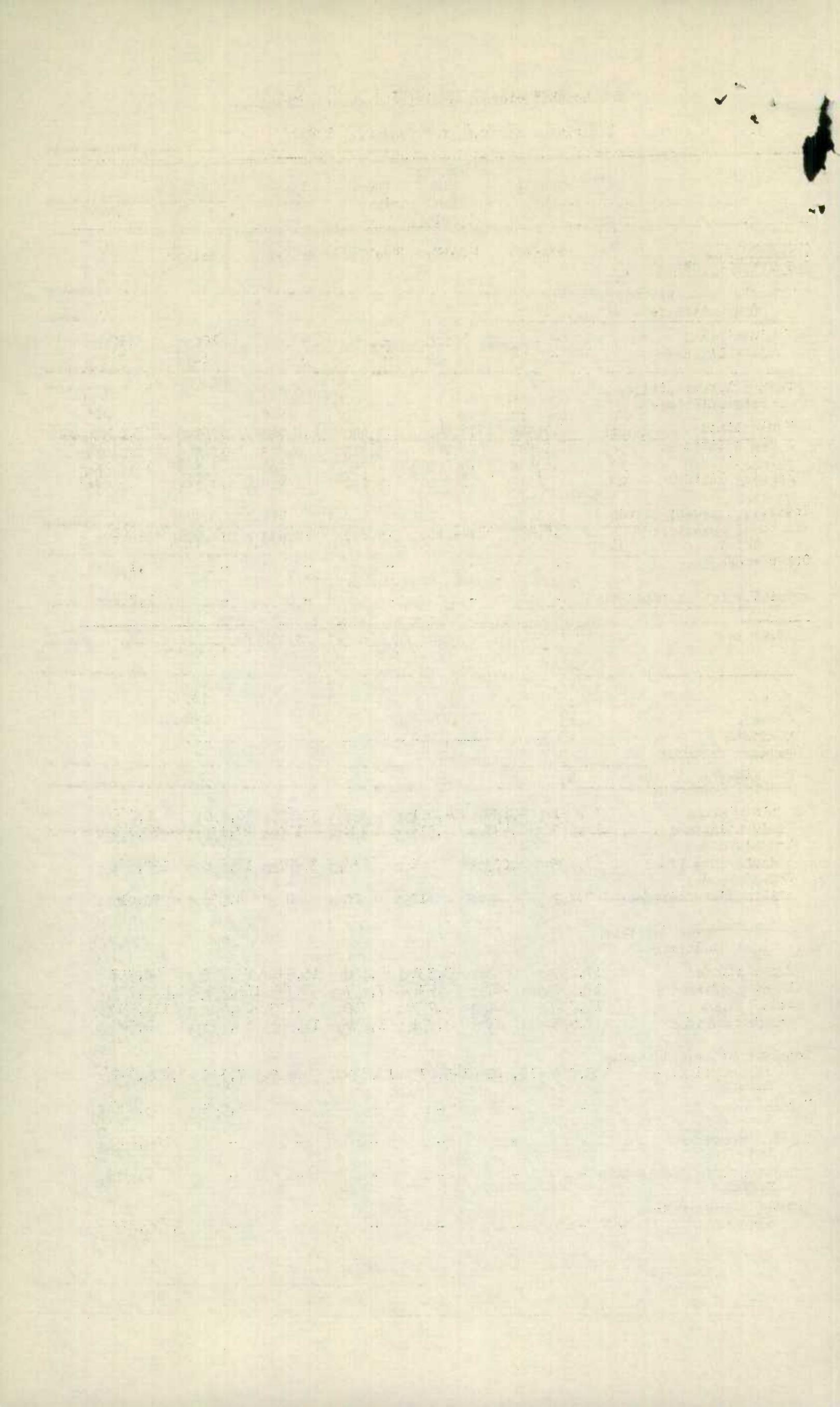
5.

Quantity and Value of Products, 1926.

		Horse hide and pigskin			All Other	Total Quantity	Total Value
	doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.	doz.pr.		doz.pr.	\$
<u>MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>							
Dress gloves, mittens and gauntlets -							
Men's lined	-	100	-	-		100	3,100
Men's unlined	-	12	-	-		12	360
Working gloves, mittens and gauntlets -							
Men's lined	7,440	17,440	3,920	2,350	31,150	207,025	
Men's unlined	1,547	20,766	3,313	6,863	32,509	280,619	
Boys' lined	1,430	4,200	750	700	7,080	17,062	
Boys' unlined	5	2,300	1,250	500	4,055	7,435	
Totals, gloves, mittens and gauntlets -	10,422	44,818	9,233	10,433	74,906	515,601	
Other products	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,165
Total Value of Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	561,766

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Dress gloves, mittens and gauntlets -							
Men's lined	36,841	4,695	4,901	393	3,860	50,690	681,266
Men's unlined	16,863	1,447	5,315	3,434	120	27,179	475,774
Women's and children's lined	7,225	2,003	2	10	3,420	12,660	137,961
Women's and children's unlined	3,259	398	10	300	28	4,995	70,019
Working gloves, mittens and gauntlets -							
Men's lined	17,250	291	47,331	4,500	15,341	84,713	642,317
Men's unlined	17,980	427	77,476	7,157	52,749	161,789	1,228,775
Boys' lined	11,866	482	6,727	750	6,603	26,428	111,527
Boys' unlined	2,085	378	3,311	1,250	11,869	18,893	61,705
Totals, gloves, mittens and gauntlets -	113,369	10,621	145,073	18,294	99,990	387,347	3,409,347
Moccassins	-	-	-	-	-	6,553	95,426
Other products	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,025
Received for custom work	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,479
Total Value of Pro- duction	\$	-	-	-	-	-	3,609,277



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6.

Power Equipment of Establishments, 1926.

Province	Oil, gas and gasoline engines				Electric Motors		Boilers		
	Steam engines	No.	H.P.	No.	H.P.	No.	H.P.	No.	H.P.
Quebec	-	-		1	15	25	128	2	2
Ontario	1	35		-	-	29	99	4	55
Manitoba									
British Columbia	)	-	-	-	-	12	39	-	-
Total		1	35	1	15	66	266	6	57

7.

Time in Operation and Hours Worked, 1926.

Province	Estab- lish- ments	Days in operation on full or part time		Days idle	Hours worked per week	Average of		
		No.	No.			Days in operation	Hours per week	Hours per day
Quebec	13	3,837		116	630	295.2	48.4	9.2
Ontario	23	6,349		643	1,097	276.0	47.7	9.4
Manitoba	3 )							
British Columbia	2 )	1,359		161	224	271.8	44.8	8.4
Total	41	11,545		920	1,951	281.6	47.6	8.9

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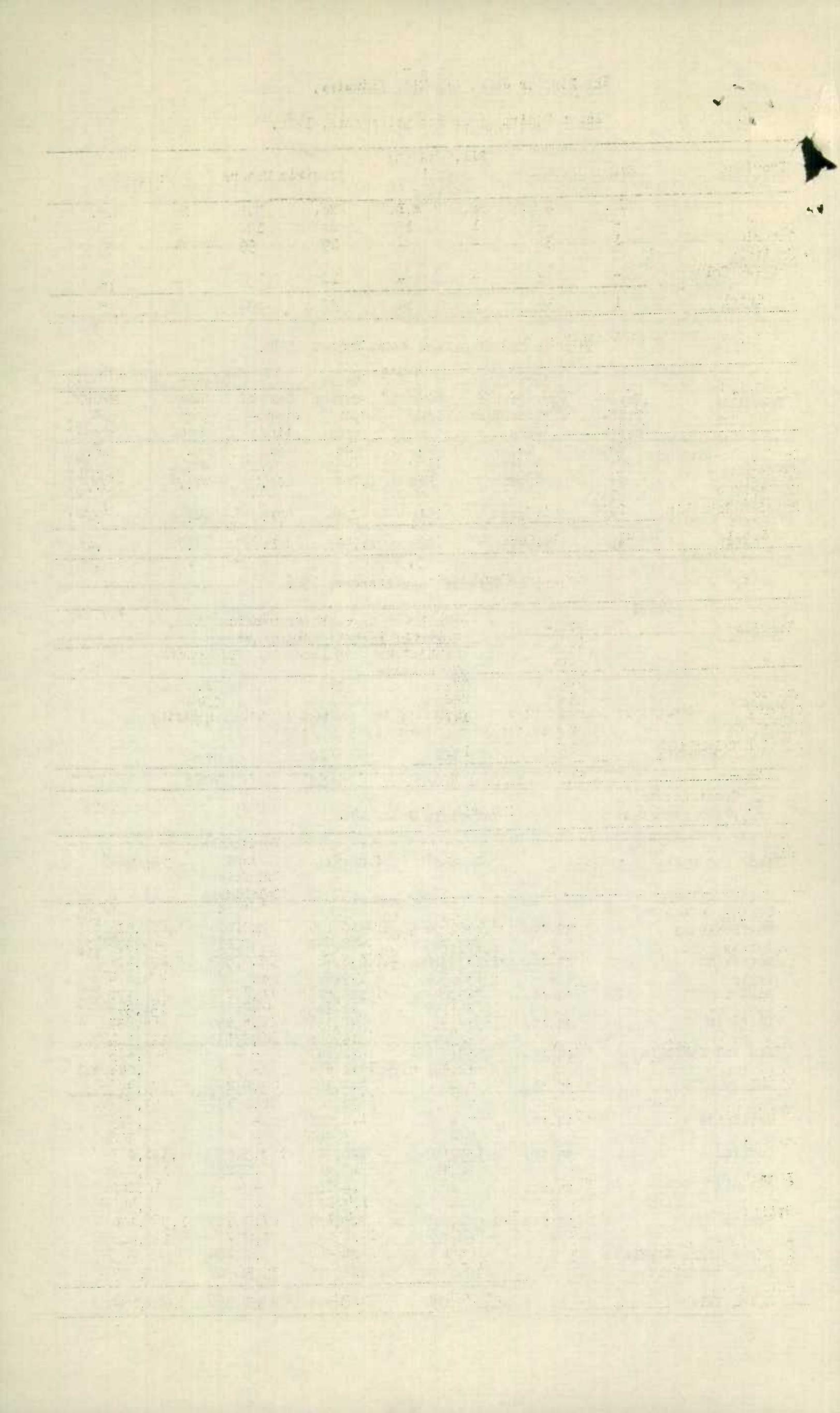
Hours of Work of Wage-Earners, 1926.

Province	Estab- lish- ments	Number of Wage-earners working in month of highest employment		
		8 hours per day or less	9 hours	10 hours
Quebec	13	252	418	224
Ontario	23	147	80	142
Manitoba	3 )			
British Columbia	2 )	121	70	-
Total	41	520	568	366

9.

Materials Used, 1926.

Kind		Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba and British Columbia	Canada
Sheepskin	sq.ft.	2,190,696	410,136	229,084	2,829,916
	\$	393,763	62,457	37,259	493,479
Horsehide	sq.ft.	1,103,310	1,030,427	517,689	2,651,426
	\$	196,368	179,628	106,866	482,884
Pigskin	sq.ft.	320,044	125,026	250,082	695,152
	\$	86,119	21,403	42,826	150,348
Deerskin	sq.ft.	218,991	42,796	206,450	468,237
	\$	65,247	11,246	42,631	119,124
Kid and lambskin	sq.ft.	350,476	51,647	-	402,123
	\$	72,381	11,664	-	84,045
Muleskin	sq.ft.	-	553,204	326,242	879,446
	\$	-	32,909	20,857	53,766
Mooschide	sq.ft.	-	1,875	-	1,875
	\$	-	300	-	300
Cowhide	sq.ft.	657,107	280,326	193,590	1,131,023
	\$	92,744	43,369	22,851	158,964
Dogskin	sq.ft.	-	10,200	-	10,200
	\$	-	1,428	-	1,428
Splits	sq.ft.	1,032,018	270,407	607,705	1,960,130
	\$	68,208	24,930	37,284	130,422
Other hides & skins	\$	9,439	24,644	8,466	42,549
Other materials	\$	194,735	126,736	39,304	360,825
Total Value	\$	1,179,054	540,714	353,366	2,078,134



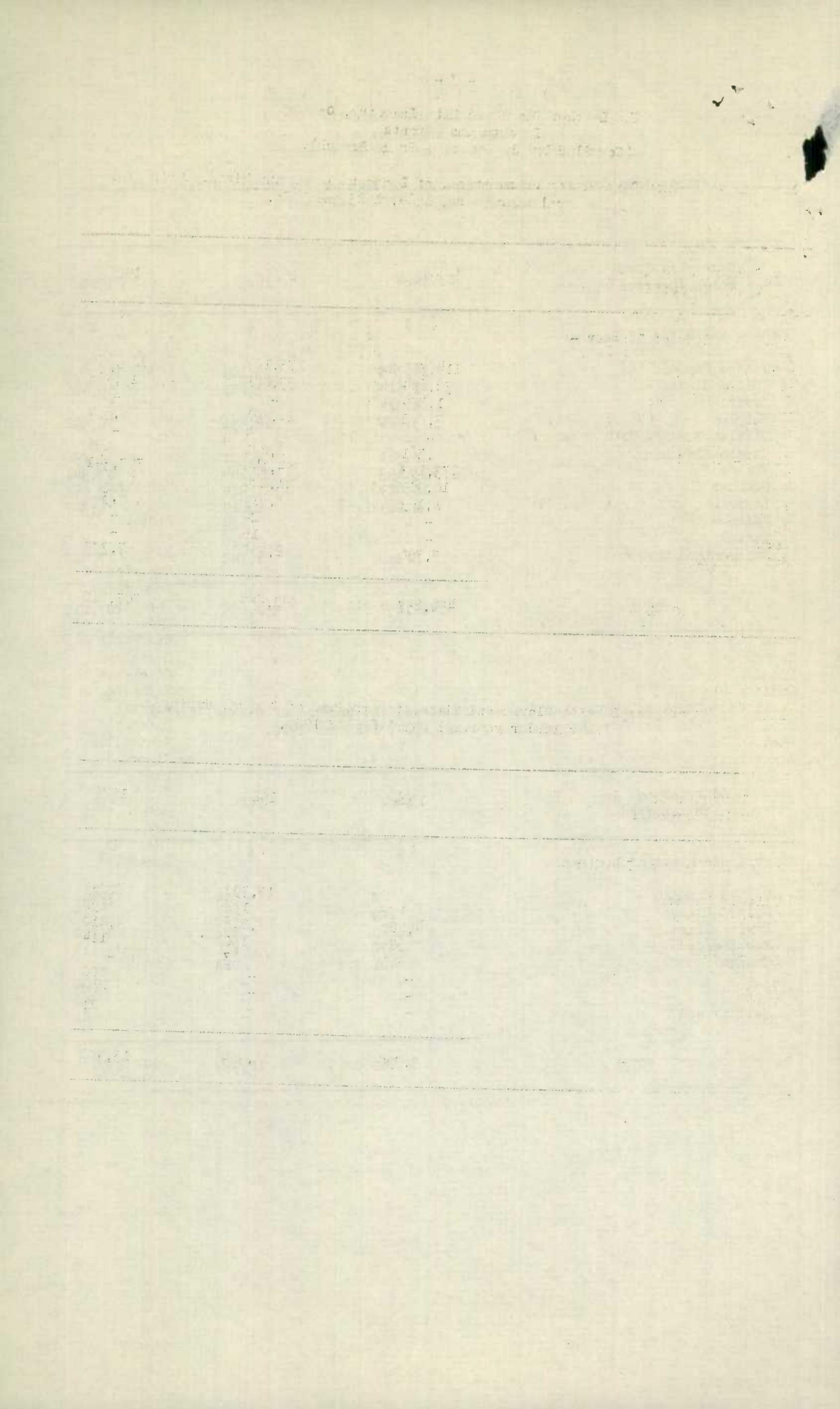
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Imports and Exports  
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10. Imports into Canada, for consumption, of Leather Gloves and Mitts, during the calendar years, 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Countries from which imported	1924	1925	1926
Gloves and Mitts of Leather -	\$	\$	\$
United Kingdom	114,355	173,129	174,955
United States	32,624	33,881	19,426
Austria	1,374	-	-
Belgium	3,882	12,591	76,392
British India	-	4	-
Czecho-Slovakia	8,361	2,281	296
France	273,193	304,144	393,341
Germany	10,909	21,224	29,028
Italy	1,169	2,619	6,387
Japan	-	24	-
Norway	-	16	-
Switzerland	5,390	22,742	7,387
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>451,257</b>	<b>552,655</b>	<b>707,212</b>

11. Exports of Leather Gloves and Mitts, the produce of Canada, during the calendar years, 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Countries to which exported	1924	1925	1926
Gloves and Mitts of Leather -	\$	\$	\$
United Kingdom	8	13,399	7,859
United States	189	196	698
Newfoundland	4,220	5,226	4,210
New Zealand	972	150	114
France	401	23	-
Italy	-	-	100
Peru	-	-	400
Switzerland	-	-	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>13,402</b>



List of Leather Glove and Mitt Establishments, Canada, 1926.

Name

Address

QUEBEC

Acme Glove Works, Ltd.	181 Vitre St. E.	Montreal
Plants at Loretteville, Montreal and St. Tite.		
Balcar Glove Mfg. Co. Ltd.	79 St. George St.	Three Rivers
Cantin, Wilfrid	51 Marie de l'Incarnation St.	Quebec
Odeberg Glove Co. Regd. J.B. Laliberte, Prop.	145 St. Joseph St.	Quebec
Eaton Co. Ltd. T.	2050 Bleury St.	Montreal
Gallibert Glove Works, Ltd.	1896 Orleans St.	Montreal
Clovers - Craft, Ltd.	15 Savoie Lane	Montreal
Gold Glove Works	3457 St. Lawrence Blvd.	Montreal
Montreal Glove Works	1610 St. Lawrence Blvd.	Montreal
Perrin Glove Co. (Canada) Ltd.	47 Mayor St.	Montreal
St. Lawrence Glove Works, Paul Hebert, Prop.	535 St. Valier St.	Quebec

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Auto Glove Co.	2174 Dundas St. W.	Toronto
Bowmanville Glove & Mitt Co. Ltd.	King St. W.	Bowmanville
Branscombe & Son M.A.	Talbot St.	Picton
Erooks, T.	235 Talbot St.	Simcoe
Canada Glove Works, Ltd.	191 Queen St. E.	Toronto
Detroit Glove Co. Ltd.	63 William St. E.	Waterloo
Potterly, E. W.	982 Yonge St.	Toronto
Gardiner, F. S.	255 Parliament St.	Toronto
Halton Glove Co. Frank Spiegelvogel, Prop.	Main St.	Acton
Hick Glove Co. Ltd.	49 Queen St. S.	Kitchener
Imperial Glove Co. J. J. Connolly, Prop.	140 Jackson St. E.	Hamilton
Ontario Glove Mfg. Co. Ltd.	253 King St. E.	Kitchener
Quality Glove Co.	17-19 Queen St. N.	Waterloo
Queen City Leather Works	325 St. Johns Road W.	Toronto
Robe & Clothing Co. Ltd.	40 Ontario St. S.	Kitchener
Shorey, James	Broad St.	Brockville
Simcoe Mitt & Glove Co. Ltd.	Pond St.	Simcoe
Smith Glove Co.	132 Melville St.	Dundas
Stewart Glove and Leather Works	Victoria St.	Wingham
Superior Glove Works, W.O. Mowat, Prop.	Bower Ave.	Acton
Storey, Glove Co. Ltd.	9 Erb St. E.	Acton
Waterloo Glove Mfg. Co. Ltd.	81 Lake St.	Waterloo
Wright & Son, H. W.		Pembroke

MANITOBA

Leather Products Ltd.	117 Bannatyne Ave. E.	Winnipeg
Northland Knitting Co. Ltd.	618-20 Arlington St.	Winnipeg
Western Glove Works, Ltd.	McDermet & Adelaide St.	Winnipeg

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Sandell Glove Co. Ltd.	6002 Granville St.	Vancouver
Watson, Ltd., John	127 1/2nd Ave. E.	Vancouver

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