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THE BICYCLE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, 1948

Production by factories in Canada which were engaged principally in the manufacture of bicycles and bicycle parts was valued at \$5,358,312 in 1948, an increase of 31 per cent over the total for 1947. Products made by firms in this group included bicycles, bicycle parts and accessories, bicycle motors, and miscellaneous products, such as, ice skates, tricycles, children's wagons, etc. Only those firms which made bicycles or bicycle parts as their main product have been included in this group; however, Table 2 shows the total production of bicycles regardless of the industry in which produced.

Twelve factories were occupied chiefly in the production of bicycles and bicycle parts in 1948, 6 being located in Quebec, 5 in Ontario and 1 in Alberta. These works gave employment to a monthly average of 795 people who were paid \$1,681,071 in salaries and wages. Fuel and electricity cost \$103,603 and materials and supplies for use in manufacturing processes cost \$2,465,486.

The total production of bicycles in Canada in 1948 from all industries amounted to 124,747 worth \$3,861,437 at factory prices. In 1947 the comparative figures were 90,644 bicycles at \$2,726,133, and in 1946, 85,804 bicycles at \$2,310,185.

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE BICYCLE INDUSTRY, 1944-1948

Year	Number of plants	Average number of em- ployees	Salaries and wages \$	Cost of fuel and electricity at works \$	Cost of materials at works \$	Gross selling value of products at works \$
1944 .....	8	675	1,230,809	78,271	1,137,323	2,964,189
1945 .....	7	691	1,135,695	73,012	1,288,153	3,072,950
1946 .....	7	707	1,217,162	74,132	1,725,538	3,686,374
1947 .....	9	740	1,322,412	78,493	1,869,130	4,090,164
1948 .....	12	795	1,681,071	103,603	2,465,486	5,358,312
Per cent change 1948 from 1947	..	+7.4	+27.1	+32.0	+31.9	+31.0

Note: Profits or losses cannot be calculated from above figures as data are not available for general expense items, such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

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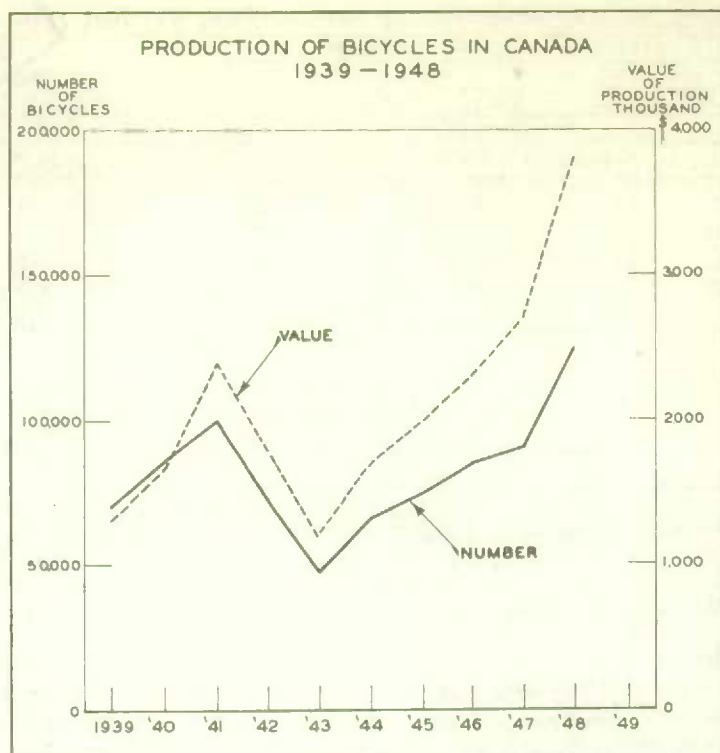


Table 2 - PRODUCTION (\*) OF BICYCLES IN CANADA, 1939-1948

Year	Number	Selling value at works \$	Year	Number	Selling value at works \$
1939 .....	70,567	1,398,213	1944 .....	66,108	1,761,632
1940 .....	86,500	1,763,895	1945 .....	74,337	2,002,850
1941 .....	100,838	2,449,199	1946 .....	85,804	2,310,185
1942 .....	72,120	1,810,771	1947 .....	90,644	2,726,133
1943 .....	47,673	1,265,144	1948 .....	124,747	3,861,437

(\*) Includes also the production by concerns which were not included in the Bicycles group.

Table 3 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF BICYCLES, 1939-1948

Year	Imports		Exports (*)	
	Number	\$	Number	\$
1939 .....	2,613	45,883	54	3,679
1940 .....	5,965	100,173	39	8,135
1941 .....	5,869	94,071	233	46,295
1942 .....	1,226	24,667	60	2,706
1943 .....	918	17,956	26	1,195
1944 .....	120	2,278	1,267	55,737
1945 .....	3,316	74,099	186	31,443
1946 .....	21,629	519,415	3,058	179,540
1947 .....	51,912	1,400,172	4,378	1,399,539
1948 .....	51,402	1,481,714	2,311	419,941

(\*) Value of exports includes parts as well as complete units.

Table 4 - EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES, IN THE BICYCLE INDUSTRY, 1944-1948

Year	Average number of employees					Salaries	Wages	TOTAL SALARIES and WAGES
	On salaries		On wages		TOTAL			
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
1944 .....	78	37	459	101	675	237,997	992,812	1,230,809
1945 .....	73	32	466	120	691	233,151	902,544	1,135,695
1946 .....	82	32	515	78	707	251,290	965,872	1,217,162
1947 .....	82	32	552	74	740	281,079	1,041,333	1,322,412
1948 .....	102	28	593	72	795	347,318	1,333,753	1,681,071

## LIST (\*) OF FIRMS IN THE BICYCLE INDUSTRY, 1948

Name	Address
<u>Quebec -</u>	
Acton Vale Mfg. Co. Ltd.	Acton Vale
Cycle Equipment & Hardware Mfg. Co.	359 St. James St., Montreal
Cycles Gachon Inc.	4225 rue De Laroché, Montreal
Godscroft Industries Ltd.	1132 William St., Montreal
Royal Industry Reg'd.	3425 Dore St., Montreal
S. M. Cycle Mfg. Co.	Waterloo
<u>Ontario -</u>	
Canada Cycle & Motor Co. Ltd.	Weston
Alex Kay Cycle Co.	320 Queen St. E., Toronto
Jones Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	R.R. 4, Stratford
Planet Bicycle Co.	69-71 Queen St. E., Toronto
Standard Cycle Products Ltd.	600 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto
<u>Alberta -</u>	
Speedy Scooters	11935 97 St., Edmonton

(\*) Includes only those firms which made bicycles or bicycle parts as their main product.

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