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THE AWNING, TENT AND SAIL INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1943

In 1943 reports were received from seventy-seven establishments whose principal products were awnings, tents, sails, bags, waterproof covers. These establishments, produced goods to the value of \$11,033,694 they gave employment to 1,868 persons, paid out in salaries and wages the sum of \$2,147,950 and expended \$7,279,923 for materials. Capital invested amounted to \$4,110,935.

The output of the awning, tent and sail industry was considerably higher in 1943. There were increases of \$2,476,863 or 28.9 per cent in the gross value of production, 65 in the number of persons employed, \$533,584 in the salaries and wages paid, \$682,262 in the value added by manufacture, and \$408,564 in the capital invested.

Ontario, with 33 establishments, accounted for 35 per cent of the total capital, 41 per cent of the employees and 33 per cent of the gross value of production. The 21 Quebec establishments reported 42 per cent of the capital invested, 39 per cent of the employment given and 47 per cent of the gross value of the output. The remainder of the establishments were located as follows: Nova Scotia 4, New Brunswick 1, Manitoba 4, Saskatchewan 3, Alberta 5, and British Columbia 6.

The principal items of production were: "tents, all kinds", the output of which was valued at \$1,002,234 "covers, all kinds" valued at \$3,924,591, "bags all kinds" \$1,275,718, "awnings" \$476,055 and "flags, bunting and pennants" \$552,273. The increased output of this industry amounting to \$2,476,863 was mainly due to the demands of the armed forces of Canada. Indicative of this is the increase of \$165,580 in the value of flags, etc., \$375,363 in the value of sleeping bags and \$1,499,920 in the value of covers of all kinds manufactured in 1943.

July with 1,688 persons reported and January with 1,484 represented respectively the months of maximum and minimum employment of wage-earners.

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Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1931 to 1943

Year and Provinces	Estab-lish-ments No.	Capital Invested \$	Em-ployees No.	Salaries and Wages \$	Cost of Materials Used \$	Gross Value of Production \$
1931	55	1,769,132	471	486,291	735,103	1,513,430
1932	56	1,647,914	424	418,763	562,538	1,174,966
1933	60	1,563,084	434	378,128	633,532	1,251,063
1934	62	1,554,337	466	398,808	871,533	1,620,163
1935	66	1,732,394	506	458,232	968,429	1,605,311
1936	70	1,926,318	552	482,967	999,427	1,801,790
1937	71	1,988,744	629	568,211	1,155,729	2,194,861
1938	70	1,943,117	588	556,088	957,284	1,934,596
1939	70	2,150,637	645	617,529	1,307,951	2,356,610
1940	73	2,572,948	1,117	832,729	2,880,150	4,636,236
<u>1941</u>						
CANADA	71	2,907,766	1,223	1,152,091	3,450,222	5,537,445
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ..	5	28,170	16	15,677	40,750	65,513
Quebec	15	1,071,532	359	354,312	1,497,311	2,185,986
Ontario	35	1,082,601	597	527,209	1,435,101	2,383,051
Manitoba	4	66,454	24	22,957	40,651	79,708
Saskatchewan and Alberta	6	106,301	32	31,397	60,967	112,659
British Columbia ..	6	552,708	195	200,539	375,442	710,528
<u>1942</u>						
CANADA	79	3,702,371	1,803	1,814,366	5,486,641	8,556,831
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ..	5	76,984	35	39,956	153,441	222,780
Quebec	19	1,324,457	696	691,757	2,462,212	3,553,544
Ontario	37	1,424,584	764	760,104	1,992,147	3,245,083
Manitoba	4	93,116	32	26,039	117,818	173,782
Saskatchewan	3	26,325	9	7,897	8,537	24,501
Alberta	5	110,736	32	34,220	139,243	212,532
British Columbia ..	6	646,169	235	254,393	613,243	1,124,609
<u>1943</u>						
CANADA	77	4,110,935	1,868	2,147,950	7,279,923	11,035,694
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ..	5	99,670	42	59,073	162,858	316,772
Quebec	21	1,736,051	735	838,833	3,550,568	5,185,815
Ontario	33	1,433,645	772	849,342	2,357,807	3,646,976
Manitoba	4	70,826	41	41,807	149,851	223,137
Saskatchewan	3	24,576	6	7,079	12,753	24,520
Alberta	5	104,362	35	45,378	140,930	223,167
British Columbia ..	6	641,805	237	306,438	905,156	1,413,307

Note: Profits or losses cannot be estimated from Census figures as no data are collected for certain expense items, such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

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Table 2 - Comparison of Principal Statistics, 1942 and 1943

Items		1942	1943	- decrease + increase
Establishments reporting	No.	79	77	- 2
Capital Invested	\$	3,702,371	4,110,935	+ 408,564
Employees on salaries -				
Total	No.	278	274	- 4
Male	No.	195	195	- -
Female	No.	83	79	- 4
Total salaries	\$	467,530	533,852	+ 66,322
Employees on wages -				
Monthly average	No.	1,525	1,594	+ 69
Male	No.	480	565	+ 85
Female	No.	1,045	1,029	- 16
Total wages	\$	1,346,836	1,614,098	+ 267,262
Power equipment -				
Units	No.	445	472	+ 27
Horse-power capacity	H.P.	514	544	+ 30
Cost of fuel and electricity	\$	42,606	43,925	+ 1,319
Cost of materials used	\$	5,486,641	7,279,923	+ 1,793,282
Gross value of production	\$	8,556,831	11,033,694	+ 2,476,863
Value added by manufacture	\$	3,027,584	3,709,946	+ 682,262

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Table 3. - Production, 1942 and 1943

Principal Products	1 9 4 2	1 9 4 3
	Selling Value at Factory \$	Selling Value at Factory \$
Awnings, all kinds	550,919	476,055
Sails, all kinds	58,013	36,734
Tents	971,317	1,002,234
Verandah curtains	36,011	48,882
Flags, bunting and pennants	386,693	552,273
Bags, all kinds	1,341,483	1,275,718
Covers -		
Radiator	6,737	34,661
Tarpaulin	1,693,558	2,572,132
All other	724,376	1,317,798
Horse blankets and covers	60,555	86,584
Aprons	12,028	9,673
Sleeping bags	211,087	586,450
Camp beds	936	25,882
Mattresses, athletic	6,902	164,912
Hammocks	169,031	212,485
Camp furniture	9,966	18,582
Cushions and pillows	2,267	1,049
Life buoys and jackets	42,559	59,683
Window blinds	98,746	94,191
Venetian blinds	108,660	94,704 ^x
All other products	1,826,194 ^x	2,094,740 ^x
Amount received for rental	48,402	42,706
Amount received for storage	15,534	19,364
Amount received for custom work and repairs	174,857	156,202
TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION	8,556,831	11,033,694

Note:- The items shown in the above table do not in every case represent the entire Canadian production. For the total for the Dominion reference should be made to the Appendix to annual reports on "The Manufacturing Industries of Canada."

^x Includes mainly military equipment, such as, life floats, housewives, waterproofed clothing, etc.

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Table 4 - Capital Invested, 1929 to 1943

Year and Provinces	Fixed Capital	Working Capital		Total Capital
	Present value of land, buildings, fixtures, machinery, tools, etc.	Inventory value of material on hand Stocks in process, Finished products, Fuel and Miscellaneous supplies, etc.	Cash trading and operating accounts, etc.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1929	834,718	870,982	593,560	2,299,260
1934	684,435	522,726	347,176	1,554,337
1935	925,795	513,868	292,731	1,732,394
1936	979,313	566,016	380,989	1,926,318
1937	960,031	594,771	433,942	1,988,744
1938	929,217	580,415	433,485	1,943,117
1939	975,583	689,175	485,879	2,150,637
1940	1,040,219	883,755	648,984	2,572,958
1941	1,031,055	1,021,392	855,319	2,907,766
<u>1 9 4 2</u>				
CANADA	1,150,137	1,292,500 x	1,259,734	3,702,371
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	19,919	23,326	33,739	76,984
Quebec	388,293	475,418	460,746	1,324,457
Ontario	429,587	569,285	425,712	1,424,584
Manitoba	34,020	24,225	34,871	93,116
Saskatchewan	10,493	5,708	10,124	26,325
Alberta	55,329	21,707	33,700	110,736
British Columbia ...	212,496	172,831	260,842	646,169
<u>1 9 4 3</u>				
CANADA	1,255,874	1,497,367 x	1,357,694	4,110,935
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	18,016	29,187	52,467	99,670
Quebec	508,527	612,357	615,167	1,736,051
Ontario	409,150	588,470	436,025	1,433,645
Manitoba	25,908	23,532	21,386	70,826
Saskatchewan	19,471	3,645	1,460	24,576
Alberta	54,339	20,141	29,882	104,362
British Columbia ...	220,463	220,035	201,307	641,805

x The value of finished products on hand amounted to \$250,326 in 1942, and \$317,090 in 1943.

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Table 5. - Principal Statistics of the Awning, Tent and Sail Industry, 1943
Grouped According to the Size of Establishment.

Establishments having a production of	Estab- lish- ments No.	Capital Invested \$	Em- ployees No.	Salaries and Wages \$	Cost of Materials Used \$	Gross Value of Production \$
1943						
Under \$5,000	13	47,977	25	14,122	13,266	34,763
\$5,000 to under \$25,000 ..	21	204,055	93	88,652	111,036	241,447
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .	10	250,686	87	101,948	199,051	378,273
\$50,000 to under \$100,000.	11	374,788	169	200,299	447,084	746,563
\$100,000 to under \$200,000.	11	639,455	265	367,702	826,038	1,462,106
\$200,000 to under \$500,000.	6	683,108	307	370,459	1,185,197	1,772,467
\$500,000 " " \$1,000,000	1)	1,910,866	922	1,004,768	4,498,251	6,398,070
\$1,000,000 " " \$5,000,000	4)					
TOTAL	77	4,110,935	1,868	2,147,950	7,279,923	11,033,694

Table 6 - Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1942 and 1943

		1 9 4 2	1 9 4 3
Salaried Employees -			
Total	No.	278	274
Male	No.	195	195
Female	No.	83	79
Total salaries	\$	467,530	533,852
Wage-earners -			
Monthly average	No.	1,525	1,594
Male	No.	480	565
Female	No.	1,045	1,029
Total wages	\$	1,346,836	1,614,098
All Employees -			
Total	No.	1,803	1,868
Male	No.	675	760
Female	No.	1,128	1,108
Total salaries and wages	\$	1,814,366	2,147,950

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Table 7 - Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1942 and 1943.

Months	1	9	4	2	1	9	4	3
	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female		Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	423	932	1,355	512	972	1,484		
February	432	943	1,375	542	991	1,533		
March	450	1,033	1,483	548	1,027	1,575		
April	496	1,083	1,579	543	1,030	1,573		
May	516	1,101	1,617	540	1,075	1,615		
June	514	1,096	1,610	539	1,050	1,589		
July	497	1,068	1,565	562	1,126	1,688		
August	483	1,143	1,626	565	1,067	1,632		
September	471	1,128	1,599	532	1,017	1,549		
October	465	1,031	1,496	569	1,025	1,594		
November	475	1,043	1,518	628	983	1,611		
December	476	976	1,452	616	936	1,552		
MONTHLY AVERAGE ...	480	1,045	1,525	565	1,029	1,594		

Table 8 - Number of Wage-earners during One Week in the Month of Highest Employment with their Hours of Work per Week and Average Weekly Earnings, 1942 and 1943.

Number of Hours Worked per Week	1	9	4	2	1	9	4	3
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 hours or less	37	59	45	62				
31 - 43 hours	36	122	41	165				
44 hours	75	409	110	365				
45-47 hours	48	116	60	144				
48 hours	55	34	70	50				
49 - 50 hours	135	316	149	332				
51 - 54 hours	57	116	72	62				
55 hours	27	42	19	9				
56 - 64 hours	62	71	86	50				
65 hours and over	24	4	23					
Average hours per week	48.5	46.2	48.3	45.1				
Average weekly earnings	\$23.39	\$16.79	\$25.98	\$17.34				

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Table 9. - Power Installation, 1942 and 1943

Classes of Power	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 3	
	Number of Units	Manufacturers' rating of Horse-power Capacity	Number of Units	Manufacturers' Rating of Horse-power Capacity
Gasoline engines	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power -				
In use	442	511	468	542
Idle	3	3	4	2
 TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING	 445	 514	 472	 544
 Boiler installation	 -	 -	 -	 -

Table 10. - Consumption of Fuel and Electricity, 1942 and 1943.

Kinds of fuel	Unit of Measure	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 3	
		Quantity	Cost Value at Factory \$	Quantity	Cost Value at Factory \$
Coal -	Ton				
Bituminous	(2000 lb)	663	7,100	787	9,067
Anthracite	"	377	5,259	364	5,385
Lignite	"	38	624	5	52
Coke (for fuel only) ...	"	10	136	16	204
Gasoline	Imp-Gal	17,891	5,552	15,963	5,381
Kerosene or coal oil ...	" "	6	1	515	83
Fuel or diesel oil	" "	300	36	-	-
Wood	Cord	332	1,643	73	582
Gas, manufactured	M cu.ft	530	468	1,153	892
Gas, natural	M cu.ft	3,371	1,152	2,658	773
 TOTAL COST OF FUEL	-	-	21,971	-	22,419
 Electricity purchased ..	Kw.h.	917,112	20,635	1,071,022	21,506
 TOTAL COST OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY	-	-	42,606	-	43,925

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A P P E N D I X

Firms Manufacturing Awnings, Tents and Sails

NOVA SCOTIA

Gourock Ropes and Canvas Ltd.,	101 Upper Water St., Halifax
Holder, Crocker & Pearce	59 Upper Water Street, Halifax
D'Entremont, L.J.	Shelburne
United Sail Makers	Lunenburg

NEW BRUNSWICK

Holder, George E. and Son	100 Water Street, Saint John
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QUEBEC

Provincial Cotton and Fibre Co. Ltd.,	239 St. Sacrament St., Montreal
Renteln, G. Reg'd.,	1184 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal
Woods Manufacturing Company Limited,	200 Laurier Avenue, Hull
Canadian Awning Company Limited,	2119 St. Catherine St. East, Montreal
Canvas Converters Limited,	611 St. James St. W., Montreal
Gourock Ropes and Canvas Limited	138 St. Peter Street, Montreal
Johnston Limited, Norman D.	705 Bourget St., Montreal
Lussier, M. Roch	6394 St. Lawrence Blv'd., Montreal
Merchants Awning Company Limited	24 St. Paul St. East, Montreal
Miller Awning Company	911 Notre Dame Street West, Montreal
Montreal Tent & Tarpaulin Company Ltd.,	181 Place Youville, Montreal
Ross Smith Company Limited	973 St. Antoine St., Montreal
Smith - Anderson Company Limited	211 Common St., Montreal
Tents and Canvas Company	360 Craig St. W., Montreal
Wheeler Broom Mop & Life Belt Company	389 St. Paul St. W., Montreal
Alleyn, J. Limited	225 St. Paul St., Quebec
Les Ateliers Victorien Deschamps	98 rue Christophe Colomb, Quebec
Petrie, Alex. & Son Reg'd.	188 St. Paul Street, Quebec
E. T. Tent & Awning Company	44 Court Street, Sherbrooke
Kee, Sam and Company	1015 Clark Street, Montreal
Finnie Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,	14001 Notre Dame St. E, Pointe-aux-Trembles

ONTARIO

Judson Auto Top and Awnings	13 Broad Street, Brockville
Buticknap, A. D. and Son	Drumbo
Guelph Tent & Awning Company	38 Yorkshire Street S., Guelph
Brusey, Percy W.	501 Hughson Street N., Hamilton
Ontario Tent & Awning Company	48 Huxley Avenue North, Hamilton
Soper, Robert, Limited	124 King Street West, Hamilton
Carter, A. J. Manufacturing Company	96 King Street, London
Payne, James	205 Central Avenue, London
Raymond Brothers	182 York Street, London
Benjamin Tent and Awning Manufacturing	520 Ellis Street, Niagara Falls
Holden, S. S., Limited	147-153 Albert Street, Ottawa
Roebuck, J.B. Limited	Midland
Hinsperger Harness and Tent Company	908 Memorial Ave., Port Arthur
Neelands, W. O.	339 Queen St. East, Sault-Ste-Marie

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Lawrence Manufacturing Company	12 York Street, Ottawa
Petch, C. H.	222-224 Strathcona Avenue, Ottawa
Marchen, James A.	348 Water Street, Peterborough
Acme Tent & Awning Company	44 Geary Avenue, Toronto
American Tent & Awning Company, Limited	535 Yonge Street, Toronto
Anglo Traders Limited	6 Church Street, Toronto
Bartlett, Wm., & Son	616 St. Clarens Avenue, Toronto
Canvas Specialty Company	1110 Yonge Street, Toronto
Eaton, T., Company Limited	190 Yonge Street, Toronto
Leckie, John, Limited	77 Wellington Street West, Toronto
Pike, D., Company Limited,	125 King Street East, Toronto
Pike, J., Awning & Tent Company	rear 46 Lappin Avenue, Toronto
Roberts, Wm., & Son	828 Dupont Street, Toronto
Simpson, Robert, Company Limited	108 Mutual Street, Toronto
Sturdy Products Mfg. Co.,	20½ Rossmore Road, Toronto
Taylor, Tom, Company	107 Front Street E., Toronto
Western Tarpaulin & Awning Co.,	495 King St. West, Toronto
Dominion Tent & Awning Company	225 Sandwich Street W., Windsor
Turner, J. J., & Sons Limited	280 George Street, Peterborough

MANITOBA

Howick, L.S.	855 First Avenue, Brandon
Manitoba Tent & Awning Company	391 Dulferin Ave., Winnipeg
Pickles Tents & Awnings	226 Maryland Street, Winnipeg
Murray Tent & Awning Company	269 James Avenue, Winnipeg

SASKATCHEWAN

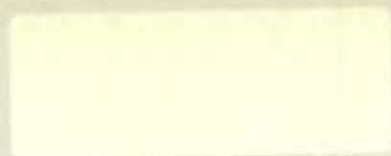
Denham's Awning Makers	1128 Avenue "D", Saskatoon
Regina Tent & Awning Company	13th & Halifax St., Regina
Western Tent & Bedding Company	111 Avenue "B". N., Saskatoon

ALBERTA

Chapman Brothers	10421 82nd Ave., Edmonton
Hutton Upholstering Company	11030 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton
Western Tent & Awning Company	133 - 10th Avenue E., Calgary
Edmonton Tent & Awning Company Limited	10044 - 102nd Street, Edmonton
North West Tent & Awning Company	9921 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grumey Tent & Awning Company	539 Front Street, New Westminster
Bayliss Awnings	2824 Main Street, Vancouver
Jones Tent & Awning Limited	43 Hastings St. W., Vancouver
Lipsett, Edward, Limited	68 Water Street, Vancouver
Nugent, H. M. & Company	54 Water Street, Vancouver
Jeune, F., & Brother Limited	570 Johnson Street, Victoria



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