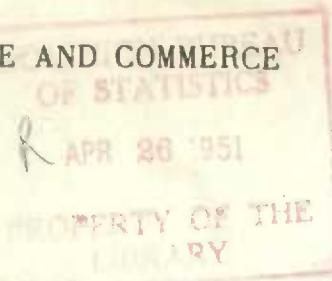


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# THE NARROW FABRIC INDUSTRY

## 1949

In 1940, thirty-four establishments formerly classified under "Women's factory clothing" and "Synthetic textiles and silk" were brought together to form the "Narrow fabric industry". While the volume of production of this industry is not large in relation to other textiles, it is felt that the special nature and intricate application of this industry's products justifies separate attention from 1949 through its own annual report. It has been said that while broad cloths have always covered and clothed mankind, narrow fabrics have always held them together in the form of laces, tapes, braids, webs and gartering, and when the matter of ornamentation is also in question, the relative significance of bows, ribbons and trimmings is apparent. Moreover if the ancient splendour of men's clothes has vanished, narrow fabrics are important to modern man in the form of woven labels, insignia and stripes of great usefulness in the identification of both military and civilian rank. Narrow fabrics are important in many kinds of complicated industrial machinery, for example as insulation for electrical apparatus, in a wide range of sporting equipment and in literally thousands of other specialized applications.

The value of production of the narrow fabric industry was \$11,987,325 in 1940. This output increased to a wartime peak of \$16,782,064 in 1942. It then gradually declined to a low of \$9,187,014 in 1946 and since that time has shown a slow but steady gain until 1949 when output was valued at \$11,950,068. This level of output in 1949 was accompanied by an expenditure of \$5,320,806 for materials used, a wage and salary bill of \$3,797,405 and an employment level of 2,090 persons. Production in 1949 exceeded that of 1948 by 6 per cent.

The 42 establishments recorded by this industry in 1949 were evenly divided between Quebec and Ontario but in terms of production Quebec dominated with 72.8 per cent of total value of output and Quebec reported 70.3 per cent of total employees. The industry was dominated by 5 establishments each having a value of production of over \$500,000 and this group accounted for 57.5 per cent of total output. Sixteen other establishments each with an output between \$100,000 and \$500,000 accounted for 34.1 per cent of output. The industry in 1949 showed little seasonal variation in terms of wage-earners whose monthly employment ranged from a high of 1,782 in August to a low of 1,650 in May.

In 1949 the largest items of production of this industry consisted of ribbons, webbing and tape; these three items accounted for 47.6 per cent of total production. The output of both ribbons and tapes showed a slight decrease in comparison with 1948 but the production of webbing showed a rise of 47 per cent in 1949. Of the materials used, yarns accounted for \$4,044,645 or 76 per cent of the total material costs. Consumption of rayon continuous filament yarns increased from \$955,199 in 1948 to \$1,094,866 in 1949. Cotton yarns declined from \$2,322,900 to \$2,087,601.

Exports in this industry are not significant and are not separately specified in the Trade of Canada. Imports of narrow fabrics continue to show that the domestic industry is taking over a larger share of the Canadian market. Not only has the transition from real to synthetic silk been a benefit to the Canadian industry but the importation of synthetic narrow fabrics has been dropping in absolute terms, ribbons of synthetic silk, for example, declining from \$1,177,312 in 1947 to \$663,013 in 1949.

## THE TEXTILE INDUSTRIES

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, Representative Years, 1940<sup>1</sup>-1949

Year and Provinces	Establishments Reporting	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1940.....	34	2,802	2,624,602	5,279,497	11,987,325
1941.....	36	3,498	3,131,810	6,221,838	13,329,513
1942.....	36	3,204	3,652,140	9,162,288	16,782,064
1943.....	38	2,934	3,577,371	7,257,795	15,431,368
1944.....	39	2,392	3,002,995	6,129,892	12,766,498
1945.....	40	2,393	3,058,969	5,606,209	11,461,547
1946					
Canada .....	39	2,064	2,750,940	4,076,488	9,187,014
Quebec .....	19	1,504	2,054,180	3,220,579	6,858,413
Ontario .....	20	560	696,760	855,909	3,323,601
1947					
Canada .....	43	2,164	3,055,032	5,224,243	10,356,668
Quebec .....	22	1,602	2,239,496	4,061,501	7,563,022
Ontario .....	21	562	815,536	1,162,742	2,793,646
1948					
Canada .....	41	2,081	3,467,860	5,262,639	11,279,517
Quebec .....	20	1,461	2,496,453	3,842,673	7,987,965
Ontario .....	21	620	971,407	1,419,966	3,291,552
1949					
Canada .....	42	2,090	3,797,405	5,320,806	11,950,068
Quebec .....	21	1,469	2,755,366	3,957,748	8,702,791
Ontario .....	21	621	1,042,039	1,363,058	3,247,277

1. New industry in 1940. Previously classified under "Women's factory clothing" and "Synthetic textiles and silk".

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.

TABLE 2. Production, 1948 and 1949

Principal Products	1948	1949
	Selling Value at Factory	Selling Value at Factory
	\$	\$
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton .....	972,396	794,354
Artificial silk .....	31,796	45,643
Other .....	—	—
Laces, corset .....	61,219	71,887
Bindings:		
Cotton .....	389,706	315,336
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	161,580	350,617
Other .....	58,471	
Labels, woven:		
Cotton .....	579,488	778,775
Artificial silk .....	128,597	
Other .....	116,650	
Tapes <sup>1</sup> .....	1,619,033	1,405,778
Webbing <sup>1</sup> :		
Elastic .....	1,184,478	1,586,854
Other .....	104	154,120
Braids:		
Cotton .....	686,162	418,521
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	142,057	463,765
Elastic .....	551,065	500,898
Other .....	20,425	9,240
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton .....	356,133	378,844
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	191,036	177,708
Other .....	9,300	105,948
Ribbons:		
Artificial silk .....	2,739,974	2,546,220
Trimmings:		
Cotton .....	99,510	275,000
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	305,077	243,147
All other products .....	825,971	1,093,114
Custom and repair receipts .....	49,289	42,863
Total .....	11,279,517	11,950,068

1. For the production of tapes and webbing in all industries see Table 4.

TABLE 3. Materials Used, 1948 and 1949

Principal Materials	1948		1949	
	Quantity	Cost Value At Factory	Quantity	Cost Value At Factory
Yarns:		\$		\$
Silk .....	Pound	1, 100	3, 300	2, 099
Rayon (continuous filament) .....	"	1, 093, 066	955, 199	1, 184, 187
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures) .....	"	149, 117	139, 019	136, 205
Nylon .....	"	34, 368	83, 701	48, 148
Cotton .....	"	2, 586, 941	2, 322, 900	2, 174, 984
Worsted .....	"	24, 255	34, 144	20, 563
Rubber .....	"	286, 288	352, 843	303, 590
All other .....	-	-	30, 251	76, 128
Woven Fabrics:				
Cotton .....	Yard	784, 678	240, 003	447, 028
Rayon .....	-	-	435, 010	-
All other .....	-	-	41, 545	-
Chemicals .....	-	-	133, 274	20, 224
Dyes .....	-	-		122, 762
All other materials and supplies .....	-	-	259, 134	304, 768
Dyeing and printing charges .....	-	-	47, 367	39, 103
Packing and shipping materials .....	-	-	184, 949	149, 151
Total Cost of Materials Used .....	-	-	5, 262, 639	5, 320, 806

TABLE 4. Production of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1948

Year	Fabric Tapes	Elastic and Non-Elastic Webbing
	\$	\$
1938 .....	406, 786	1, 176, 278
1939 .....	495, 614	1, 410, 221
1940 .....	723, 288	2, 678, 750
1941 .....	867, 547	3, 049, 229
1942 .....	1, 241, 572	6, 077, 457
1943 .....	1, 174, 976	5, 312, 505
1944 .....	1, 113, 833	3, 502, 053
1945 .....	988, 302	2, 056, 270
1946 .....	867, 923	1, 117, 009
1947 .....	1, 238, 140	2, 543, 794
1948 .....	1, 626, 602	2, 780, 648

TABLE 5. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1947, 1948 and 1949

Articles Imported	1947	1948	1949
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk .....	20,174	11,352	10,051
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part of wool or hair .....	42,956	24,261	18,285
Woven fabrics, artificial silk, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons .....	1,177,312	673,572	663,013
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers .....	128,744	47,720	71,144
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid .....	194,782	66,952	56,104
Corded ribbons for men's hats .....	367,873	216,724	230,191
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces .....	1,790	1,229	2,524
Boot, shoe, shirt and stay laces .....	132,990	21,314	8,818

TABLE 6. Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces, 1948 and 1949

	1948			1949		
	Quebec	Ontario	Total	Quebec	Ontario	Total
<b>Salaried Employees:</b>						
<b>Total</b> .....	No. 252	No. 96	No. 348	No. 272	No. 96	No. 368
Male .....	No. 150	No. 51	No. 201	No. 171	No. 51	No. 222
Female .....	No. 102	No. 45	No. 147	No. 101	No. 45	No. 146
<b>Total Salaries</b> .....	\$ 661,821	\$ 257,328	\$ 919,149	\$ 878,833	\$ 285,703	\$ 1,164,536
<b>Wage-earners:</b>						
<b>Monthly average</b> .....	No. 1,209	No. 524	No. 1,733	No. 1,197	No. 525	No. 1,722
Male .....	No. 652	No. 186	No. 838	No. 634	No. 190	No. 824
Female .....	No. 557	No. 338	No. 895	No. 563	No. 335	No. 898
<b>Total Wages</b> .....	\$ 1,834,632	\$ 714,079	\$ 2,548,711	\$ 1,876,533	\$ 756,336	\$ 2,632,869
<b>All Employees:</b>						
<b>Total</b> .....	No. 1,461	No. 620	No. 2,081	No. 1,469	No. 621	No. 2,090
Male .....	No. 802	No. 237	No. 1,039	No. 805	No. 241	No. 1,046
Female .....	No. 659	No. 383	No. 1,042	No. 664	No. 380	No. 1,044
<b>Total Salaries and Wages</b> .....	\$ 2,496,453	\$ 971,407	\$ 3,467,860	\$ 2,755,366	\$ 1,042,039	\$ 3,797,405

TABLE 7. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1948 and 1949

Months	1948			1949		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	834	878	1,712	840	911	1,751
February .....	859	884	1,743	846	920	1,766
March .....	870	887	1,757	835	888	1,723
April .....	868	887	1,755	799	883	1,682
May .....	853	902	1,755	781	869	1,650
June .....	814	881	1,695	788	903	1,691
July .....	804	846	1,650	809	898	1,707
August .....	831	900	1,731	864	918	1,782
September .....	828	889	1,717	829	915	1,744
October .....	849	918	1,767	833	889	1,722
November .....	832	923	1,755	827	882	1,709
December .....	826	881	1,707	841	864	1,705
Monthly Averages .....	838	895	1,733	824	898	1,722

TABLE 8. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabric Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1948 and 1949

Establishments having a production of	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1948					
Under \$25,000 .....	6	23	32,562	44,195	99,047
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	6	53	68,013	126,815	238,696
\$50,000 " \$100,000 .....	8	69	117,822	290,429	510,953
\$100,000 " \$500,000 .....	16	661	1,104,821	1,711,106	3,749,174
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000 .....	1	1,275	2,144,642	3,090,094	6,681,647
\$1,000,000 and over .....	4				
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>3,467,860</b>	<b>5,262,639</b>	<b>11,279,517</b>
1949					
Under \$25,000 .....	5	17	23,616	28,995	64,517
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	7	63	91,202	105,056	265,127
\$50,000 " \$100,000 .....	9	88	149,190	398,955	681,624
\$100,000 " \$500,000 .....	16	674	1,233,675	1,773,631	4,071,570
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000 .....	2	1,248	2,299,722	3,014,169	6,867,230
\$1,000,000 and over .....	3				
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>3,797,405</b>	<b>5,320,806</b>	<b>11,950,068</b>

## APPENDIX

## List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada, 1949

Name	Address
<b>Quebec :</b>	
Belding-Corticelli Ltd. ....	Coaticook
Belding-Corticelli Ltd. ....	1455 Shearer St., Montreal
Bridgeport Fabrics of Canada Ltd. ....	1800 Moreau Ave., St. Rose
Canada Label & Webbing (Div. of M.E. Binz Co. Ltd.) ....	2120 Cabot St., Montreal
Canadian Cord & Tassel Co. ....	5085 Papineau Ave., Montreal
Consolidated Moulton Trimmings Ltd. ....	426 Guy St., Montreal
Cornforth, The P.J. Co. ....	627 Notre-Dame St. W., Montreal
Daverna Mills Ltd. ....	2052 St. Catherine St., Montreal
De Luxe Braid Ltd. ....	157 Lagauchetiere St. W., Montreal
Dominion Cord & Tassel Co. Ltd. ....	420 Lagauchetiere St. W., Montreal
Footwear Findings of Canada Ltd. ....	Cowansville
Granby Elastic Web of Canada Ltd. ....	100 Denison St., Granby
Herco Label Reg'd. ....	2112 St. Hubert St., Montreal
International Braid Co. of Can. Ltd. ....	152 Park Ave., St. Rose
Kenrod Mfg. Co. Ltd. ....	7170 Clark St., Montreal
Nalpac Co. ....	2260 Aird Ave., Montreal
National Tape Co. ....	369 Lebrun Ave., Montreal
Novelty Trimming & Embroidery Co. Ltd. ....	1435 Bleury St., Montreal
Ribbon Fabrics Inc. ....	9500 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Stark Bros. Ribbon Corp. of Canada Ltd. ....	Dorchester St., Granby
Textile Bindings Inc. ....	3981 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
<b>Ontario :</b>	
Bennett, Thomas J. ....	14 Millstone Lane, Toronto
Braids & Laces Co. ....	33 Sherbourne St., Toronto
Brown Ribbons, H. Ltd. ....	79 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Buckley Trimming Mfg. Co. ....	41 Britain St., Toronto
Canadian Cord and Tassel Co. ....	54 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Cash J. & J. (Canada) Ltd. ....	Grier St., Belleville
Colonial Weaving Co. Ltd. ....	Rink & Rubidge Sts., Peterborough
Cowie H.V. Co. Ltd. ....	Shepherd Ave. & Yonge St., Lansing
Drapery Trimmings Co. Ltd. ....	57 Sherbourne St., Toronto
Gillies, A.J. Mfg. Co. Ltd. ....	376 Dufferin St., Toronto
International Braid Co. of Can. Ltd. ....	44 Finkle St., Woodstock
McDowell & Lincoln Ltd. ....	77 Ontario St. S., Kitchener
Mystick Adhesive Products Ltd. ....	Maple Leaf Bldg., Port Dalhousie
Narrow Fabric Weaving & Dyeing Ltd. ....	Galt
Nufashond Narrow Fabrics Co. of Can. Ltd. ....	178 Vine St., St. Catharines
Peterboro Elastic Co. ....	Rink & Rubidge Sts., Peterborough
Peters Braid Mfg. Co. ....	1 Mincing Lane, Toronto
Pinzer J. ....	156 Beatrice St., Toronto
Schlegel Co. of Canada Ltd. ....	Oakville
Shannon, Wm. Co. Ltd. ....	720-24 Bathurst St. Toronto
Textile Mfg. Co. Ltd. ....	915 Dupont St., Toronto

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