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## THE NARROW FABRICS INDUSTRY 1950

In 1950 the narrow fabrics industry showed a gain in production of 14.7 per cent despite a 1.5 per cent drop in employment. Increases were shown in all the main products of the industry including ribbons, webbing and tapes. The industry continued to supply nearly all the domestic market for narrow fabrics although there were increases in the importation of real and artificial silk ribbons as well as webbing.

The value of production of the narrow fabrics industry was \$13,703,678 in 1950, a gain of \$1,753,610 from the \$11,950,068 reported in 1949. Materials used were valued at \$6,462,522 in 1950, a gain of \$1,141,716 or 21 per cent over the previous year when \$5,320,806 was reported. Employment dropped by 32 over the two years and stood at 2,058 in 1950 but salaries and wages were up from \$3,797,405 in 1949 to \$3,918,533 in 1950.

Of the 42 establishments reporting in this industry in 1950 there were 22 in Quebec and 20 in Ontario. In terms of production Quebec dominated with 73 per cent of total value of output and 70 per cent of total employees. In terms of size three establishments each had a gross value of product exceeding \$1,000,000 and this group produced 46 per cent of the total output. Three other firms, each of whose output varied between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, produced 15 per cent of the total value of output. There were 19 establishments in the industry producing between \$100,000 and \$500,000 annually and these accounted for 34 per cent of production. The industry in 1950 showed little seasonal variation in terms of wage-earners whose monthly employment ranged from a high of 1,897 in December to a low of 1,687 in January.

In 1950 the largest items of production in this industry consisted of ribbons, webbing and tape. Together these accounted for 48 per cent of total value of production. Ribbons were valued at \$2,599,695 in 1950 compared with \$2,546,220 in 1949. There was a slight increase in the production of tapes from \$1,405,778 in 1949 to \$1,518,790 in 1950. The value of webbing showed a large increase and reached \$2,466,807 in 1950 compared with \$1,740,974 the previous year.

Of the materials used, yarns accounted for \$4,958,882 or 77 per cent of the total material costs. Consumption of cotton yarns increased from 2,174,984 pounds valued at \$2,087,601 in 1949 to 2,740,443 pounds valued at \$2,684,322 in 1950. Continuous filament rayon yarns were consumed to the extent of 1,194,905 pounds in 1950 compared with 1,184,187 pounds in 1949. The consumption of spun rayon increased from 136,205 pounds in 1949 to 338,921 in 1950 and the utilization of nylon yarns was up from 48,148 pounds to 101,026 pounds.

Exports in this industry are not significant and are not separately specified in the Trade of Canada. Of the imports of narrow fabrics, artificial silk ribbons were valued at \$813,901 in 1950 compared with \$663,013 in 1949 and webbing increased from \$127,248 in 1949 to \$208,981 in 1950.

For full details of production, materials used and imports, reference should be made to Tables 2, 3 and 5 of this Report.

## THE TEXTILE INDUSTRIES

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940<sup>1</sup>-1950

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	13,329,518
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 .....	39	2,064	2,750,940	4,076,488	9,187,014
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
1950					
Canada .....	42	2,058	3,918,533	6,462,522	13,703,678
Quebec .....	22	1,438	2,798,591	4,744,966	10,022,296
Ontario .....	20	620	1,119,942	1,717,556	3,681,382

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, 1949 and 1950

Principal Products	1949	1950
	Selling Value at Factory	Selling Value at Factory
	\$	\$
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton .....	794,354	869,627
Artificial silk .....	45,643	63,762
Other .....	-	
Laces, corset .....	71,887	76,222
Bindings:		
Cotton .....	315,336	400,538
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	350,617	234,236
Other .....		
Labels, woven:		
Cotton .....	778,775	925,563
Artificial silk .....		
Other .....	191,436	157,116
Tapes <sup>1</sup> .....	1,405,778	1,518,790
Webbing <sup>1</sup> :		
Elastic .....	1,586,854	2,466,807
Other .....	154,120	
Braids:		
Cotton .....	418,521	388,346
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	463,765	413,354
Elastic .....	500,898	723,944
Other .....	9,240	12,839
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton .....	378,844	319,716
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	177,708	285,915
Other .....	105,948	130,698
Ribbons:		
Artificial silk .....	2,546,220	2,599,695
Trimmings:		
Cotton .....	275,000	472,942
Artificial silk and mixtures .....	243,147	233,889
All other products .....	1,093,114	1,409,679
Custom and repair receipts .....	42,863	
Total .....	11,950,068	13,703,678

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

TABLE 3. Materials Used, 1949 and 1950

Principal Materials	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Cost Value At Factory	Quantity	Cost Value At Factory
		\$		\$
Yarns:				
Silk .....	Pound	2,099	7,597	2,073
Rayon (continuous filament) .....	"	1,184,187	1,094,866	1,194,905
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures) .....	"	136,205	142,977	338,921
Nylon .....	"	48,148	122,764	101,026
Cotton .....	"	2,174,984	2,087,601	2,740,443
Worsted and woollen .....	"	71,829	154,610	58,699
Rubber .....	"	303,590	400,723	384,987
All other .....	"	24,862	33,507	40,651
Woven Fabrics:				
Cotton .....	Yard	447,028	135,114	{
Rayon .....	"	—	350,686	
All other .....	"	—	154,353	
Chemicals .....	"	—	20,224	—
Dyes .....	"	—	122,762	—
All other materials and supplies .....	"	—	304,768	—
Dyeing and printing charges .....	"	—	39,103	—
Packing and shipping materials .....	"	—	149,151	—
<b>Total Cost of Materials Used .....</b>	—	—	<b>5,320,806</b>	—
				<b>6,462,522</b>

TABLE 4. Production of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1949

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
1949 .....	1,531,665	2,790,028

TABLE 5. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1948, 1949 and 1950

Articles Imported	1948	1949	1950
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk .....	11,352	10,051	22,355
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part of wool or hair .....	24,261	18,285	7,429
Woven fabrics, artificial silk, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons .....	673,572	663,013	813,901
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers .....	47,720	71,144	132,319
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid .....	66,952	56,104	76,662
Corded ribbons for men's hats .....	216,724	230,191	224,679
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces .....	1,229	2,524	813
Boot, shoe, shirt and stay laces .....	21,314	8,818	6,731

TABLE 6. Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces, 1949 and 1950

	1949			1950		
	Quebec	Ontario	Total	Quebec	Ontario	Total
<b>Salaried Employees:</b>						
Total .....	No. 272	96	368	189	94	283
Male .....	No. 171	51	222	113	51	164
Female .....	No. 101	45	146	76	43	119
<b>Total Salaries</b> .....	\$ 878,833	285,703	1,164,536	653,867	308,432	962,299
<b>Wage-earners:</b>						
Monthly average .....	No. 1,197	525	1,722	1,249	526	1,775
Male .....	No. 634	190	824	674	200	874
Female .....	No. 563	335	898	575	326	901
<b>Total Wages</b> .....	\$ 1,876,533	756,336	2,632,869	2,144,724	811,510	2,956,234
<b>All Employees:</b>						
Total .....	No. 1,469	621	2,090	1,438	620	2,058
Male .....	No. 805	241	1,046	787	251	1,038
Female .....	No. 664	380	1,044	651	369	1,020
<b>Total Salaries and Wages</b> .....	\$ 2,755,366	1,042,039	3,797,405	2,798,591	1,119,942	3,918,533

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TABLE 7. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1949 and 1950

Months	1949			1950		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	840	911	1,751	834	853	1,687
February.....	846	920	1,766	842	865	1,707
March.....	835	888	1,723	855	869	1,734
April.....	799	883	1,682	853	877	1,730
May .....	781	869	1,650	845	881	1,726
June .....	788	903	1,691	866	883	1,749
July.....	809	898	1,707	841	871	1,712
August .....	864	918	1,782	885	888	1,773
September.....	829	915	1,744	889	922	1,811
October .....	833	889	1,722	909	949	1,858
November.....	827	882	1,709	938	948	1,886
December.....	841	864	1,705	940	957	1,897
<b>Monthly Averages.....</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1,775</b>

TABLE 8. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabric Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1949 and 1950

Establishments having a production of	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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>
1950					
Under \$25,000 .....	6	23	29,336	27,903	75,049
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	4	33	52,045	48,426	141,276
\$50,000 " \$100,000 .....	7	69	111,771	291,623	531,439
\$100,000 " \$500,000 .....	19	679	1,312,976	2,388,950	4,682,060
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000 .....	3	356	619,866	849,741	2,019,718
\$1,000,000 and over.....	3	898	1,792,539	2,855,879	6,254,139
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>3,918,533</b>	<b>6,462,522</b>	<b>13,703,678</b>

## APPENDIX

## List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada, 1950

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. Hyacinthe
Burlington Mills Ribbon Corp. of Canada Ltd. ....	Dorchester St. Granby
Canada Woven Label Ltd. ....	2120 Cabot St. Montreal
Canadian Cord & Tassel Co. ....	5685 Papineau Ave., Montreal
Canadian Elastic Weaving Co. ....	282 Ontario St. W., 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. ....	155 A 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
Xenrod Mfg. Co. Ltd. ....	5149 Marquette St., Montreal
Nalpac Co. The ....	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
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
McDowell & Lincoln Ltd. ....	77 Ontario St. S., Kitchener
Mystick Adhesive Products Ltd. ....	10-12 Davidson St., St. Catharines
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. ....	Rear S4 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Pinzer J. & Co. ....	150 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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