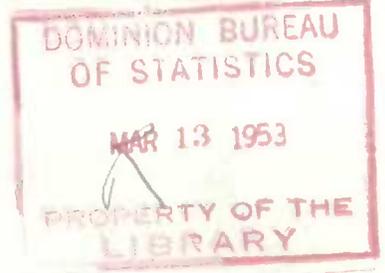


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THE NARROW FABRICS INDUSTRY

1951

In 1951 the narrow fabrics industry operated at a higher level in terms of number of establishments, employment and value of production but employment fell steadily from March to the end of the year. The industry's annual output rose in value from \$13,703,678 in 1950 to \$16,907,298 in 1951, an increase of \$3,203,620 or 23 per cent. Increases were shown in the value of nearly all of the products of the industry including ribbons, webbing and tapes. Imports were not important in this industry although there was some increase in the importation of synthetic silk ribbons.

Gross value of output of \$16,907,298 was accompanied by a cost of materials of \$8,081,312 compared with \$6,462,522 in 1950. There were three extra establishments in Quebec and one in Ontario in 1951. Employment in the industry rose from 2,058 in 1950 to 2,202 in 1951 and salaries and wages were up from \$3,918,533 to \$4,753,850 over the two years.

Of the 46 establishments reporting in this industry in 1951 there were 25 in Quebec and 21 in Ontario. In terms of production Quebec dominated with 67 per cent of the total value of output and 65 per cent of total employees. In terms of size, five establishments each had a gross value of product exceeding \$1,000,000 and this group produced 57 per cent of the total output. Twenty-one establishments had a value of output between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 and this group produced nearly 38 per cent of total gross value of production. The industry in 1951 showed a steady decline in terms of wage-earners whose monthly employment decreased from a high of 2,178 in March to a low of 1,488 at the end of the year.

In 1951 the largest items of production in this industry consisted of webbing, ribbons and tapes. Together these items accounted for 52 per cent of total value of production. Webbing was valued at \$3,892,136 compared with \$2,466,807 in 1950. Ribbons were valued at \$2,738,927 in 1951 compared with \$2,599,695 the previous year. There was an increase in the value of tapes from \$1,518,790 in 1950 to \$2,221,407 in the year under review.

Of the materials used, yarns accounted for over 78 per cent of the total material costs. Consumption of cotton yarns increased from 2,740,443 pounds valued at \$2,684,322 in 1950 to 2,992,282 pounds valued at \$3,406,353 in 1951. The consumption of continuous filament rayon yarns, however, was down from 1,194,905 pounds to 1,119,074 pounds although the cost showed an increase. The consumption of spun rayon increased from 338,921 pounds valued at \$333,959 in 1950 to 368,703 pounds valued at \$363,061 in 1951. The consumption of nylon yarns increased from 101,026 pounds valued at \$288,538 in 1950 to 207,553 pounds valued at \$584,476 in the year under review.

Exports in this industry are not significant and are not separately specified in the Trade of Canada. Of the imports of narrow fabrics, synthetic silk ribbons were valued at \$879,899 in 1951 compared with \$813,901 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, 1940¹-1951

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	43	2,164	3,055,032	5,224,243	10,356,668
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	1,436	2,798,591	4,744,966	10,022,296
Ontario	20	620	1,119,942	1,717,556	3,681,382
1951					
Canada	46	2,202	4,753,850	8,081,312	16,907,298
Quebec	25	1,440	3,200,964	5,740,815	11,261,775
Ontario	21	762	1,552,886	2,340,497	5,645,523

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, 1950 and 1951

Principal products	1950	1951
	Selling value at factory	Selling value at factory
	\$	\$
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton	869, 627	1, 006, 295
Artificial silk	} 63, 762	65, 415
Other		
Laces, corset	76, 222	67, 600
Lace, all kinds	2	876, 989
Bindings:		
Cotton	400, 538	435, 660
Artificial silk and mixtures	} 234, 236	172, 105
Other		
Labels, woven:		
Cotton	} 925, 563	1, 008, 530
Artificial silk		
Other		
Other	157, 116	189, 362
Tapes ¹	1, 518, 790	2, 221, 407
Webbing ¹ :		
Elastic	} 2, 466, 807	} 2, 647, 718
Other		
Other		1, 244, 418
Braids:		
Cotton	388, 346	422, 316
Artificial silk and mixtures	413, 354	479, 947
Elastic	723, 944	890, 357
Other	12, 839	17, 271
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton	319, 716	278, 370
Artificial silk and mixtures	285, 915	296, 528
Other	130, 698	203, 940
Ribbons:		
Artificial silk	2, 599, 695	2, 738, 927
Trimmings:		
Artificial silk and mixtures	233, 889	225, 515
Cotton	472, 942	} 407, 750
Other	—	
All other products	} 1, 409, 679	1, 010, 878
Custom and repair receipts		
Total	13, 703, 678	16, 907, 298

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

2. Included in "All other products".

TABLE 3. Materials Used, 1950 and 1951

Principals materials	1950		1951	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
		\$		\$
Yarns:				
Silk Pound	2, 073	13, 028	—	1
Rayon (continuous filament) "	1, 194, 905	983, 835	1, 119, 074	1, 028, 058
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures) "	338, 921	333, 959	368, 703	363, 061
Nylon "	101, 026	288, 538	207, 553	584, 476
Cotton "	2, 740, 443	2, 684, 322	2, 992, 282	3, 406, 353
Mohair "	—	1	3, 362	12, 476
Worsted and woollen "	58, 699	124, 202	31, 314	87, 312
Rubber "	384, 987	477, 693	389, 010	649, 484
All other "	40, 651	53, 305	187, 759	214, 583
Woven Fabrics:				
Cotton Yard	}	427, 203	747, 275	285, 077
Rayon "			666, 472	453, 826
All other "			—	90, 751
Chemicals "	—	40, 745	—	31, 939
Dyes "	—	140, 800	—	140, 557
All other materials and supplies "	—	488, 474	—	515, 804
Dyeing and printing charges "	—	59, 514	—	116, 400
Packing and shipping materials "	—	89, 629	—	101, 155
Total Cost of Materials Used	—	6, 462, 522	—	8, 081, 312

1. Included in "All other yarns".

TABLE 4. Production of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1950

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
1950	2, 094, 235	3, 799, 163

TABLE 5. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1949, 1950 and 1951

Articles Imported	1949	1950	1951
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk	10,051	22,355	17,867
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part of wool or hair	18,285	7,429	14,661
Woven fabrics, artificial silk, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons	663,013	813,901	879,899
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided there in, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers	71,144	132,319	102,393
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided there in, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid	56,104	76,662	98,313
Corded ribbons for men's hats	230,191	224,679	176,844
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces	2,524	813	1,620
Boot, shoe, shirt and stay laces	8,818	6,731	11,336

TABLE 6. Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces, 1950 and 1951

	1950			1951		
	Quebec	Ontario	Total	Quebec	Ontario	Total
Salaried Employees:						
Total	189	94	283	200	103	303
Male	113	51	164	133	64	197
Female	76	43	119	67	39	106
Total Salaries	\$ 653,867	308,432	962,299	701,612	363,762	1,065,374
Wage-earners:						
Monthly average	1,249	526	1,775	1,240	659	1,899
Male	674	200	874	657	233	890
Female	575	326	901	583	426	1,009
Total Wages	\$ 2,144,724	811,510	2,956,234	2,499,352	1,189,124	3,688,476
All Employees:						
Total	1,438	620	2,058	1,440	762	2,202
Male	787	251	1,038	790	297	1,087
Female	651	369	1,020	650	465	1,115
Total Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,798,591	1,119,942	3,918,533	3,200,964	1,552,886	4,753,850

TABLE 7. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1950 and 1951

Months	1950			1951		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	834	853	1,687	971	1,109	2,080
February	842	865	1,707	968	1,122	2,090
March	855	869	1,724	1,029	1,149	2,178
April	853	877	1,730	994	1,138	2,132
May	845	881	1,726	973	1,124	2,097
June	866	883	1,749	929	1,070	1,999
July	841	871	1,712	871	1,023	1,894
August	885	888	1,773	841	966	1,807
September	889	922	1,811	820	936	1,756
October	909	949	1,858	794	862	1,656
November	938	948	1,886	737	815	1,552
December	940	957	1,897	718	770	1,488
Monthly Averages	874	901	1,775	890	1,009	1,899

TABLE 8. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1950 and 1951

Establishments having a production of	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Gross value of production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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	2,019,715
\$1,000,000 and over	3	898	1,792,539	2,855,879	6,254,139
Total	42	2,058	3,918,533	6,462,522	13,703,678
1951					
Under \$25,000	8	23	44,835	44,785	102,423
\$25,000 to under \$50,000	4	34	65,384	48,647	134,496
\$50,000 " \$100,000	8	69	134,055	376,480	609,887
\$100,000 " \$500,000	18	600	1,240,111	2,105,905	4,470,473
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000	3	280	541,169	921,481	1,902,836
\$1,000,000 and over	5	1,196	2,728,296	4,584,014	9,687,183
Total	46	2,202	4,753,850	8,081,312	16,907,298

TABLE 9. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1951
(Thousands of dollars)

Year	Capital expenditures			Repair and maintenance expenditures			Capital, repair and maintenance expenditures		
	Con-struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub-total	Con-struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub-total	Con-struction	Machinery and equipment	Total
1946	438	371	809	459	—	459	897	371	1,268
1947	702	806	1,508	149	311	460	851	1,117	1,968
1948	19	653	672	88	218	306	107	871	978
1949	10	250	260	38	329	367	48	579	627
1950	9	346	355	29	306	335	38	652	690
1951	49	417	466	50	331	381	99	748	847

APPENDIX

List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada, 1951

Name	Address
Quebec:	
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
Canadian Ribbon Tape Co. Ltd.	440 St. Peter St., 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. W., Montreal
De Luxe Braid Ltd.	155 A Lagauchetière St. W., Montreal
Dominion Binding Ltd.	426 St. Helen St., Montreal
Dominion Cord & Tassel Co. Ltd.	420 Lagauchetière 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.	5149 Marquette St., Montreal
Metropolitan Braids Ltd.	648 Wellington 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
Ontario:	
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
Hamilton Cotton Co. Ltd. (Narrow Fabric Weaving)	304 Mary St. N., Hamilton
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 54 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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