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Commencing with 1952, the value of factory shipments f.o.b. plant has been collected in place of gross value of production for the narrow fabrics industry. This is in line with a decision taken by the Bureau to convert from a gross value of production to a gross value of shipments approach in its annual survey of manufacturing. The changeover is expected to provide increased ease in reporting for the majority of plants while at the same time producing more reliable, more meaningful statistics in many cases.

The value of shipments was substituted for value of production in all industries where inventory change was insignificant and where, therefore, factory shipments approximate production. In the narrow fabrics industry the finished goods inventory at plant at end of 1952 was practically the same as at end of 1951, the change being a mere \$1,000 (estimated). The value of factory shipments did, therefore, differ very little from value of production for the year under review and is reasonably comparable with value of production figures for previous years.

The factory shipments made by the narrow fabrics industry in 1952 had a value f.o.b. plant of \$16,715,760 which amount is slightly less than the \$16,907,298 gross value of production reported in 1951. Employment was provided for 2,035 persons, 8 per cent below 1951, while salaries and wages paid fell by about 3 per cent from \$4,753,850 to \$4,629,909 over the two years. The cost of materials used at \$7,960,677 was down slightly from the \$8,081,312 reported a year earlier.

Reports were received from 52 establishments in 1952, 6 more than in 1951. The industry is confined to Ontario and Quebec with the two provinces having 22 and 30 establishments respectively. Quebec occupied the dominant position with shipments amounting to \$11,420,919 or 68 per cent of total and with employees numbering 1,357 or 67 per cent of all persons employed by the industry.

Five establishments, each reporting shipments in excess of \$1,000,000, together accounted for a value of goods shipped amounting to \$9,109,995 or 54 per cent of the industry total. They provided employment for 1,024 persons which is about 50 per cent of all persons employed.

Webbing which was shipped to the value of \$4,206,111 in 1952 proved to be the most important single commodity. Other leading commodities were ribbons with shipments valued at \$2,719,859 and tapes with shipments worth \$1,637,262. Other items of production include bindings, braids, cords, fringes, lace, laces, tassels and trimmings.

Of the materials used, yarn accounted for about 80 per cent of the total cost. Cotton yarn is used much more extensively than any other type of yarn. The consumption of cotton yarn in 1952 was 3,391,908 pounds costing \$3,390,337 compared with 2,992,282 pounds costing \$3,406,353 in 1951. The consumption of continuous filament rayon which amounted to 1,132,707 pounds worth \$966,705 was practically unchanged while the utilization of spun rayon yarn increased slightly from 368,703 pounds worth \$363,061 in 1951 to 413,850 pounds worth \$445,327 in 1952. Nylon yarn consumption was also up, from 207,553 pounds at a cost of \$584,476 in 1951 to 250,579 pounds costing \$680,991 in the year under review.

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

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940¹-1952

Year and province	Establish- ments 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	41	2,081	3,467,860	5,262,639	11,279,517
1949	42	2,090	3,797,405	5,320,806	11,950,068
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
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
1952					
Canada	52	2,035	4,629,909	7,960,677	16,715,760 ²
Quebec	30	1,357	3,226,148	5,497,490	11,420,919 ²
Ontario	22	678	1,403,761	2,463,187	5,294,841 ²

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

2. In 1952 gross value of production is replaced by value of factory shipments. (See text). The inventory value of finished products at plant at the end of 1951 amounted to \$662,000 and at the end of 1952 to \$661,000.

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, 1951, Factory Shipments 1952

Principal products	1951 Production	1952 Factory shipments
	Selling value at factory	Selling value at factory
	\$	\$
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton	1,006,295	1,056,201
Artificial silk	65,415	50,000
Other		14,046
Laces, corset	67,600	54,003
Lace, all kinds	876,989	1,332,601
Bindings:		
Cotton	435,660	279,094
Artificial silk and mixtures	172,105	213,869
Other		67,764
Labels, woven:		
Cotton	1,008,530	199,944
Artificial silk		429,775
Other		389,676
Tapes ¹	2,221,407	1,637,262
Webbing ¹ :		
Elastic	2,647,718	2,438,591
Other	1,244,418	1,767,520
Braids:		
Cotton	422,316	326,197
Artificial silk and mixtures	479,947	421,661
Elastic	890,357	723,286
Other	17,271	7,554
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton	278,370	332,613
Artificial silk and mixtures	296,528	308,374
Nylon	203,940	76,951
Other		95,398
Ribbons:		
Artificial silk and other	2,738,927	2,719,859
Trimmings:		
Artificial silk and mixtures	225,515	184,474
Cotton	407,750	561,775
Other		
All other products	1,010,878	1,027,272
Custom and repair receipts		
Total	16,907,298	16,715,760

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

TABLE 3. Materials Used, 1951 and 1952

Principal materials	1951		1952	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
Yarns:				
Silk Pound	—	1	2,880	11,952
Rayon (continuous filament)..... "	1,119,074	1,028,058	1,132,707	966,705
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures)..... "	368,703	363,061	413,850	445,327
Nylon..... "	207,553	584,476	250,579	680,991
Cotton..... "	2,992,282	3,406,353	3,391,908	3,390,337
Mohair..... "	3,362	12,476	4,061	12,208
Worsted and woollen..... "	31,314	87,312	25,718	65,413
Rubber..... "	389,010	649,484	331,882	597,143
All other..... —	—	214,583	—	161,583
Woven fabrics:				
Cotton..... Yard	747,275	285,077	303,357	245,212
Rayon..... "	666,472	453,826	753,990	369,540
All other..... —	—	90,751	—	143,832
Chemicals..... —	—	31,939	—	61,555
Dyes..... —	—	140,557	—	167,140
All other materials and supplies..... —	—	515,804	—	460,617
Dyeing and printing charges..... —	—	116,400	—	107,619
Packing and shipping materials..... —	—	101,155	—	73,503
Total cost of materials used..... —	—	8,081,312	—	7,960,677

1. Included in "All other yarns".

TABLE 4. Production of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1951

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
1951	3,103,936	3,985,536

TABLE 5. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1950, 1951 and 1952

Articles imported	1950	1951	1952
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk.....	22,355	17,867	26,976
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part of wool or hair	7,429	14,661	16,162
Woven fabrics, artificial silk, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons.....	813,901	879,899	916,458
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers.....	132,319	102,393	198,997
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven or braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid	76,662	98,313	170,348
Corded ribbons for men's hats.....	224,679	176,844	185,672
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces.....	813	1,620	2,209
Boot, shoe, shirt and stay laces	6,731	11,336	13,558

TABLE 6. Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces, 1951 and 1952

	1951			1952		
	Quebec	Ontario	Total	Quebec	Ontario	Total
Salaried employees:						
Total No.	200	103	303	205	90	295
Male No.	133	64	197	137	55	192
Female No.	67	39	106	68	35	103
Total salaries \$	701,612	363,762	1,065,374	735,597	312,870	1,048,467
Wage-earners:						
Monthly average No.	1,240	659	1,899	1,152	588	1,740
Male No.	657	233	890	595	212	807
Female No.	583	426	1,009	557	376	933
Total wages \$	2,499,352	1,189,124	3,688,476	2,490,551	1,090,891	3,581,442
All employees:						
Total No.	1,440	762	2,202	1,357	678	2,035
Male No.	790	297	1,087	732	267	999
Female No.	650	465	1,115	625	411	1,036
Total salaries and wages \$	3,200,964	1,552,886	4,753,850	3,226,148	1,403,761	4,629,909

TABLE 7. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1951 and 1952

Months	1951			1952		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	971	1,109	2,080	736	828	1,564
February	968	1,122	2,090	759	883	1,642
March	1,029	1,149	2,178	775	896	1,671
April	994	1,138	2,132	778	885	1,663
May	973	1,124	2,097	757	882	1,639
June	929	1,070	1,999	774	910	1,684
July	871	1,023	1,894	785	933	1,718
August	841	966	1,807	793	947	1,740
September	820	936	1,756	861	1,006	1,867
October	794	862	1,656	909	997	1,906
November	737	815	1,552	906	1,002	1,908
December	718	770	1,488	896	1,005	1,901
Monthly averages	890	1,009	1,899	807	933	1,740

TABLE 8. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1951 and 1952

Size of Establishment	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Gross value of production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1951					
Production of:					
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
1952					
Factory shipments of:					
Under \$25,000	13	44	63,960	62,469	160,966
\$25,000 to under \$50,000	6	45	99,186	80,030	205,774
\$50,000 " \$100,000	6	49	95,700	185,439	383,847
\$100,000 " \$500,000	18	544	1,117,323	1,752,620	4,071,823
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000	4	329	744,806	1,275,703	2,783,355
\$1,000,000 and over	5	1,024	2,508,934	4,604,416	9,109,995
Total	52	2,035	4,629,909	7,960,677	16,715,760

Note: In 1952 value of factory shipments was collected instead of value of production as in previous years. (See text).

TABLE 9. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1952
(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
1952	18	214	232	52	299	351	70	513	583

APPENDIX

List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada 1952

Name	Address
Quebec:	
Beacon Ribbon Mills Ltd.	Valleyfield
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
Crown Binding Reg'd.	429 Defleurimont St., 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
Fabrics & Laces Ltd.	120 McGill St., 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
Progress Ribbon Mills Co. Ltd.	7041 Waverley St., Montreal
Ribbon Fabrics Inc.	9500 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Shaheen Binding Reg'd.	304 Notre-Dame E., Montreal
Textile Bindings Inc.	3981 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Textile Skeining Reg'd.	938 Atwater Ave., Westmount, 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
Orchid Label Co.	232 Bathurst St., Toronto 2B
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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