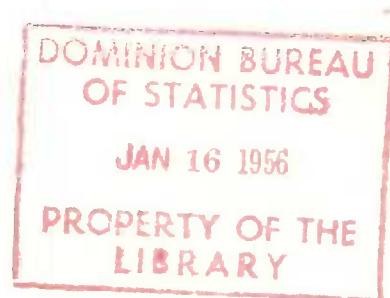


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THE NARROW FABRICS INDUSTRY

1954

The narrow fabrics industry in 1954 reported factory shipments valued at \$15,679,678, f.o.b. plant, which was 10.2 per cent less than the \$17,453,760 reported in 1953. Declines in the cost of materials used and the number of people employed also reflected a lower level of activity in the year under review. Employment was provided for 2,062 persons in 1954, a drop of 4.7 per cent from the 2,163 reported a year earlier. Cost of materials used fell 10.3 per cent from \$7,840,738 in 1953 to \$7,032,981 in 1954.

A considerable drop in the value of one of the principal items shipped would appear to account for the decline in the total factory shipments of the industry. In 1954 webbing deliveries had a value of \$2,833,761 as against \$4,667,749 a year earlier. Other leading commodities were ribbons with shipments valued at \$2,689,265 and tapes with shipments worth \$1,539,891. Other products include, bindings, braids, fringes, lace, tassels and trimmings.

Yarns account for the bulk of the materials used in the industry and in 1954 the consumption of many types of yarn was below that of 1953. There was more cotton yarn used than any other type. Its consumption in 1954 amounted to 2,761,800 pounds worth \$2,559,262 compared with 3,695,065 pounds worth \$3,582,092 in 1953. This large decrease may be explained by the fact that cotton yarn is the main component of the webbing produced in the industry. The consumption of continuous filament rayon yarn totalled 1,085,761 pounds worth \$906,687 in 1954 as against 1,159,662 pounds valued at \$1,000,323 in 1953. Less spun rayon yarn was used with 233,560 pounds reported in 1954 compared with 361,332 pounds in the previous year. There was more nylon yarn used in 1954 than in 1953 the figures being 252,021 pounds and 107,841 pounds, respectively. Consumption of rubber yarn at 631,033 pounds in the year under review was higher than the 413,178 pounds used in 1953.

With the exception of one establishment in Manitoba the industry was confined to Quebec and Ontario. Quebec with 30 establishments dominated the industry with shipments amounting to \$11,740,170 or 71.2 per cent of total and with employees numbering 1,470 or 71.3 per cent of all persons employed by the industry.

Five establishments each reporting shipments of one million dollars or more accounted for 52.2 per cent of the value of goods shipped and 53.8 per cent of employment in the industry. The shipments made by them had a value f.o.b. plant of \$8,182,132 and they employed 1,110 persons.

Beginning with 1954 information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses is being collected as part of the annual Census of Industry. This data was formerly collected by a separate survey. The summarized results for the narrow fabrics industry for the year under review will be found in Table 2.

Detailed information concerning imports of narrow fabrics will be found in Table 6. Ribbons of synthetic textile fibre with a value of \$1,002,939 were the main item imported. Webbing of various kinds account for a large share of the balance.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940¹-1954

Year and province	Establishments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost at factory of fuel and electricity	Cost at factory of materials used	Value added by manufacture	Gross value of production ²
			No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1940	34	2,802	2,624,602	82,875	5,279,497	6,624,953	11,987,325
1941	36	3,498	3,131,810	99,592	6,221,838	7,008,088	13,329,518
1942	36	3,204	3,652,140	118,734	9,162,288	7,501,042	16,782,064
1943	38	2,934	3,577,371	106,552	7,257,795	8,067,021	15,431,368
1944	39	2,392	3,002,995	107,001	6,129,892	6,529,605	12,766,498
1945	40	2,393	3,058,969	109,928	5,606,209	5,745,410	11,461,547
1946	39	2,064	2,750,940	111,301	4,076,488	4,999,225	9,187,014
1947	43	2,164	3,055,032	133,994	5,224,243	4,998,431	10,356,668
1948	41	2,081	3,467,860	150,840	5,262,639	5,866,038	11,279,517
1949	42	2,090	3,797,405	152,972	5,320,806	6,476,290	11,950,068
1950	42	2,058	3,918,533	167,434	6,462,522	7,073,722	13,703,678
1951	46	2,202	4,753,850	171,524	8,081,312	8,654,462	16,907,298
1952	52	2,035	4,629,909	185,520	7,960,677	8,569,563 ³	16,715,760
1953							
Canada	52	2,163	5,020,791	206,166	7,840,738	9,406,856 ³	17,453,760
Quebec	30	1,489	3,472,761	154,606	5,286,380	6,299,184 ³	11,740,170
Ontario and Manitoba ...	22	674	1,548,030	51,560	2,554,358	3,107,672 ³	5,713,590
1954							
Canada	50	2,062	4,810,383	237,476	7,032,981	8,634,025	15,679,678
Quebec	30	1,470	3,435,182	180,051	5,098,289	6,142,870	11,160,005
Ontario and Manitoba ...	20	592	1,375,201	57,425	1,934,692	2,491,155	4,519,673

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

2. Commencing with 1952 gross value of production is replaced by value of factory shipments.

3. Because of insufficient inventory data in 1952 and 1953, these figures have been calculated from value of factory shipments and are, therefore, only approximations to true "value added by manufacture".

TABLE 2. Inventories¹, 1954

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
		\$	\$	
Opening:				
Quebec	734,573	815,534	860,169	2,410,276
Ontario and Manitoba	344,116	189,932	242,418	776,466
Canada	1,078,689	1,005,466	1,102,587	3,186,742
Closing:				
Quebec	855,122	763,218	1,121,374	2,739,714
Ontario and Manitoba	362,745	200,559	206,017	769,321
Canada	1,217,867	963,777	1,327,391	3,509,035

1. Book value of all manufacturing inventories held at plant and plant warehouses.

TABLE 3. Factory Shipments, 1953 and 1954

Principal products	1953		1954	
	Selling value at factory		Selling value at factory	
	\$		\$	
Laces, shoe:				
Cotton	1,059,109		1,016,186	
Synthetic fibres	77,526		78,597	
Other				
Laces, corset.....	38,450		2	
Lace, all kinds	1,476,853		1,489,624	
Binding:				
Cotton	281,439		230,820	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	371,058		301,828	
Other			90,896	
Labels, woven:				
Cotton	722,128		226,122	
Synthetic fibres			561,001	
Other	446,415		393,305	
Tapes ¹	1,814,975		1,539,891	
Webbing ¹ :				
Elastic	2,738,108		1,979,339	
Other	1,929,641		854,422	
Braids:				
Cotton	292,562		292,620	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	469,107		512,801	
Elastic	602,806			
Other	24,172		590,362	
Cords, fringes, tassels:				
Cotton	268,762		207,844	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	306,522			
Other	116,225		301,776	
Ribbons:				
Synthetic fibres and other	2,680,301		2,689,265	
Trimmings:				
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	252,637		322,953	
Cotton	617,009			
Other			17,767	
Knitted elastic	2		1,008,416	
All other products	819,690		880,939	
Custom and repair receipts	48,265		92,904	
Total factory shipments	17,453,760		15,679,678	

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

2. Included in "All other products".

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 and advertising, etc.

TABLE 4. Materials Used, 1953 and 1954

Principal materials	1953		1954		
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory	
		\$		\$	
Yarns:					
Silk	Pound	5,544	19,410	11,818	46,076
Rayon (continuous filament)	"	1,159,662	1,000,323	1,085,761	906,687
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures)	"	361,332	455,120	233,560	262,458
Nylon.....	"	107,841	247,807	252,021	699,125
Cotton	"	3,695,065	3,582,092	2,761,800	2,559,262
Mohair	"	1,608	4,069	1,877	5,535
Worsted and woollen	"	44,073	89,221	14,779	32,749
Rubber.....	"	413,178	503,644	631,033	684,364
All other	"	—	126,350	—	155,702
Woven fabrics:					
Cotton	Yard	947,902	363,225	685,772	253,393
Synthetic	"	790,178	393,738	631,320	414,858
All other	"	—	98,512	—	234,338
Chemicals.....	—	—	111,970	—	92,542
Dyes	—	—	137,119	—	171,483
All other materials and supplies.....	—	—	497,394	—	382,275
Dyeing and printing charges	—	—	136,605	—	93,333
Packing and shipping materials	—	—	74,139	—	38,804
Total cost of materials used	—	—	7,840,738	—	7,032,981

TABLE 5. Production¹ of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938 - 1953

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
1952.....	1,722,623	4,206,111
1953.....	2,790,602	4,667,749

1. Commencing with 1952 the value of factory shipments has been collected instead of production.

TABLE 6. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1952, 1953 and 1954

Articles imported	1952	1953	1954
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk	26,976	25,704	32,914
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part of wool or hair	16,162	8,353	9,171
Woven fabrics, synthetic textile fibre, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons	916,458	981,047	1,002,939
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers	198,997	349,364	232,332
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid	170,348	264,292	204,606
Webbing, with strands of rubber braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width. (From January 1, 1953).....	—	161,220	210,720
Corded ribbons for men's hats.....	185,672	179,697	134,743
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces	2,209	2,037	1,024
Boot, shoe shirt and stay laces	13,558	34,419	24,527

TABLE 7. Employees and their earnings, by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

	Average number					Earnings		
	Supervisory and office employees		Production workers		Total	Supervisory and office employees	Production workers	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1953								
Quebec	137	73	723	556	1,489	764,416	2,708,345	3,472,761
Ontario and Manitoba	53	28	214	379	674	337,253	1,210,777	1,548,030
Canada	190	101	937	935	2,163	1,101,669	3,919,122	5,020,791
1954								
Quebec	143	77	718	532	1,470	873,679	2,561,503	3,435,182
Ontario and Manitoba	50	28	196	318	592	313,514	1,061,687	1,375,201
Canada	193	105	914	850	2,062	1,187,193	3,623,190	4,810,383

TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Production Workers 1953 and 1954

Months	1953			1954		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Number						
January	966	952	1,918	864	796	1,660
February	952	958	1,910	892	820	1,712
March	968	984	1,952	907	843	1,750
April	970	1,003	1,973	906	857	1,763
May	960	979	1,939	942	846	1,788
June	931	955	1,886	936	846	1,782
July	931	958	1,889	942	860	1,802
August	948	963	1,911	925	866	1,791
September	957	944	1,901	930	881	1,811
October	923	877	1,800	928	880	1,808
November	872	835	1,707	910	855	1,765
December	846	809	1,655	891	814	1,705
Monthly average	937	935	1,872	914	850	1,764

TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1953 and 1954

Establishments with factory shipments of:	Establishments	Em- ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of factory shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1953					
Under \$25,000	8	26	33,965	37,286	98,194
\$25,000 to under \$50,000	7	45	81,465	95,912	231,054
\$50,000 " \$100,000	10	97	220,626	346,520	723,134
\$100,000 " \$500,000	17	476	1,061,517	1,702,202	3,752,544
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000	4	239	551,778	1,224,983	2,377,134
\$1,000,000 and over	6	1,280	3,071,440	4,433,835	10,271,732
Total	52	2,163	5,020,791	7,840,738	17,453,760
1954					
Under \$25,000	8	36	53,627	61,827	142,361
\$25,000 to under \$50,000	8	60	125,543	99,475	306,407
\$50,000 " \$100,000	8	63	158,409	309,973	598,447
\$100,000 " \$500,000	18	510	1,229,206	2,035,030	4,509,384
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000	3	283	632,626	777,923	1,940,947
\$1,000,000 and over	5	1,110	2,610,972	3,748,753	8,182,132
Total	50	2,062	4,810,383	7,032,981	15,679,678

TABLE 10. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1954
(Thousands of dollars)

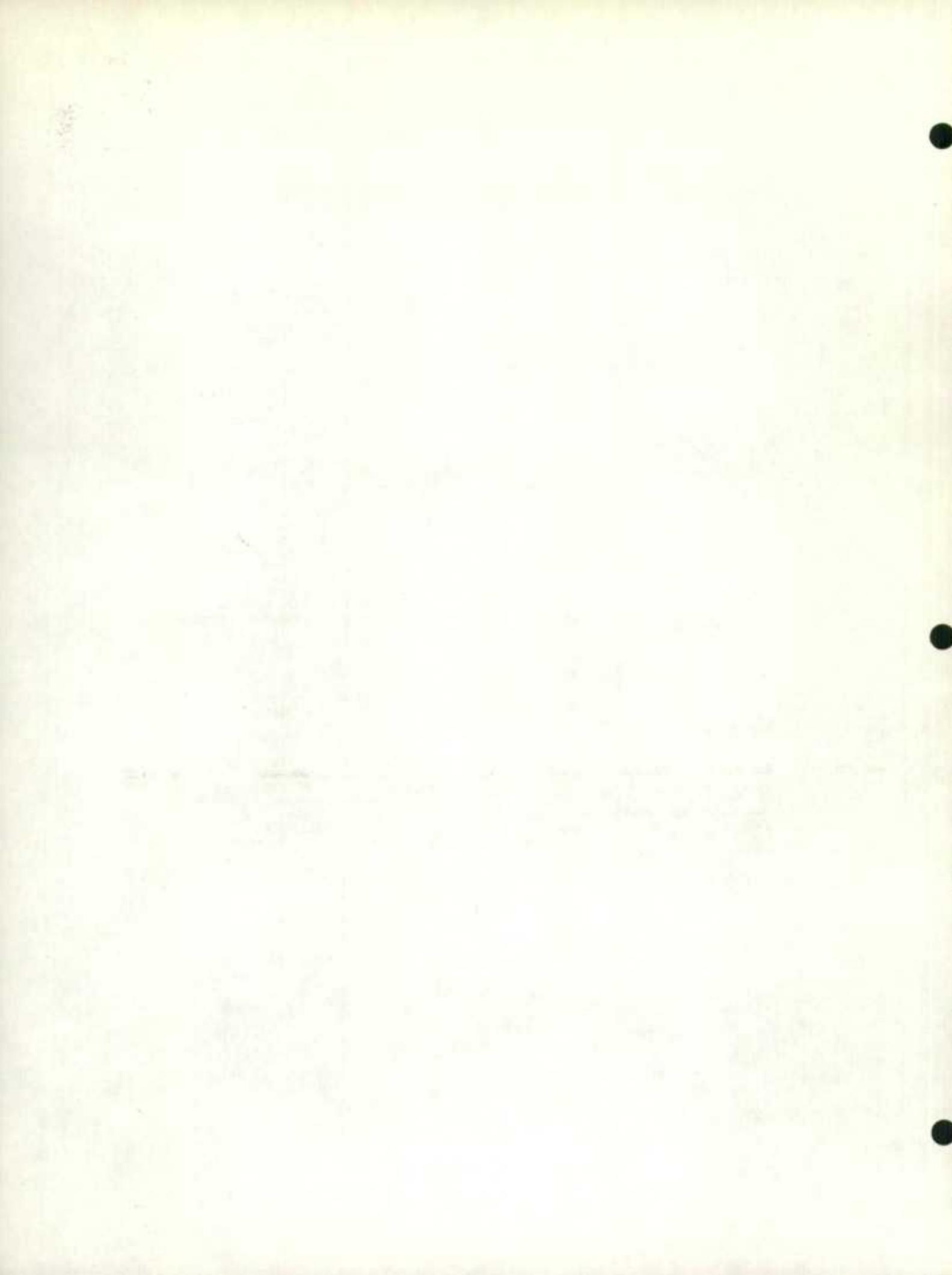
Year	Capital expenditures			Repair and maintenance expenditures			Capital, repair and maintenance expenditures		
	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Total
1946	438	371	809	459	—	459	897	371	1,268
1947	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	98	281	379	58	309	367	156	590	746
1953	131	410	541	75	341	416	206	751	957
1954 ¹	—	—	314	—	—	376	158	532	690

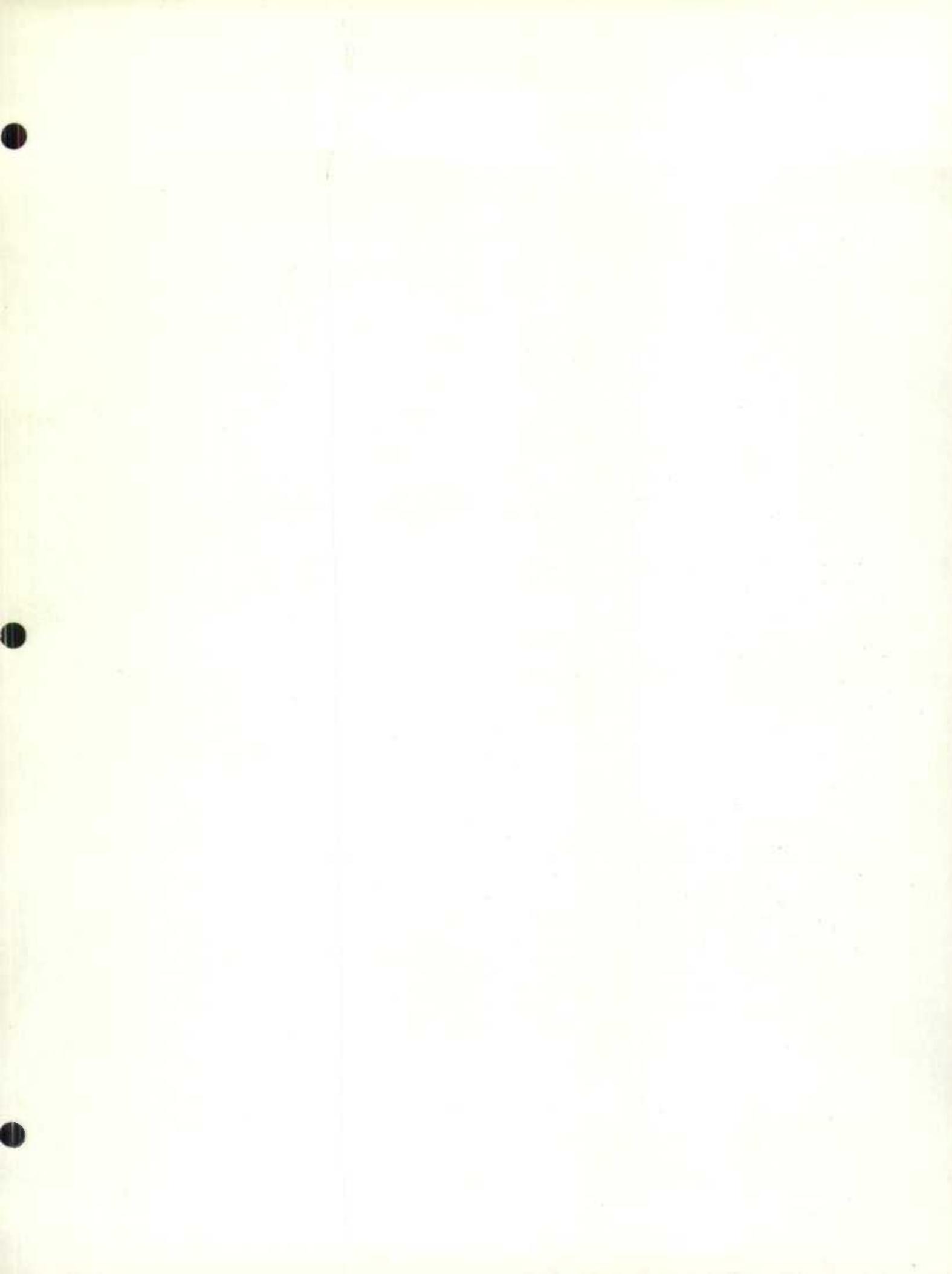
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APPENDIX

List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada 1954

Name	Address
Quebec:	
Ametex Limited	204 St. Joseph Blvd., Drummondville
Beacon Ribbon Mills Ltd.	Valleyfield
Belding-Corticelli Ltd.	Coaticook
Belding-Corticelli Ltd.	1455 Shearer St., Montreal
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
Crown Binding Reg'd.	3437 Park Ave., 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 & Textiles 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
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
Roll Fabric Binding	23 Notre-Dame E., Montreal
Shaheen Binding Reg'd.	304 Notre-Dame E., Montreal
Tes-Craft Tape Co.	2190 Prefontaine St., Montreal
Textile Bindings Inc.	3981 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Textile Skeining Reg'd.	1373 A Greene Ave., Westmount, Montreal
Warshaw H. & Sons (Canada) Ltd.	Coaticook
Ontario:	
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.	Brier St., Belleville
Colonial Weaving Co. Ltd.	Rink & Rubidge Sts., Peterborough
Cornforth P. J. Co. The....	89 Niagara St., Toronto
Cowie H. V. Co. Ltd., The	Shepherd Ave & Yonge St., Lansing
Drapery Trimmings Co. Ltd.	57 Sherbourne 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
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
Schlegel Co. of Canada Ltd.	Oakville
Shannon, Wm. Co. Ltd.	720-24 Bathurst St., Toronto
Textile Mfg. Co. Ltd.	915 Dupont St., Toronto
Manitoba:	
Western Narrow Fabrics	87 Isabel St., Winnipeg





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