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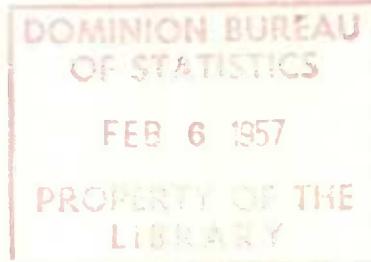
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THE NARROW FABRICS INDUSTRY

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This industry is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the manufacture of bindings, laces, ribbons, tapes and other narrow fabrics. There were 47 of these establishments in 1955, all located in Quebec and Ontario with the exception of one in Manitoba. Quebec had 26 establishments and Ontario 20.

Factory shipments by the industry in the year under review had a value f.o.b. factory of \$17,406,326. This figure is just slightly below the peak of \$17,453,760 established in 1953 and some 11 per cent ahead of the \$15,679,678 worth of goods shipped in 1954. Employees in 1955 numbered 2,060 practically unchanged from the 2,062 of 1954, while salary and wage payments rose to \$4,990,582 in the later year from \$4,810,383 in the earlier. The cost of materials used in manufacturing increased from \$8,634,025 in 1954 to \$9,510,878 in 1955.

The most important product in 1955 was webbing which was shipped to the value of \$3,141,776. Of this amount \$2,234,564 worth was elastic webbing. Other leading commodities were ribbons with shipments valued at \$2,807,255 and tapes with shipments worth \$1,737,214. Additional product detail is to be found in Table 3.

Yarns, the principal material of the industry, accounted for 73 per cent of the total cost of materials used in 1955. Cotton yarn was the type most extensively used. Its consumption amounted to 2,747,892 pounds worth \$2,597,454 which differed very little from the 2,761,800 pounds worth \$2,559,262 consumed in 1954. The consumption of both continuous filament and spun rayon yarns was up somewhat over the previous year. The utilization of the first increased to 1,157,538 pounds costing \$1,041,775 from 1,085,761 pounds costing \$906,687 and of the second to 363,598 pounds costing \$402,207 from 233,560 pounds costing \$262,458. There was more nylon yarn used in 1955 than in 1954 the figures being 348,761 pounds and 252,021 pounds, respectively.

Five establishments, each reporting shipments of \$1,000,000 or more, together accounted for 53.3 per cent of the value of goods shipped and 52.4 per cent of employment in the industry. The shipments made by them had a value f.o.b. plant of \$9,273,527 and they employed 1,079 persons. Quebec dominated the industry with shipments amounting to \$12,022,844 or 69.1 per cent of total and with employees numbering 1,429 or 69.4 per cent of all persons employed by the industry.

Narrow fabric importations are to be found in Table 6. Ribbons of synthetic fibres with a value of \$1,127,551 were the main item imported. Webbing of various kinds accounted for a large share of the balance.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRIES

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940¹-1955

Year and province	Establishments	Employees	Salaries	Cost at factory	Cost at factory	Value added	Gross
			and wages	of fuel and	of materials used	by manufacture	value of production ²
No.	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	52	2,163	5,020,791	206,166	7,840,738	9,406,856 ³	17,453,760
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
1955							
Canada	47	2,060	4,990,582	235,978	7,794,972	9,510,878	17,406,326
Quebec	26	1,429	3,454,276	172,348	5,342,151	6,654,809	12,022,844
Ontario and Manitoba....	21	631	1,536,306	63,630	2,452,821	2,856,069	5,383,482

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, 1955

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening²:				
Quebec	804,739	705,581	925,782	2,436,102
Ontario and Manitoba.....	353,510	203,292	207,010	763,812
Canada	1,158,249	908,873	1,132,792	3,199,914
Closing:				
Quebec	1,087,687	635,576	1,072,246	2,795,509
Ontario and Manitoba.....	428,811	230,811	196,048	855,670
Canada	1,516,498	866,387	1,268,294	3,651,179

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

2. The opening inventory for 1955 differs from the closing inventory published for 1954 because of the inclusion of new firms and the removal of figures for firms which did not operate during 1955.

TABLE 3. Factory Shipments, 1954 and 1955

Principal products	1954		1955	
	Selling value at factory	\$	Selling value at factory	\$
Laces, shoe:				
Cotton	1,016,186		1,469,412	
Synthetic fibres	78,597	{	71,528	
Other			41,980	
Laces, corset	2		38,283	
Lace, all kinds	1,489,624		1,584,510	
Binding:				
Cotton	230,820		303,776	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	301,828		349,544	
Other	90,896		93,531	
Labels, woven:				
Cotton	226,122		241,947	
Synthetic fibres	561,001		534,056	
Other	393,305		415,589	
Tapes ¹	1,539,891		1,737,214	
Webbing ¹ :				
Elastic	1,979,339		2,234,564	
Other	854,422		907,212	
Braids:				
Cotton	292,620		291,682	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	512,801		544,190	
Elastic	590,362	{	640,575	
Other			16,688	
Cords, fringes, tassels:				
Cotton	207,844		215,678	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	301,776		250,742	
Other				
Ribbons:				
Synthetic fibres and other	2,689,265		2,807,255	
Trimmings:				
Cotton	17,767		137,329	
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	322,953	{	325,545	
Other	-			
Knitted elastic	1,008,416	{		
All other products	880,939		2,084,467	
Custom and repair receipts	92,904		69,029	
Total factory shipments	15,679,678		17,406,326	

1. For the production of tapes and webbing in all industries see Table 5.

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, 1954 and 1955

Principal materials	1954		1955	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
				\$
Yarns:	Pound			\$
Silk	11,818	46,076	1	1
Rayon (continuous filament)	" 1,085,761	906,687	1,157,538	1,041,775
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures)	" 233,560	262,458	363,598	402,207
Nylon	" 252,021	699,125	348,761	825,250
Cotton	" 2,761,800	2,559,262	2,747,892	2,597,454
Mohair	" 1,877	5,535	1	1
Worsted and woollen	" 14,779	32,749	18,750	37,862
Rubber	" 631,033	684,364	359,850	463,669
All other	—	155,702	—	300,109
Woven fabrics:	Yard			
Cotton	685,772	253,393	671,448	223,899
Synthetic	" 631,320	414,858	728,987	465,847
All other	" —	234,338	—	271,976
Chemicals	—	92,542	—	130,867
Dyes	—	171,483	—	136,522
All other materials and supplies	—	382,275	—	728,184
Dyeing and printing charges	—	93,333	—	111,170
Packing and shipping materials	—	38,804	—	58,181
Total cost of materials used	—	7,032,981	—	7,794,972

1. Included in "All other yarns."

TABLE 5. Production¹ of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1954

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	
1954	1,901,068	3,082,240	

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

TABLE 6. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1953, 1954 and 1955

Articles imported	1953	1954	1955
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk	25,704	32,914	26,675
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part wool or hair.....	8,353	9,171	12,896
Woven fabrics, synthetic textile fibre, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons	981,047	1,002,939	1,127,551
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers.....	349,364	232,332	235,877
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid	264,292	204,606	314,117
Webbing, with strands of rubber braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width. (From January 1, 1953).....	161,220	210,720	250,492
Corded ribbons for men's hats	179,697	134,743	153,305
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces	2,037	1,024	757
Boot, shoe shirt and stay laces	34,419	24,527	33,414

TABLE 7. Employees and their earnings, by Provinces, 1954 and 1955

	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.	\$	\$	\$
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
1955								
Quebec	87	69	723	550	1,429	636,722	2,817,554	3,454,276
Ontario and Manitoba	51	40	200	340	631	366,013	1,170,293	1,536,306
Canada	138	109	923	890	2,060	1,002,735	3,987,847	4,990,582

TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Production Workers, 1954 and 1955

Months	1954			1955		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Number					
January	864	796	1,660	904	829	1,733
February	892	820	1,712	912	845	1,757
March	907	843	1,750	922	878	1,800
April	906	857	1,763	911	836	1,747
May	942	846	1,788	912	879	1,791
June	936	846	1,782	916	907	1,823
July	942	860	1,802	926	915	1,841
August	925	866	1,791	938	945	1,883
September	930	881	1,811	934	947	1,881
October	928	880	1,808	922	920	1,842
November	910	855	1,765	926	900	1,826
December	891	814	1,705	938	858	1,796
Monthly average	914	850	1,764	923	890	1,813

TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1954 and 1955

Establishments with factory shipments of:	Estab- lish- ments	Em- ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of factory shipments
1954	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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
 1955					
Under \$25,000.....	3	13	18,301	16,391	41,408
\$25,000 to under \$50,000.....	6	48	116,186	92,048	228,948
\$50,000 " \$100,000.....	10	71	201,881	376,913	712,170
\$100,000 " \$500,000.....	20	567	1,370,329	2,259,866	5,066,374
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000.....	3	282	622,279	911,322	2,083,899
\$1,000,000 and over.....	5	1,079	2,661,606	4,138,432	9,273,527
Total	47	2,060	4,990,582	7,794,972	17,406,326

TABLE 10. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1955
(Thousands of dollars)

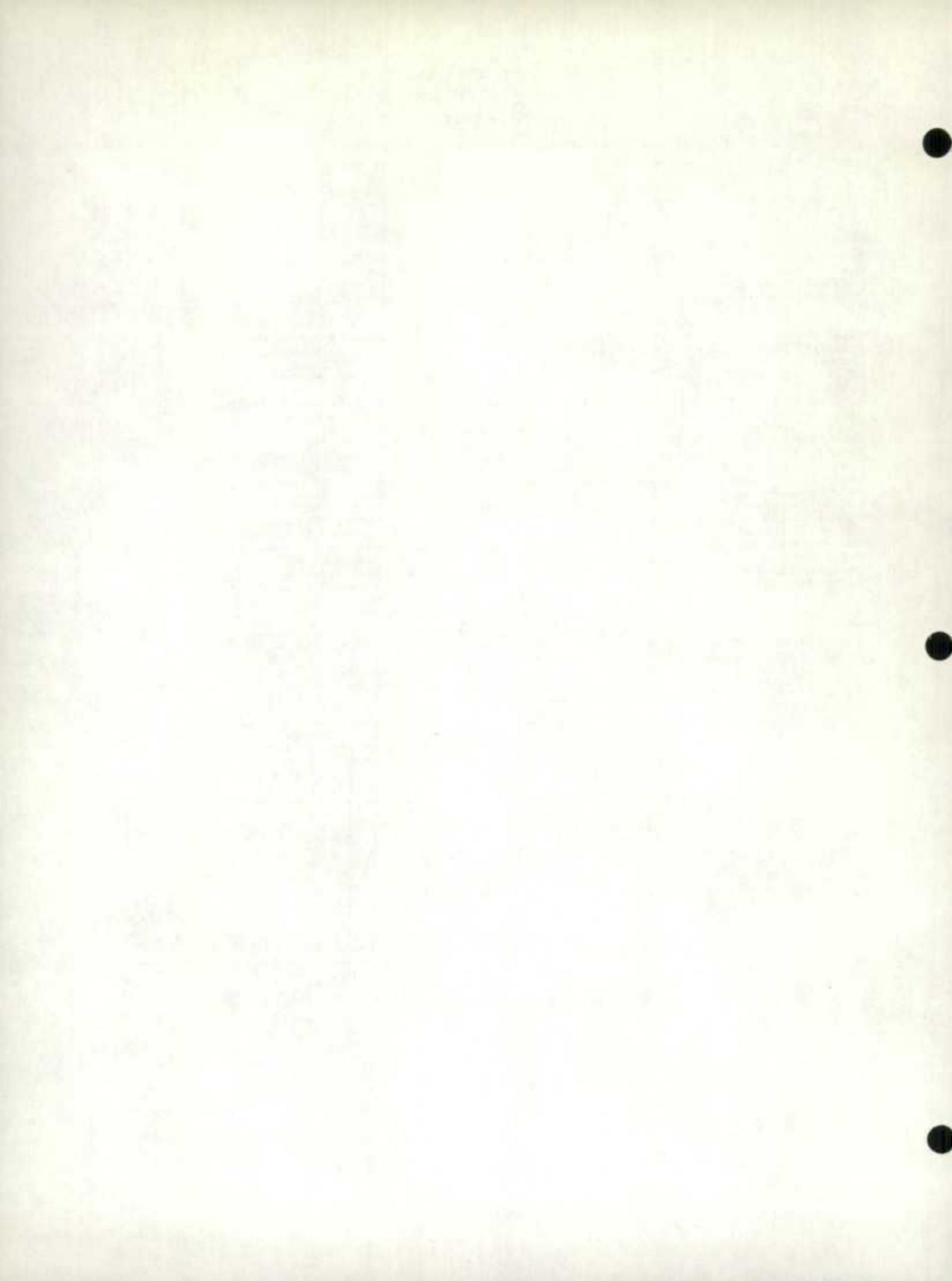
Year	Capital expenditures			Repair and maintenance expenditures			Capital, repair and maintenance expenditures		
	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery and equipment	Total
1946.....	438	371	809	459	-	459	897	371	1,268
1947.....	450	568	1,018	..	..	273	486	805	1,291
1948.....	514	..	..	274	132	656	788
1949.....	224	..	..	329	..	..	553
1950.....	276	..	..	298	..	..	574
1951.....	388	..	..	345	..	..	733
1952.....	329	..	..	367	106	590	696
1953.....	479	..	..	276	153	602	755
1954.....	353	..	..	364	161	556	717
1955 ¹	385	..	..	289	116	558	674

1. Figures for 1955 are preliminary.

APPENDIX

List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada 1955

Name	Address
Quebec:	
Ametex Limited	640 Heriot St., Drummondville
Beacon Ribbon Mills Ltd.	Valleyfield
Belding-Corticelli Ltd.	Cooticook
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 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
Dominion Binding Ltd.	426 St. Helen St., Montreal
Dominion Cord & Tassel Co. Ltd.	420 Lagauchetièvre 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 des Patriotes St., 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
Ontario:	
Bloom Printing & Orchid Label Co.	232 Bathurst St., 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
Cornforth P. J. Co. The	89 Niagara St., Toronto
Cowie H. V. Co. Ltd., The	43 Shepherd Ave., 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.	76 Spruce St., Galt
Peterboro Elastic Co.	Rink & Rubidge Sts., Peterborough
Peters Braid Mfg. Co.	Rear 54 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Schlegel Co. of Canada Ltd.	Oakville
Sellotape Canada Ltd.	85 Laird Drive, Leaside
Shannon, Wm. Co. Ltd.	600 King St. W., Toronto
Textile Mfg. Co. Ltd.	915 Dupont St., Toronto
Manitoba:	
Western Narrow Fabrics	87 Isabel St., Winnipeg





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