

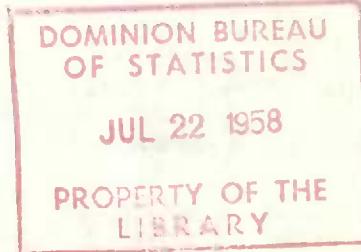
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## THE NARROW FABRICS INDUSTRY 1956

In 1956 the 50 establishments in the narrow fabric industry reported factory shipments with a value f.o.b. plant of \$18,889,090, an increase of \$1,482,764 or 8.5 per cent over the \$17,406,326 worth of products shipped in the previous year. Employment was provided for 2,198 persons, 138 or 6.7 per cent more than in 1955, while salary and wage payments increased by 12.5 per cent from \$4,990,582 to \$5,614,352 over the two years. Materials used in manufacture cost \$9,424,066 or a substantial 20.9 per cent higher than the 1955 cost of \$7,794,972.

The most important product in 1956 was webbing which was shipped to the value of \$3,468,397. Of this amount \$2,452,812 worth was elastic webbing. Other leading commodities were ribbons with shipments valued at \$2,754,025 and tapes with shipments worth \$2,123,656. Other products include bindings, braids, cords, fringes, lace, tassels and trimmings.

Yarns are the industry's main material and in the year under review accounted for 72.7 per cent of the total cost of materials used. Cotton yarn is the type most extensively used. Its consumption in 1956 amounted to 2,263,632 pounds worth \$2,908,685 compared with 2,747,892 pounds valued at \$2,597,454 in 1955. The consumption of continuous filament rayon yarn amounted to 1,040,291 pounds

worth \$1,409,879, down in quantity but up in value over the 1,157,538 pounds valued at \$1,041,775 in 1955. The use of spun rayon yarn at 659,541 pounds worth \$746,390 was almost double the 363,598 pounds worth \$402,207 reported the year before. Nylon yarn consumption was little changed being 343,090 pounds costing \$716,406 in 1956 compared with 348,761 pounds worth \$825,250 a year earlier.

With the exception of two establishments, one in Manitoba and one in Alberta, the industry was confined to Quebec and Ontario. Quebec and its 29 establishments occupied the dominant position with shipments amounting to \$13,718,028 or 72.6 per cent of total and with employees numbering 1,554 or 70.7 per cent of all persons employed by the industry.

Narrow fabric importations are shown in Table 6. The leading import was ribbons of synthetic textile fabric of which \$1,256,574 worth was imported. Webbing of various kinds account for a large share of the balance.

Detailed information on the industry's use of fuel and electricity during the year will be found in Table 11. This information was collected annually prior to 1949 and beginning with 1956 it will again be collected yearly. Between 1948 and 1956 detailed information was collected only for 1953.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940<sup>1</sup>-1956

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 <sup>2</sup>
	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	5,866,028	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 <sup>3</sup>	16,715,760
1953.....	52	2,163	5,020,791	206,166	7,840,738	9,406,856 <sup>3</sup>	17,453,760
1954.....	50	2,062	4,810,383	237,476	7,032,981	8,634,025	15,679,678
<b>1955</b>							
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	63,830	2,452,821	2,856,069	5,383,482
<b>1956</b>							
Canada .....	50	2,198	5,614,352	242,144	9,424,066	9,267,827	18,889,090
Quebec .....	29	1,554	3,998,050	186,996	7,005,419	6,514,417	13,718,028
Ontario Manitoba and Alberta .....	21	644	1,616,302	55,148	2,418,647	2,753,410	5,171,062

<sup>1</sup> New industry in 1940. Previously classified under "Women's factory clothing" and "Synthetic textiles and silk".<sup>2</sup> Commencing with 1952 gross value of production is replaced by value of factory shipments.<sup>3</sup> 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. Inventories<sup>1</sup>, 1956

		Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Opening<sup>2</sup>:</b>					
Quebec .....		1,121,234	677,966	1,094,081	2,893,301
Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta .....		394,386	227,356	207,745	829,487
Canada .....		1,515,620	905,342	1,301,826	3,722,788
<b>Closing:</b>					
Quebec .....		1,376,419	642,350	1,118,521	3,137,290
Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta .....		520,957	235,319	255,925	1,012,201
Canada .....		1,897,376	877,669	1,374,446	4,149,491

<sup>1</sup> Book value of all manufacturing inventories held at plant and plant warehouses.<sup>2</sup> The opening inventory for 1956 differs from the closing inventory published for 1955 because of the inclusion of new firms and the removal of figures for firms which did not operate during 1956.

TABLE 3. Factory Shipments, 1955 and 1956

Principal products	1955	1956
	Selling value at factory	Selling value at factory
	\$	\$
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton.....	1,127,886	1,127,000
Synthetic fibres.....	71,528	62,395
Other.....	41,980	32,914
Laces, corset .....	38,283	35,331
Lace, all kinds .....	1,926,036	2,061,404
Binding:		
Cotton.....	303,776	415,190
Synthetic fibres and mixtures .....	349,544	441,592
Other.....	93,531	112,477
Labels, woven:		
Cotton.....	241,947	218,164
Synthetic fibres.....	534,056	575,360
Other.....	415,589	473,945
Tapes <sup>1</sup> .....	1,737,214	2,123,656
Webbing <sup>1</sup> :		
Elastic.....	2,234,564	2,452,812
Other.....	907,212	1,015,585
Braids:		
Cotton.....	291,682	344,768
Synthetic fibres and mixtures .....	544,190	626,580
Elastic .....	640,575	} 569,256
Other.....	16,688	
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton.....	215,678	232,952
Synthetic fibres and mixtures .....	} 250,742	412,250
Other.....		
Ribbons:		
Synthetic fibres and other .....	2,807,255	2,754,025
Trimmings:		
Cotton.....	137,329	192,415
Synthetic fibres and mixtures .....	} 325,545	386,731
Other.....		
Knitted elastic .....	} 2,084,467	2,148,130
All other products.....		
Custom and repair receipts .....	69,029	74,158
<b>Total factory shipments</b> .....	<b>17,406,326</b>	<b>18,889,090</b>

<sup>1</sup> For the production of tapes and webbing in all industries see Table 5.

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 1956

Principal materials	1955		1956	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
Yarns:		\$		\$
Silk .....	pound	1	1	1
Rayon (continuous filament) .....	"	1,157,538	1,041,775	1,040,291
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures) .....	"	363,598	402,207	659,541
Nylon .....	"	348,761	825,250	343,090
Cotton .....	"	2,747,892	2,597,454	2,263,632
Mohair .....	"	—	—	—
Worsted and woollen .....	"	18,750	37,862	11,785
Rubber .....	"	359,850	463,669	453,450
All other .....	—	—	300,109	—
Woven fabrics:				
Cotton .....	yard	671,448	223,899	753,344
Synthetic .....	"	728,987	465,847	509,706
All other .....	—	—	271,976	—
Chemicals .....	—	—	130,867	—
Dyes .....	—	—	136,522	—
All other materials and supplies .....	—	—	728,184	—
Dyeing and printing charges .....	—	—	111,170	—
Packing and shipping materials .....	—	—	58,181	—
Total cost of materials used .....	—	—	7,794,972	—
				9,424,066

<sup>1</sup> Included in "All other yarns."<sup>2</sup> Includes operating, maintenance and repair supplies.TABLE 5. Production<sup>1</sup> of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938-1955

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
1955 .....	2,189,649	3,182,675

<sup>1</sup> Commencing with 1952 the value of factory shipments has been collected instead of production.

TABLE 6. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1954, 1955 and 1956

Articles imported	1954	1955	1956
	Value	Value	Value
	\$	\$	\$
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk .....	32,914	26,675	44,479
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part wool or hair .....	9,171	12,896	23,539
Woven fabrics, synthetic textile fibre, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons .....	1,002,939	1,127,551	1,256,574
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers .....	232,332	235,877	305,442
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid .....	204,606	314,117	485,012
Webbing, with strands of rubber braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width. (From January 1, 1953) .....	210,720	250,492	293,363
Corded ribbons for men's hats .....	134,743	153,305	174,599
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces .....	1,024	757	2,587
Boot, shoe shirt and stay laces .....	24,527	33,414	29,340

TABLE 7. Employees and their Earnings, by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

	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.	\$	\$	\$
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
1956								
Quebec .....	114	77	721	642	1,554	776,472	3,221,578	3,998,050
Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta .....	56	41	190	357	644	404,425	1,211,877	1,616,302
Canada .....	170	118	911	999	2,198	1,180,897	4,433,455	5,614,352

**TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Production Workers, 1955 and 1956**

Months	1955			1956		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	number					
January .....	904	829	1,733	836	903	1,739
February .....	912	845	1,757	896	960	1,856
March .....	922	878	1,800	911	997	1,908
April .....	911	836	1,747	917	997	1,914
May .....	912	879	1,791	914	1,002	1,916
June .....	916	907	1,823	923	1,015	1,938
July .....	926	915	1,841	918	1,001	1,919
August .....	938	945	1,883	913	1,008	1,921
September .....	934	947	1,881	936	1,033	1,969
October .....	922	920	1,842	935	1,043	1,978
November .....	926	900	1,826	941	1,041	1,982
December .....	938	858	1,796	852	960	1,812
<b>Monthly average .....</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,910</b>

**TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1955 and 1956**

Establishments with factory shipments of:	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used		Value of factory shipments
				No.	\$	
<b>1955</b>						
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	2,083,892	
\$1,000,000 and over .....	5	1,079	2,661,606	4,138,432	9,273,527	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>4,990,582</b>	<b>7,794,972</b>	<b>17,406,326</b>	
<b>1956</b>						
Under \$25,000 .....	6	38	58,301	50,751	154,708	
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	2	77	204,446	345,986	683,288	
\$50,000 " \$100,000 .....	10	680	1,562,699	2,151,261	4,740,212	
\$100,000 " \$500,000 .....	23	178	363,057	969,463	1,756,466	
\$500,000 " \$1,000,000 .....	3	1,225	3,425,849	5,906,605	11,554,416	
\$1,000,000 and over .....	6					
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>5,614,352</b>	<b>9,424,066</b>	<b>18,889,090</b>	

**TABLE 10. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1956**

Year	Capital expenditures			Repair and maintenance expenditures			Capital, repair and maintenance expenditures		
	Construction	Machinery and equipment	Sub-total	Construction	Machinery and equipment	Sub-total	Construction	Machinery and equipment	Total
thousands of dollars									
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 .....	..	..	468	..	..	338	132	674	806
1956 <sup>1</sup> .....	..	..	540	..	..	387	165	762	927

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1956 are preliminary.

TABLE 11. Consumption of Fuel and Electricity, 1953 and 1956

Kinds of fuel	1953		1956	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
Bituminous coal.....	ton	\$ 2,603	3,644	\$ 54,990
Gasoline (including gasoline used in cars and trucks).....	Imp. gal.	6,901	23,563	7,084
Fuel oil.....	"	517,555	479,826	58,956
Other fuel.....	-	-	-	22,973
<b>Total cost of fuel</b> .....	-	<b>119,030</b>	-	<b>144,003</b>
Electricity purchased (including service charges).....	kwh.	6,091,424	8,147,867	98,141
<b>Total cost of fuel and electricity</b> .....	-	<b>206,166</b>	-	<b>242,144</b>

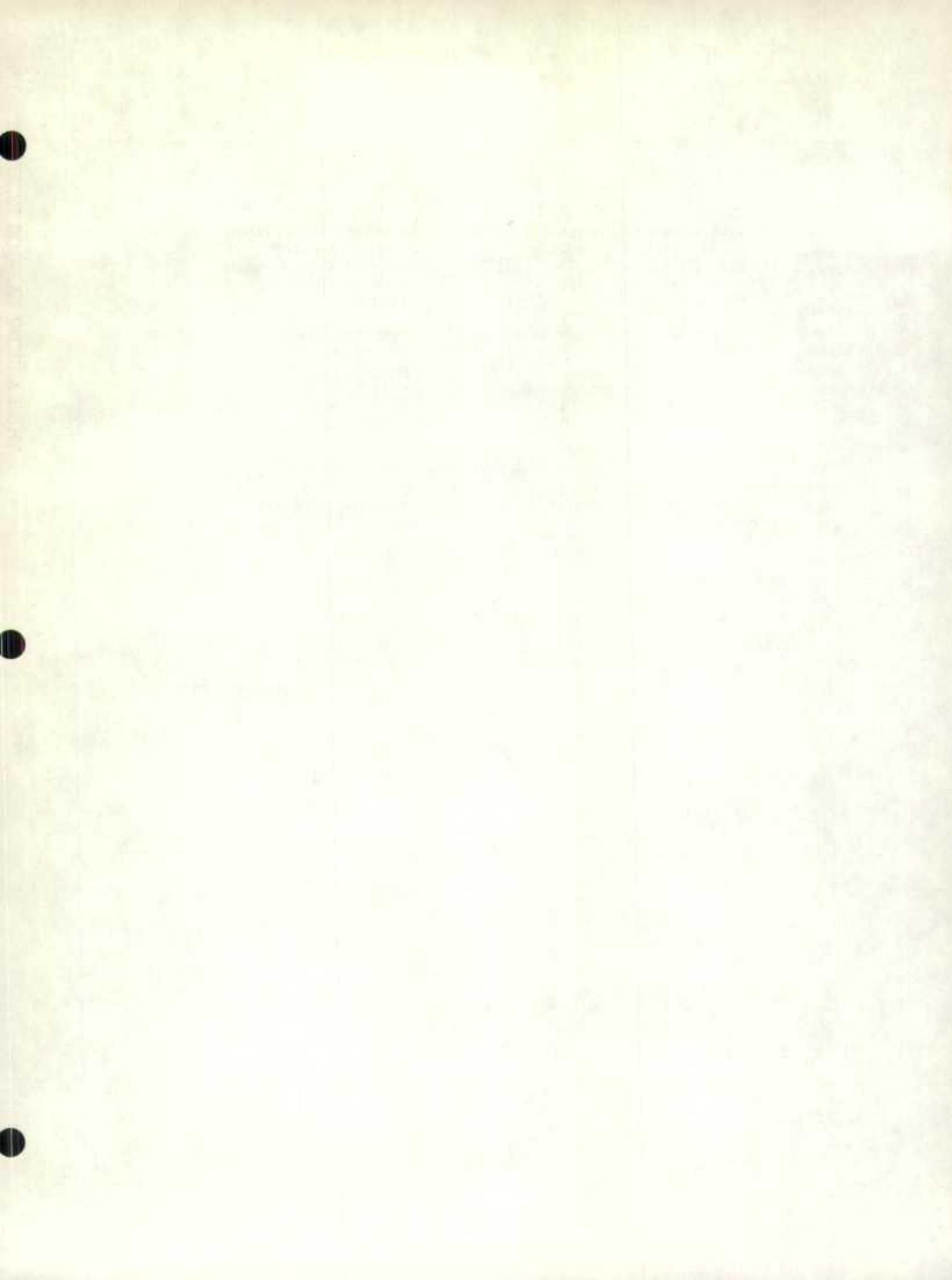
## APPENDIX

## List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada 1956

Name	Address
<b>Quebec:</b>	
Ametex Limited .....	640 Heriot St., Drummondville
Beacon Ribbon Mills Ltd. ....	Valleyfield
Belding-Corticelli Ltd. ....	Coaticook
Belding-Corticelli Ltd. ....	1455 Shearer St., Montreal
Bonas Bros. (Canada) Ltd. ....	84 Fraserville St., Rivièrel-du-Loup
Braided Products Ltd. ....	84 C.P.R. Rd., L'Epiphanie
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. ....	189-83rd Ave., L'Abord-à-Plouffe
Consolidated Moulton Trimmings Ltd. ....	426 Guy St., Montreal
Crown Binding Reg'd. ....	51 Laurier St. E., Montreal
Dominion Binding Ltd. ....	426 St. Helen St., Montreal
Dominion Cord & Tassel (1956) Ltd. ....	5685 Papineau Ave., 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 Inc. ....	23 Notre-Dame St. E., Montreal
Samuel Leznoff & Co. Ltd. ....	427 St-Francois-Xavier St., Montreal
Shaheen Binding Reg'd. ....	60 Jean Talon St. W., Montreal
Tes-Craft Tape Co. ....	2190 Préfontaine St., Montreal
Textile Bindings Inc. ....	3981 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
<b>Ontario:</b>	
Braids & Laces Co. ....	33 Sherbourne St., Toronto
Brown Ribbons, H. Ltd. ....	79 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Buckley Trimming Mfg. Co. ....	41 Britain St., Toronto

**List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada 1956 — Concluded**

Name	Address
<b>Ontario — concluded:</b>	
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
Narrow Fabric Weaving & Dyeing Ltd. ....	76 Spruce St., Galt
Orchid Label Co. ....	350 Adelaide St. W., Toronto
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
<b>Manitoba:</b>	
Western Narrow Fabrics. ....	87 Isabel St., Winnipeg
<b>Alberta:</b>	
Hope Hunter. ....	High River



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