

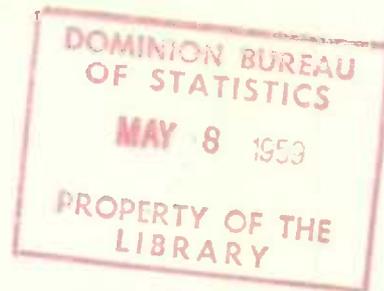
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In 1957 the 49 establishments in the narrow fabric industry reported factory shipments with a plant, f.o.b. value of \$19,500,458, an increase of \$611,368 or 3.2 per cent over the \$18,889,090 worth of products shipped in the previous year. Employment was provided for 2,227 persons, 29 or 1.3 per cent more than in 1956, while salary and wage payments increased by 7.1 per cent from \$5,614,352 to \$6,010,337 over the two years. Materials used in manufacture cost \$9,498,017, 0.8 per cent higher than the 1956 cost of \$9,424,066.

The most important products in 1957 was webbing which was shipped to the value of \$3,495,626. Of this amount \$2,507,475 worth was elastic webbing. Other leading commodities were ribbons with shipments valued at \$2,766,200 and tapes with shipments worth \$2,110,566. Other products included bindings, braids, cords, fringes, lace, tassels and trimmings.

Yarns are the industry's main material and, in the year under review, accounted for 73.4 per cent of the total cost of materials used. Cotton yarn is the type most extensively used. Its consumption in 1957 amounted to 2,622,358 pounds worth \$2,684,762 compared with 2,263,632 pounds valued at \$2,908,685 in 1956. The consumption of continuous

filament rayon yarn amounted to 1,753,694 pounds worth \$1,708,232, up both in quantity and value over the 1,040,291 pounds valued at \$1,409,879 in 1956. The use of spun rayon yarn at 338,139 pounds worth \$471,121 was just over half the 659,541 pounds worth \$746,390 reported the year before. Nylon yarn consumption was up somewhat, being 439,151 pounds costing \$868,899 in 1957 compared with 343,090 pounds worth \$716,406 a year earlier.

With the exception of two establishments, the industry was confined to Quebec and Ontario with the 29 establishments of the former province occupying the dominant position. Quebec shipments amounted to \$14,454,771 or 74.1 per cent of the total whereas employees numbered 1,608 or 72.2 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 \$1,204,865 worth was imported. Webbing of various kinds accounted 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.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics, 1940¹-1957

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
	number				dollars		
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	50	2,062	4,810,383	237,476	7,032,981	8,634,025	15,679,678
1955	47	2,060	4,990,582	235,978	7,794,972	9,510,878	17,406,326
1956							
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
1957							
Canada	49	2,227	6,010,337	263,367	9,498,017	9,967,917	19,500,458
Quebec	29	1,608	4,353,068	209,262	7,419,689	7,011,498	14,454,771
Ontario	20	619	1,657,269	54,105	2,078,328	2,956,419	5,045,687

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. Inventories,¹ 1957

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
	dollars			
Opening: ²				
Quebec	1,369,330	598,045	778,783	2,746,158
Ontario	520,740	235,419	255,925	1,012,084
Canada	1,890,070	833,464	1,034,708	3,758,242
Closing:				
Quebec	1,296,226	648,015	914,491	2,858,732
Ontario	512,337	237,422	297,087	1,046,846
Canada	1,808,563	885,437	1,211,578	3,905,578

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

² The opening inventory for 1957 differs from the closing inventory published for 1956 because of the inclusion of new firms and the removal of figures for firms which did not operate during 1957.

TABLE 3. Factory Shipments, 1956 and 1957

Principal products	1956	1957
	Selling value at factory	Selling value at factory
	dollars	
Laces, shoe:		
Cotton	1,127,000	984,604
Synthetic fibres	62,395	47,775
Other	32,914	26,404
Laces, corsets	35,331	30,576
Lace, all kinds	2,061,404	2,686,482
Binding:		
Cotton	415,190	579,316
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	441,592	245,458
Other	112,477	156,038
Labels, woven:		
Cotton	218,164	203,830
Synthetic fibres	575,360	573,032
Other	473,945	433,945
Tapes: ¹		
Cotton	1,800,031	1,799,204
Other	323,625	311,362
Webbing: ¹		
Elastic	2,452,812	2,507,475
Other	1,015,585	988,151
Braids:		
Cotton	344,768	422,331
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	626,580	614,833
Elastic	569,256	601,783
Other		49,545
Cords, fringes, tassels:		
Cotton	232,952	299,333
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	412,250	218,667
Other		174,387
Ribbons:		
Synthetic fibres and other	2,754,025	2,766,200
Trimmings:		
Cotton	192,415	339,974
Synthetic fibres and mixtures	386,731	123,477
Other		
Knitted elastic	2,148,130	2,220,313
All other products		
Custom and repair receipts	74,158	95,963
Total factory shipments	18,889,090	19,500,458

¹ 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, 1956 and 1957

Principal materials	1956		1957	
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory
		\$		\$
Yarns:				
Silk	pound	1	1	1
Rayon (continuous filament)	"	1,409,879	1,753,694	1,708,232
Spun rayon (including spun rayon mixtures)	"	659,541	338,139	471,121
Nylon	"	343,090	439,151	868,899
Cotton	"	2,263,632	2,622,358	2,684,762
Mohair	"	1	1,268	16,254
Worsted and woollen	"	11,785	7,542	16,726
Rubber	"	453,450	481,403	745,041
All other	-	-	-	459,628
Woven fabrics:				
Cotton	yard	753,344	1,088,326	296,290
Synthetic	"	509,706	532,574	315,806
All other	-	-	-	289,020
Chemicals	-	-	-	197,699
Dyes	-	-	-	257,599
All other materials and supplies	-	-	-	1,005,802 ²
Dyeing and printing charges	-	-	-	74,422
Packing and shipping materials	-	-	-	90,716
Total cost of materials used	-	-	-	9,498,017

¹ Included in "All other yarns".

² Includes operating, maintenance and repair supplies.

TABLE 5. Production¹ of Tapes and Webbing in All Industries, 1938 - 1956

Year	Fabric tapes	Elastic and non-elastic webbing
	dollars	
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
1956	2,898,762	3,501,965

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

TABLE 6. Imports of Narrow Fabrics, Calendar Years, 1955, 1956 and 1957

Articles imported	Value		
	1955	1956	1957
	dollars		
Woven fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, ribbons, silk	26,675	44,479	50,057
Woven or braided fabrics not exceeding 12 inches in width, wholly or in part wool or hair	12,896	23,539	16,629
Woven fabrics, synthetic textile fibre, not exceeding twelve inches in width, generally known as ribbons	1,127,551	1,256,574	1,204,865
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, exceeding one inch but not exceeding twelve inches in width, imported by manufacturers	235,877	305,442	219,369
Webbing, with strands of rubber interwoven therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width, n.o.p.; round elastic braid	314,117	485,012	412,390
Webbing, with strands of rubber braided therein, not exceeding 12 inches in width. (From January 1, 1953)	250,492	293,363	374,471
Corded ribbons for men's hats	153,305	174,599	191,228
Woven fabrics, non-elastic, not exceeding 3 inches in width, for suspenders, garters, hose supporters, abdominal supporters and spinal braces	757	2,587	7,660
Boot, shoe, shirt and stay laces	33,414	29,340	38,746

TABLE 7. Employees and their Earnings, by Provinces, 1956 and 1957

	Average number					Earnings		
	Supervisory and office employees		Production workers		Total	Supervisory and office employees	Production workers	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
	number					dollars		
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
1957								
Quebec	106	74	798	630	1,608	751,918	3,601,150	4,353,068
Ontario	62	40	173	344	619	448,648	1,208,621	1,657,269
Canada	168	114	971	974	2,227	1,200,566	4,809,771	6,010,337

TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Production Workers, 1956 and 1957

Month	1956			1957		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	number					
January	836	903	1,739	947	975	1,922
February	896	960	1,856	948	986	1,934
March	911	997	1,908	976	971	1,947
April	917	997	1,914	989	971	1,960
May	914	1,002	1,916	993	986	1,979
June	923	1,015	1,938	992	1,007	1,999
July	918	1,001	1,919	987	989	1,976
August	913	1,008	1,921	1,006	1,002	2,008
September	936	1,033	1,969	995	1,036	2,031
October	935	1,043	1,978	991	1,009	2,000
November	941	1,041	1,982	938	925	1,863
December	852	960	1,812	871	821	1,692
Monthly average	911	999	1,910	971	974	1,945

TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Narrow Fabrics Industry Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1956 and 1957

Establishments with factory shipments of:	Estab-lish-ments	Em-ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of factory shipments
	number			dollars	
1956					
Under \$25,000	6	38	58,301	50,751	154,708
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2				
\$50,000 " \$99,999	10	77	204,446	345,986	683,288
\$100,000 " \$499,999	23	680	1,562,699	2,151,261	4,740,212
\$500,000 " \$999,999	3	178	363,057	969,463	1,756,466
\$1,000,000 and over	6	1,225	3,425,849	5,906,605	11,554,416
Total	50	2,198	5,614,352	9,424,066	18,889,090
1957					
Under \$25,000	3	11	23,363	11,609	51,144
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6	39	76,994	84,568	196,079
\$50,000 " \$99,999	10	81	227,758	375,096	735,950
\$100,000 " \$499,999	21	649	1,628,767	2,089,661	4,861,414
\$500,000 " \$999,999	3	190	406,020	895,246	1,721,618
\$1,000,000 and over	6	1,257	3,647,435	6,041,837	11,934,253
Total	49	2,227	6,010,337	9,498,017	19,500,458

TABLE 10. Estimated Capital, Repair and Maintenance Expenditures 1946-1957

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
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	544	..	..	428	222	750	972
1957	696	..	..	443	243	896	1,139

.. Not available.

TABLE 11. Consumption of Fuel and Electricity, 1956 and 1957

Kinds of fuel	1956		1957		
	Quantity	Cost value at factory	Quantity	Cost value at factory	
		\$		\$	
Bituminous coal	ton	3,644	54,990	3,769	52,689
Gasoline (including gasoline used in cars and trucks) Imp. gal.		23,563	7,084	31,866	13,313
Fuel oil		479,826	58,956	508,204	71,461
Other fuel	—	—	22,973	—	27,756
Total cost of fuel	—	—	144,003	—	165,219
Electricity purchased (including service charges)	kwh.	8,147,867	98,141	8,227,398	98,148
Total cost of fuel and electricity	—	—	242,144	—	263,367



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APPENDIX

List of Narrow Fabric Manufacturers Operating in Canada, 1957

Name	Address
Quebec:	
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.	5 St. Anne St., Rivière-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 Ave., E., Montreal
Dominion Binding Ltd.	426 St. Helen St., Montreal
Dominion Cord & Tassel (1956) Ltd.	5685 Papineau Ave., 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
Lamer Binding Reg'd	7386 St. Hubert 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.	740 St. Maurice St., Montreal
Samuel Lesnoff & Co. Ltd.	427 St-François-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
Ontario:	
Bias Products Limited	126 Wellington St. W., 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
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.	10 Esander Drive, Leaside
Shannon, Wm. Co. Ltd.	600 King St. W., Toronto
Textile Mfg. Co. Ltd.	915 Dupont St., Toronto