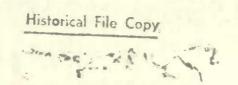
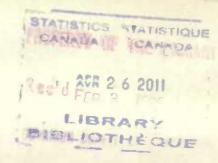
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THE CORSET INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924.

Ottawa, January 1926.- A report on the Corset Industry in Canada for the calendar year 1924 is herewith presented. Sixteen establishments reported to the Bureau in 1924, a decrease of one plant from the previous year. Of the plants reporting 10 were in the province of Ontario and 6 in the province of Quebec.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

A comparative summary of the principal statistics of the industry for the calendar years 1923 and 1924 is presented in table 1.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics of the Corset Industry, compared 1923 and 1924

Principal Statistics			1923	1924	
Establishments :	reporting	No.	6,155,454	16	
Capital investme		\$	6,155,454	4,108,057	
Employees on sal	laries -				
	Male	No.	200	181	
	Female	No.	167	188	
	Total salaries	\$	578,448	399,812	
Employees on was	res, average number -				
	Male	No.	110	109	
	Famale	No.	1,127	919	
	Total Wages	\$	685,307	578,875	
Dutside piece-wo	orkers -				
	Female	No.	2	2	
	Payments to	\$	975	975 9,154	
Cost of fuel		\$	975 11,435	9,154	
Power installat:	ien –				
	Units	No.	714	72	
	Capacity	H.P.	350	343	
Cost of materia	-		2,309,631	2,134,564	
Gress value of		\$	4,887,535	4,038,985	
Net value of pro		\$ \$ \$	2,577,904	1,904,421	

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P ODUCTION STATISTICS

The quantity and sellin, value at the factory of the various articles manufactured by the industry during the calendar year 1924 is shown by provinces and the Dominion in table 2. Compared with the production figures of 1923 there was a decrease in value of output of \$748,550 of which the decline in the manufacture of corsets alone accounted for \$612,255. This decrease also applies to the quantity made, the reduction being 35,515 dozen. The province of Quebec furnished approximately 62 per cent and Ontario 35 per cent of the total value of production in 1924.

Table 2 .- Products of the Corset Industry by previnces, 1924.

	CAT	MOA	QUEBEC		ONTA IO	
Articles	Quan-	Selling	Quan.	Selling	'Quan-	Selling
	ility :	Value	tity	Value	tity	Value
		,				
Corsets doz.	152,528	2,984,554		1,364,402		
Corselettes	267	3,455	-	-	267	
Children's maists	17,301	95,433	15,761	84,544		
Bandeaux and brassieres "	100,877	661,906	78,769	411,366	22,108	250,540
Combination garments "	367	11,001	_		367	
Sanitary and rubber coods"	15,000	40,000	-	_	15,000	140,000
Supporters	16,249	56,559	3,153	17,292	13,096	39,267
Belts	429	1,785	t		429	1,785
Braces and suspenders "	9.530	76,170	30	270	9-500	75,900
Garters and hose						
supporters	10,250	30,475	250	475	10,000	30,000
All other products -	-	77.647	_	20,329		57.318
Total value of products	-	4,038,985	-	2,498,678		£.540.307

CAPITAL INVESTED

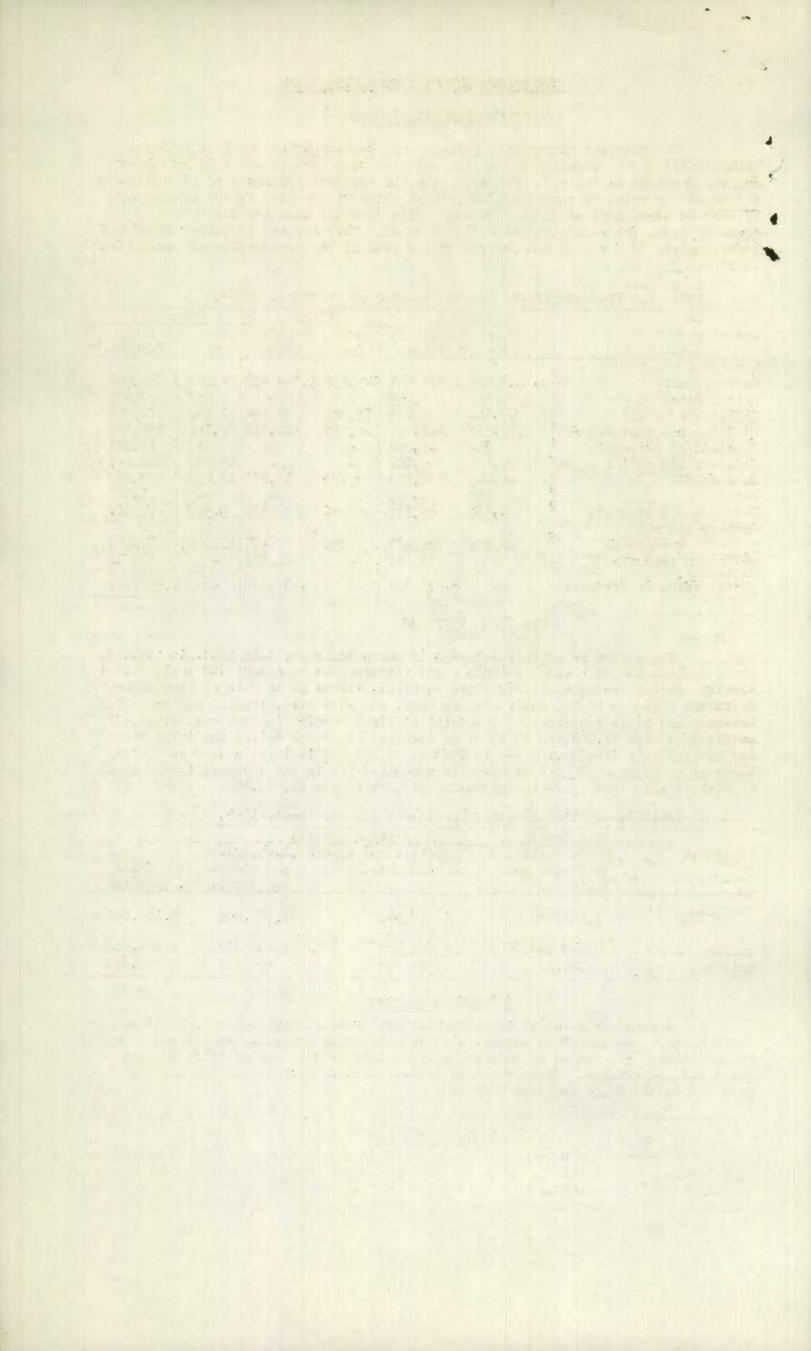
The amount of capital invested is shown under two main heads in table 3. Fixed capital includes land, buildings and fixtures and machinery and tools whilst working capital includes materials and supplies, stocks in process of manufacture or in the finished state, fuel, etc. on hand, and also cash, trading and operating accounts and bills receivable. The total of fixed capital in 1924 was \$1.008,472 as compared with \$1.004,810 in 1923, an increase of \$3.662 whilst the total working capital fell from \$5.150,644 in 1923 to \$3.099,585 in 1924, a decrease during the year of \$2,051,059 most of which is accounted for by the decrease in the item of cash, trading and operating accounts, etc. which was \$1,969,996.

Table 3.- Capital invested by classes and provinces, 1924.

	Fixed Capital	xed Capital Working.Capital				
Frovinces	Land, buildings machinery and tools	Materials and stocks on hand, etc.	Cash, trading and operat- ing accts.etc	Total Capital		
CANADA	1,008,472	1:597.040	1,502,545	4,108,057		
quebec Ontario	657,293 351,179	1,012,477 584,563	1,136,978	2,806,748		

ENFLOYMENT STATISTICS.

Statistics relating to employment are presented in tables 4, 5 and 6. Table 4 shows the number at employment during the year according to sex and remuneration. The number of persons employed decreased by 20% of which 20 were males and 18% females. There was also a corresponding decrease in the amounts paid for salaries and wares of \$255.06%.



THE CORSET INCUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924.

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (contd.)

Table 4 .- Employees, Salaries and Wages, 1924.

Classes of Employees by Sex		Canada	Quebec	Ontario	
Salaried Employees - Male Female	No.	181 188	130 132	51 56	
Total Salaries Wage earners, average number	\$	399,812	222,304	177,508	
Male Female Total Wages	No. No.	109 919 578,875	54 638 320,064	55 281 258,811	
Outside piece-workers - Female	No.	2	520,004	2	
Total payments	\$	975	_	975	
Totals - Male Employees Female " Salaries and wages	No.	290, 1,109 ⁷ 979,662	184 770 542,368	106 339 437,294	

Table 5 shows the statistics of employment according to sex by months. The month of highest employment was that of June when there were on the payrolls a total of 1,072 individuals of whom 113 were males and 959 were females, whilst that of lowest employment was the month of January with an enrolment of 980 of whom 108 were males and 872 were females.

Table 5.- Employment by Months in 1924.

Months	Male	Female	Months	Male	Female
January	108	872	July	113	939
February	106	886	Aurust	112	939
March	108	899	September	108	934
April	108	911	October	108	946
May	110	935	November	107	896
June	113	959	December	105	903
Total number employed during year Average monthly employment throughout year				1,306	11,019

Working time of plants and employees is shown in table 6. Operating time of plants is shown as full time, part time and idle, whilst the working time of employees is shown per day or shift and per week. The operating time, whether full or part, shows an increase over 1923 of 6.4 days whilst hours worked by employees also show increases in the averages of daily and weekly hours of labour.

Table 6 .- Working Time of Plants and Employees, 1924.

Number of plants reporting		1	6
		Totals	Averages
Days plants in operation -	HE BUTTON		
On full time	No .	3,988	249.25
On part time	Nc .	489	30.56
Idle	No.	387	24.19
Hours worked by employees -			
Per day or shift		9,510	8.42
Per week		752	47.00

FUEL CONSUMPTION.

The consumption of fuel by the industry is shown by quantity and cost value delivered at the factory in table 7. The cost of fuel in 1924 decreased by \$2,281 as compared with the previous year when this total was \$11,435. Coal was the principal fuel and its value represented almost the entire cost of all fuel used being \$9,119 in a total of \$9,154.

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FUEL CONSUMUTION (contd.)

Table 7 .- Fuel Consumption, 1924.

Classes of fuel	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Cost Value at factory
Bituminous coal Anthracite coal	ten	294 151	7,159 1,960
• Gasoline Oil (fuel)	Callon	5 15	2
Gas, artificial	m.c.ft.	26	30
Total cost of fuel	••	_	9,154

POTER INSTALLATION

The power installed in the industry is shown by classes, number of units and horse power capacity according to manufacturers' rating in table 8. The cost of electricity purchased during the year was \$7,993. The number of boilers installed for all purposes was 4 with a boiler h.p. capacity of 360.

Table 8.- Power Installation, 1924.

Classes of power	Number of Units	Horse power accord- ing to manufac- turers' rating
Steam engines and turbines	1	100
Electric motors operated by purchased power	70	213
Total Manufacturing pover	71	313
Electric motors operated by power enerated by		
the establishment	11	30
· Total Electric Meters	72	2+3

MATERIALS USED

The quantity and value of the various materials used in the industry were not collected in 1924. The total cost of such materials including the cost of containers and mill supplies only being stated. The total cost of such materials during the year amounted to \$2,134,564. In future questionnaires the collection of statistics of materials used will be resumed.

INTORTS AND EXPORTS.

Imports.— The quantity and value of corsets and corset materials imported into Canada for consumption is shown by countries in table 9 for the calendar year 1924. The total value of imports amounted to \$485,621 in 1924 which was a decrease of \$75,489 as compared with 1923. Imports from the United Kin dom decreased by \$23,257 and from the United States by \$54,571 as compared with the previous year whilst the imports from other countries showed an increase of \$2,339.

Table 9 .- Imports of corsets and corset materials for consumption in the calendar

year :	1924.		1			
	WHITED F	INGDOM	UNITED	STATES	Other	Countrie
Articles by Countries	quan- tity	Value	quan- tity	Value	Luan-	Value
	175.790	38,696	404,880	151,843	3,868	2,666
Corset classs, bushs, blages and steels and covered corset wires etc.val.obly	-	1,402	t	37,791	-	-
Tips, stude and eyes for corset clasps and corset wires, value only		_	-	11,613	-	-
Steel wire, flat, of No.16 sauge or thinner for the mfr.of corset wires Cvt				26,726		0.550
Corsets of all kinds, n.o.p. no.ani value Total value of imports	1,534	43,778		436,621		5,222

Exports.— The quantity and value of the export of code produced in Canada is shown in table 10 by principal countries for the calendar year 1924. Exports also decreased by 212.530 as compared with 1923. Over 62 per cent of the total exports of corsets and brassieres went to the United Kin dom and 36 per cent to British dominions, whilst less than 2 per cent went to the United States and other countries.

Table 10. Experts of Corsets, the produce of Canada, 1924. Value Articles by Countries uantity No. 3 Corsets and Brassieres -444,CSS 194,315 To United Kincdom 6,039 73.756 29,986 79,465 8,930 109,766 24,256 To United States To Australia
To Newfoundland 121,361 To New Zealand 2,275 To Other Countries 394,626 Total value of experts

