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NOTE.- The statistics published in the present statement include only the statistics of such manufacturing establishments that make Women's and Children's Clothing as their principal product. The statistics relating to specific products are therefore not to be regarded as comprehensive as products like, Woman's and Children's Clothing are also found as secondary products of the Men's Clothing and Men's Furnishing Goods industries.

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THE WOMEN'S FACTORY CLOTHING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924.

Ottawa, June, 1926.- The annual report on the Women's Factory Clothing Industry in Canada for the calendar year 1924 is herewith presented. Included in the industry are women's clothing, ladies' and children's wear, women's neckwear and fancy goods, embroidery and trimmings, and laces, tapes, and bindings. The total number of establishments reporting in 1924 was 359 as compared with 333 in 1923, an increase of 26 establishments. The following comparative table shows the number and location of the factories by provinces for the calendar years 1922, 1923 and 1924. To prevent disclosure of individual statistics Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are given under "Maritime Provinces" whilst Alberta and Manitoba appear under "Prairie Provinces" throughout this report.

Number of Establishments by Provinces, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

Provinces	1922	1923	1924
CANADA	293	333	359
Maritime Provinces	3	3	4
Quebec	121	138	157
Ontario	150	172	178
Prairie Provinces	9	8	8
British Columbia	10	12	12

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

A summary of the principal statistics of the industry is presented in Table 1 for Canada and the provinces during the calendar year 1924. Compared with 1923 increases appear in capital investment amounting to \$2,525,953, in the number of wage earners of 59, in the wages paid of \$649,398, in the cost of materials of \$1,989,903 and in the value of products of \$3,117,569. Decreases appear in the number of salaried employees of 111 and in payments for salaries of \$152,308, in the number of outside pieceworkers of 66 and in the amount paid of \$51,835 and in the cost of fuel of \$3,963.

Table 1. Principal Statistics by Provinces, 1924

		Canada	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
Establishments	No.	359	4	157	178	8	12
Capital invested		21,474,870	82,914	7,490,577	13,368,684	339,122	193,573
Employees on Salaries -							
Males	No.	977	6	330	608	19	14
Females	No.	628	4	163	444	9	8
Salaries		3,227,785	12,150	955,912	2,166,175	64,344	29,204
Employees on Wages -							
Males	No.	2,861	16	817	1,931	74	23
Females	No.	8,640	56	2,795	5,456	224	109
Wages		10,165,013	36,959	3,129,653	6,622,658	261,292	114,451
Outside pieceworkers -							
Males	No.	14	-	13	1	-	-
Females	No.	224	-	56	168	-	-
Amount paid		56,516	-	23,258	33,258	-	-
Cost of fuel		58,894	622	11,466	46,402	404	-
Power employed -							
Units	No.	915	4	215	610	36	50
Capacity	H.P.	2,706	11	396	2,184	93	22
Cost of materials		25,353,454	88,715	9,006,901	15,305,866	689,524	262,448
Value of Products		46,100,215	165,790	16,179,658	28,187,684	1,086,202	480,881
Value added by manufacture		20,746,761	77,075	7,172,757	12,881,818	396,678	218,433

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS 1924

The factory selling value of the principal items of production in the industry is shown in table 2 for Canada and the provinces. The total value of production increased from \$42,982,646 in 1923 to \$46,100,215 in 1924 or a net improvement of \$3,117,569 or 7.25 per cent. The principal items of production were, dresses of all kinds valued at \$14,761,341, coats and cloaks \$10,383,403, suits, tailored \$2,790,546, men's and boys' clothing \$3,696,892, undergarments of all kinds \$2,812,955, blouses and shirt waists \$2,235,811, skirts \$1,882,058, and neckwear for ladies \$575,169.

Table 2.- Production by Principal Items and Provinces, 1924.

Articles	Canada	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
Suits, tailored	2,790,546	12,500	1,566,246	1,174,626	13,000	24,174
Dresses, including house dresses	14,761,341	6,600	6,734,393	7,751,355	141,100	127,893
Coats and cloaks	10,383,403	134,290	2,566,029	6,817,408	651,749	213,927
Skirts	1,882,058	-	465,486	1,397,707	18,570	295
Blouses and shirt waists	2,235,811	-	676,298	1,501,570	25,800	32,143
Undergarments, all kinds	2,812,955	7,850	656,103	2,138,882	1,740	8,380
Children's coats	50,323	-	22,000	28,323	-	-
" dresses	216,901	-	157,901	59,000	-	-
" wash suits and rompers	199,980	-	48,309	151,671	-	-
Knitted neckwear, men's	287,773	-	-	287,773	-	-
Kimonos, dressing gowns, etc.	326,038	-	218,110	106,328	-	1,600
Neckwear, ladies'	575,169	-	12,000	563,169	-	-
Handkerchiefs	403,229	-	28,500	371,129	-	3,600
Scarves and mufflers	438,659	-	10,200	428,459	-	-
Whitewear, n.s.	248,429	3,050	218,363	19,416	-	7,600
Night dresses	472,154	900	350,902	117,202	-	3,150
Sporting dresses	145,834	-	40,724	105,110	-	-
Bindings	371,264	-	333,543	37,721	-	-
Braids	411,960	-	262,981	148,979	-	-
Tapes	36,649	-	3,342	33,307	-	-
Fringes, cords, etc.	300,151	-	20,254	279,897	-	-
Woven labels	287,288	-	-	287,288	-	-
Children's hoods, bonnets, etc.	175,692	-	-	175,692	-	-
Boot and shoe laces	264,249	-	188,373	75,876	-	-
Laces and embroidery	67,939	-	31,216	36,723	-	-
Embroidery work	454,576	-	178,764	229,142	8,016	38,654
Men's and boys' clothing	3,696,892	-	470,183	3,081,739	144,970	-
Pyjamas	49,214	600	37,805	9,639	-	1,170
All other products	1,258,179	-	490,789	674,138	74,957	18,295
Contract work	475,559	-	390,844	98,415	6,300	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46,100,215</b>	<b>165,790</b>	<b>16,179,658</b>	<b>28,187,684</b>	<b>1,086,202</b>	<b>480,351</b>

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

The amount of capital employed in the industry during 1924 is shown by kinds and provinces in table 3. Fixed capital which includes, land, buildings, machinery and tools rose from \$5,052,036 in 1923 to \$5,751,606 in 1924, an increase of \$699,570 or 13.8 per cent. Working capital which includes materials, supplies and stocks on hand together with cash, trading and operating accounts, etc. also increased during that period from \$13,896,881 to \$15,723,264, an increase of \$1,826,383 or 13.1 per cent. Percentages of the total capital investment by provinces according to rank were as follows:- Ontario 62.25; Quebec 34.88; Prairie Provinces 1.58; British Columbia .90; and the Maritime Provinces .39.

Table 3.- Capital Invested by Provinces, 1924.

Provinces	Fixed Capital	Working Capital		Total Capital
		Materials, supplies & stocks on hand, etc.	Cash, trading and operating accounts etc.	
CANADA	\$ 5,751,606	\$ 9,792,663	\$ 5,930,601	\$ 21,474,870
Maritime Provinces	15,241	44,575	23,098	82,914
Quebec	1,438,522	3,569,774	2,482,281	7,490,577
Ontario	4,204,575	5,910,113	3,253,996	13,368,684
Prairie Provinces	51,975	167,277	119,870	339,122
British Columbia	41,293	100,924	51,356	193,573

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Statistics relating to employment will be found in tables 4, 5 and 6. Table 4 shows the number of persons employed by classes, sex and remuneration as well as by provinces. Compared with 1923 there was a decrease in employment of 111 in the salaried class, an increase of 59 in the wage earning class, and a decrease of 166 in the number of outside piece workers, but on the other hand salaries increased by \$152,308, wages paid by \$649,398, whilst the amount paid to outside piece workers decreased by \$51,835. The average salary per employee irrespective of sex was approximately \$1970 in 1923 whilst in 1924 it had risen to \$2011 or an increase of a little over 2 per cent. Similarly the average wage of all employees advanced from about \$832 in 1923 to \$884 in 1924 or a percentage increase of 6.25.

Table 4. Employees, Salaries and Wages by Provinces

Provinces	Salaried Employees			Wage earners		
	M.	F.	Salaries	M.	F.	Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
CANADA	977	628	3,227,785	2,861	8,640	10,165,013
Maritime Provinces	6	4	12,150	16	56	36,959
Quebec	330	163	955,912	817	2,795	3,129,653
Ontario	608	444	2,166,175	1,931	5,456	6,622,658
Prairie Provinces	19	9	64,344	74	224	261,292
British Columbia	14	8	29,204	23	109	114,451
	Outside Pieceworkers			Total Employees		
	M.	F.	Amount paid	M.	F.	Total salaries and wages, etc.
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
CANADA	14	224	56,516	3,852	9,492	13,449,314
Maritime Provinces	-	-	-	22	60	49,109
Quebec	13	56	23,258	1,160	3,014	4,108,823
Ontario	1	168	33,258	2,540	6,068	8,822,091
Prairie Provinces	-	-	-	93	233	325,676
British Columbia	-	-	-	37	117	143,655

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (contd.)

Table 5 presents statistics of the operating time of plants and of employees. The operating time of plants is shown according to (a) full time, (b) part time, and (c) idle, whilst for employees the total and average hours normally worked per day and per week are shown.

Table 5.- Working time of plants and employees, 1924.

Number of Establishments Reporting	759	
	Totals	Averages
Days in operation -		
On full time	89,497	249.30
On part time	11,196	31.18
Idle	8,443	23.52
Hours normally worked by wage earners -		
Per day or shift	121,282	8.29
Per week	16,008	44.60

In table 6 the number of employees on the payroll for each month of the year are shown according to sex. Employment reached the maximum in April and September with totals of 12,133 and 12,128 respectively. It was lowest in the months of December and January when the total employment stood at 10,407 and 10,913. The average enrolment for the year was 2,861 males and 8,640 females, or a total of 11,501.

Table 6.- Employment by Months and Sex, 1924.

Months	Number		Months	Number	
	Males	Females		Males	Females
January	2,811	8,102	July	2,788	8,661
February	2,901	8,569	August	2,942	8,370
March	2,981	9,089	September	3,046	9,082
April	3,010	9,123	October	3,013	8,967
May	2,728	9,008	November	2,797	8,160
June	2,628	8,832	December	2,697	7,716
Total Employment during year			34,332	103,679	
Average monthly number employed during year			2,861	8,640	

FUEL CONSUMPTION

The quantity and cost value of the fuel consumed in the industry during 1924 is shown in table 7. Coal of all kinds represented more than 80 per cent of the total cost, gas being next with 9.1 per cent, with fuel oil in third place with approximately 6 per cent. The cost of electricity purchased during the year was \$72,166.

Table 7.- Fuel Consumption by classes, 1924.

Kinds of fuel	Quantity	Cost value at factory
Bituminous coal	ton	\$ 30,022
Anthracite coal	"	14,746
Lignite coal	"	2,800
Coke	"	927
Gasoline	gal.	937
Oil (fuel)	"	3,566
Wood	cord	540
Gas, artificial and natural	m.c.ft.	5,356
Total cost		58,894

POWER INSTALLATION

The power employed in this industry was wholly electric, and was all purchased. The number of electric motors reported totalled 915 with a rated horsepower of 2,706. Boilers installed for any purpose were 6 in number with a horsepower capacity of 200.

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To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior

From the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office

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MATERIALS USED

Materials were not required to be itemized in this industry in 1924, the total cost only of such materials as were used in production being stated. The following summary table presents such statistics by provinces.

Table 8.- Summary of Materials Used by Provinces, 1924

Provinces	Total cost
CANADA	25,353,454
Maritime Provinces	88,715
Quebec	9,006,901
Ontario	15,305,866
Prairie Provinces	689,524
British Columbia	262,448

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Imports and Exports of Women's factory or "ready to wear" clothing are not distinctively specified in the trade returns but are included in the items designated as clothing of cotton, linen, silk and wool. n.o.p., as summarized in table 9 for the calendar year 1924.

The total value of such imports amounted during this period to \$11,049,648 of which \$5,117,049 came from the United Kingdom, \$3,041,119 from the United States and \$2,891,480 from other countries.

Table 9.- Imports of ready to wear garments, etc. by principal countries, 1924

Articles	United Kingdom \$	United States \$	Other Countries \$	Total Imports \$
Embroideries and laces, linen	967	2	2,576	3,545
Embroideries of cotton, white or cream coloured	26,053	16,832	193,199	236,084
Embroideries, n.o.p.	17,660	40,414	111,337	169,411
Laces, white or cream coloured	467,921	99,562	322,734	890,217
Laces, lace collars, etc. n.o.p.	1,068,921	334,360	294,246	1,697,527
Blouses and shirt waists, cotton	6,460	114,083	3,544	124,087
" " " " linen	20	11	-	31
" " " " wool	12,156	34,047	83,048	129,251
Clothing, cotton, n.o.p.	408,981	687,838	380,425	1,477,244
" linen, n.o.p.	2,903	2,944	6,060	11,907
" silk, n.o.p.	221,832	862,734	718,578	1,803,144
" wool, n.o.p.	1,311,509	286,231	19,859	1,617,599
Handkerchiefs, cotton	794,895	17,777	378,812	1,191,484
" linen	400,279	390	19,545	420,214
" silk	45,734	1,633	165,408	212,775
Shawls, cotton	1,808	83	2,930	4,821
" silk	3,004	869	3,291	7,164
" wool	75,172	3,113	9,730	88,015
Clothing, women's and children's outside garments	229,955	516,319	42,730	789,004
Hair nets, any material	20,819	21,877	133,428	176,124
TOTALS	5,117,049	3,041,119	2,891,480	11,049,648

Table 10 shows by principal countries the value of clothing or wearing apparel exported for the calendar year 1924.

Table 10. Exports of Women's factory or ready to wear clothing, 1924

Articles	United Kingdom	United States	Other Countries	Total Exports
Clothing, cotton, n.o.p.	230	2,388	58,282	60,900
Clothing, wool, n.o.p.	1,188	7,742	166,213	175,143
TOTALS	1,418	10,130	224,495	236,043



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Year	Region	Population	Area	Notes
1971	Atlantic	1,200,000	100,000	
1971	Quebec	5,500,000	1,500,000	
1971	Ontario	10,000,000	2,500,000	
1971	Manitoba	1,200,000	250,000	
1971	Saskatchewan	1,000,000	250,000	
1971	Alberta	2,000,000	650,000	
1971	Northwest Territories	100,000	1,000,000	
1971	Yukon	30,000	480,000	
1971	Nunavut	30,000	1,300,000	
1971	Total	21,200,000	6,180,000	

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Year	Region	Population	Area	Notes
1981	Atlantic	1,200,000	100,000	
1981	Quebec	5,500,000	1,500,000	
1981	Ontario	10,000,000	2,500,000	
1981	Manitoba	1,200,000	250,000	
1981	Saskatchewan	1,000,000	250,000	
1981	Alberta	2,000,000	650,000	
1981	Northwest Territories	100,000	1,000,000	
1981	Yukon	30,000	480,000	
1981	Nunavut	30,000	1,300,000	
1981	Total	21,200,000	6,180,000	