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**HARDWOOD FLOORING INDUSTRY**

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THE HARDWOOD FLOORING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1933.

Ottawa, November, 1934. - A report on the manufacture in Canada of hardwood flooring for the calendar year 1933 has recently been issued by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as a part of the industrial census. This report shows the production of this product in twenty-four establishments, of which ten were located in Ontario, eight in Quebec, two each in New Brunswick and British Columbia and one each in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

There are, of course, a number of other firms manufacturing hardwood flooring as a side line only, which are not included in this group. The firms in the group have a production capacity of over a hundred million feet a year of this product and while their reported output for 1933 was only about twenty-six million feet, the greater part of the total Canadian output was produced in their mills.

Capital invested amounted to \$4,383,274, employment was furnished to 1,038 people to whom \$733,337 was distributed in wages and salaries.

The industry used raw materials valued at \$1,531,928, the principal item being 29,921 M ft. b.m. of rough hardwood lumber and logs. The gross value of products was \$2,638,644, the principal items being 26,436 M ft. b.m. of hardwood flooring valued at \$1,369,877, 15,136 M ft. b.m. of other matched lumber valued at \$329,914 and \$293,023 worth of sash, doors and other millwork.

The following tables include a summary of the principal statistics of the group, the distribution of the mills, capital invested, employment, salaries and wages, fuel used, power employed, materials used, products manufactured, kinds of lumber used in manufacturing hardwood flooring and classes of hardwood flooring produced.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1932 and 1933.

Items	1 9 3 2	1 9 3 3
Establishments .....	23	24
Capital invested .....	\$ 5,240,932	4,383,274
Employees on salaries .....	No. 150	131
Salaries paid .....	\$ 259,608	218,906
Employees on wages .....	No. 947	907
Wages paid .....	\$ 635,143	514,431
Fuel used .....	\$ 24,434	26,472
Power employed .....	H.P. 7,730	7,334
Electricity purchased .....	K.W.H. 1,313,395	956,938
Electricity purchased .....	\$ 22,671	19,664
Cost of materials .....	\$ 1,615,589	1,531,928
Value of products .....	\$ 2,890,522	2,638,644

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Table 2. - Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1932 and 1933.

Provinces	1 9 3 2		1 9 3 3	
	No.		No.	
CANADA .....	23		24	
Nova Scotia .....	-		1	
New Brunswick .....	2		2	
Quebec .....	8		8	
Ontario .....	10		10	
Saskatchewan .....	1		1	
British Columbia .....	2		2	

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1932 and 1933.

Items	1 9 3 2		1 9 3 3	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL .....	5,240,932		4,383,274	
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery .....	2,929,208		2,514,802	
Materials, stocks, etc., on hand .....	754,521		522,974	
Finished products on hand .....	546,975		643,567	
Cash, trading and operating accounts .....	1,010,228		701,931	

Table 4. - Employment, 1932 and 1933.

Classes of Employees	Total Number of Employees		Males		Females		Total Salaries and Wages	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL .....	1,097	1,038	1,059	1,009	38	29	894,751	733,337
Salaried employees ..	150	131	121	110	29	21	259,608	218,906
Wage-earners .....	947	907	938	899	9	8	635,143	514,431

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Table 5. - Fuel Used, 1932 and 1933.

Kind of Fuel	Unit of Measure	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL .....	-	-	-	24,434	26,472
Bituminous coal, Canadian .....	Tons	1,105	822	4,949	4,919
" " Imported .....	"	1,411	859	8,083	5,080
Anthracite coal .....	"	-	-	-	-
Lignite coal, Canadian .....	"	108	240	465	780
" " Imported .....	"	-	-	-	-
Coke .....	"	21	-	294	-
Gasoline .....	Gals.	-	30	-	5
Kerosene or coal oil .....	"	60	-	11	-
Fuel oil .....	"	7,050	1,590	359	105
Wood .....	Cords	1,879	2,313	7,825	10,381
Mill waste .....	-	-	-	1,236	5,199
Gas, manufactured .....	M cu. ft.	9	-	12	-
" natural .....	" " "	-	4	-	3
Other fuel .....	-	-	-	1,200	-

Table 6. - Power Employed, 1932 and 1933.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
Steam engines and steam turbines .....	19	19	5,240	4,780
Hydraulic turbines or water wheels .....	-	1	-	400
Electric motors operated by purchased power .....	140	129	2,490	2,154
TOTAL POWER USED .....	159	149	7,730	7,334
Electric motors operated by power generated by the establishment .....	59	68	886	995
Boilers installed .....	38	39	4,895	4,780

Table 7. - Materials Used, 1932 and 1933.

Classes of Materials	Unit of Measure	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL .....	-	-	-	1,615,589	1,531,928
Lumber or logs, softwood ...	M ft. b.m.	27,286	37,509	588,556	628,513
Lumber or logs, hardwood ...	" " "	31,763	29,921	964,512	858,747
Bolts, etc., softwood .....	" " "	-	-	-	-
Bolts, etc., hardwood .....	" " "	-	-	-	-
Veneer and plywood .....	M surf. ft.	377	56	10,784	2,895
All other materials .....	-	-	-	51,737	41,773

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Table 8. - Products Manufactured, 1932 and 1933.

1/ Products	Unit of Measure	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
Sash, doors and other millwork .	-	-	-	468,191	293,023
Moulding .....	-	-	-	88,650	54,511
Hardwood flooring .....	M ft. b.m. <sup>2/</sup>	28,303	26,436	1,573,745	1,369,877
All other matched lumber .....	" " "	4,161	15,136	132,822	329,914
All other planed lumber .....	" " "	14,973	13,340	410,365	277,333
All other products, including fruit and vegetable baskets and crates, butter and cheese boxes, shooks and other boxes and containers, hubs, spokes, bent goods, etc., furniture and other cabinet work, skis, handles, dowels and turnery, ten pins, coffins and shells, oars and paddles, cisterns, plywood, veneer, troughs and tanks, marine and fishermen's supplies, kitchen and other woodenware, ladders, wooden toys, screens, plugs, pulleys, beekeepers' supplies, braces, blocks, flooring, paper roll heads, etc.	-	-	-	216,749	313,986
<b>TOTAL - ALL PRODUCTS.</b>	-	-	-	<b>2,890,522</b>	<b>2,638,644</b>

NOTE: 1/ Data given here do not necessarily represent the total Canadian production under each heading, since these products are also listed under other industries.

2/ These totals are in feet, board measure, and do not correspond with the quantities given in table 10 which are stated in surface feet.

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The following two tables give the details in connection with the manufacture of hardwood flooring asked for on the special supplementary schedule used in connection with this industry.

Table 9. - Kinds of Lumber Used in Manufacturing Hardwood Flooring in 1933.

Kinds of Lumber	Quantity		Value	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
	Surface Feet		\$	\$
Birch .....	17,682	15,130	408,641	349,651
Beech .....	440	255	8,937	4,447
Maple .....	4,920	8,963	123,978	216,129
Oak -				
Quarter-cut white .....	448	345	34,664	25,391
Plain white .....	135	426	6,335	19,772
Quarter-cut red .....	270	215	20,543	16,300
Plain red .....	6,462	<b>2,732</b>	278,967	128,883
Other hardwoods, including walnut, poplar, basswood, etc. ....	-	1,000	-	46,184
TOTAL .....	30,357	29,066	882,065	806,757

Table 10. - Classes of Hardwood Flooring Produced in 1933.

Kinds of Flooring	Quantity		Value	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
	1/ Surface Feet		\$	\$
Birch .....	14,365	11,973	674,835	554,922
Beech .....	330	178	16,969	7,754
Maple .....	4,249	7,001	222,263	321,803
Oak -				
Quarter-cut white .....	607	568	52,495	51,126
Plain white .....	147	106	10,780	8,525
Quarter-cut red .....	508	315	45,774	32,513
Plain red .....	8,320	5,279	502,988	332,673
Other hardwoods, including walnut, poplar, basswood, etc. ....	-	1,113	-	59,631
Special flooring designs .....	-	51	-	8,235
TOTAL .....	28,576	26,584	1,526,104	1,377,182

NOTE: - 1/ These quantities are given in surface feet and do not correspond with those given in table 8 which are stated in feet, board measure.

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Firms Engaged Wholly or Chiefly in the Manufacture of Hardwood Flooring in 1933.

NOVA SCOTIA

Annapolis Flooring Limited, Annapolis Royal.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Harquail, J. & D.A., Company Limited, Campbellton.  
The Woodstock Woodworking Company Limited, Woodstock.

QUEBEC

Bown, W. A., Lennoxville.  
Canada Flooring Company Limited, 1304 Beaumont Avenue, Montreal.  
Grégoire, Nap., Plessisville.  
Préfontaine, T., & Cie, 01417 Charlevoix Street, Montreal.  
Price Brothers & Company Limited, Pont Etchemin.  
(H.O. 65 Ste. Anne, Quebec City).  
St. Agathe Lumber & Construction Co. Limited, Ste. Agathe des Monts, Quebec.  
The Eagle Lumber Company Limited, St. Jérôme, Quebec.  
(H.O. 60 St. James St. West, Montreal).  
St. Francis Flooring & Mfg. Company, Limited, Bromptonville.

ONTARIO

Algonquin Corporation Limited, Burks Falls.  
Bruce, E. L., Company Limited, 2280 Dundas Street West, Toronto.  
Builders Flooring & Millwork Limited, 228 St. Helens Avenue, Toronto 4.  
Harrison, John, & Sons Company Limited, 1417 2nd Avenue West, Owen Sound.  
Knight Manufacturing & Lumber Company Ltd., Edwin Street, Meaford.  
Midland Wood Products Limited, 4th Street, Midland.  
Muskoka Wood Manufacturing Company Limited, Huntsville.  
Peerless Hardwood Flooring Company Limited, 780 Dupont Street, Toronto 4.  
Satin Finish Hardwood Flooring Limited, Oak Street, Weston.  
Wood-Mosaic Limited, Woodstock.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Western Manufacturing Company Limited, 1550 Dewdney Avenue, Regina.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

B. C. Hardwood Floor Company Limited, 2617 Granville Street, Vancouver.  
Hardwood Milling Company Limited, 225 Salsbury Drive, Vancouver.

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