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THE BOX, BASKET AND CRATE INDUSTRY, 1932.

Ottawa, January, 1934.- The Box, Basket and Crate Industry includes all firms whose principal products are wooden boxes of all classes which are responsible for the greater part of the production of these commodities in Canada. There are, however, a number of other firms classified in other industrial groups which make wooden containers as a side line or by-product to their principal production. Only such firms as are classified as Box, Basket and Crate establishments are considered in the report of the principal statistics of the industry for 1932, just released by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The number of establishments reporting under this group in 1932 was 129, or two less than the previous year. The capital invested in the industry decreased from \$9,545,101 to \$9,099,408.

A total of 2,872 employees were engaged in this industry in 1932, as compared with 3,027 in 1931. Wages and salaries likewise decreased from \$2,389,261 to \$2,019,471.

The amount expended for fuel and electricity was slightly less than in 1931. However, the number of power units and their rated capacity increased, there being 631 units rated at 16,654 H.P. in 1932 against 614 units rated at 14,677 H.P. in 1931.

Sawn lumber, the greater part of which was softwood, formed the principal raw material. Next in importance came veneer and softwood and hardwood bolts. Nails, hoop, band and other iron, and miscellaneous hardware make up the total of \$2,526,169 given as the cost of all materials used during the year.

The products manufactured were valued at \$5,688,839 in 1932. They consisted almost entirely of box shooks, fruit and vegetable baskets and crates, butter boxes, cheese boxes, cigar boxes, berry boxes, and other containers. The industry also manufactured secondary products such as sash, doors and other millwork, planed and matched lumber, veneer, woodenware and handles.

The following table gives the principal statistics of the industry for 1931 and 1932:

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS - BOX, BASKET AND CRATE INDUSTRY - 1931-1932.

Items	Unit	1931	1932
Establishments .....	No.	131	129
Capital invested .....	\$	9,545,101	9,099,408
Employees on salaries .....	No.	360	357
Salaries paid .....	\$	594,104	553,754
Employees on wages .....	No.	2,667	2,515
Wages paid .....	\$	1,795,157	1,465,717
Fuel used .....	\$	28,577	27,305
Electricity purchased .....	K.W.H.	4,826,164	3,772,001
Electricity purchased .....	\$	83,929	76,923
Cost of materials .....	\$	3,336,879	2,526,169
Value of products .....	\$	7,230,476	5,688,839



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