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CENSUS OF INDUSTRY-FOREST PRODUCTS BRANCH OTTAWA, CANADA

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THE COFFIN AND CASSET INDUSTRY IN CAMADA

1929 and 1930

Ottawa, January, 1932 - A report on the manufacture of coffins, caskets and shells or rough boxes in Canada during 1929 and 1930 has been completed by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There were 36 firms engaged in the manufacture of these products in 1930 and 36 in 1929. The total amount of capital invested in the industry increased from \$3,608,383 in 1929 to \$3,784,344 in 1930. The employees of all classes numbered 778 in 1930 as compared to 755 in 1929. The total payroll in 1930 was \$877,128 and in 1929 \$863,968. This industry in 1930 purchased \$16,522 worth of fuel and employed power to the amount of 2,253 horse-power. Its materials in 1930 cost \$1,337,718 and its total products were valued at #3,186,476.

Out of the total of 36 factories 15 were located in Ontario, 10 in Quebec, 3 each in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, 2 in Manitoba and one each in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

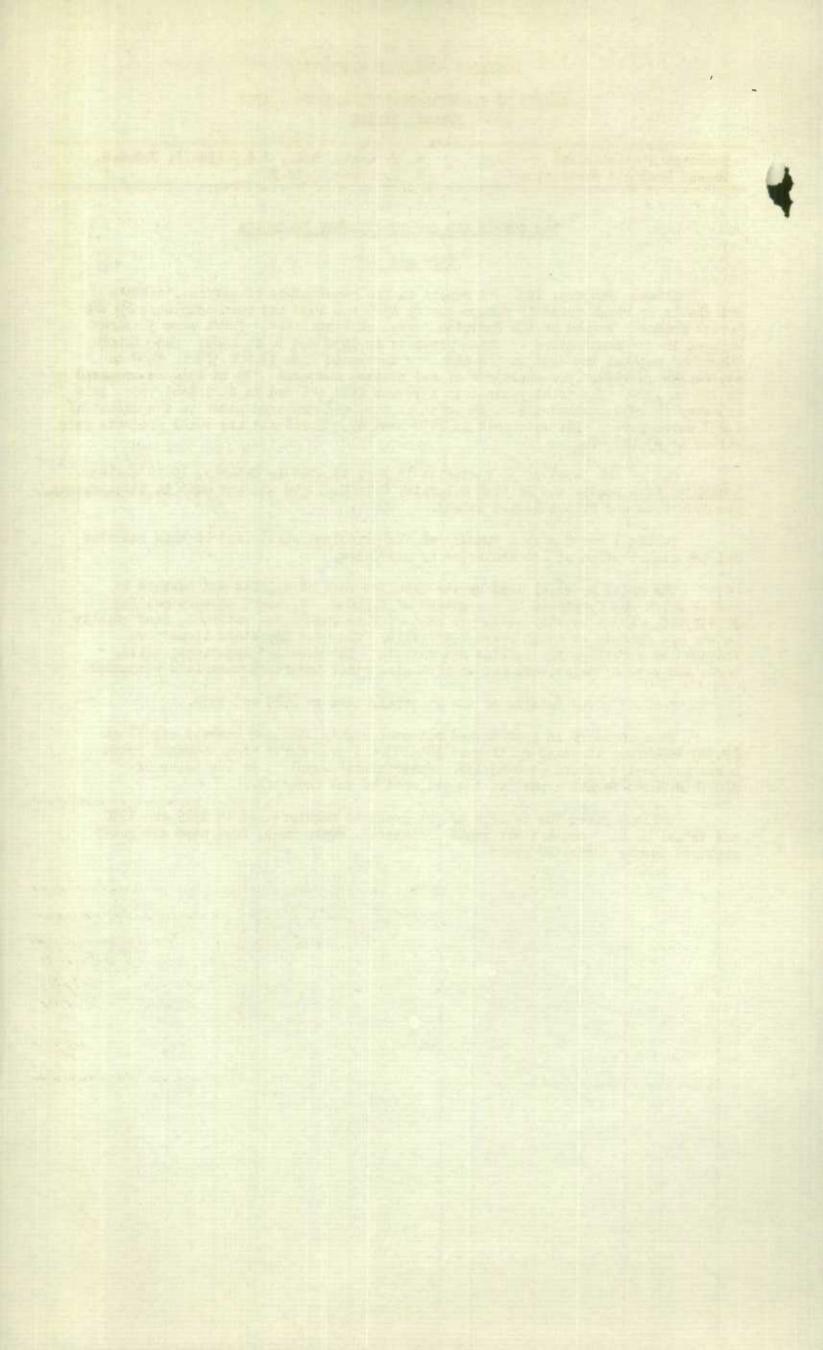
Tables 1 and 2 give a summary of the principal statistics of this industry and the distribution of its factories by provinces.

The chief material used by the manufacturers of coffins and caskets is lumber which was purchased to the extent of 9,962 m. ft. board measure costing \$1,337,718. About seventy seven per cent of this lumber was softwood, used chiefly in the manufacture of rough boxes and shells. The next important items were linings and coverings for coffins and caskets. Hardware and mountings; nails, tacks and screws; paint, oil and varnish were other important materials purchased.

Table 3 gives details of the materials used in 1929 and 1930.

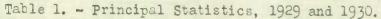
This industry in 1930 turned out over eighty thousand caskets valued at \$2,323,480, four thousand coffins at \$43,303 and over forty nine thousand rough boxes and shells valued at \$263,171. Undertakers! supplies to the value of \$507,258, also formed a part of the products of the industry.

Table 4 gives the details of the products manufactured in 1929 and 1930 and Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8 cover capital invested, employment, fuel used and power employed during these two years.



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1929 and 1930



Items		1929	1930
Establishments	No.	36	36
Capital Invested	\$	3,608,383	3,784,344
Employees on salaries	No.	76	77
Salaries paid	\$	187,825	182,936
Employees on wages	No.	679	7.3
Wages paid	\$	676,143	694,192
Fuel Used	\$	42,893	18,522
Power employed	н.Р.	2,200	2,253
Cost of Materials	\$	1,312,374	1,337,718
Value of Products	\$	3,185 338	3,186,476

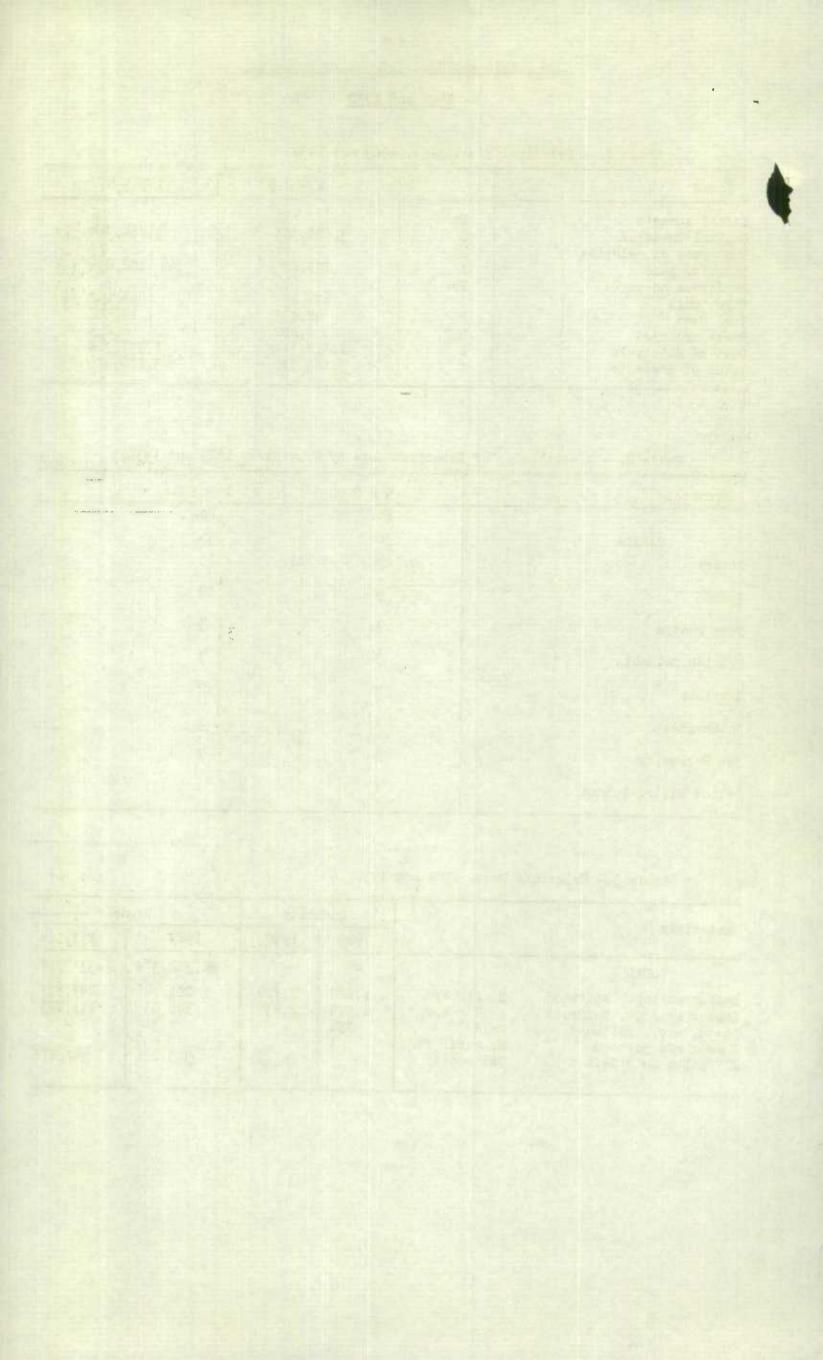
Table 2. - Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1929 and 1930.

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Provinces	1929	1930
	No.	No.
CANADA	36	36
Ontario	16	15
Quebec	9	10
Nova Scotia	3	3
British Columbia	3	3
Mani toba	2	2
Saskatchewan	1	1
New Brunswick	1	1
Prince Edward Island	1	1

Table 3.- Materials Used, 1929 and 1930.

Materials		Quan	ntity	Value		
MACOUT TOTAL		1929	1930	1929	1930	
TOTAL		010	-	\$1 ,312,374	1,337,718	
Lumber or logs, softwood Lumber or logs, hardwood Bolts, etc., softwood Veneer and plywood All other materials	M. ft. b.m. " b.a. Cord M. surf. ft. Value only	8,829 1,974 131 1	7,726 2,236	281,746 126,035 1,312 60 903,221	247,317 143,223	





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Table 4. - Products Ponufactured, 1929 and 1930.

Products		Quan	tity	Value		
		1929	1930	1929	1930	
		100	No.	\$	\$	
TOTAL		135,253	134,531	3,185,338	3,186,476	
Casketa Coffins Shells or rough boxes Other undertakers! supplies	No. it	76,385 7,965 50,903	80:378 4,531 49,619	2,282,978 77,824 269,774 525,076	2,323,480 43,303 263,171 507,258	
Secondary Products						
Sash, doors and other millwork) hardwood, flooring, matched and) planed lumber, sanitary wood—) work, furniture, garment hangers, excelsior and wood—) wool, reels and boxes, etc.)			-	29,686	49,264	

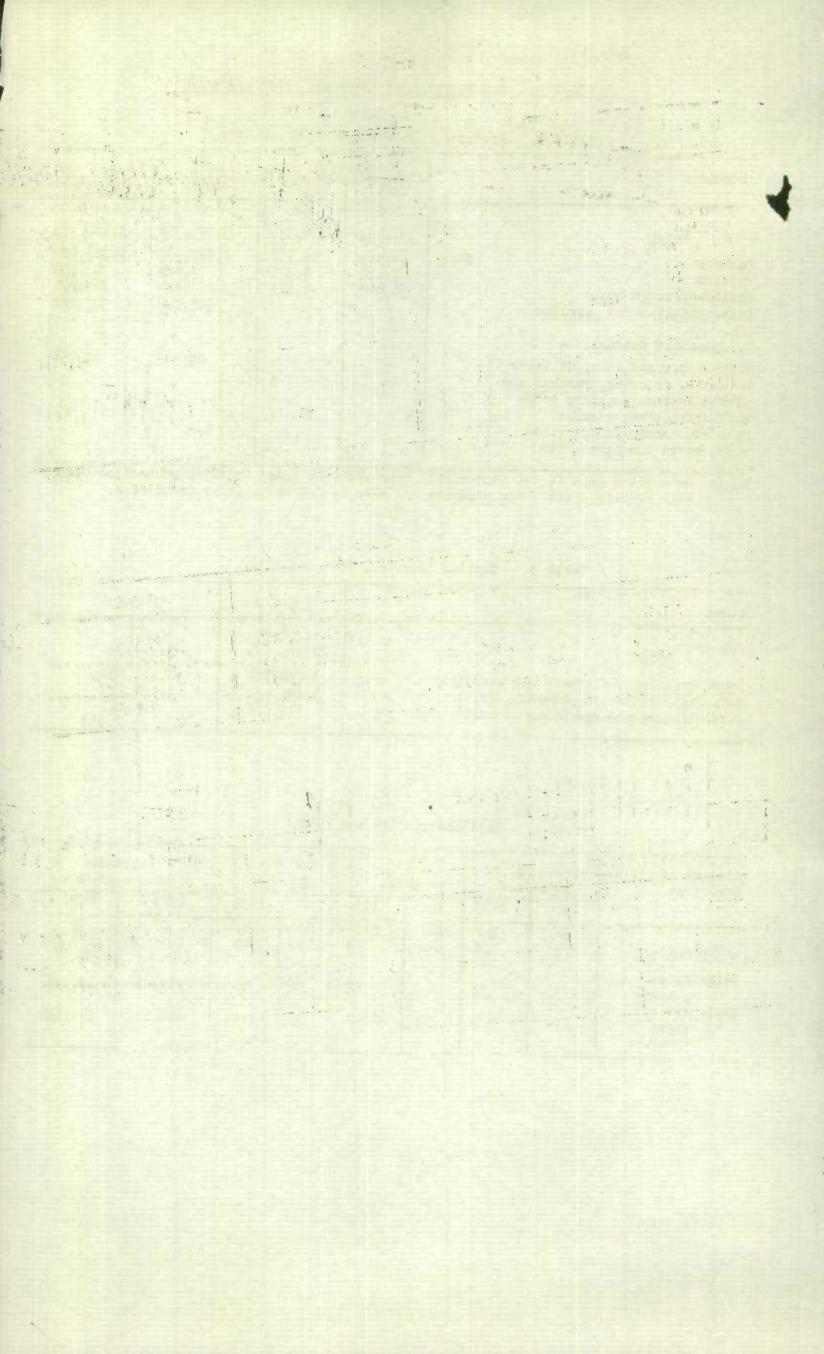
NOTE: Data given here do not necessarily represent the total Canadian production under each heading since these products are also listed under other industries,

Table 5. - Capital Invested, 1929 and 1930.

I tems	1929	1930
	\$	\$
TOTAL	3, 45, 383	3, 764, 344
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery Materials, stocks in process, etc. Cash, trading and operating accounts, etc.	1,798,784 1,099,431 710,108	1,882,402 1,156.815 745,127

Table 6. - Employment, 1929 and 1930.

Classes of Employees	Total 1 Employ		Ма	les	FACO		Tot Salaries a	
	1929	1930	1929	1930	192	1930	1929	1930
MOMAL	No. 755	No. 778	N e. 641	No. 664	No.	114	\$ 863,968	\$ 877,128
Salaried em- ployees	76	77	61	63	12	14	187,825	182,936
Employees on wages	679	701	580	601	99	100	676,147	694,192



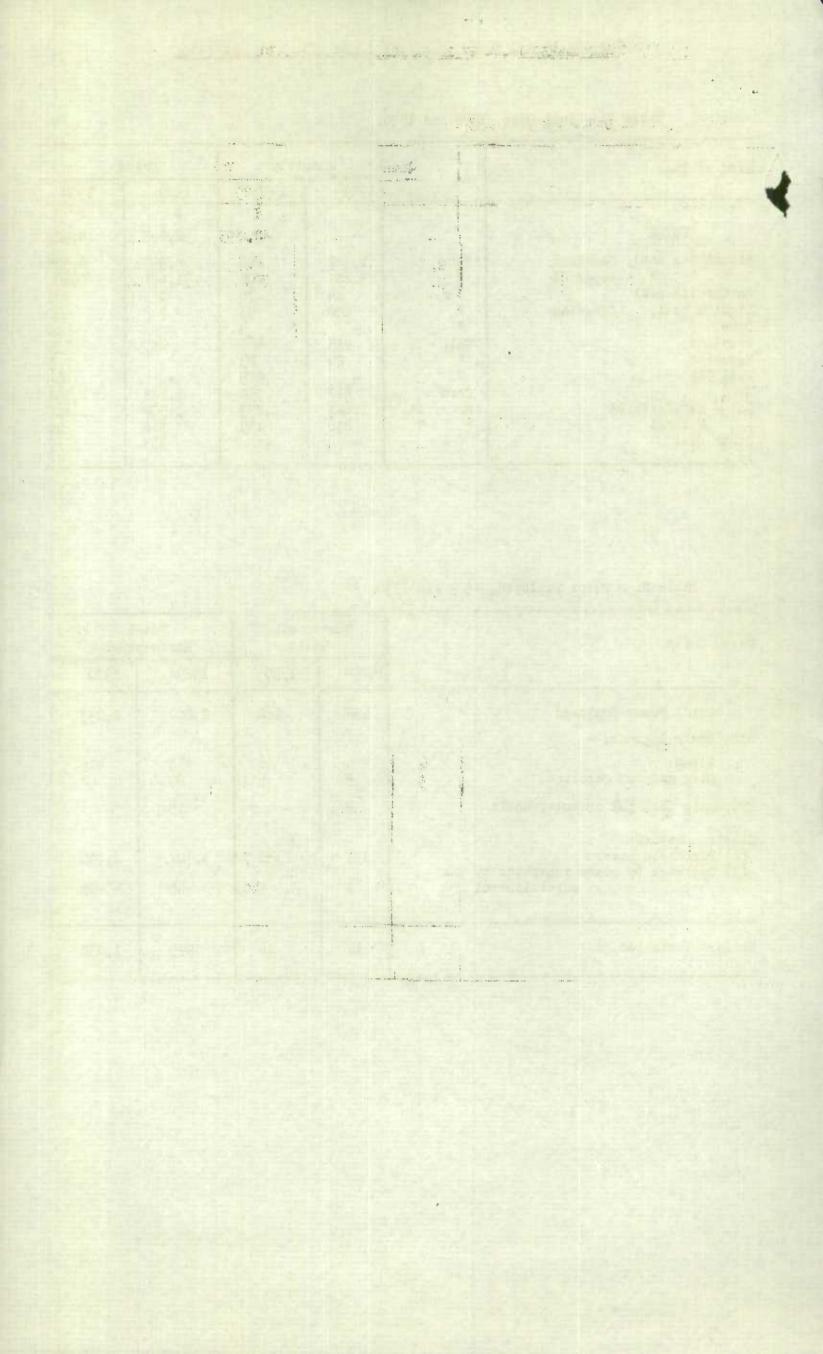
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Table 7. - Fuel Used, 1929 and 1930.

Kind of Fuel		Quan	ntity	Value	
		1929	1930	1929	1930
				\$	\$
TOTAL		-	-	42,893	18,522
Bituminous coal, Canadian " Imported Anthracite coal Lignite coal, Canadian Coke Gasoline Kerosene Fuel Oil Wood Gas - Manufactured Natural Other fuel	Tons " Gal. " Cord M. c. ft. " "	1,322 5,281 14 90 - 935 20 - 217 1,621 236	1,290 808 76 93 4 461 25 3,875 358 1,293 139	6,957 31,681 155 733 - 28 1,138 1,502 118 333	6,528 5,607 761 650 60 139 5 464 2,951 1,280

Table 8. - Power Employed, 1929 and 1930.

Power Units		er of	Total Horse-power	
	1929	1930	1929	1930
Total Power Employed	152	162	2,200	2,253
Stationary Engines: -				
Steam Oil, gas and gasoline	6 5	6	435 43	415 42
Hydraulic turbines or waterwheels	2	-	15	-
Electric motors: - (a) Purchased power (b) Operated by power generated by the	139	151	1,707	1,796
establishment	1	1	40	40
Boilers installed	16	16	995	1,030



THE COFFIN AND CASKET INDUSTRY IN CAMADA, 1929 and 1930.

Coffins and caskets were the principal products of the following firms in 1930.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Montague Furnishing Co., Ltd.

Montague

NOVA SCOTIA

Cameron & Fraser Ltd. Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd. Snow & Co., Ltd.

Townsend Ave., New Glasgow Albion St. Amherst 90 Argyle St., Halifax

Tuttle Bros., Ltd.

NEW BRUNSWICK

171 Lutz St., Moncton.

Bilodeau, Ludger Descoteaux, C. E. Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd. Dube, Xavier & Fils Emond, Moise Godue Casket Mfg. Co., Ltd. La Manufacture de Cercueils et de Specialites, Ltee. Lamarre, C. H. & Fils, Ltee.

QUEBEC

110 Notre Dame - Ste. Marie Beauce Pierreville Bellefeuille St., Trois Rivieres St. Jean Port Joli 139 Kent St., Hull Maple St., Sutton

Lariviere, Philippe Perreault, Seraphin

10 des Bouleaux, Montmagny St. Remi St. Ours St. Gabriel de Brandon.

Canadian Casket Co., Ltd. Central Casket Co., Ltd. Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.

ONTARIO

Elliott Bros.

117 Drouillard Rd., East, Windsor 1481 Davenport Rd., Toronto, 4. H.O. 109 Niagara St., Toronto, 2 - Hamilton and London.

Evel Casket Co., Ltd. Guelph Casket Works F. W. Wood Harriston Casket Co., Ltd. Mt. Forest Casket Co. A.E. Gibson Northern Casket Co., Ltd. Sterling Caskets, Ltd. Stoddart, M. J., & Sons Stratford Casket Co.

H.O. Prescott-42 Hughson St. N., Hamilton and Josephine St. Prescott 519 King St. East, Hamilton 67 Wellington St. Guelph John St. Harriston Main St., Mt. Forest Cambridge St. North, Lindsay 627 Adelaide St. West, Toronto, 2. Woodville 182 King Street, Stratford

Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd. Western Casket Co., Ltd:

MANITOBA

Parr St. & Dufferin Ave. Winnipeg Cor. Bannatyne Ave. & Emily St., Winnipeg

SASKATCHEWAN

North West Casket Mfg. Co. Nap. Goulet

Delmas

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Canada Casket Co., Ltd. Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd. Imperial Casket Co. (R.A. Aves)

62-64 Fourth Ave. West, Vancouver 1650 First Ave. West, Vancouver 425 2nd Avenue West, Vancouver

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