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THE COFFIN AND CASKET INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1933.

Ottawa, October, 1934 - A report on the manufacture of coffins, caskets and shells or rough boxes in Canada during 1932 and 1933 has been completed by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There were 43 firms engaged wholly or principally in the manufacture of these products in 1933, an increase over the 37 in 1932. The total amount of capital employed in the industry decreased from \$3,909,852 in 1932 to \$3,755,818 in 1933. The employees of all classes numbered 803 in 1933, an increase over the 777 reported in 1932. The total payroll in 1933 was \$771,591 and in 1932 \$821,763. This industry in 1933 purchased \$19,878 worth of fuel and employed power to the amount of 1,471 horse-power. Both power used and electricity purchased increased in 1933. Materials in 1933 cost \$806,023 and the total products were valued at \$2,349,413.

Out of the total of 43 factories, 17 were located in Ontario, 14 in Quebec, 3 each in Manitoba and British Columbia, 2 in Nova Scotia and one each in Saskatchewan, Alberta, 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.

Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 cover capital invested, employment, fuel used and power employed during 1932 and 1933.

Table 7 gives details of the materials used in 1932 and 1933. The chief material used by the manufacturers of coffins and caskets was lumber which was purchased to the extent of 10,022 m.ft. board measure costing \$273,853. About sixty-seven per cent of this lumber was softwood, of which the purchases increased in 1933. This was used chiefly in the manufacture of rough boxes and shells. Other important items purchased were linings and coverings for coffins and caskets, hardware and mountings, nails, tacks and screws, paint oil and varnish.

Table 8 gives the details of the products manufactured in 1932 and 1933. This industry in 1933 turned out over sixty-two thousand caskets valued at \$1,816,693, more than nine thousand coffins at \$81,621 (an increase in quantity over 1932), and over forty-six thousand rough boxes or shells valued at \$222,250. Undertakers' supplies to the value of \$187,119 also formed a part of the products of the industry.

THE COFFIN AND CASKET INDUSTRY IN CANADA 1932 AND 1933.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1932 and 1933.

Items		1932	1933
Establishments	No.	37	43
Capital Invested	\$	3,909,852	3,755,818
Employees on salaries	No.	158	149
Salaries paid	\$	266,039	241,356
Employees on wages	No.	619	654
Wages paid	\$	555,724	530,235
Fuel Used	\$	20,508	19,878
Power Employed	H.P.	1,470	1,471
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	1,021,822	1,031,575
Cost of electricity purchased	\$	19,434	19,279
Cost of Materials	\$	886,830	806,023
Value of Products	\$	2,444,673	2,349,413

THE COFFIN AND CASSET INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1932 AND 1933.

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

Provinces	1 9 3 2	1 9 3 3
	No.	No.
CANADA	37	43
Prince Edward Island.	1	1
Nova Scotia	3	2
New Brunswick	1	1
Quebec	11	14
Ontario	15	17
Manitoba	2	3
Saskatchewan	1	1
Alberta	-	1
British Columbia	3	3

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1932 and 1933.

Items	1 9 3 2	1 9 3 3
	\$	\$
TOTAL	3,909,852	3,755,818
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	1,922,917	1,808,256
Materials, stocks in process, etc.	664,480	644,314
Inventory value of finished products on hand	361,595	367,607
Cash, trading and operating accounts, etc.	960,860	935,641

Table 4. - Employment, 1932 and 1933.

Classes of Employees	Total No. of Employees		Males		Females		Total Salaries and Wages	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL	777	803	646	664	131	139	821,763	771,591
Salaried employees	158	149	127	122	31	27	266,039	241,356
Employees on wages	619	654	519	542	100	112	555,724	530,235

Table 5. - Fuel Used, 1932 and 1933.

Kind of Fuel		Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL		-	-	20,508	19,878
Bituminous coal, Canadian	Tons	1,223	812	5,247	4,518
Bituminous coal, Imported	"	1,488	1,223	9,597	8,915
Anthracite coal	"	54	55	505	501
Lignite coal, Canadian	"	18	17	177	168
Coke	"	-	2	-	22
Gasoline	Gal.	360	330	94	94
Kerosene	"	90	180	15	38
Fuel Oil	"	-	-	-	-
Wood	Cord	1,286	1,156	3,954	3,970
Mill Waste		-	-	-	445
Gas - Manufactured	M cu. ft.	712	721	724	814
Natural	M cu. ft.	-	763	-	225
Other fuel		-	-	195	168

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Table 6. - Power Employed, 1932 and 1933.

er Units	Number of Units		Total Horse-Power	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
Total Power Employed	96	121	1,470	1,471
Stationary Engines:-				
Steam	7	7	417	377
Oil, gas and gasoline	4	5	38	50
Hydraulic turbines and waterwheels	-	-	-	-
Electric motors:-				
(a) Purchased power	85	109	1,015	1,044
(b) Operated by power generated by the establishment	-	-	-	-
Boilers installed	17	18	1,085	1,075

Table 7. - Materials Used, 1932 and 1933.

Materials		Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL		-	-	886,830	806,023
Lumber or logs, softwood	M ft.b.m.	7,615	7,915	215,314	183,768
Lumber or logs, hardwood	M ft.b.m.	2,648	2,107	142,955	90,085
All other materials	Value only	-	"	528,561	532,170

Table 8. - Products Manufactured, 1932 and 1933.

Products	Quantity		Value	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL	120,846	118,141	2,444,673	2,349,413
Caskets	64,777	62,812	1,843,699	1,816,693
Coffins	8,775	9,008	85,657	81,621
Shells or rough boxes	47,296	46,321	242,883	222,250
Other undertakers' supplies	-	-	215,542	187,119
Secondary Products --				
Sash, doors and other millwork	-	-	56,892	41,730
moulding, hardwood flooring, furniture, matched and planed lumber, sanitary woodwork, box shooks, excelsior, ladders, skewers, cigar boxes, cisterns, etc.				

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

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Coffins and Caskets were the principal products of the following firms in 1933.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Montague Furnishing Co. Ltd.

Montague

NOVA SCOTIA

Cameron & Fraser, Ltd.
Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.

Townsend Ave., P.O. Box 1124, New Glasgow.
Albion St., Amherst.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Tuttle Bros., Ltd.

171 Lutz St., Moncton.

QUEBEC

Angers, Jos. R.
Beaudoin, E.A.
Bishop, S.N. Casket Co.
Compagnie (La) de Construction de
Cerceuils en Ciment, Enrg.
Descoteaux, C.E.
Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.
Dube, Xavier & Fils
Emond, Moise
Godue Casket Mfg. Co. Ltd.
La Manufacture de Cercueils, Enrg.
(Wilfrid Kirouac)
La Manufacture de Cerceuils et
Specialites, Ltee.
Lepine, Germain, Ltee.
Marieville Casket, Reg'd. (J.B. Quintin)
Perreault, S.

5 rue St. Pierre, St. Raymond.
94 Sacre Coeur Blvd., Hull.
Bishopston.
Rue Notre Dame, Nicolet.
Pierreville.
Bellefeuille St., Trois Rivières.
St. Jean Port Joli.
139 rue Kent, Hull.
Maple St., Sutton.
L'Islet Station.
10 Ave. des Bouleaux, Montmagny.
283 rue St.-Valier, Quebec.
Rue Ste. Marie, Marieville.
St. Gabriel de Brandon.

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Central Casket Co., Ltd.
Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.
Elliott Bros.
Evel Casket Co. Ltd.
Guelph Caskets, Ltd., (F.W. Wood)
Independent Casket Co. (Noe and
Joseph Laliberte)
Mount Forest Casket Co., (A.E. Gibson)
North Bay Casket Works
Northern Casket Co., Ltd.
Sterling Caskets, Ltd.
Stewart, Alexander
Stoddart, M.J. & Sons
Stratford Casket Co. Ltd.
Walker & Calder

1481 Davenport Road, Toronto, 4.
H.O. 109 Niagara St., Toronto 2 -
Hamilton and London.
Josephine St., Prescott.
519 King St. Hamilton.
67 Wellington St., Guelph.
1616 Tecumseh Road, East, Windsor.
Main St., Mount Forest.
Wylde St., North Bay.
Cambridge St., N., Lindsay.
627 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 3.
E.O. - 189 Dalhousie St., Peterborough -
73 Gladstone Ave., Peterborough.
King St., Woodville
182 King St., Stratford
45 Windermere Ave., Toronto 3.

MANITOBA

Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.
Western Casket Co. Ltd.
Winkler Woodworks (I.R. Loewen)

Dufferin Ave. & Parr St., Winnipeg.
Corner Emily St. and Bannatyne Ave. Winnipeg.
Winkler.

SASKATCHEWAN

North West Casket Mfg. Co. (Nap. Goulet) Delmas.

ALBERTA

Canada Casket Co. Ltd.

1701 - 11th St. E. Calgary.
Head Office - Vancouver, B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Canada Casket Co., Ltd.
Dominion Manufacturers, Ltd.
Riverside Mfg. Co. Ltd.

62 Fourth Ave. W. Vancouver
291 Second Ave. E. Vancouver.
425 Second Ave. W., Vancouver.

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