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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1932.

Production from the Polishes and Dressings Industry during 1932 was valued at \$1,812,603 compared with \$1,783,549 in 1931 and \$1,346,899 in 1930. Forty-four factories in Canada were engaged primarily in the manufacture of polishes of all kinds, floor wax and similar preparations; 29 of these works were in Ontario, 13 in Quebec, 1 in Alberta and 1 in British Columbia. Capital employed by these concerns was reported at \$2,032,642, the average number of workers was 285 and payments for salaries and wages amounted to \$400,847. Materials for manufacturing cost \$681,274 at the works.

The total production of floor wax in Canada during 1932 was reported at 2,343,710 pounds valued at \$672,523 at factory prices. Shoe polishes and dressings totalled \$337,770; furniture polishes, \$206,263; stove polishes, \$116,116; auto polishes, \$101,401; silver polishes, \$49,344, and brass polishes, \$44,876.

Data given in Tables 1 to 9 of this report cover the Polishes and Dressings Industry which, for statistical purposes, includes only the concerns which make these articles as their chief products. To supplement these figures Table 10 has been added to show the total production of polishes and dressings by all manufacturers in Canada regardless of the industry to which they have been classified by the Census of Industry. Tables 11 to 13 give available information as to the imports of polishes into Canada.

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1931 and 1932.

Provinces	No. of plants	Capital employed	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials at works	Selling value of products at works	Value added by manufacturing
		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>1931</u>							
Quebec	11	372,051	79	99,937	181,828	368,869	187,041
Ontario	28	1,583,026	206	332,302	477,784	1,403,488	925,704
British Columbia	3	11,049	5	4,094	5,690	11,192	5,502
CANADA	42	1,966,126	290	436,333	665,302	1,783,549	1,118,247
<u>1932</u>							
Quebec	13	443,900	84	92,702	191,226	382,329	191,103
Ontario	29	1,568,329	198	305,019	489,124	1,427,499	938,375
Alberta	1)						
British Columbia	1)	20,413	3	3,126	924	2,775	1,851
CANADA	44	2,032,642	285	400,847	681,274	1,812,603	1,131,329

Table 2 - CAPITAL EMPLOYED, 1931 and 1932.

Provinces	Present value of lands, buildings, machinery, tools and other equipment	Inventory value of materials on hand, stocks in process, fuel and miscellaneous supplies on hand	Inventory value of finished products on hand	Operating capital (cash, bills and accounts re- ceivable, pre- paid expenses, etc.)	TOTAL CAPITAL EMPLOYED
<u>1931</u>					
Quebec	160,308	60,631	20,572	130,540	372,051
Ontario	464,935	211,150	97,910	809,031	1,583,026
British Columbia..	5,069	3,127	100	2,753	11,049
CANADA	630,312	274,908	118,582	942,324	1,966,126
<u>1932</u>					
Quebec	189,193	64,402	21,376	168,929	443,900
Ontario	458,369	181,059	107,582	821,319	1,568,329
Other provinces!..	4,338	2,697	575	12,803	20,413
CANADA	651,900	248,158	129,533	1,003,051	2,032,642

Table 3 - EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES, 1931 and 1932.

Provinces	Average number of employees					Salaries and Wages		
	On salaries		On wages		TOTAL	Salaries	Wages	TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
<u>1931</u>								
Quebec	28	4	25	22	79	51,317	48,620	99,937
Ontario	60	33	78	35	206	204,878	127,424	332,302
British Columbia..	4	...	1	...	5	3,879	215	4,094
CANADA	92	37	104	57	290	260,074	176,259	436,333
<u>1932</u>								
Quebec	31	5	27	21	84	55,457	37,245	92,702
Ontario	56	31	76	35	198	184,963	120,056	305,019
Other provinces...!	1	...	2	...	3	2,000	1,126	3,126
CANADA	88	36	105	56	285	242,420	158,427	400,847

Table 4 - WAGE-EARNERS, BY MONTHS, 1931 and 1932.

Months	1931			1932		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
January	96	56	152	99	55	154
February	102	55	157	102	57	159
March	107	65	172	103	58	161
April	110	70	180	105	70	175
May	111	71	182	109	66	175
June	111	58	169	111	62	173
July	109	60	169	107	56	163
August	106	57	163	106	52	158
September	103	60	163	102	52	154
October	101	58	159	105	48	153
November	98	59	157	100	47	147
December	99	64	163	98	47	145
AVERAGE	104	57	161	105	56	161

Table 5 - TOTAL OF WAGE-EARNERS IN MONTHS OF HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT ACCORDING TO REGULAR HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, 1931 and 1932. (Overtime not included)

Regular hours per week	Number of Wage-earners		Regular hours per week	Number of Wage-earners	
	1931	1932		1931	1932
40 hours or less	7	9	48 hours	65	30
41 - 43 hours	2	..	49 - 50 hours	63	35
44 hours	56	97	51 - 53 hours	12	6
45 - 47 hours	10	10			

Table 6 - FUEL AND ELECTRICITY USED, 1931 and 1932.

Kinds	Unit of measure	1931		1932	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		1931		1932	
		Quantity		Quantity	
		Cost at works		Cost at works	
		\$		\$	
Anthracite coal	short tons	119	1,336	103	1,058
Bituminous coal - Canadian	short tons	62	548	50	425
Imported	short tons	601	4,260	687	4,672
Coke	short tons	7	79	16	163
Gasoline	Imp. gal.	1,417	290
Kerosene	Imp. gal.	470	84	120	21
Fuel oil	Imp. gal.	270	36	300	24
Wood	cord	11	84	9	70
Gas - Manufactured	M cu.ft.	608	638	806	862
Natural	M cu.ft.	1,254	811	883	831
Other fuel	xxx	...	480	...	490
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	127,621	3,386	124,233	3,586
TOTAL	xxx	...	11,742	...	12,492

Table 7 - POWER EQUIPMENT, 1931 and 1932.

Kinds	1931		1932	
	Number of units	Total rated horse power	Number of units	Total rated horse power
Electric motors operated by purchased power	59	219	59	193
Total Power Equipment	59	219	59	193
Boilers	13	439	16	432

Table 8 - MATERIALS USED, 1931 and 1932.

Materials	Unit of measure	1931		1932	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		1931		1932	
		Quantity		Quantity	
		Cost at works		Cost at works	
		\$		\$	
Alcohol, ethyl	gal.	10,302	7,568	11,282	9,297
Bicarbonate of soda	lb.	353,489	7,559	370,766	12,375
Carbon black	lb.	29,697	2,151	28,217	1,962
Graphite	lb.	119,297	6,794	118,027	5,838
Other dyes and colours	-	...	10,663	...	8,348
Castor oil	lb.	23,466	2,536	27,727	2,887
Glycerine	lb.	33,879	4,142	115,547	10,223
Kaolin or china clay	lb.	112,784	2,007	120,358	2,420
Essential oils	xx	...	10,029	...	8,328
Other oils	xx	...	4,871
Resin	lb.	41,927	1,952	39,196	1,586
Shellac	lb.	22,831	5,451	43,023	9,576
Solvents (benzol, naphtha, etc.)	gal.	232,672	41,628	271,596	49,817
Turpentine	gal.	25,847	14,575	49,349	23,375
Ultramarine blue	lb.	135,088	16,048	139,233	14,986
Wax	lb.	431,930	64,513	536,354	68,306
All other materials	xx	...	88,632	...	83,255
Containers	xx	...	374,183	...	368,115
TOTAL	xx	...	665,302	...	681,274

Table 9 - PRODUCTS MADE, 1931 and 1932.

Note:- Data in this table are for the Polishes and Dressings Industry which includes only the concerns that make polishes as their major product (see directory). The figures for the individual items do not necessarily represent the total Canadian output of these articles as they may have been produced also by concerns which have been classified to other industrial groups. For the total Canadian production see Table 10.

Products	Selling value at works	
	1 9 3 1	1 9 3 2
	\$	\$
Auto polishes and dressings	40,224	76,245
Floor wax	672,450	624,919
Furniture polishes	178,039	185,566
Brass polishes	46,530	44,876
Silver polishes	50,485	49,344
Shoe polishes and dressings	306,531	337,770
Stove polishes	137,961	116,116
All other products (a)	351,289	377,767
TOTAL	1,783,549	1,812,603

(a) Includes harness dressing, glue, mops and mop handles, antifreeze, radiator neverleak, insecticides, washing blue, etc., which were made as minor products by concerns in this industry.

Table 10 - TOTAL PRODUCTION OF POLISHES IN CANADA, 1924 - 1932.

Note:- Figures in this table represent the total production in Canada regardless of the industry in which produced. Data are subject to slight revision on further examination of individual reports.

Years	Floor wax	Floor polish (Other than wax)	Shoe polishes and dressings	Furniture polish-	Stove polishes	Brass polishes	Silver polishes	Auto polishes and dressings	Polishes, kind not specified
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1924 ..		237,889	485,591	195,658	181,888	16,836	6,685	60,394	
1925 ..		310,476	453,212	187,380	178,253	75,291	37,245	41,810	
1926 ..		387,587	300,717	239,095	218,062	81,565	23,408	52,963	
1927 ..		440,779	339,798	255,612	200,042	115,697	31,057	20,850	
1928 ..		515,743	321,663	237,323	200,033	103,175	22,442	20,533	
1929 ..		549,330	288,658	222,856	200,402	101,954	66,284	53,566	
1930 ..		528,995	290,943	258,100	158,490	96,192	48,752	43,067	
1931 ..	700,679	22,569	306,531	188,178	137,961	46,758	50,485	40,224	11,982
1932 ..	672,523	8,865	337,770	206,263	116,116	44,876	49,344	101,401	11,522

Table 11 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA OF POLISHES AND DRESSINGS, 1931 and 1932.
(From "Trade of Canada, Calendar years 1931 and 1932")

	1 9 3 1	1 9 3 2
	\$	\$
Blacking, shoe, and shoemakers' ink, shoe harness and leather dressing, n.o.p. - From		
United Kingdom	186,378	219,742
United States	127,121	107,949
Other countries	11	28
Total	313,510	327,719
Polish or composition, knife and other, n.o.p. -		
From United Kingdom	107,870	70,062
United States	305,547	201,519
Other countries	2,763	2,490
Total	416,180	274,071

Table 12 - EXPORTS OF POLISHES FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO CANADA, 1931 and 1932.
(From "Trade of the United Kingdom, Calendar year 1932")

	1	9	3	1	1	9	3	2
	Pounds				Pounds			
Polishes, leather	3,589		53,120		3,578		49,956	
Polishes, stove and other	1,335		7,554		1,415		8,943	

Table 13 - EXPORTS OF POLISHES AND DRESSINGS FROM UNITED STATES TO CANADA, 1931 and 1932.
(From "Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States, Calendar Years 1931 and 1932")

	1	9	3	1	1	9	3	2
	Pounds		\$		Pounds		\$	
Metal and stove polishes	194,176		32,286		162,910		27,899	
Shoe polishes and shoe cleaners	290,374		50,208		294,929		42,401	
Leather dressings and stains	487,327		96,587		600,011		94,417	
Floor wax, wood and furniture polishes .	164,448		20,377		49,494		6,765	
Automobile polishes	187,579		47,276		38,545		9,884	
Other polishing and buffing compounds ..	128,959		15,413		57,586		9,641	

DIRECTORY OF FIRMS CLASSIFIED IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1932.

Note: - This Directory gives only the names of the firms which have been included in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, and is not intended to be a complete list of the concerns which manufacture polishes.

Name of Firm

Location of Plant

QUEBEC

Beaver Products Co. Ltd.	St. Janvier, Co. Terrebonne
Boston Blacking Co. of Canada, Ltd.	2610 Bennett Ave., Montreal
Canadian Color Co.	Rear 85a Vitre St. W., Montreal
Canadian Puts Polish Co.	2400 Moreau St., Montreal
Coleman Engineering Supply Co.	832 St. James St., Montreal
La-Lo Manufacturing Co.	52 Lasalle St., Lachine
Lancaster, James	975 St. Urbain St., Montreal
MacFarlane & Son, Ltd., John	786 Wellington St., Montreal
Parker Reg'd., H.C.	2251 Letourneaux Ave., Montreal
Peerless Blacking Co. Ltd.	33B St. Louis St., Lachine
Sta-Brite Products Ltd.	54 Westminster Ave. N., Montreal
Sultana Limited	1000 Amherst St., Montreal
Vol-Peek Mfg. Co. (also H. Nagle & Co.)	416 St. Francois Xavier St., Montreal
Wonder Worker Products Limited	6946 Jeanne Mance St., Montreal

ONTARIO

Bowden Bros.	115 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto
Boyle Co., A.S.	907 Elliott St., Windsor, and 103 Ottawa St., Walkerville
Canadian Specialties Ltd.	33 Sanford Ave. S., Hamilton
Capo Polishes Limited, The	58 Catharine St. N., Hamilton
Channell Limited	365 Sorauren Ave., Toronto
Commercial Oil Co. Ltd., The	420 Jackson St. W., Hamilton
Cook Co. Ltd., The George	174 King St. E., Toronto
Cross Polishes	2385 Dundas St. W., Toronto
Everett & Barron of Canada, Ltd.	105 Berkeley St., Toronto
Hawes & Co. Ltd., Edward	431-435 Dundas St. E., Toronto



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<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Location of Plant</u>
<u>ONTARIO</u> - continued	
Home Products Co.	151 Hyde Park Ave., Hamilton
Jacobi Ltd., Philip B.	106 Jarvis St., Toronto
Johnson & Son, Ltd., S.C.	Frank St., Brantford
Lacoa Finish Co.	75 Oak Ave., Hamilton
Liquid Veneer Corporation	84 Courtright St., Bridgeburg
Mackintosh Bell & Co., S.	Ellesmere
McAleer Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Peabody Bldg., Walkerville
Merchants Specialty & Mfg. Co.	73 Murray St., Brantford
Mirro Polish Mfg. Co.	1884 Yonge St., Toronto
National Chemical Compounds Ltd.	71 Hillcrest Drive, Toronto
Nonsuch Ltd.	9 Busy St., Toronto
Norwesco of Canada, Ltd.	1293 Dundas St. W., Toronto
Radiant Products (G.T. Lindsey)	212 Dalhousie St., Toronto
Red Seal Oil & Polish Co.	701 Bathurst St., Toronto
Sav-U Products	211 Parliament St., Toronto
Solient Mfg. Co.	184 Centre St., Oshawa
Standard Wax Co.	134 Ossington Ave., Toronto
Superior Oil & Supply Co. Ltd.	302 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton
Tilley & Son, Ltd., C.	90 Richmond St. W., Toronto
2 in 1 Polishes Ltd.	75 Hughson St. N., Hamilton
<u>ALBERTA</u> -	
Lavallee Mfg. Co. Ltd., J.H.	1114 - 8th Ave. E., Calgary
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u> -	
Amberine Products Ltd.	717 Alderbury Ave., Esquimalt
Wetproof Oil Co.	1928 Commercial Drive, Vancouver