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ANNUAL INDUSTRY REPORTCHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS GROUPTHE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1940

The Polishes and Dressings Industry includes only the factories which were occupied chiefly in the manufacture of polishes, floor wax and other similar preparations. In 1940 there were 49 establishments in this category located by provinces as follows: 33 in Ontario, 13 in Quebec, 2 in British Columbia and 1 in Nova Scotia.

Production from these establishments was valued at \$3,948,212 in 1940 compared with \$3,461,556 in 1939 and \$3,096,253 in 1938. About 68 per cent of the total came from plants in Ontario and 31 per cent from Quebec plants.

Output of polishes and floor wax during 1940, including small amounts from other industries, was as follows: paste floor wax, 5,202,978 pounds at \$1,123,693; liquid floor wax and polish, 387,181 gallons at \$843,871; shoe polishes and dressings at \$593,910; furniture polishes at \$159,980; stove polishes at \$77,106; brass polishes at \$52,365; silver polishes at \$67,912 and auto polishes at \$76,336. The total value of all polishes, including polishing wax, was \$2,966,290 in 1940 compared with \$2,902,250 in 1939 and \$2,564,311 in 1938.

Imports of polishes in 1940 amounted to \$228,174 under the heading "Black-ing, shoe, and shoe makers' ink; shoe, harness and leather dressing" and to \$234,698 under the heading "Polish or composition, knife and other, n.o.p.".

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1929 - 1940

Year	No. of plants	Capital employed	number of employees	Average Salaries	Cost of fuel and electricity	Gross selling value
				wages	at works	at works
1929 .....	29	1,253,657	216	279,571	8,921	630,861 1,356,223
1930 .....	32	1,414,276	202	269,187	8,479	627,642 1,346,899
1931 .....	42	1,966,126	290	436,333	11,742	555,302 1,783,549
1932 .....	44	2,032,642	285	400,847	12,492	681,274 1,812,603
1933 .....	48	1,861,062	340	394,871	13,729	720,913 1,779,843
1934 .....	45	1,930,392	362	404,833	13,612	815,680 1,918,998
1935 .....	46	1,839,486	390	430,744	15,875	959,157 2,149,239
1936 .....	48	2,236,299	432	501,142	18,439	1,146,356 2,481,044
1937 .....	46	2,475,656	462	528,462	18,296	1,400,923 2,736,269
1938 .....	52	2,485,993	498	601,172	18,666	1,484,638 3,096,253
1939 .....	49	2,559,028	468	565,319	22,174	1,580,112 3,461,556
1940 .....	49	2,918,822	530	694,158	21,816	1,952,597 3,948,212
Per cent change						
1940 from 1939 ..				+14.0	+13.2	+22.7
					+1.6	+23.6
						+14.1

NOTE: Profits or losses cannot be calculated from the above figures as data are not available for general expense items, such as, interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

Table 2 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS, BY PROVINCES, 1939 and 1940

Province	No. of Capital plants employed	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of fuel and electricity at works	Cost of materials at works	Gross selling value at works
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1939</b>						
Quebec .....	14	942,585	145	183,884	8,288	579,351 1,118,518
Ontario .....	31	1,604,172	315	376,577	13,649	996,759 2,330,670
British Columbia	3)					
Nova Scotia ....	1)	12,271	8	4,858	237	4,002 12,368
CANADA ....	49	2,559,028	468	565,319	22,174	1,580,112 3,461,556
<b>1940</b>						
Quebec .....	13	1,010,832	167	211,284	8,289	683,894 1,238,314
Ontario .....	33	1,895,145	356	478,114	13,336	1,264,868 2,699,177
British Columbia	2)					
Nova Scotia ....	1)	12,845	7	4,760	191	3,835 10,721
CANADA ....	49	2,918,822	530	694,158	21,816	1,952,597 3,948,212

Table 3 - CAPITAL EMPLOYED, BY CLASSES AND BY PROVINCES, 1939 and 1940

Province	Present value of land, buildings, machinery, tools and other equipment	Inventory value of materials on hand, stocks in process, finished products, fuel and miscellaneous supplies on hand	Operating capital (cash, bills and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses etc.)	TOTAL CAPITAL EMPLOYED
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1939</b>				
Quebec .....	309,381	332,228	300,976	942,585
Ontario .....	552,053	486,675	565,444	1,604,172
Other provinces	5,567	2,906	3,798	12,271
CANADA ...	867,001	821,809	870,218	2,559,028
<b>1940</b>				
Quebec .....	329,778	457,258	223,796	1,010,832
Ontario .....	596,460	591,191	707,494	1,895,145
Other provinces	5,685	3,482	3,678	12,845
CANADA ...	951,923	1,051,931	934,968	2,918,822

Table 4 - EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES, BY PROVINCES, 1939 and 1940

Province	Average Number of Employees				Salaries \$	Wages \$	TOTAL SALARIES and WAGES \$			
	On Salaries		On Wages							
	Male	Female	Male	Female						
<b>1939</b>										
Quebec .....	51	8	55	31	145	103,753	80,131 183,884			
Ontario .....	113	70	83	49	315	260,208	116,369 376,577			
Other provinces	3	...	5	...	8	2,739	2,119 4,858			
CANADA ...	167	78	143	80	468	366,700	198,619 565,319			
<b>1940</b>										
Quebec .....	55	12	61	39	167	121,128	90,156 211,284			
Ontario .....	129	83	86	58	356	350,995	127,119 478,114			
Other provinces	4	...	3	...	7	3,610	1,150 4,760			
CANADA ...	188	95	150	97	530	475,733	218,425 694,158			

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Table 5 - WAGE-FARMERS, BY MONTHS, 1939 and 1940 (On the last work day of each month)

Month	1 9 3 9			1 9 4 0		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
January .....	132	71	203	145	85	230
February .....	133	72	205	145	98	243
March .....	141	78	219	146	99	245
April .....	146	93	239	154	100	254
May .....	146	90	236	153	96	249
June .....	143	81	224	156	99	255
July .....	139	70	209	146	94	240
August .....	141	71	212	151	81	232
September .....	147	78	225	157	97	254
October .....	149	82	231	151	96	247
November .....	143	83	226	153	93	246
December .....	142	79	221	148	129	277
AVERAGE .....	143	80	223	150	97	247

Table 6 - HOURS WORKED PER WEEK BY WAGE-EARNERS, 1940 (In one week of highest employment; overtime included)

Hours worked per week	Number of wage-earners	Per cent of total	Hours worked per week	Number of wage-earners		Per cent of total
				Total	of selected week	
30 hours or less	13	4.3	55 hours .....	2	0.6	
31 - 43 hours ..	18	5.9	56 - 64 hours ...	8	2.9	
44 hours .....	141	46.5	65 hours and over	1	0.3	
45 - 47 hours ..	44	14.5	Total .....	303	100.0	
48 hours .....	53	17.4	Total wages paid			
49 - 50 hours ..	9	3.0	in selected week		\$5,098	
51 - 54 hours ..	14	4.6				

Table 7 - FUEL AND ELECTRICITY USED, 1939 and 1940

Kind	Unit of measure	1 9 3 9			1 9 4 0		
		Quantity	Cost at works	\$	Quantity	Cost at works	\$
Anthracite coal .....	tons	179	1,396		128	1,075	
Bituminous coal - Canadian	tons	441	3,244		342	2,640	
Imported	tons	566	4,189		681	4,936	
Coke .....	tons	48	465		32	307	
Gasoline .....	Imp. gal.	10	3		2,780	720	
Kerosene .....	Imp. gal.	840	96		829	104	
Fuel oil .....	Imp. gal.	1,049	102		6,468	427	
Wood .....	cord	12	44		8	42	
Gas - Manufactured .....	M cu. ft.	1,218	1,209		1,568	1,581	
Natural .....	M cu. ft.	1,325	1,126		2,506	1,006	
Other fuel .....	...	...	492		...	515	
Electricity purchased ....	K. W. H.	321,987	9,808		334,779	8,463	
TOTAL .....	...	...	22,174		...	21,816	

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Table 8 - POWER EQUIPMENT, 1939 and 1940

Kind	1 9 3 9			1 9 4 0		
	Number of units	Total rated horse power	Number of units	Total rated horse power		
<b>Electric motors operated by purchased power -</b>						
Ordinarily in use ....	110	252	126	261		
In reserve or idle ....	7	11	10	13		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>274</b>		
Boilers - Ordinarily in use.	7	11	15	479		
In reserve or idle	2	26	2	50		

Table 9 - MATERIALS USED IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1939 and 1940

Materials	Unit of measure	1 9 3 9		1 9 4 0	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
Alcohol, ethyl .....	Imp.gal.	19,669	14,782	21,509	17,180
Barytes .....	lb.	...	...	18,022	1,317
Borax .....	lb.	...	...	70,180	4,532
Bicarbonate of soda .....	lb.	347,052	7,225	441,309	9,743
Carbon tetrachloride .....	lb.	38,345	2,304	36,254	2,767
Carbon black .....	lb.	28,136	3,698	26,071	1,888
Other dyes and colours .....	lb.	164,810	33,933	202,402	42,786
Chalk .....	lb.	...	...	14,589	253
Essential oils .....	\$	...	14,582	...	14,600
Graphite .....	lb.	79,137	4,667	86,791	4,698
Glycerine .....	lb.	11,936	1,945	13,629	2,129
Gums .....	lb.	29,135	4,785	33,397	5,861
Kaolin or china clay .....	lb.	138,555	4,201	150,842	4,760
Lithopone .....	lb.	243,179	12,733	181,687	9,628
Resin .....	lb.	44,245	3,353	49,454	4,491
Shellac .....	lb.	172,375	53,245	168,786	60,260
Solvents (benzol, kerosene, etc.) .....	Imp.gal.	576,701	92,063	638,920	108,229
Talc, ground .....	lb.	32,765	495	34,941	367
Titanium oxide .....	lb.	107,107	16,442	127,178	18,831
Trisodium phosphate .....	lb.	24,270	932	19,268	810
Turpentine .....	Imp.gal.	37,484	14,586	46,342	21,772
Wax of all kinds .....	lb.	2,625,494	495,297	2,906,368	685,541
Containers, boxes, etc. ....	\$	...	622,452	...	603,107
All other materials .....	\$	...	176,392	...	327,047
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1,580,112</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1,952,597</b>

Table 10 - PRODUCTS MADE, 1939 and 1940

NOTE: Data in this table are for the Polishes and Dressings Industry which includes only the concerns that make polishes as their major products (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 as a minor product of concerns which have been classified to other industrial groups. For the total Canadian production, see Table 11.

Products	Unit of measure	1 9 3 9		1 9 4 0	
		Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
Auto polishes, including wax .	\$	...	45,791	...	62,046
Floor wax, paste .....	lb.	4,629,742	990,114	4,776,648	1,019,612
Floor wax and polish, liquid..	Imp.gal.	305,859	641,214	357,696	778,574
Furniture polishes .....	\$	...	142,162	...	134,445
Brass polishes .....	\$	...	37,307	...	52,365
Silver polishes .....	\$	...	78,981	...	67,912
Shoe polishes and dressings ..	\$	...	575,927	...	592,018
Leather dressings, dyes and finishes (except shoe polish)	\$	...	128,501	...	350,533
Stove polishes .....	\$	...	80,871	...	74,700
All other products (a) .....	\$	...	740,688	...	816,007
TOTAL .....	\$	...	3,461,556	...	3,948,212

(a) Includes data for goods made by less than 3 firms in this industry, such as, wax compounds, floor mops, paints, insecticides, washing blue, etc.

Table 11 - TOTAL PRODUCTION OF POLISHES IN CANADA, 1938 - 1940

NOTE: Figures in this table represent the total production in Canada from all industrial groups. Data for 1940 are subject to slight revision on further examination of individual reports.

Products		1 9 3 8	1 9 3 9	1 9 4 0
Floor wax - paste .....	lb.	4,558,142	5,246,838	5,202,978
	\$	928,982	1,112,961	1,123,693
Floor wax and polish, liquid	Imp.gal.	348,985	342,522	387,181
	\$	590,602	713,440	843,871
Shoe polishes and dressings.	\$	599,754	586,826	593,910
Furniture polishes .....	\$	137,593	216,289	159,980
Stove polishes .....	\$	79,472	82,411	77,106
Brass polishes .....	\$	41,825	37,307	52,365
Silver polishes .....	\$	49,092	78,981	67,912
Auto polishes, including wax	\$	56,412	59,877	76,336
Polishes, kind not specified	\$	20,573	14,158	13,344
TOTAL .....	\$	2,564,311	2,902,250	2,966,290

Table 12 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA OF POLISHES AND DRESSINGS, 1938 - 1940

Item	1938	1939	1940
	\$	\$	\$
Blacking, shoe, and shoemakers' ink, shoe, harness and leather dressing, n.o.p. -			
From - United Kingdom ....	68,127	76,914	121,651
United States ....	116,972	152,326	166,425
Other countries ...	509	315	98
TOTAL .....	185,608	229,555	228,174
Polish or composition, knife and other, n.o.p. -			
From - United Kingdom ....	66,093	84,924	64,552
United States ....	159,842	160,081	169,734
Other countries ...	1,696	1,491	412
TOTAL .....	227,637	246,496	234,698

DIRECTORY OF FIRMS IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1940

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
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u> -	
Blacking Co. Ltd.	Station St., Amherst
<u>QUEBEC</u> -	
Army Navy Mfg. Products	910a St. George St., Montreal
Beaver Products Co. Ltd.	St. Janvier, (Co. Terrebonne)
B. B. Chemical Company of Canada, Limited	2610 Bennett Ave., Montreal
Canadian Color Company	85a Vitre St. W., Montreal
Coleman Engineering Supply Co.	1971 Richardson St., Montreal
Davies, Irwin, Ltd.	121 Bates Road, Outremont
Dupere, R. R., Ltee	518 St. Vallier St., Quebec
Ideal Blacking Co.	4297 St. Dominique St., Montreal
Les Produits Fortin	283 St. Zotique St. W., Montreal
MacFarlane, John, & Son, Ltd.	786 Wellington St., Montreal
Peerless Blacking Co. Ltd.	33B St. Louis St., Lachine
Royal Ink & Blacking Co.	2012 St. Dominique St., Montreal
Sultana Limited	1000 Amherst St., Montreal
<u>ONTARIO</u> -	
Bowden Bros.	115 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto
Boyle, A. S., Company	2109 Ottawa St., Windsor
Canada Wax & Chemical Co.	250 Madison Ave., Toronto
Canadian Specialties Limited	49 Sanford Ave. S., Hamilton
Capo Polishes Limited	58 Catharine St. N., Hamilton

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<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Location of Plant</u>
<b>ONTARIO (Concluded) -</b>	
Commercial Oil Co. Ltd.	420 Jackson St. W., Hamilton
Cooke, George, Co.	(rear) 4 Bartlett Ave., Toronto
Dodd's Mfg. Co.	(rear) 387 Ontario St., Toronto
Dupère & Simard	847 Laurel St., Preston
Ennis Wonder Polish Co.	1119 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto
Everett & Barron of Canada, Ltd.	914 Dufferin St., Toronto
Hawes, Edward, & Co. Ltd.	431 Dundas St. E., Toronto
IT Company, Ltd.	35 Britain St., Toronto
Johnson, S. C., & Son, Limited	Frank St., Brantford
Keiner & Company (Canada) Ltd.	52 Dickens Ave., Toronto
Liquid Veneer Corporation	84 Courtwright St., Fort Erie North
Ludford, E. C., and Sons	23 Badgerow Ave., Toronto
McAleer Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	258 Chilver Rd., Walkerville
Mitchell Colour and Chemical Co.	76 Duke St., Toronto
Nonsuch Limited	9 Bust St., Toronto
B-Cedar of Canada, Limited	365 Sorauren Ave., Toronto
Ontario Wax Polish Co. Ltd.	321 O'Connor Dr. East, York Tp.
Red Seal Oil & Polish Co.	825 Gerrard St. E., Toronto
Shu-Milk Company of Canada, Ltd.	187 Dufferin St., Toronto
Solient Mfg. Co.	184 Centre St., Oshawa
Standard Wax Co.	134 Ossington Ave., Toronto
Superior Oil & Supply Company	302 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton
Taylor Specialty Company	295 King St. E., Toronto
Tilleys Limited	90 Richmond St. W., Toronto
Tumbler, J. A., Laboratories Limited	436 Wellington St. W., Toronto
2 in 1 Polishes Ltd.	75 Hughson St. N., Hamilton
Vix Products	866 Langlois Ave., Windsor
West Hill Mfg. Co.	151 Church St., Toronto
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA -</b>	
Amberine Products Ltd.	717 Alderbury St., Victoria
Tilton, Dixie E. V.	4230 Dumfries St., Vancouver

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