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ANNUAL INDUSTRY REPORT

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS GROUP

THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1944

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 1944 there were 51 establishments in this category, located by provinces as follows: 31 in Ontario, 16 in Quebec and 4 in British Columbia.

Production from these establishments was valued at \$7,358,519 in 1944 compared with \$6,382,042 in 1943 and \$6,091,109 in 1942. About 60 per cent of the total came from plants in Ontario and 39 per cent from Quebec plants.

Output of polishes and floor wax during 1944, including small amounts from other industries, was as follows: paste floor wax, 7,220,510 pounds at \$1,809,995; liquid floor wax at polish, 740,493 gallons at \$1,742,389; shoe polishes and dressings at \$1,700,548; furniture polishes at \$268,036; stove polishes at \$107,818; brass polishes at \$87,131; silver polishes at \$108,277; auto polishes at \$88,433; and miscellaneous polishes at \$51,798. The total value of all polishes, including polishing wax, was \$5,964,425 in 1944 compared with \$4,948,282 in 1943 and \$4,823,643 in 1942.

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1933-1944

Year	Number of plants	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of fuel and electricity at works	Cost of materials at works	Gross selling value of products at works
			\$	\$	\$	\$
1933	48	340	394,871	13,729	720,913	1,779,843
1934	45	362	404,833	13,612	815,680	1,918,998
1935	46	390	430,744	15,875	959,157	2,149,239
1936	48	432	501,142	18,439	1,146,356	2,481,044
1937	46	462	528,462	18,296	1,400,923	2,736,269
1938	52	498	601,172	18,666	1,484,638	3,096,253
1939	49	468	565,319	22,174	1,580,112	3,461,556
1940	49	530	694,158	21,816	1,952,597	3,948,212
1941	50	593	758,991	25,768	2,740,967	5,348,568
1942	56	603	856,070	28,554	3,177,899	6,091,109
1943	52	703	908,219	30,652	3,559,818	6,382,042
1944	51	744	1,036,004	32,259	4,033,211	7,358,519
Per cent change 1944 from 1943..	..	+5.8	+14.1	+5.2	+13.3	+15.3

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.

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Table 2 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS, BY PROVINCES, 1943 and 1944

Province	Number of plants	Average number of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of fuel and electricity at works	Cost of materials at works	Gross selling value of products at works
<u>1943</u>						
Quebec	14	226	262,767	12,802	1,506,112	2,205,630
Ontario ...	33	468	635,964	17,373	2,045,054	4,155,207
British Columbia..	5	9	9,488	477	8,652	21,205
CANADA ..	52	703	908,219	30,652	3,559,818	6,382,042
<u>1944</u>						
Quebec	16	268	377,395	14,802	1,899,130	2,919,757
Ontario ...	31	468	650,022	16,902	2,125,354	4,420,395
British Columbia..	4	8	8,587	555	8,727	18,367
CANADA ..	51	744	1,036,004	32,259	4,033,211	7,358,519

Table 3 - EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES, BY PROVINCES, 1943 and 1944

Province	Average Number of Employees				TOTAL	Salaries	Wages	TOTAL SALARIES and WAGES
	On Salaries		On Wages					
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
<u>1943</u>								
Quebec	39	22	91	74	226	108,763	154,004	262,767
Ontario ...	111	92	98	167	468	376,273	259,691	635,964
British Columbia..	6	1	1	1	9	7,724	1,764	9,488
CANADA ..	156	115	190	242	703	492,760	415,459	908,219
<u>1944</u>								
Quebec	41	22	126	79	268	138,649	238,746	377,395
Ontario ...	102	77	104	185	468	352,649	297,373	650,022
British Columbia..	5	1	1	1	8	7,251	1,336	8,587
CANADA ..	148	100	231	265	744	498,549	537,455	1,036,004

Table 4 - WAGE-EARNERS, BY MONTHS, 1943 and 1944 (On the last work day of each month)

Month	1943			1944		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
January	184	216	400	312	302	614
February	182	221	403	328	305	633
March	178	215	393	204	256	460
April	174	215	389	203	251	454
May	174	229	403	213	264	477
June	181	238	419	217	259	476
July	192	251	443	221	263	484
August	182	252	434	209	257	466
September	178	257	435	203	246	449
October	174	266	440	206	240	446
November	176	266	442	206	257	463
December	290	285	575	212	243	455
AVERAGE	190	242	432	231	265	496

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Table 5 - HOURS WORKED PER WEEK BY WAGE-EARNERS, 1943 and 1944 (In one week of highest employment; overtime included)

Hours worked per week	Number of Wage-earners			
	1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
30 hours or less	5	59	1	64
31-43 hours	42	96	43	97
44 hours	73	53	81	59
45-47 hours	31	30	25	31
48 hours	46	37	166	87
49-50 hours	16	5	14	1
51-54 hours	13	5	4	1
55 hours	1	...	4	...
56-64 hours	36	21	11	3
65 hours and over	36	15	2	...
TOTAL	299	321	351	343
Total wages paid in selected week \$	6,466	4,993	8,890	5,746

Table 6 - FUEL AND ELECTRICITY USED, 1943 and 1944

Kind	Unit of measure	1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
			\$		\$
Anthracite coal	ton	118	1,408	77	771
Bituminous coal - Canadian	ton	217	2,019	164	1,607
Imported	ton	1,110	9,940	1,290	12,268
Coke	ton	20	252	22	285
Gasoline	Imp.gal.	4,996	1,669	4,180	1,368
Kerosene	Imp.gal.	1,490	271	1,754	246
Fuel oil	Imp.gal.	...	...	2,763	213
Gas - Manufactured	M cu.ft.	2,495	2,646	2,428	2,264
Natural	M cu.ft.	83	79	117	95
Other fuel .....	...	...	667	...	516
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	581,739	11,701	513,569	12,626
TOTAL .....	...	...	30,652	...	32,259

Table 7 - POWER EQUIPMENT, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
	Number of units	Total rated horse power	Number of units	Total rated horse power
Steam engines and steam turbines..	...	...	...	...
Hydraulic turbines or water wheels	...	...	...	...
Gasoline, gas and oil engines, except diesel engines	2	..1	...	...
Electric motors operated by purchased power -				
Ordinarily in use	201	288	204	293
In reserve or idle	12	13	8	17
TOTAL	215	307	212	310
Boilers - Ordinarily in use	17	433	10	393
In reserve or idle	1	25

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Table 8 - MATERIALS USED IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1943 and 1944

Material	Unit of measure	1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
Alcohol, ethyl	Imp.gal.	29,274	25,173	34,203	30,085
Barytes	lb.	3,862	148	3,203	225
Borax	lb.	47,805	1,820	63,586	2,706
Bicarbonate of soda	lb.	622,002	15,476	463,120	11,480
Carbon tetrachloride	lb.	18,270	1,789	3,407	354
Carbon black	lb.	56,133	6,170	59,758	6,624
Other dyes and colours	lb.	304,356	64,339	207,675	60,834
Chalk	lb.	40,502	1,274	76,611	2,294
Essential oils .....	...	...	24,705	...	27,925
Graphite	lb.	102,510	6,525	101,421	6,635
Glycerine	lb.	7,904	1,440	14,963	2,680
Kaolin or china clay	lb.	167,254	5,929	182,417	6,354
Lithopone	lb.	46,688	3,006	41,485	2,920
Resin	lb.	...	...	86,901	16,664
Shellac	lb.	180,303	156,360	192,811	115,993
Solvents (benzol, kerosene, etc.)	Imp.gal.	806,836	163,404	1,132,488	229,834
Talc, ground	lb.	44,493	496	34,801	408
Titanium oxide	lb.	209,098	28,936	240,890	35,386
Trisodium phosphate	lb.	27,809	1,177	29,938	3,138
Turpentine	Imp.gal.	63,439	79,531	65,403	82,267
Wax of all kinds	lb.	4,710,552	1,414,244	5,335,633	1,661,953
Containers, boxes, etc. ...	...	...	1,202,440	...	1,332,355
All other materials .....	...	...	355,436	...	394,097
TOTAL .....	...	...	3,559,813	...	4,033,211

Table 9 - PRODUCTS MADE, 1943 and 1944

Note: Data in this table are for the Polishes and Dressings Industry, which includes only the concerns that make polishes as their major products. 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 minor products of concerns which have been classified to other industrial groups. For the total Canadian production, see Table 10.

Product	Unit of measure	1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
		Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
Auto polishes, including wax..	57,712	...	57,956
Floor wax, paste	lb.	5,056,341	1,523,080	6,674,736	1,696,882
Floor wax and polish, liquid..	Imp.gal.	631,211	1,367,043	585,447	1,436,989
Furniture polishes	277,715	...	224,873
Brass polishes	80,489	...	86,131
Silver polishes	101,273	...	102,077
Shoe polishes and dressings	1,006,401	...	1,696,917
Leather dressings, dyes and finishes (except shoe polish)	527,999	...	486,491
Stove polishes	108,930	...	104,975
All other products (x)	1,331,400	...	1,465,228
TOTAL	6,382,042	...	7,358,519

(x) 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 10 - TOTAL PRODUCTION OF POLISHES IN CANADA, 1942-1944

Note: Figures in this table represent the total production in Canada from all industrial groups. Data for 1944 are subject to slight revision on further examination of individual reports.

Product		1942	1943	1944
Floor wax - paste	lb.	6,993,852	5,815,594	7,220,510
	\$	1,707,522	1,681,961	1,809,995
Floor wax and polish, liquid	Imp.gal.	602,772	718,461	740,493
	\$	1,413,289	1,479,106	1,742,389
Shoe polishes and dressings.	\$	910,246	1,009,321	1,700,548
Furniture polishes	\$	261,686	318,020	268,036
Stove polishes	\$	90,391	110,345	107,818
Brass polishes	\$	104,015	80,489	87,131
Silver polishes	\$	158,794	108,041	108,277
Auto polishes, including wax	\$	76,932	68,673	88,453
Polishes, kind not specified	\$	100,768	92,326	51,798
TOTAL	\$	4,823,643	4,948,282	5,964,425

Table 11 - IMPORTS OF POLISHES INTO CANADA, 1942-1944 (From the annual report on the "Trade of Canada")

	1942	1943	1944
	\$	\$	\$
Shoe blacking; shoe makers' ink; shoe, harness and leather dressing -			
Total Imports	279,307	315,242	229,513
From: United Kingdom	71,621	80,367	30,515
United States	207,686	234,875	198,998
Polish or composition, knife or other not elsewhere specified -			
Total Imports	245,072	298,199	286,555
From: United Kingdom	27,935	26,424	18,666
United States	217,120	271,775	267,889

Table 12 - EXPORTS OF POLISHES FROM UNITED STATES TO CANADA, 1942-1944

		1942	1943	1944
Metal and stove polishes	lb.	136,593	129,355	91,674
	\$	25,637	22,149	17,263
Shoe polishes and shoe cleaners	lb.	238,297	271,504	207,303
	\$	47,841	58,250	46,883
Leather dressings and stains	lb.	591,249	662,238	621,073
	\$	122,925	135,593	123,496
Floor wax, wood and furniture polish	lb.	614,534	1,144,194	1,061,824
	\$	87,970	108,589	100,898
Automobile polishes	lb.	76,663	159,221	211,836
	\$	11,718	44,714	59,376

(x) From the annual report on "Trade and Navigation of the United States" by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

LIST OF FIRMS IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1944

Quebec -

Barry, Joseph Rosari, & Frere	480 St. Vallier, Quebec
B. B. Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited	2610 Bennett Ave., Montreal
Coleman Engineering Supply Co.	c/o Darling & Brady, 1971 Richardson St., Montreal
Army, Navy Mfg. Products	910a St. George St., Montreal
Sultana Limited	1000 Amherst St., Montreal
John McFarlane and Sons, Ltd.	786 Wellington St., Montreal
Morse Chemical Limited	Chambly Basin
Montreal Sanitary Products Mfg. Co.	317 Place Christin, Montreal
Peerless Blacking Co., Limited	33B St. Louis St., Lachine
James D. Doherty Mfg. Co. Reg'd.	5814 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal
Beaver Products Co., Ltd.	St. Janvier & St. Laurent
R. R. Dupere Ltd.	518 Vallier St., Quebec
Capital Products Co.	38 Mountain Hill, Quebec
Davies Irwin, Limited	121 Bates Road, Outremont
Royal Ink & Blacking Co.	17 Ontario St., Montreal
Scientific Mfg. Co.	2699 Orleans St., Montreal

Ontario -

Liquid Veneer Corporation	214 Courtwright St., Fort Erie
The Capo Polishes Ltd.	58 Catharine St. N., Hamilton
O-Cedar of Canada Limited	365 Sorauren Ave., Toronto 3
The Commercial Oil Co., Ltd.	420 Jackson St., Hamilton
Ennis Wonder Polish Co.	1119 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto
2 in 1 Polishes, Ltd. (The Best Foods (Canadian) Limited)	
Edward Hawes & Co., Ltd.	75 Hughson St. N., Hamilton
West Hill Mfg. Company	431 Dundas St. E., Toronto
E. C. Ludford and Sons	151 Church St., Toronto
Mitchell Color & Chemical Co.	23 Badgerow Ave., Toronto
The George Cooke Company	76 Duke St., Toronto
Ontario Wax Polish Company Ltd.	Rear 4 Bartlett Ave., Toronto
Canada Wax & Chemical Co.	Rear 111 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto
Nonsuch Limited	250 Madison Ave., Toronto
Cross Polishes	9 Busy St., Toronto
Red Seal Oil & Polish Co.	2385 Dundas St., Toronto
Solient Mfg. Co.	825 Gerrard St. E., Toronto
The "It" Co. Limited	184 Centre St., Oshawa
Keiner and Co. (Canada) Limited	35 Britain St., Toronto
S. C. Johnson & Son, Limited	52 Dickens Ave., Toronto
Clark's Products	1 Frank St., Brantford
Tilleys Limited	10 Mountalan Ave., Toronto
Dodd's Manufacturing Co.	90 Richmond St. W., Toronto
Taylor Specialty Co.	505 Keele St., Toronto
Everett & Barron of Canada, Ltd.	1077 Bathurst St., Toronto
Canadian Specialties Limited	914 Dufferin St., Toronto
Standard Wax Co.	150 John St., Hamilton
The Boyle Midway Company (Canada) Limited	134 Ossington Ave., Toronto
Bowden Bros.	2109 Ottawa St., Walkerville
McAleer Mfg. Co. Ltd.	115 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto
Service Laboratories Ltd.	1633 Wyandotte St. E., Windsor
	1244 Dufferin St., Toronto

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(Concluded)

British Columbia -

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Parslow & Paulson

Dixie E. Val Tilton

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