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THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1947

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 1947 there were 55 establishments in this category, located by provinces as follows: 33 in Ontario, 20 in Quebec and 2 in British Columbia.

Production from these establishments was valued at \$8,736,037 in 1947 compared with \$9,558,330 in 1946 and \$8,091,054 in 1945. About 69 per cent of the total came from plants in Ontario and British Columbia, and 31 per cent from Quebec plants.

Output of polishes and floor wax during 1947, including small amounts from other industries, was as follows: paste floor wax, 7,382,666 pounds at \$2,062,252; liquid floor wax and polish, 1,228,267 gallons at \$3,175,202; shoe polishes and dressings at \$810,245; furniture polishes at \$363,535; stove polishes at \$61,232; brass polishes at \$47,575; silver polishes at \$104,885; auto polishes at \$147,719, and miscellaneous polishes at \$68,745. The total value of all polishes, including polishing wax, was \$6,841,390 in 1947 compared with \$7,630,054 in 1946 and \$6,652,276 in 1945.

Table 1 - PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1936-1947

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
			\$	\$	\$	\$
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
1945	51	739	1,032,071	37,039	4,219,413	8,091,054
1946	48	726	1,096,194	39,851	5,259,115	9,558,330
1947	55	743	1,280,870	54,324	4,786,897	8,736,037
Per cent change 1947 from 1946..	..	+2.3	+16.8	+36.3	-8.9	-8.6

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, 1946 and 1947

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>1946</u>						
Quebec	17	260	390,113	18,361	1,937,082	2,882,937
Ontario	29)	466	706,081	21,490	3,321,033	6,675,393
British Columbia ..	2)					
CANADA ...	48	726	1,096,194	39,851	5,258,115	9,558,330
<u>1947</u>						
Quebec	20	251	415,002	20,824	1,634,432	2,694,298
Ontario	33)	492	865,868	33,500	3,152,465	6,041,739
British Columbia ..	2)					
CANADA	55	743	1,280,870	54,324	4,786,897	8,736,037

Table 3 - EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES, BY PROVINCES, 1946 and 1947

Province	Average Number of Employees					Salaries	Wages	TOTAL SALARIES and WAGES
	On Salaries		On Wages		TOTAL			
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
						\$	\$	\$
<u>1946</u>								
Quebec	50	23	122	65	260	166,194	223,919	390,113
Ontario	99	102	125	140	466	395,886	310,195	706,081
British Columbia ...)								
CANADA	149	125	247	205	726	562,080	534,114	1,096,194
<u>1947</u>								
Quebec	55	20	118	58	251	171,203	243,799	415,002
Ontario	111	108	140	133	492	488,882	376,986	865,868
British Columbia ...)								
CANADA ...	166	128	258	191	743	660,085	620,785	1,280,870

Table 4 - WAGE-EARNERS, BY MONTHS, 1946 and 1947 (On the last work day of each month)

Month	1946			1947		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
January	234	217	451	257	206	463
February	237	207	444	272	227	499
March	249	206	455	267	214	481
April	239	226	465	261	209	470
May	240	217	457	261	197	458
June	244	205	449	259	179	438
July	241	193	434	263	185	448
August	248	188	436	257	161	418
September	248	194	442	246	179	425
October	248	210	458	254	185	439
November	247	210	457	251	174	425
December	254	199	453	248	176	424
AVERAGE	247	205	452	258	191	449

Table 5 - FUEL AND ELECTRICITY USED, 1946 and 1947

Kind	Unit of measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		\$		\$	
Anthracite coal.....	ton	77	1,122	53	872
Bituminous coal--Canadian	ton	141	1,436	127	1,401
Imported	ton	859	8,779	838	8,995
Coke	ton	27	368	87	1,431
Gasoline	Imp.gal.	4,345	1,559	4,405	1,540
Kerosene	Imp.gal.	1,260	165	1,147	150
Fuel oil	Imp.gal.	93,402	6,134	153,531	14,440
Gas--Manufactured	M cu.ft.	3,963	3,735	3,863	3,832
Natural	M cu.ft.	805	686	727	618
Other fuel .....	...	...	996	...	3,414
Electricity purchased ...	K.W.H.	846,499	14,871	985,971	17,631
TOTAL .....	...	...	39,851	...	54,324

Table 6 - POWER EQUIPMENT, 1946 and 1947

Kind	1946		1947	
	Number of units	Total rated horse power	Number of units	Total rated horse power
Electric motors operated by purchased power: Ordinarily in use.	384	478	549	662
In reserve or idle	31	47	33	34
TOTAL	415	525	582	696
Stationary power boilers -				
Ordinarily in use	9	366	6	68

Table 7 - MATERIALS USED IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1946 and 1947

Material	Unit of measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		\$		\$	
Alcohol, ethyl	Imp.gal.	28,128	29,434	40,905	44,759
Barytes	lb.	11,443	351	1,549	61
Borax	lb.	166,100	6,172	156,245	6,184
Bicarbonate of soda	lb.	504,926	11,712	420,610	9,655
Carbon tetrachloride	lb.	18,178	1,541	26,026	2,368
Carbon black	lb.	48,682	6,009	37,129	5,634
Other dyes and colours	lb.	270,818	80,905	239,283	72,636
Chalk	lb.	59,178	1,529	35,933	1,042
Essential oils .....	...	...	44,642	...	31,699
Graphite	lb.	91,297	5,640	59,263	3,680
Glycerine	lb.	19,623	3,863	17,143	5,197
Kaolin or china clay	lb.	115,108	5,794	93,495	4,066
Linseed oil	Imp.gal.	11,375	13,387	10,689	19,285
Lithopone	lb.	25,250	1,807	30,478	2,209
Resins and gums, natural -					
Copal	lb.	98,727	19,012	69,880	11,418
Damar	lb.	1,108	1,497	1,453	1,546
Other	lb.	223,451	40,614	308,508	71,494

Table 7 - MATERIALS USED IN THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY, 1946 and 1947
(Concluded)

Material	Unit of measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		\$		\$	
Shellac -					
Bleached	lb.	254,197	180,976	255,426	194,757
Orange	lb.	54,560	34,419	36,796	21,415
Other grades	lb.	122,293	78,329	133,077	109,327
Solvents (benzol, kerosene, etc.)	Imp.gal.	1,270,287	246,495	1,005,053	202,383
Talc, ground	lb.	62,812	988	15,535	224
Titanium oxide	lb.	280,450	36,858	276,469	39,424
Trisodium phosphate	lb.	34,914	1,892	51,473	2,803
Turpentine	Imp.gal.	68,598	91,147	50,585	68,074
Wax -					
Beeswax	lb.	389,075	187,083	181,651	105,128
Candelilla	lb.	209,237	123,117	128,888	100,896
Carnauba	lb.	1,034,821	1,502,907	955,406	1,467,486
Paraffin	lb.	3,152,138	279,379	1,520,283	173,520
Uricuri	lb.	65,526	53,635	129,207	82,123
Synthetic	lb.	20,272	13,917	8,053	3,585
Other waxes	lb.	794,232	265,957	609,516	251,967
Zinc oxide	lb.	14,961	1,159	20,477	2,193
Containers and packing material .....	...	...	1,366,279	...	1,072,490
All other materials .....	...	...	519,669	...	596,169
TOTAL .....	...	...	5,258,115	...	4,786,897

Table 8 - PRODUCTS MADE, 1946 and 1947 (*)

Product	Unit of measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
		\$		\$	
Polishes -					
Auto, including wax	107,066	...	101,593
Brass	54,931	...	47,275
Floor wax--Paste	lb.	7,990,447	2,343,788	6,632,753	1,877,594
Liquid	Imp.gal.	1,125,621	3,004,768	1,137,116	3,042,867
Furniture	341,626	...	290,948
Harness	7,803	...	6,465
Silver--Paste	25,456	...	18,798
Liquid or cream..	70,525	...	57,195
Shoe--Paste	537,572	...	460,576
Liquid or cream	336,433	...	329,590
Stove	72,068	...	60,838
Leather dressings, dyes and finishes (except shoe polish)	680,398	...	665,028
All other products (x)	1,975,896	...	1,777,270
TOTAL	9,558,330	...	8,736,037

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Footnotes to Table 8:

- (*) Data in this table are for the Polishes and Dressings Industry, which include 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 9.
- (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 9 - TOTAL PRODUCTION OF POLISHES IN CANADA, 1945-1947

Note: Figures in this table represent the total production in Canada from all industrial groups. Data for 1947 are subject to slight revision on further examination of individual reports.

Product		1945	1946	1947
Floor wax--paste	lb.	7,725,576	8,628,402	7,382,666
	\$	2,031,458	2,502,816	2,062,252
Floor wax and polish, liquid	Imp.gal.	1,071,943	1,293,045	1,228,267
	\$	2,450,905	3,362,663	3,175,202
Shoe polishes and dressings.	\$	1,390,931	877,046	810,245
Furniture polishes	\$	373,850	407,011	363,535
Stove polishes	\$	93,131	72,900	61,232
Brass polishes	\$	63,307	54,931	47,575
Silver polishes	\$	95,549	102,506	104,885
Auto polishes, including wax	\$	100,055	176,794	147,719
Polishes, kind not specified	\$	53,090	73,387	68,745
TOTAL	\$	6,652,276	7,630,054	6,841,390

Table 10 - IMPORTS OF POLISHES INTO CANADA, 1945-1947 (From the annual report on the "Trade of Canada")

	1945	1946	1947
	(Dollars)		
Shoe blacking; shoe makers' ink; shoe harness and leather dressing -			
Total Imports	255,300	332,132	270,745
From: United Kingdom	38,015	39,723	47,016
United States	217,285	292,409	223,345
Other countries .....	...	...	384
Polish or composition, knife or other not elsewhere specified -			
Total Imports	295,613	453,167	446,082
From: United Kingdom	9,914	21,596	29,747
United States	285,481	428,661	414,038
Other countries .....	...	2,910	2,297

Table 11 - EXPORTS(*) OF POLISHES FROM UNITED STATES TO CANADA, 1945-1947

		1945	1946	1947
Metal and stove polishes	lb.	170,177	190,522	183,172
	\$	33,657	56,984	65,697
Shoe polishes and shoe cleaners	lb.	164,782	227,604	152,418
	\$	34,487	53,255	45,635
Leather dressings and stains	lb.	771,201	1,046,970	711,640
	\$	143,159	206,620	167,434
Floor wax, wood and furniture polish	lb.	1,008,093	936,213	678,404
	\$	99,458	113,106	116,586
Automobile polishes	lb.	261,069	570,052	459,652
	\$	70,721	138,968	136,952

(*) 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, 1947

Name of Firm	Address
<u>Quebec -</u>	
Army, Navy Mfg. Products Reg'd.	910A St. George St., Montreal
B.B. Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited	2610 Bennett Ave., Montreal
Beaver Products Co., Ltd.	St. Janvier and St. Laurent
Capital Products Co.	38 Mountain Hill, Quebec
Coleman Engineering Supply Co.	c/o Darling and Brady, 1971 Richardson St., Montreal
Davies Irwin, Limited	121 Bates Road, Outremont
Dupere, R. R., Ltd. (Success Wax Ltd.)	518 Vallier St., Quebec
Little Wonder Reg'd.	1190 William St., Montreal
McFarlane, John, and Sons, Ltd.	786 Wellington St., Montreal
Montreal Sanitary Products Mfg. Co.	317 Place Christin, Montreal
Morse Chemical Limited	Chambly Basin
Peerless Blacking Co., Limited	531 St. Louis St., Lachine
Produits Styco Enr.	1578 Cartier St., Montreal
R. B. Product Reg'd.	474 King St. W., Sherbrooke
Rose Products Reg'd.	480 St. Vallier St., Quebec
Royal Ink & Blacking Co.	17 Ontario St., Montreal
Scientific Mfg. Co. Ltd.	2699 Orleans St., Montreal
Stahl Finish Co. (Canada) Ltd.	9500 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Sultana Ltd.	1000 Amherst St., Montreal
Voerl Ski Waxes Reg'd.	23 Dumont St., Quebec
<u>Ontario -</u>	
Andrews Superior Polish Co.	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ Colbourne St., Brantford
Bowden Bros.	115 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto
Boyle Midway Company (Canada) Limited	New Toronto
Canada Wax & Chemical Co.	120 Glen Scarlett Rd., Toronto
C. & B. Products Company	rear 4 Bartlett Ave., Toronto
Canadian Specialties Limited	150 John St., Hamilton
Capo Polishes Ltd.	58 Catharine St. N., Hamilton
Clark's Products	10 Montalan Ave., Toronto

List of Firms in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1947
(Concluded)

<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Ontario (Concluded) -</u>	
C. M. Chemical Co.	336 Birchmount Rd., Toronto
Commercial Oil Co. Ltd.	420 Jackson St., Hamilton
Cross Polishes	2385 Dundas St., Toronto
Dodd's Manufacturing Co.	505 Keele St., Toronto
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
Home Products Co.	14 Napier St. S., Dundas
"It" Co., Limited	35 Britain St., Toronto
Johnson, S. C., & Son, Limited	1 Frank St., Brantford
Keiner and Co. (Canada) Limited	10 Trent Ave., Toronto
Liquid Veneer Corporation	214 Courtwright St., Fort Erie N.
Ludford, E. C., & Sons	23 Badgerow St., Toronto
MacEachern, Gordon A.	15 Elm St., Toronto
McAleer Mfg. Co. Ltd.	202 King St. W., Chatham
Nonsuch Limited	257 Logan Ave., Toronto
O-Cedar of Canada Limited	365 Sorauren Ave., Toronto
Red Seal Oil & Polish Co.	35 Galt Ave., Toronto
Service Laboratories Ltd.	424 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Simard, H., & Co.	1173 Hamilton St., Preston
Solient Mfg. Co.	184 Centre St., Oshawa
Standard Wax Co.	134 Ossington Ave., Toronto
Taylor Specialty Co.	1077 Bathurst St., Toronto
Tilleys Limited	430 College St., Toronto
2 in 1 Polishes, Ltd. (The Best Foods (Canadian) Limited)	75 Hughson St. N., Hamilton
<u>British Columbia -</u>	
Dixie E. Val Tilton	1141 Kingsway, Vancouver
Holme Manufacturing Co.	Stormont Rd., New Westminster

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