

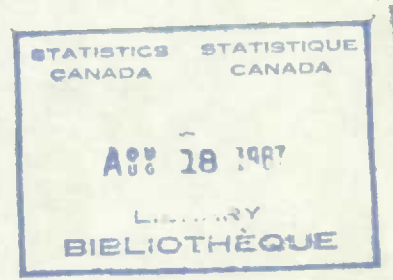
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# THE POLISHES AND DRESSINGS INDUSTRY

## 1950

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 1950 there were 54 establishments in this category, located by provinces as follows: 33 in Ontario, 17 in Quebec and 4 in British Columbia.

Production from these establishments was valued at \$13,377,393 in 1950 compared with \$11,865,149 in 1949. About 74 per cent of the total came from plants in Ontario and 26 per cent from establishments in Quebec.

Output of polishes and floor wax during 1950, including small amounts from other industries, was as follows: paste floor wax, 7,536,186 pounds at \$2,476,668; liquid floor wax and polish, 2,346,737 gallons at \$5,592,614; shoe polishes and dressings at \$969,551; furniture polishes at \$521,424; stove polishes at \$73,786; brass polishes at \$55,014; silver polishes at \$110,561; auto polishes at \$925,984, and miscellaneous polishes at \$649,500. The total value of all polishes, including polishing wax, was \$11,375,102 in 1950 compared with \$9,690,627 in 1949.

**TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1946-1950**

Year	Number of plants	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	Net value <sup>1</sup> of production
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1946 .....	48	726	1,096,194	39,851	5,258,115	9,558,330	4,260,364
1947 .....	55	743	1,280,870	54,324	4,786,897	8,736,037	3,894,816
1948 .....	53	723	1,405,214	68,841	5,182,670	10,080,458	4,828,947
1949 .....	57	797	1,655,980	77,603	5,918,662	11,865,149	5,868,884
1950 .....	54	782	1,714,614	75,556	6,325,223	13,377,393	6,976,614
Per cent change 1950 from 1949. ...	—	- 1.9	+ 3.5	- 2.6	+ 6.9	+ 12.7	

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.

1. Gross value less cost of materials, fuel and electricity.

**TABLE 2. Principal Statistics, by Provinces, 1949 and 1950**

Province	Number of plants	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
			\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1949</b>						
Quebec .....	18	256	489,314	31,911	2,080,386	3,286,019
Ontario .....	36	536	1,162,595	45,469	3,834,744	8,568,497
British Columbia .....	3	5	4,071	223	3,532	10,633
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>1,655,980</b>	<b>77,603</b>	<b>5,918,662</b>	<b>11,865,149</b>
<b>1950</b>						
Quebec .....	17	253	497,395	32,873	2,113,712	3,456,259
Ontario .....	33	522	1,209,179	42,213	4,207,661	9,902,841
British Columbia .....	4	7	8,040	470	3,850	18,293
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,714,614</b>	<b>75,556</b>	<b>6,325,223</b>	<b>13,377,393</b>



TABLE 3. Products Made in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1949 and 1950<sup>1</sup>

Product	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Selling value at works	Quantity	Selling value at works
		\$		\$
Polishes:				
Auto, including wax .....	—	252, 239	—	803, 785
Brass .....	—	61, 190	—	55, 014
Floor wax:				
Paste .....	lb. 7, 326, 240	2, 401, 824	7, 173, 434	2, 373, 613
Liquid .....	Imp. gal. 240, 986	619, 962	108, 982	214, 560
Self-polishing .....	Imp. gal. 1, 265, 235	3, 566, 736	1, 779, 860	4, 601, 249
Furniture:				
Cream .....	—	152, 944	—	198, 429
Oil .....	—	190, 286	—	242, 480
Harness .....	—	3, 334	—	3, 723
Silver:				
Paste .....	—	18, 527	—	19, 342
Liquid or cream .....	—	61, 266	—	85, 885
Shoe:				
Paste .....	—	544, 183	—	479, 538
Liquid or cream .....	—	476, 211	—	488, 262
Stove .....	—	65, 273	—	72, 162
Leather dressings, dyes and finishes (except shoe polish) .....	—	903, 398	—	934, 209
All other products <sup>2</sup> .....	—	2, 547, 776	—	2, 805, 142
<b>Total</b> .....	—	<b>11, 863, 149</b>	—	<b>13, 377, 393</b>

1. 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 5.

2. 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 4. Materials Used in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1949 and 1950

Material	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		\$		\$
Alcohol, ethyl .....	Imp. gal. 35, 160	32, 331	43, 315	40, 571
Barytes .....	lb. 1, 300	46	13, 400	840
Borax .....	lb. 432, 262	25, 876	560, 378	40, 016
Bicarbonate of soda .....	lb. 366, 471	9, 345	307, 956	6, 392
Carbon tetrachloride .....	lb. 40, 727	3, 885	32, 554	3, 425
Carbon black .....	lb. 28, 251	4, 988	27, 304	6, 059
Other dyes and colours .....	lb. 285, 755	110, 597	244, 572	118, 694
Chalk .....	lb. 4, 560	220	12, 560	508
Essential oils .....	—	42, 111	—	29, 477
Graphite .....	lb. 53, 582	3, 663	66, 212	5, 011
Glycerine .....	lb. 14, 811	5, 582	28, 390	10, 358
Kaolin or china clay .....	lb. 120, 275	5, 993	129, 322	5, 738
Linseed oil .....	Imp. gal. 4, 092	8, 952	4, 735	8, 661
Lithopone .....	lb. 90, 986	6, 490	47, 763	4, 084
Oleic acid .....	lb. 194, 196	38, 254	200, 561	34, 221

TABLE 4. Materials Used in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1949 and 1950 - Concluded

Material	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Cost at works	Quantity	Cost at works
		\$		\$
Resins and gums, natural:				
Copal .....	lb. 64,669	7,128	67,099	6,484
Damar .....	lb. 1,100	977	4,300	3,689
Other .....	lb. 345,953	137,990	25,836	4,798
Resins, synthetic .....	lb. 1		391,909	107,151
Shellac:				
Bleached .....	lb. 341,665	276,368	480,265	346,185
Orange .....	lb. 69,432	46,252	66,635	34,517
Other grades .....	lb. 220,378	174,055	76,627	51,445
Silicone oil .....	lb. 1		16,040	92,307
Solvents (Benzol, kerosene, etc.) .....	Imp. gal. 1,104,497	242,801	1,179,561	282,129
Talc, ground .....	lb. 34,926	680	49,564	1,095
Titanium oxide .....	lb. 247,499	47,508	254,142	52,994
Trisodium phosphate .....	lb. 40,352	2,518	50,196	3,182
Turpentine .....	Imp. gal. 67,162	48,273	62,082	48,288
Wax:				
Beeswax .....	lb. 184,805	93,727	222,054	115,124
Candelilla .....	lb. 112,790	74,620	120,751	103,413
Carnauba .....	lb. 1,457,244	1,274,566	1,476,458	1,352,012
Paraffin .....	lb. 1,420,003	146,158	1,388,118	135,817
Ouricuri .....	lb. 68,493	51,957	56,624	47,432
Synthetic .....	lb. 28,716	16,138	36,252	20,523
Other waxes .....	lb. 819,432	341,431	769,069	310,784
Zinc oxide .....	lb. 14,681	2,147	23,167	3,931
Containers and packing material .....		1,929,893		2,104,370
All other materials .....		705,142		768,486
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>5,918,662</b>		<b>6,325,223</b>

1. Not classified separately in 1949.

TABLE 5. Total Production of Polishes, 1948-1950

Product	1948	1949	1950
Floor wax-paste .....	lb. 7,799,068	7,695,107	7,536,186
	\$ 2,293,603	2,498,256	2,476,668
Floor wax and polish, liquid.....	Imp. gal. 1,728,005	1,739,688	2,346,737
	\$ 4,540,167	4,790,192	5,592,614
Shoe polishes and dressings .....	\$ 791,623	1,020,394	969,551
Furniture polish .....	\$ 403,187	425,568	521,424
Stove polishes .....	\$ 55,683	66,833	73,786
Brass polishes .....	\$ 50,642	61,190	55,014
Silver polishes .....	\$ 125,380	127,365	110,561
Auto polishes, including wax .....	\$ 226,055	364,409	925,984
Polishes, kind not specified .....	\$ 57,009	336,420	649,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,543,349</b>	<b>9,690,627</b>	<b>11,375,102</b>

Note. Figures in this table represent the total production in Canada from all industrial groups.

TABLE 6. Imports and Exports of Polishes, 1948-1950

	1948	1949	1950
	(Dollars)		
(a) IMPORTS			
Shoe blacking; shoemaker's ink; shoe harness and leather dressing:			
From:			
United Kingdom .....	71,848	97,378	91,613
United States .....	77,908	138,221	198,478
Other countries .....	—	—	—
<b>Total imports</b> .....	<b>149,756</b>	<b>235,599</b>	<b>290,091</b>
Polish or composition, knife or other not elsewhere specified:			
From:			
United Kingdom .....	37,137	51,489	154,797
United States .....	106,324	180,439	227,232
Other countries .....	570	3,248	956
<b>Total imports</b> .....	<b>144,031</b>	<b>235,176</b>	<b>382,985</b>
(b) EXPORTS			
Polishes, boot and shoe .....	9,389	6,074	3,023
Polishes, n.o.p. ....	88,291	95,210	16,195
<b>Total exports</b> .....	<b>97,680</b>	<b>101,284</b>	<b>29,218</b>

TABLE 7. Employees and Their Earnings in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1949 and 1950

Province	Number of employees				Total	Earnings		
	Supervisory and office		Production workers			Supervisory and office	Production workers	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female				
					\$	\$	\$	
1949								
Quebec .....	69	26	106	55	256	230,350	258,964	489,314
Ontario .....	113	123	156	144	536	652,723	509,872	1,162,595
British Columbia .....	5	—	—	—	5	4,071	—	4,071
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>187</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>887,144</b>	<b>768,836</b>	<b>1,655,980</b>
1950								
Quebec .....	64	27	109	53	253	220,127	277,268	497,395
Ontario .....	130	115	157	120	522	693,852	515,327	1,209,179
British Columbia .....	7	—	—	—	7	8,040	—	8,040
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>201</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>922,019</b>	<b>792,595</b>	<b>1,714,614</b>



## List of Firms in the Polishes and Dressings Industry, 1950

Name of firm	Address
<b>Quebec:</b>	
Army, Navy Mfg. Products Reg'd. ....	910A St. Georges St., Montreal
B.B. Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited .....	2610 Bennett Ave., Montreal
Beaver Products Co., Ltd. ....	Ville 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, Town of Mount Royal
Ewart-Harris Co. Ltd. ....	3835 Allen St., Verdun
Little Wonder Reg'd. ....	1190 William St., Montreal
McFarlane, John, and Son, Ltd. ....	3000 Verdun Ave., Verdun
Morse Chemical Limited .....	Chambly Canton
Peerless Blacking Co., Limited .....	531 St. Louis St., Lachine
Rose Products Reg'd. ....	480 St. Vallier St., Quebec
Royal Ink & Blacking Co. ....	17 Ontario St., Montreal
Stahl Finish Co. (Canada) Ltd. ....	9500 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal
Success Wax Ltd. ....	518 Vallier St., Quebec
Sultana Ltd. ....	1000 Amherst St., Montreal
Warner Products Co. Reg'd. ....	50 Lois St., Hull
<b>Ontario:</b>	
Andrews Superior Polish Co. ....	41½ Colbourne St., Brantford
Bowden Bros. ....	115 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto
Boyle Midway (Canada) Limited .....	New Toronto
C. & B. Products Company .....	rear 4 Bartlett Ave., Toronto
Canadian Specialties Limited .....	733 King St. E., Hamilton
Capo Polishes Ltd. ....	58 Catharine St. N., Hamilton
Clark's Products .....	84 Monarch Pk. Ave., Toronto
Commercial Oil Co. of Hamilton, Ltd. ....	420 Jackson St., Hamilton
Cross Polishes .....	2385 Dundas St., Toronto
Dodd Manufacturing Co. ....	505 Keele St., Toronto
Ennis Wonder Polish Co. ....	222 Front St. E., Toronto
Everett & Barron of Canada, Ltd. ....	914 Dufferin St., Toronto
Hawes, Edward, & Co., Ltd. ....	431 Dundas St. E., Toronto
Home Product Co., The .....	14 Napier South, Dundas
"It" Co., Limited .....	35 Britain St., Toronto
Johnson, S.C., & Son, Limited .....	Webster St., Brantford
Keiner and Co. (Canada) Limited .....	10 Trent Ave., Toronto
Lea Manufacturing Co. of Canada, Ltd. ....	370 Victoria St., Toronto
Liquid Glaze of Canada, Ltd. ....	457 Sandwich St. East, Windsor
Liquid Veneer Corporation .....	214 Courtwright St., Fort Erie N.
MacEachern, Gordon A. ....	15 Elm St., Toronto
McAleer Mfg. Co. Ltd. ....	Towns Road, Station N., New Toronto
Manford Mfg. Co. ....	3615 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Nonsuch Limited .....	257 Logan Ave., Toronto
O-Cedar of Canada Limited .....	365 Sorauren Ave., Toronto
Service Laboratories Ltd. ....	424 Wellington St. W., Toronto
Simard, H., & Co. ....	138 Chestnut St., Preston
Solient Mfg. Co. ....	184 Centre St., Oshawa
Standard Wax Co. ....	80 Ossington Ave., Toronto
Stanley Home Products of Canada Ltd. ....	140 Ann St., London
Tilleys Limited .....	430 College St., Toronto
2 in 1 Polishes, Ltd. (The Best Foods (Canadian) Limited)...	75 Hughson St. N., Hamilton
Tumbler, J.A., Laboratories Ltd. ....	545 Yonge St., Toronto
<b>British Columbia:</b>	
Delite Polish Company .....	5515 Victoria Drive, Vancouver
Dixie E. Val Tilton .....	1141 Kingsway, Vancouver
Holme Manufacturing Co. ....	Stormont Rd., New Westminster
Simpson, Harold .....	604 East 5th Ave., Vancouver

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