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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE, AND FASTENERS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1942.

There were twenty-seven establishments in Canada in 1942 engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, and fasteners, etc. Seventeen of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec and 10 in Ontario. The industry as a whole reported a capital investment in fixed and current assets of \$2,409,739 and a value of production of \$3,665,111. Persons employed numbered 1,133 and salaries and wages paid \$1,197,572.

The output of the button industry was slightly higher in 1942. Compared with the previous year there was an increase of \$466,196 or 14 per cent in the gross value of production, and \$132,767 in the amount of salaries and wages paid, although there were actually 11 less persons employed. The physical volume of production was also higher, the output of buttons of all kinds having increased from 7,074,727 gross in 1941 to 7,361,872 gross in 1942.

Buttons, of plastic materials, to the value of \$858,891 was the most important single item of production in 1942. Moulded buttons valued at \$519,953 and metal buttons valued at \$462,844 comprised the other principal items. For details of products made, see Table 3.

Referring to Table 2 it may be noted that the 7 largest establishments represented a capital investment of \$1,995,030 or 83 per cent of the total. The output of these establishments was valued at \$3,078,183 or 84 per cent of the total and employed 849 persons or 75 per cent of the total number.

Employment in this industry is fairly uniform throughout the year, there being no marked seasonal variations. Of the wage-earners employed in 1942, 517 or 55 per cent were males, as compared with a male employment of 570 or 60 per cent of the total wage-earners in 1941. The average salary in 1942 amounted to \$1,761 being \$103 more than in 1941 and the average wage paid in 1942, \$915 was \$126 more than the 1941 average.

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Table 1. - Principal Statistics of the Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners Industry, 1931 - 1942.

Year and Province	Estab-lish-ments Report-ing	Capital Invested	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1931 .....	11	1,177,573	413	353,105	217,510	773,710
1932 .....	14	1,218,881	458	369,721	281,329	991,754
1933 .....	18	1,326,745	568	434,561	389,858	1,135,624
1934 .....	17	1,455,681	640	501,379	466,935	1,298,914
1935 .....	17	1,429,340	699	542,015	477,788	1,370,706
1936 .....	18	1,364,317	800	630,576	522,570	1,467,414
1937 .....	21	1,432,343	839	670,814	634,647	1,590,442
1938 .....	21	1,579,532	736	572,858	498,674	1,338,583
1939 .....	24	1,850,892	811	662,403	598,352	1,697,788
1940 .....	22	1,877,541	988	887,602	1,025,774	2,524,388
1941 .....	25	2,312,517	1,144	1,064,805	1,274,223	3,198,915
<u>1942</u>						
Quebec .....	17	1,044,177	659	654,761	903,632	2,095,964
Ontario .....	10	1,365,562	474	542,811	461,000	1,569,147
CANADA .....	27	2,409,739	1,133	1,197,572	1,364,632	3,665,111

Profits or losses cannot be estimated from Census figures as no data are collected for certain expense items, such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising.

Table 2. - Principal Statistics of the Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners Industry in Canada Grouped According to the Size of Establishment, 1942.

Establishments having a production of	Estab-lish-ments	Capital Invested	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
<u>1942</u>						
Under \$5,000 .....	5	18,234	11	7,282	4,108	11,270
\$5,000 to \$25,000 ..	6	100,424	34	30,769	31,792	79,525
\$25,000 to \$50,000 ..	5	105,121	80	71,233	81,737	188,315
\$50,000 to \$100,000 ..	4	190,930	159	125,973	84,822	307,818
\$100,000 to \$500,000 ..	4	721,365	350	351,817	303,360	913,457
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000 ..	3	1,273,665	499	610,498	858,813	2,164,726
TOTAL .....	27	2,409,739	1,133	1,197,572	1,364,632	3,665,111





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Table 5. - Capital Invested, 1931 to 1942.

Year and Provinces	Fixed Capital	Working Capital		Total Capital
	Land, buildings, fixtures, machinery, tools, etc.	Stocks of raw materials and finished products on hand, goods in process, fuel and miscellaneous supplies, etc.	Cash, bills and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, etc.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1931 .....	721,885	300,446	155,242	1,177,573
1932 .....	730,517	269,463	218,901	1,218,881
1933 .....	716,803	324,972	284,970	1,326,745
1934 .....	784,533	410,060	261,088	1,455,681
1935 .....	874,811	361,031	193,498	1,429,340
1936 .....	738,344	384,404	236,569	1,364,317
1937 .....	757,389	501,720	173,234	1,432,343
1938 .....	752,041	492,614	334,877	1,579,532
1939 .....	760,579	588,614	501,699	1,850,892
1940 .....	808,351	646,340	422,850	1,877,541
<u>1941</u>				
CANADA .....	1,077,038	742,480	492,999	2,312,517
Quebec .....	390,251	364,657	176,197	931,105
Ontario and British Columbia .	686,787	377,823	316,802	1,381,412
<u>1942</u>				
CANADA .....	1,123,114	750,217	536,408	2,409,739
Quebec .....	452,295	389,487	202,395	1,044,177
Ontario .....	670,819	360,730	334,013	1,365,562

Employment

Table 6. - Employees, Salaries and Wages, 1941 and 1942.

	1941			1942		
	Male	Female	Salaries and Wages	Male	Female	Salaries and Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Employees on salaries .....	141	45	308,423	143	47	334,603
Employees on wages (average number) .....	570	388	756,382	517	426	862,969
TOTAL .....	711	433	1,064,805	660	473	1,197,572

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Table 7. - Wage-earners by Months, 1941 and 1942.

	1941			1942		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	534	356	890	526	418	944
February .....	559	367	926	524	421	945
March .....	566	366	932	526	418	944
April .....	540	362	902	557	429	986
May .....	536	369	905	532	438	970
June .....	544	366	910	540	430	970
July .....	578	377	955	519	431	950
August .....	593	412	1,005	519	427	946
September .....	586	424	1,010	509	426	935
October .....	601	419	1,020	485	431	916
November .....	602	419	1,021	481	429	910
December .....	602	415	1,017	471	414	885
Total .....	6,841	4,652	11,493	6,189	5,112	11,301
Average number employed during the year .....	570	388	958	517	426	943

Table 8. - Average Weekly Earnings and Number of Wage-earners in the month of Highest Employment, and their Regular Hours of Work, 1941 and 1942.

Number of Hours Worked per Week	1941		1942	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 hours or less .....	12	8	15	12
31-43 hours .....	38	25	16	32
44 hours .....	18	19	7	21
45-47 hours .....	36	92	16	74
48 hours .....	163	126	171	148
49-50 hours .....	32	12	39	47
51-54 hours .....	57	27	31	3
55 hours .....	163	85	146	88
56-64 hours .....	82	30	18	4
65 hours and over .....	16	-	130	38
Average hours per week ..	51.1	48.8	54.3	49.6
Average weekly earnings .	\$18.56	\$13.13	\$21.77	\$13.41



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Fuel Consumption

Table 9. - Fuel Consumption, 1941 and 1942.

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	1941		1942	
		Quantity	Cost Value	Quantity	Cost Value
			\$		\$
Pituminous coal .....	Ton	1,880	13,623	2,031	20,000
Anthracite coal .....	"	30	223	-	-
Gasoline .....	Imp. Gal.	2,250	703	30	10
Fuel oil .....	" "	42,183	3,972	12,366	1,340
Gas .....	M. cu. ft.	2,838	2,377	2,106	2,039
Electricity .....	-	1,864,776	25,983	1,599,750	25,979
TOTAL COST OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY .....	-	-	46,881	-	49,368

Table 10. - Power Equipment, 1941 and 1942.

Classes of Power	Ordinarily in Use		In Reserve or Idle	
	Number of Units	Manufacturer's Rating of Horse-power Capacity	Number of Units	Manufacturer's Rating of Horse-power Capacity
<u>1941</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	1	6	-	-
Hydraulic turbines or water wheels .....	7	42	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power .....	356	1,136	5	11
TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING .....	364	1,184	5	11
Boiler installation .....	7	290	1	60
<u>1942</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	1	6	-	-
Hydraulic turbines or water wheels .....	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power .....	348	1,125	10	68
TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING .....	349	1,131	10	68
Boiler installation .....	6	320	2	110



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A P P E N D I X

Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada, 1942.

QUEBEC

Canadian Buttons Limited	1850 St. Antoine Street, Montreal	B. & O. P.
Ginn Brothers, Reg'd.	686 Notre Dame Street West, Montreal	B. & F.
Governor Fastener Co. Reg'd.	1030 St. Alexander Street, Montreal	F.
Ideal Button Company	Rm. 23, 1193 Phillips Place Bldg., Montreal	B. & F.
Jiffy Join Inc.	649 Notre Dame St. West, Montreal	F.
Modern Art Works	51 St. Andre St., Longueil	F. & O. P.
Mack Molding, Limited	33 Taylor Street, Waterloo	B. & O. P.
Meteor Manufacturing Ltd.	1170 St. Antoine Street, Montreal	F.
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.	2025 St. Lawrence Blv'd., Montreal	B. & O. P.
New Ornament and Jewellery Co.	58 Mount Royal East, Montreal	O. P.
Patent Button Company Limited	2210 Parthenais Street, Montreal	D.
Pearl Button Manufacturing Company of Canada Limited	Ste. Therese	
Premier Button & Buckle Co.	1485 Eleury Street, Montreal	B. & F.
Rapid Button Service Co.	1408 Fleury Street, Montreal	B.
Stein Button Company	745 St. Maurice Street, Montreal	B.
Universal Ornament & Buckle Mfg. Co., Limited	540 Beaudry Street, Montreal	B.
United Buckle and Ornament Mfg. Co.	333 Notre Dame St. East, Montreal	B. & O. P.

ONTARIO

Button Sales Limited	125-33 Niagara Street, Toronto	B.
Capital Ornament Co.	116 Spadina Avenue, Toronto	F. & O. P.
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd.	57 Water St. North, Kitchener	B.
Dominion Fastener of Canada	1040 Shaw Street, Toronto	F.
Kitchener Buttons Limited	70 Victoria St., N., Kitchener	B. & O. P.
Mitchell Button Company Limited	97 Victoria Street, Kitchener	B.
Schnarr, Geo.	141 King St. East, Kitchener	B. & F.
Toronto Button Company Limited	110 Spadina Avenue, Toronto	B. & O. P.
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada Limited	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville	B. & F.
York Button Company	604 King Street West, Toronto	B.

Code for Products Made

B - Buttons

F - Fasteners and Buckles

O.P. - Other Products

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