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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE, AND FASTENER INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1946

There were eighteen establishments in Canada in 1946 engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, and fasteners, etc. Eleven of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec and seven in Ontario. The industry as a whole reported a gross value of production of \$4,296,827 and furnished employment to 986 persons who received \$1,468,667 in salaries and wages.

The output of the button industry was considerably higher in 1946, the gross value of production being \$548,140 or 15 per cent higher. There was also an increase in the physical volume of production. The output of buttons of all kinds rose from 6,688,338 gross in 1945 to 6,982,896 gross in 1946. Reflected in the increased output is an increase of 42 in the number of persons employed and \$120,476 in the amount of salaries and wages paid.

Moulded buttons to the value of \$1,101,168 was the most important single item of production in 1946. Plastic buttons valued at \$606,857, pearl buttons at \$246,044 and celluloid buttons at \$452,327 comprised the other principal items. For details of products made, see Table 3.

Referring to Table 2 it may be noted that the 9 largest establishments had an output valued to \$3,821,189 or 89 per cent of the total and employed 851 or 86 per cent of the total number of persons employed by the industry.

Employment in this industry is fairly uniform throughout the year, there being no marked seasonal variations. Of the wage-earners employed in 1946, 482 or over 57 per cent were males, as compared with a male employment of 436 or over 54 per cent of the total wage-earners in 1945. The average salary in 1946 amounted to \$2,927, being 190 more than in 1945 and the average wage paid in 1946, \$1,253, was \$65 more than the 1945 average.



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Table 1. - Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fasteners Industry, 1935 to 1946

Year and Province	Estab-lish-ments Report-ing	Capital Invested	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
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	1,358,583
1939 .....	24	1,850,892	811	662,403	598,352	1,697,788
1940 .....	22	1,577,541	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
1942 .....	27	2,409,739	1,133	1,197,572	1,364,632	3,665,111
1943 .....	25	2,353,642	1,032	1,313,899	1,428,330	3,821,182
1944 .....	20	Not coll-	896	1,259,446	1,280,740	3,457,883
1945 .....	21	ected in 1944 & 1945	944	1,348,191	1,479,301	3,748,687
<u>1946</u>						
Quebec .....	11	Not	546	846,820	1,176,450	2,615,620
Ontario .....	7	collected	440	621,847	580,969	1,681,207
Canada .....	18	in 1946	986	1,468,667	1,757,419	4,296,827

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 Button, Buckle and Fasteners Industry in Canada Grouped according to the Size of Establishment, 1946

Establishments having a pro-duction of	Estab-lish-ments Report-ing	Capital Invested	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
Under \$5,000 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$5,000 to \$25,000 .....	4	( Not collected in 1946	35	46,188	50,621	113,812
\$25,000 to \$50,000 .....	1		100	129,436	134,736	361,826
\$50,000 to \$100,000 .....	4		388	526,821	516,658	1,308,534
\$100,000 to \$500,000 .....	6		463	768,222	1,055,404	2,512,655
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000 .....	2					
\$1,000,000 and over .....	1					
TOTAL .....	18		986	1,468,667	1,757,419	4,296,827



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Table 5. - Capital Invested, 1934 to 1943

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.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
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
1941 .....	1,077,038	742,480	492,999		2,312,517
1942 .....	1,123,114	750,217	536,408		2,409,739
<u>1943</u>					
CANADA .....	1,059,391	748,929	545,322		2,353,642
Quebec .....	325,084	422,342	168,416		915,842
Ontario .....	734,307	326,587	376,906		1,437,800

Statistics on Capital not collected since 1943.

Employment

Table 6. - Employees, Salaries and Wages, 1945 and 1946.

	1945			1946		
	Male	Fe- male	Salaries & Wages	Male	Fe- male	Salaries & Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Employees on salaries .....	111	35	399,667	104	35	406,891
Employees on wages (average number) .	436	362	948,524	482	365	1,061,776
TOTAL .....	547	397	1,348,191	586	400	1,468,667



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Table 7. - Wage-earners by Months, 1945 and 1946

	1 9 4 5			1 9 4 6		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	421	355	776	474	351	825
February .....	429	355	784	473	343	816
March .....	438	347	785	489	361	850
April .....	414	337	751	479	361	840
May .....	419	345	764	478	358	836
June .....	420	361	781	473	384	857
July .....	438	364	802	492	367	859
August .....	444	369	813	479	383	862
September .....	433	369	802	493	373	866
October .....	448	371	819	476	385	861
November .....	467	381	848	485	364	849
December .....	467	369	836	492	346	838
Total .....	5,238	4,323	9,561	5,783	4,376	10,159
Average number employed during the year .....	436	362	798	482	365	847

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Table 8. - Fuel Consumption, 1945 and 1946

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	1945		1946	
		Quantity	Cost Value	Quantity	Cost Value
			\$		\$
Bituminous coal .....	Ton	2,258	22,706	2,477	25,181
Anthracite coal .....	"	42	423	35	322
Gasoline .....	Imp. Gal.	2,618	890	1,900	665
Fuel oil .....	" "	-	-	2,746	317
Kerosene or coal oil .....	" "	45	9	40	8
Gas .....	M cu. ft.	2,815	2,125	3,009	2,306
Wood .....	Cords	2	22	2	20
Electricity .....	-	1,581,989	28,941	1,939,363	30,490
<b>TOTAL COST OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,309</b>

Table 9. - Power Equipment, 1945 and 1946

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>1945</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	1	6	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power .....	380	1,380	19	79
<b>TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING .....</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79</b>
Boiler installation .....	4	360	2	110
<u>1946</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power .....	404	1,383	19	75
<b>TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING .....</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>75</b>
Boiler installation .....	3	260	2	110



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A P P E N D I X

Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada, 1946

QUEBEC

Canadian Buttons Limited	1850 St. Antoine Street, Montreal	B.
Corona Slide Fasteners Inc.,	7250 Clark St., Montreal	F.
Fashion Ladies Belts	2010 City Councillors, Montreal	B.&F.
Ginn Brothers, Reg'd.	686 Notre Dame Street, West, Montreal	B.&F. &O.P.
Jiffy Join Inc.	762 St. Paul St. West, Montreal	F.
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.	2025 St. Lawrence Blv'd., Montreal	B.&C.P.
Pearl Button Manufacturing Company of Canada Limited	Ste. Therese	B.
Premier Button & Buckle Co.	19 Notre Dame E., Montreal	B.&F.
Rapid Button Service Co.	1408 Bleury Street, Montreal	B.&F.
Stein Button Company	745 St. Maurice Street, Montreal	B.
Mack Molding, Limited	33 Taylor Street, Waterloo	B.&O.P.

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Allied Fasteners	160 Bathurst St., Toronto	F.
Button Sales Limited	125-33 Niagara Street, Toronto	B.
Capital Ornament Co.	104 Spadina Avenue, Toronto	B.&O.P.
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd.	57 Water St. North, Kitchener	B.
Kitchener Button Industries Ltd.	70 Victoria St., N., Kitchener	P
Mitchell Button Company Limited	97 Victoria Street, N., Kitchener	
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada Limited	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville	

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