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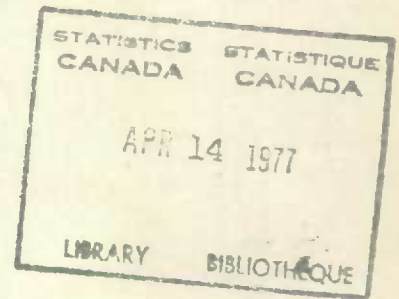
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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE, AND FASTENER INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1947.

There were twenty-nine establishments in Canada in 1947 engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, and fasteners, etc. Twenty of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec and nine in Ontario. The industry as a whole reported a gross value of production of \$9,239,459 and furnished employment to 1966 persons who received \$3,301,975 in salaries and wages.

The output of the industry was considerably higher in 1947, the gross value of production being \$9,289,459 or 116 per cent higher. The increased value of production was due to the tremendous expansion in the output of slide or zipper fasteners which increased from \$185,167 in 1946 to \$5,001,322 in 1947. The production of buttons of all kinds was, on the other hand, somewhat lower, having ~~the~~ declined from 6,982,896 dozen in 1946 to 6,793,513 dozen in 1947. Reflected in the increased output is the increase of 980 in the number of persons employed and an increase of \$1,833,308 in the salaries and wages paid.

Fasteners of all kinds to the value of \$5,001,322 was the most important single item of production. Moulded buttons valued at \$879,523, plastic buttons at \$633,231, pearl buttons at \$393,275 and celluloid buttons at \$296,426 were the other principal items of production. For details of products made, see table 3.

Referring to Table 2 it may be noted that the 5 largest establishments had an output valued at \$6,599,579 or 71 per cent of the total and employed 1344 or 68 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 1947, 774 or over 45 per cent were males, as compared with a male employment of 482 or over 57 per cent of the total wage-earners on 1946. The average salary in 1947 amounted to \$3,194 being \$267 more than in 1946 and the average wage paid in 1947 \$1,456 was \$203 more than the 1946 average.

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Table 1. - Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fasteners Industry, 1936 to 1947

Year and Province	Estab-lish-ments Report-ing	Capital	Em-	Salaries	Cost of	Gross
		Invested	ployees	and Wages	Materials	Value of
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
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	983	887,602	1,025,774	2,524,383
1941	25	2,312,517	1,144	1,064,805	1,274,223	3,193,915
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	(1)	896	1,259,446	1,230,740	3,437,883
1945	21	(1)	944	1,348,191	1,479,301	3,748,687
1946	18	(1)	986	1,468,667	1,757,419	4,296,827
<u>1947</u>						
Quebec	20	(1)	705	1,176,574	1,653,049	3,496,808
Ontario	9	(1)	1,261	2,125,401	1,793,964	5,792,651
Canada	29	(1)	1,966	3,301,975	3,447,013	9,289,459

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.

(1) Information not collected.

Table 2. - Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fasteners Industry in Canada Grouped according to the Size of Establishment, 1947 .

Establishments having a pro-duction of	Estab-lish-ments Report-ing	Capital	Em-	Salaries	Cost of	Gross
		Invested	ployees	and Wages	Materials	Value of
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
Under \$5,000	-		-	-	-	-
\$5,000 to \$25,000 ...	9	not	42	62,688	55,471	145,448
\$25,000 to \$50,000 ..	-	collected		-	-	-
\$50,000 to \$100,000 ..	7	in	112	172,246	307,713	604,846
\$100,000 to \$500,000 .	8	1947	468	743,943	791,119	1,939,586
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	3)		1,344	2,323,098	2,292,710	6,599,579
\$1,000,000 and over ..	2)					
TOTAL	29	-	1,966	3,301,975	3,447,013	9,289,459

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Table 3. - Production, 1946 and 1947.

Principal Products	Unit of Measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Selling Value	Quantity	Selling Value
Buttons, moulded	Gross	4,456,237	1,101,168	3,981,734	879,523
" pearl and Fresh)	"				
" water pearl)	"	344,867	246,044	471,893	393,275
" of plastic	"				
" materials	"	635,117	606,857	827,939	633,231
" metal	"	1,045,420	270,298	661,623	236,923
" covered	"	35,300	39,400	51,297	36,859
" Celluloid (1).	"	79,602	452,327	49,677	296,426
" all other (fibre, leather, vegetable ivory, etc). (1)	"	386,553	327,120	769,350	455,119
Buckles, fo all kinds (1)	-	-	32,319	-	64,821
Fasteners, zipper (1)...	-	-	185,167	-	5,001,322
Fasteners, all other ...	-	-	(2)	-	(2)
Clips and other ornaments	-	-	(2)	-	(2)
Pins	-	-	(2)	-	(2)
All other products	-	-	986,127	-	1,291,960
Amount received for custom work	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION	-	-	4,296,827	-	9,289,459

(1) The figures in the above table do not represent the total production in Canada, as this product is also manufactured in other industries. For total production figures, see "Alphabetical List of Products Manufactured in Canada" published annually by the Bureau.

(2) Less than 3 establishments reporting included in "All other products".

Table 4. - Materials Used, 1946 and 1947.

Principal Materials	Unit of Measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost Value	Quantity	Cost Value
Pearl, shell	lb.	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Vegetable ivory nuts	"	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Plastic materials (artificial horn, galalith, lactoid, moulding powder, casein, bakelite, catalin)	"	2,751,847	791,417	2,719,982	772,023
Celluloid	"	114,010	89,156	81,600	77,245
Iron and metal	-	-	56,940	-	625,909
Blanks	gross	403,009	139,623	561,325	304,068
All other materials	-	-	567,051	-	1,638,469
Containers and shipping materials	-	-	53,232	-	29,299
TOTAL COST OF MATERIALS USED	-	-	1,757,419	-	3,447,013

(x) Less than 3 establishments reporting - included under "All other Materials".

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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, 1946 and 1947.

	1946			1947		
	Male	Fe- male	Salaries & Wages	Male	Fe- male	Salaries & Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Employees on salaries	104	35	406,891	149	104	808,184
Employees on wages (average number).	482	365	1,061,776	774	939	2,493,791
TOTAL	586	400	1,468,667	923	1,043	3,301,975

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Table 7. - Wage-earners by Months, 1946 and 1947.

	1946			1947		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	474	351	825	822	952	1,774
February	473	343	816	812	962	1,774
March	489	361	850	811	968	1,779
April	479	361	840	794	978	1,772
May	478	358	836	766	954	1,720
June	473	384	857	772	932	1,704
July	492	367	859	744	904	1,648
August	479	383	862	755	910	1,665
September	493	373	866	755	883	1,638
October	476	385	861	751	896	1,647
November	485	364	849	747	1,001	1,748
December	492	346	838	767	938	1,705
Total	5,785	4,376	10,159	9,295	11,278	20,573
Average number employed during the year	482	365	847	774	939	1,713

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Table 8. - Fuel Consumption, 1946 and 1947.

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost Value	Quantity	Cost Value
Bituminous coal	Ton	2,477	25,181	2,409	24,641
Anthracite coal	"	35	322	514	5,335
Gasoline	Imp. Gal.	1,900	665	3,077	1,118
Fuel oil	" "	2,746	317	9,951	1,703
Kerosene or coal oil ..	" "	40	8	64	14
Gas	M cu. ft.	3,009	2,306	5,121	4,465
Wood	Cords	2	20	-	-
Electricity	K.W.H.	1,939,363	30,490	3,584,824	45,455
TOTAL COST FUEL AND ELECTRICITY	-	-	59,309	-	82,731

Table 9. - Power Equipment, 1946 and 1947.

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>1946</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power	404	1,383	19	75
TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING	404	1,383	19	75
Boiler installation	3	260	2	110
<u>1947</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power	1,214	2,145	126	248
TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING	1,214	2,145	126	248
Boiler installation ...	3	360	2	160
Motor generator sets	6	16	-	-

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A P P E N D I X

Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada.

QUEBEC

Acme Slide Fastener Co.	45 St. James St. W., Montreal	F.
Allied Industries Reg'd	1435 Bleury St., Mtl.	O.P.
Alpha Slide Fasteners Ltd.,	140 Jean Talon West, Mtl. 15	F.
Atlas Slide Fasteners Ltd.	3575 St. Lawrence Blvd, Mtl.	F.
Canadian Buttons Limited	1850 St. Antoine St., Mtl.	B.
Corona Slide Fasteners Inc.,	7250 Clark St., Montreal	F.
Clix Fastener Corporation	425 River St., Montreal	F.
Fashion Ladies Belts	2010 City Councillors, Mtl	B&F.
Fashler Fashions	1495 Bleury St., Montreal	F.
Fly Fast Ltd.	420 St. Peter St., Montreal	F.
Ginn Brothers, Reg'd	686 Notre Dame St., W., Mtl.	B&F. &O.P.
Jiffy Join Inc.	762 St. Paul St. West, Mtl	F.
Mack Molding Ltd.,	33 Taylor St., Waterloo	B&O.P.
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.	2025 St. Lawrence Bl'vd Mtl.	B&O.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 St., Montreal	B&F.
Stein Button Company	745 St. Maurice St., Mtl.	B.
Spitfire Fasteners Inc.,	1580 St. Lawrence Blvd, Mtl.	F.
Toyland Products Ltd.,	540 Beaudry St., Montreal	B&O.P.

ONTARIO

Allied Fasteners Ltd.	160 Bathurst St., Toronto	F.
Button Sales Limited	125-33 Niagara St., Toronto	B.
Capital Ornament Co.	104 Spadina Ave., Toronto	B&O.P.
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd.	57 Water St. North, Kitchener	B.
Flash Fasteners of Canada Ltd.,	300 Lake Shore Rd., Toronto	
Kitchener Button Industries Ltd.,	14,	F.
Lightning Fastener Co. Ltd.,	70 Victoria St, N. Kitchener	B&O.P.
Mitchell Button Co., Ltd.,	Niagara St., St. Catherines,	
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada Ltd.	Ont.	F.
	97 Victoria St, N, Kitchener	B.
	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville	B&F.

Code for Products Made

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O.P.- Other Products

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