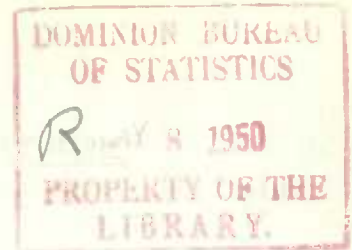


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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE, AND FASTENER INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1948

There were thirty-one establishments in Canada in 1948 engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, and fasteners, etc. Twenty-two 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 \$9,036,425 and furnished employment to 1,844 persons who received \$3,373,681 in salaries and wages.

The output of the industry was lower in 1948, the gross value of production dropping to \$9,036,425 or 0.3 per cent. The production of slide or zipper fasteners increased from \$5,001,322 in 1947 to \$5,225,196 in 1948, while the production of buttons of all kinds declined by 11 per cent, having dropped from 6,793,513 gross in 1947 to 6,058,372 gross in 1948. Although there was a decrease of 122 in the number of persons employed, the salaries and wages paid increased by \$71,706.

Fasteners of all kinds to the value of \$5,321,228 was the most important single item of production. Moulded buttons valued at \$743,084, plastic buttons at \$697,992, celluloid buttons at \$527,074 and pearl buttons at \$463,535 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 4 largest establishments had an output valued at \$5,666,474 or 63 per cent of the total and employed 1,147 or 62 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 1948, 684 or over 43 per cent were males, as compared with a male employment of 774 or over 45 per cent of the total wage-earners in 1947. The average salary in 1948 amounted to 3,237 being \$43 more than in 1947 and the average wage paid in 1948, \$1,603, was \$ 147 more than the 1947 average.

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Table 1. - Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fasteners Industry, 1937 to 1948

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.	\$	\$	\$
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
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	1,280,740	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
1947 .....	29	(1)	1,966	3,301,975	3,447,013	9,289,459
<u>1948</u>						
Quebec .....	22	(1)	607	990,920	1,424,434	3,119,167
Ontario .....	9	(1)	1,237	2,382,761	1,653,799	5,917,258
Canada .....	31	(1)	1,844	3,373,681	3,078,233	9,036,425

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, 1948.

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	14	27,277	12,869	56,894
\$25,000 to \$50,000 ...	3		23	34,008	54,067	97,630
\$50,000 to \$100,000 ..	6	in 1948	71	98,348	242,078	463,643
\$100,000 to \$500,000 ..	14		589	919,416	1,158,210	2,751,784
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	4)		1,147	2,294,632	1,611,009	5,666,474
\$1,000,000 and over ..	)					
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>1,844</b>	<b>3,373,681</b>	<b>3,078,233</b>	<b>9,036,425</b>



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Table 3. - Production, 1947 and 1948

Principal Products	Unit of Measure	1947		1948	
		Quantity	Selling Value	Quantity	Selling Value
Buttons .....			\$		\$
Moulded .....	Gross	3,981,734	879,523	3,026,712	743,084
Pearl and fresh water pearl .....	"	471,893	393,275	609,857	463,535
Plastic materials ...	"	827,939	633,231	688,023	697,992
Metal .....	"	661,623	236,923	798,000	246,750
Covered .....	"	31,297	36,859	63,705	106,836
Celluloid (1) .....	"	49,677	296,426	112,480	527,074
All other (fibre, leather, vegetable, ivory, etc. (1) .....	"	769,350	455,119	759,595	475,335
Buckles, all kinds (1) .	-	-	64,821	-	139,631
Fasteners, Zipper (1) ..	-	-	5,001,322	-	5,225,196
Fasteners, all other ...	-	-	(2)	(2)	-
Clips and other ornaments	-	-	(2)	(2)	-
Pine .....	-	-	(2)	(2)	-
All other products .....	-	-	1,291,960	-	410,992
Amount received for custom work .....	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION</b>	-	-	<b>9,289,459</b>	-	<b>9,036,425</b>

(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, 1947 and 1948.

Principal Materials	Unit of Measure	1947		1948	
		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) .....	"	2,719,982	772,023	1,290,374	428,731
Celluloid .....	"	81,600	77,245	119,497	114,271
Iron and metal .....	-	-	625,909	-	445,946
Blanks .....	gross	561,325	304,068	651,424	300,945
All other materials .....	-	-	1,638,469	-	1,738,284
Containers and shipping materials .....	-	-	29,299	-	50,056
<b>TOTAL COST OF MATERIALS USED</b>	-	-	<b>3,447,013</b>	-	<b>3,078,233</b>

(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, 1947 and 1948

	1947			1948		
	Male	Female	Salaries & Wages	Male	Female	Salaries & Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Employees on salaries .....	149	104	808,184	144	111	825,615
Employees on wages (average number).	774	939	2,493,791	684	905	2,548,066
TOTAL .....	923	1,043	3,301,975	828	1,016	3,373,681

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Table 7. - Wage-earners by Months, 1947 and 1948

	1 9 4 7			1 9 4 8		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	822	952	1,774	760	1,000	1,760
February .....	812	962	1,774	761	958	1,719
March .....	811	968	1,779	739	953	1,692
April .....	794	978	1,772	665	856	1,521
May .....	766	954	1,720	674	886	1,560
June .....	772	932	1,704	662	866	1,528
July .....	744	904	1,648	688	909	1,597
August .....	755	910	1,665	651	928	1,579
September .....	755	883	1,638	634	874	1,508
October .....	751	896	1,647	662	928	1,590
November .....	747	1,001	1,748	654	842	1,496
December .....	767	938	1,705	648	824	1,472
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>9,295</b>	<b>11,278</b>	<b>20,573</b>	<b>8,198</b>	<b>10,824</b>	<b>19,022</b>
Average number employed during the year .....	774	939	1,713	684	905	1,589



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Table 8. - Fuel Consumption, 1947 and 1948

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	1947		1948	
		Quantity	Cost Value	Quantity	Cost Value
Bituminous coal .....	Ton	2,409	24,641	1,430	18,346
Anthracite coal .....	"	514	5,335	459	5,988
Gasoline .....	Imp. Gal.	3,077	1,118	2,634	1,045
Fuel Oil .....	" "	9,951	1,703	34,459	5,290
Kerosene or coal oil ...	" "	64	14	-	-
Gas .....	M cu. ft.	5,121	4,465	4,271	3,815
Wood .....	Cords	-	-	2	20
Electricity .....	K.W.H.	3,584,824	45,455	2,751,343	34,797
TOTAL COST FUEL AND ELECTRICITY .....	-	-	82,731	-	69,301

Table 9. - Power Equipment, 1947 and 1948

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>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	-	-
<u>1948</u>				
Steam engines and steam turbines .....	-	-	-	-
Electric motors operated by purchased power ....	1,149	1,937	98	192
TOTAL POWER USED IN MANUFACTURING .....	1,149	1,937	98	192
Boiler installation ....	2	160	1	60
Motor generator sets ...	5	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.,	1740 St. Antoine St., Montreal.	F.
Allied Industries Reg'd.,	1435 Bleury St., Montreal.	BOP.
Alnor Button Co.,	407 Ontario W., Montreal.	B.
Alpha Slide Fasteners Ltd.,	140 Jean Talon W., Montreal 15.	F.
Atlas Slide Fasteners Ltd.,	3575 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal.	F.
Canadian Buttons Limited,	1850 St. Antoine St., Montreal.	B.
Corona Slide Fasteners Inc.,	7250 Clark St., Montreal.	F.
Clix Fastener Corporation,	425 River St., Montreal.	F.
Fashion Ladies Belts,	2010 City Councillors, Montreal.	B&F.
Fashler Fashions,	1495 Bleury St., Montreal.	F.
Fly Fast Steiner Ltd.,	420 St. Peter St., Montreal.	F.
Ginn Brothers, Ltd.,	280 Regina Ave., Verdun.	B&F & OP
Holtite Fastener Co.,	360 Recollet St., Montreal.	F.
Jiffy Join Inc.,	762 St. Paul St. West, Montreal.	F.
Mack Moulding Ltd.,	33 Taylor St., Waterloo, Que.	BOP.
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.,	2025 St. Lawrence Blv'd., Montreal.	F.
Pearl Button Manufacturing Company of Canada, Limited,	Ste. Therese	B.
Premier Button & Buckle Co.,	19 Notre Dame E., Montreal.	B&F.
Rapid Belt & Button Service Co.,	486 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal.	B&F & OP.
Stein Button Company,	745 St. Maurice St., Montreal.	B & OP.
Spitfire Fasteners Inc.,	1580 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal.	F.
Toyland Products Ltd.,	540 Beaudry St., Montreal.	B & OP.

ONTARIO

Button Sales Limited,	125-133 Niagara St., Toronto.	B.
Capital Ornament Co.,	104 Spadina Ave., Toronto.	B & OP.
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd.,	57 Water St. North, Kitchener.	B.
Excel Jewellery Ltd.	204 Spadina Ave., Toronto.	B.
Flash Fasteners of Canada, Ltd.,	300 Lake Shore Rd., Toronto 14.	F.
Kitchener Button Industries Ltd.,	70 Victoria St. N., Kitchener.	B & OP.
Lightning Fastener Co. Ltd.,	Niagara St., St. Catharines, Ont.	F.
Mitchell Button Co., Ltd.,	97 Victoria St. N., Kitchener.	B.
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada, Ltd.,	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville.	B&F.

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