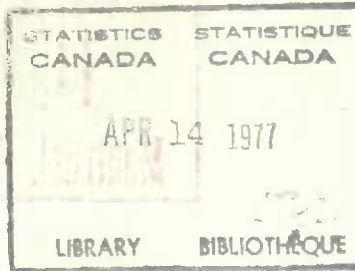


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The present report belongs in Group VII, Miscellaneous Manufactures. It is punched to permit of filing in a ring binder along with others of the group. The reports in this group are:

- A The Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, 25¢.
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- C The Musical Instrument Industry, 25¢.
- D The Sporting Goods Industry, 25¢.
- E The Miscellaneous Industries, 25¢.

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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE AND FASTENER INDUSTRY

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In 1950 reports were received from thirty-eight establishments engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, fasteners, etc. Twenty-five of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec, twelve in Ontario and one in Alberta. Ontario, however, occupied the leading position in the industry with 62 per cent of the gross value of production and 62 per cent of the number of persons given employment.

Products with a selling value at factory of \$9,776,532 were manufactured in 1950, this representing an increase of \$1,770,462 or approximately 22 per cent over the previous year. Employment was given to 1,698, 16 more than in 1949, while the payroll increased by \$155,249 or 4.6 per cent to \$3,529,893. Materials used cost \$3,455,976, an increase of \$340,532 or about 11 per cent.

Zipper fasteners which were manufactured to a value of \$5,969,918 continued to be the most important item of production. Other main products in order of importance were moulded buttons valued at \$970,903, plastic buttons at \$662,815, metal buttons at \$373,276 and celluloid buttons at \$327,476. For further details of products manufactured, see Table 3.

By referring to Table 9 it will be observed that in 1950 the four largest establishments reported a production of \$5,683,240 or 58.1 per cent of total output. They also reported 943 or 55.5 per cent of the persons employed by the industry.

Employment in this industry is fairly constant throughout the year. September, with 1,511 wage-earners, was the month of highest employment while May, with 1,375, was the lowest. Female wage-earners comprise approximately 58 per cent of the total number employed.

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Representative Years, 1922-1950

Year and Province	Estab- lishments Reporting	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1922	21	522	498,156	369,643	1,203,240
1924	13	501	474,914	312,620	958,363
1926	13	556	459,040	358,979	1,088,953
1930	12	397	339,591	199,766	702,470
1937	21	839	670,814	634,647	1,590,442
1938	21	736	572,858	498,674	1,338,583
1939	24	811	662,403	598,352	1,697,788
1940	22	988	887,602	1,025,774	2,524,388
1941	25	1,144	1,064,805	1,274,223	3,198,915
1942	27	1,133	1,197,572	1,364,632	3,665,111
1943	25	1,032	1,313,899	1,428,330	3,821,182
1944	20	896	1,259,446	1,280,740	3,437,883
1945	21	944	1,348,191	1,479,301	3,748,687
1946	18	986	1,468,667	1,757,419	4,296,827
1947	29	1,966	3,301,975	3,447,013	9,289,459
1948	31	1,844	3,373,681	3,078,233	9,036,425
1949	34	1,682	3,374,644	3,115,444	8,006,070
1950					
Quebec and Alberta	26	653	1,133,845	1,677,946	3,693,319
Ontario	12	1,045	2,396,048	1,778,030	6,083,213
Canada	38	1,698	3,529,893	3,455,976	9,776,532

TABLE 2. Comparison of Principal Statistics, 1949 and 1950

Item	1949	1950	+ Increase - Decrease
Establishments reporting	No. 34	38	+ 4
Employees on salaries:			
Total	No. 282	276	- 6
Male	No. 171	160	- 11
Female	No. 111	116	+ 5
Total Salaries	\$ 890,527	948,356	+ 57,829
Employees on wages:			
Monthly average	No. 1,400	1,422	+ 22
Male	No. 640	599	- 41
Female	No. 760	823	+ 63
Total Wages	\$ 2,484,117	2,581,537	+ 97,420
Cost of fuel and electricity	\$ 69,598	80,849	+ 11,251
Cost of materials used	\$ 3,115,444	3,455,976	+ 340,532
Gross value of production	\$ 8,006,070	9,776,532	+1,770,462
Value added by manufacture	\$ 4,821,028	6,239,707	+1,418,679

Note. 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 3. Production, 1949 and 1950

Principal products	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Selling value	Quantity	Selling value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Buttons:				
Moulded	3,566,759	995,627	3,328,625	970,903
Pearl and fresh water pearl	308,883	328,185	231,680	307,857
Plastic materials	529,718	685,779	782,007	662,815
Metal	172,683	388,094	1,262,884	373,276
Covered	57,115	91,959	80,939	157,145
Celluloid ¹	88,694	338,742	85,025	327,476
All other (fibre, leather, vegetable ivory, etc.) ¹	251,494	321,296	203,509	234,565
Buckles, all kinds ¹	—	286,817	—	318,660
Fasteners, zipper	—	4,331,479	—	5,969,918
Fasteners, other	—	2	—	158,795
All other products	—	238,092	—	295,122
Total Value of Production	—	8,006,070	—	9,776,532

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 reference should be made to the alphabetical list of products published annually in the report "The Manufacturing Industries of Canada".

2. Included with "All other products".

TABLE 4. Materials Used, 1949 and 1950

Principal materials	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Cost value	Quantity	Cost value
		\$		\$
Pearl, shell	lb. 1	1	1	1
Vegetable ivory nuts	" 1	1	1	1
Plastic materials (artificial horn, galalith, lactoid, moulding powder, casein, bakelite, catalin)	" 1,182,034	408,182	1,184,080	403,574
Celluloid	" 87,762	78,504	89,002	82,777
Metal	—	488,704	—	560,828
Button and buckle blanks	gross 398,976	206,926	406,184	170,711
Button backs and parts	—	155,114	—	124,584
All other materials	—	1,594,202	—	2,001,537
Containers and shipping materials	—	183,812	—	111,965
Total Cost of Materials Used	—	3,115,444	—	3,455,976

1. Less than 3 establishments reporting — included under "All other materials".

TABLE 5. Imports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1949 and 1950

Items	1949		1950	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Button blanks of animal shells, in the rough	—	96,496	—	52,746
Buttons and button blanks other than in the rough, of vegetable ivory	554	420	159	472
Buttons, collar and cuff	2,700	21,426	16,787	91,705
Buttons of all kinds, covered or not, n. o. p., including recognition buttons, and button blanks other than in the rough	357,340	327,445	713,584	581,129
Buckles, clasps, eyelets, hooks and eyes, dome, snap, or other fasteners, of iron, steel, brass or other metal, coated or not n. o. p. (not being jewellery)	—	1,000,608	—	1,192,083
Metal parts for the manufacture of covered buttons	—	291,976	—	275,349
Slide, hookless and zipper fasteners	—	28,702	—	28,581

TABLE 6. Exports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1949 and 1950

Items	1949	1950
	Value	Value
	\$	\$
Buckles and slide or hookless fasteners of all kinds	47,520	54,738
Buttons	67,807	41,134

TABLE 7. Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1949 and 1950

		1949	1950
Salaried Employees:			
Total	No.	282	276
Male	No.	171	160
Female	No.	111	116
Total Salaries	\$	890,527	948,356
Wage-earners:			
Monthly average	No.	1,400	1,422
Male	No.	640	599
Female	No.	760	823
Total Wages	\$	2,484,117	2,581,537
All Employees:			
Total	No.	1,682	1,698
Male	No.	811	759
Female	No.	871	939
Total Salaries and Wages	\$	3,374,644	3,529,893

TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1948-1950

Months	1948			1949			1950		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	760	1,000	1,760	675	793	1,468	618	766	1,384
February	761	958	1,719	683	782	1,465	622	782	1,404
March	739	953	1,692	655	758	1,413	614	785	1,399
April	665	856	1,521	634	705	1,339	603	792	1,395
May	674	886	1,560	624	709	1,333	590	785	1,375
June	662	866	1,528	634	715	1,349	592	821	1,413
July	688	909	1,597	637	723	1,360	603	808	1,411
August	651	928	1,579	638	779	1,417	603	891	1,494
September	634	874	1,508	638	820	1,458	587	924	1,511
October	662	928	1,590	627	849	1,476	579	884	1,463
November	654	842	1,496	617	779	1,396	579	834	1,413
December	648	824	1,472	609	684	1,293	579	801	1,380
Monthly average	684	905	1,589	640	760	1,400	599	823	1,422

TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1949 and 1950

Establishments having a production of	Estab- lish- ments	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
1949					
Under \$25,000	5	25	40,172	44,431	92,798
\$25,000 to \$50,000	3	35	44,928	45,519	108,713
\$50,000 to \$100,000	6	69	134,547	246,597	464,292
\$100,000 to \$500,000	16	598	998,395	1,242,913	3,043,541
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000					
\$1,000,000 and over	4	955	2,156,602	1,535,984	4,296,726
Total	34	1,682	3,374,644	3,115,444	8,006,070
1950					
Under \$25,000	4	11	22,000	11,869	37,407
\$25,000 to \$50,000	8	89	113,871	127,762	334,688
\$50,000 to \$100,000	7	108	169,482	219,965	492,852
\$100,000 to \$500,000	15	547	971,968	1,413,587	3,228,345
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000					
\$1,000,000 and over	4	943	2,252,572	1,682,793	5,683,240
Total	38	1,698	3,529,893	3,455,976	9,776,532

APPENDIX

List of Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada

Name	Address	Main Products
Quebec:		
Acme Slide Fasteners Co., Ltd.	1740 St. Antoine St., Montreal	F
Allied Industries Reg'd.	1410 Clarke St., Montreal	B, F
Alnor Button Co.	407 Ontario W., Montreal	B
Alpha Slide Fasteners Ltd.	140 Jean Talon W., Montreal 15	F
Canadian Buttons Limited	18 50 St. Antoine St., Montreal	B
Corona Slide Fastener Inc.	7250 Clark St., Montreal	F
Clix Fastener Corporation	425 River St., Montreal	F
Fashion Ladies Belts	2010 City Councillors, Montreal	F
Fashler Fashions, Reg'd.	1455 Bleury St., Montreal	F
Ginn Brothers, Ltd.	280 Regina Ave., Verdun	B, OP
Herman Button & Ornaments Inc.	266 Dorchester St. West, Montreal	B
Holtite Fastener Co.	360 Recollet St., Montreal	F
Jet Fastener, Corp.	420 St. Peter St., Montreal	F
Jiffy Join Inc.	762 St. Paul St. West, Montreal	F
Mack Moulding Ltd.	33 Taylor St., Waterloo, Que.	B
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.	2025 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	F
Pearl Button Manufacturing Company of Canada, Limited	Ste. Therese	B, OP
Premier Button & Silver Belt Inc.	19 Notre Dame E., Montreal	B, OP
Rapid Belt & Button Co.	486 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal	B, F
Rajac Novelty Products Inc.	442 St. Helen St., Montreal	B, F, OP
Shiller, H., Inc.	460 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal	B, F, OP
Stein Button Company	745 St. Maurice St., Montreal	B, OP
Spitfire Fasteners Inc.	1618 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	F
The Canadian Spool Cotton Co.	421 Pie IX Blvd., Montreal	F
Toyland Products Ltd.	540 Beaudry St., Montreal	B, OP
Ontario:		
American Trimming Co. Ltd.	141 Spadina Ave., Toronto	F
Button Sales Limited	133 Niagara St., Toronto	B, F
Capital Ornament Co., Ltd.	104 Spadina Ave., Toronto	B, F
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
Gassyt, M.	114 Blantyre Ave., Toronto	F
Kitchener Button Industries Ltd.	70 Victoria St. N., Kitchener	B
Lightning Fastener Co. Ltd.	Niagara St., St. Catharines, Ont.	F
Majestic Button & Ornament Co.	64 Spadina Ave., Toronto	B
Mitchell Button Co., Ltd.	97 Victoria St. N., Kitchener	B
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada, Ltd.	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville	B, F
Alberta:		
Alberta Glass Mfg.	Medicine Hat	B, OP

Note: Code for Products Made: B — Buttons; F — Fasteners and Buckles; OP — Other Products.

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