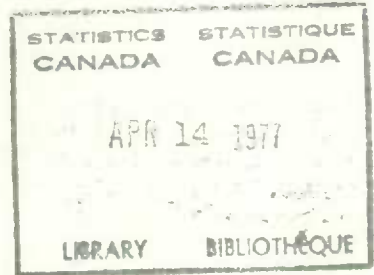


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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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TABLE 2. Comparison of Principal Statistics, 1950 and 1951

Item	1950	1951	+ Increase - Decrease
Establishments reporting No.	38	41	+ 3
Employees on salaries:			
Total No.	276	295	+ 19
Male "	160	178	+ 18
Female "	116	117	+ 1
Total salaries \$	948,356	1,068,076	+119,720
Employees on wages:			
Total (monthly average) No.	1,422	1,327	- 95
Male "	599	579	- 20
Female "	823	748	- 75
Total wages \$	2,581,537	2,638,359	+ 56,822
Cost of fuel and electricity \$	80,849	84,492	+ 3,643
Cost of materials used \$	3,455,976	3,882,116	+426,140
Gross value of production \$	9,776,532	10,087,698	+311,166
Value added by manufacture \$	6,239,707	6,121,090	- 118,617

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, 1950 and 1951

Principal products	1950		1951	
	Quantity	Selling value	Quantity	Selling value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Buttons:				
Moulded (including moulded plastic)	3,328,625	970,903	3,281,698	1,020,601
Pearl and fresh water pearl	231,680	307,857	277,237	297,668
Metal	1,262,884	373,276	1,475,946	369,276
Covered	80,939	157,145	117,010	235,315
Celluloid ¹	85,025	327,476	59,348	277,599
Plastic, other ¹	782,007	662,815	581,922	778,429
All other (vegetable ivory, etc.) ¹	203,509	234,565	221,035	244,477
Buckles, all kinds ¹	-	318,660	-	169,774
Fasteners, zipper	-	5,969,918	-	5,999,214
Fasteners, other	-	158,795	-	2
Clips and other ornaments ¹	-	2	-	113,331
All other products	-	295,122	-	586,814
Total value of production	-	9,776,532	-	10,087,698

1. The figures in the above table do not represent the total production in Canada as this products 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, 1950 and 1951

Principal materials	1950		1951	
	Quantity	Cost value	Quantity	Cost value
		\$		\$
Pearl, shell..... lb.	1	1	1	1
Vegetable ivory nuts..... "	1	1	1	1
Celluloid..... "	89,002	82,777	59,232	72,861
Plexiglas and lucite..... sq. ft.	4,400	8,770	6,440	10,777
Plastic materials, other (artificial horn, galalith, lactoid, moulding powder, casein, bakelite, catalin)..... lb.	1,184,080	403,574	1,187,840	425,398
Button and buckle blanks..... -	-	170,711	-	239,118
Button backs and parts..... -	-	124,584	-	272,247
All other materials..... -	-	2,553,595	-	2,738,589
Containers and shipping materials..... -	-	111,965	-	123,126
Total cost of materials used..... -	-	3,455,976	-	3,882,116

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

TABLE 5. Imports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1950 and 1951

Items	1950		1951	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Button blanks of animal shells, in the rough.....	-	52,746	-	80,400
Buttons and button blanks other than in the rough, of vegetable ivory.....	159	472	275	244
Buttons, collar and cuff.....	16,787	91,705	4,915	122,010
Buttons of all kinds, covered or not, n.o.p., including recognition buttons, and button blanks other than in the rough.....	713,584	581,129	1,195,718	860,225
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).....	-	1,192,083	-	1,394,291
Metal parts for the manufacture of covered buttons.....	-	275,349	-	208,051
Slide, hookless and zipper fasteners.....	-	28,581	-	19,269

TABLE 6. Exports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1950 and 1951

Items	1950	1951
	Value	Value
	\$	\$
Buckles and slide or hookless fasteners of all kinds.....	54,738	280,290
Buttons.....	41,134	66,606

TABLE 7. Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1950 and 1951

		1950	1951
Salaried employees:			
Total	No.	276	295
Male	"	160	178
Female	"	116	117
Total salaries	\$	948,356	1,068,076
Wage-earners:			
Total (monthly average).....	No.	1,422	1,327
Male	"	599	579
Female	"	823	748
Total wages	\$	2,581,537	2,638,359
All employees:			
Total	No.	1,698	1,622
Male	"	759	757
Female	"	939	865
Total salaries and wages	\$	3,529,893	3,706,435

TABLE 8. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1949-1951

Months	1949			1950			1951		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	675	793	1,468	618	766	1,384	572	806	1,378
February	683	782	1,465	622	782	1,404	595	825	1,420
March	655	758	1,413	614	785	1,399	616	826	1,442
April	634	705	1,339	603	792	1,395	617	839	1,456
May	624	709	1,333	590	785	1,375	619	809	1,428
June	634	715	1,349	592	821	1,413	574	740	1,314
July	637	723	1,360	603	808	1,411	561	703	1,264
August	638	779	1,417	603	891	1,494	556	701	1,257
September	638	820	1,458	587	924	1,511	574	711	1,285
October	627	849	1,476	579	884	1,463	576	695	1,271
November	617	779	1,396	579	834	1,413	552	682	1,234
December	609	684	1,293	579	801	1,380	537	643	1,180
Monthly average	640	760	1,400	599	823	1,422	579	748	1,327

TABLE 9. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1950 and 1951

Establishments having a production of	Estab-lish-ments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Gross value of production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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	3	943	2,252,572	1,682,793	5,683,240
\$1,000,000 and over	1				
Total	38	1,698	3,529,893	3,455,976	9,776,532
1951					
Under \$25,000	6	22	37,741	28,394	75,260
\$25,000 to \$50,000	6	48	78,603	104,522	240,290
\$50,000 to \$100,000	9	128	206,019	280,311	630,258
\$100,000 to \$500,000	16	567	1,056,205	1,838,600	3,584,672
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	3	857	2,327,867	1,630,289	5,557,218
\$1,000,000 and over	1				
Total	41	1,622	3,706,435	3,882,116	10,087,698

APPENDIX

List of Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada, 1951

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, G
Alnor Button Co.	1449 St. Alexander St., Montreal	B
B. and L. Brothers Co.	278 rue St. Jean, Longueuil	B
Berkley Button Co.	1435 St. Alexander St., Montreal	B
Canadian Buttons Limited	1850 St. Antoine St., Montreal	B
Canadian Spool Cotton Co.	421 Pie IX Blvd., Montreal	F
Corona Slide Fastener Inc.	9400 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	F
Clix Fastener Corporation	425 River St., Verdun	F
Dubarry Ornament Co.	407 Ontario St. W., Montreal	OP
Fashion Ladies Belts	2010 City Councillors, Montreal	G
Fashler Fashions, Reg'd.	1495 Bleury St., Montreal	F
Ginn Brothers, Ltd.	280 Regina Ave., Verdun	B, G, OP
Herman Button & Ornaments Inc.	266 Dorchester St. West, Montreal	B
Holtite Fastener Co.	360 Recollet St., Montreal	F
Ideal Button Co.	4600 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	B, OP
Jet Fastener Corp.	363 Lemoyne St., Montreal	F
Jiffy Join Inc.	762 St. Paul St. West, Montreal	OP
Mack Moulding Ltd.	33 Taylor St., Waterloo, Que.	B
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co.	2025 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	G
Pearl Button Manufacturing Company of Canada, Ltd.	Ste. Therese	B, OP
Premier Button & Silver Belt Inc.	19 Notre Dame E., Montreal	B, G
Rapid Belt & Button Co.	486 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal	B, G, OP
Rajac Novelty Products Inc.	371 Dowd St., Montreal	B, OP
Shiller, H., Inc.	460 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal	B, OP
Stein Button Company	745 St. Maurice St., Montreal	B
Tabb Button Co. Ltd.,	1440 Bleury St., Montreal	B
Toyland Products Ltd.	540 Beaudry St., Montreal	B, G, OP
Ontario:		
American Trimming Co. Ltd.	460 Richmond St. W., Toronto	F
Button Sales Limited	133 Niagara St., Toronto	B, G
Capital Ornament Co., Ltd.	104 Spadina Ave., Toronto	B, G
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd.	57 Water St. North, Kitchener	B, OP
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, G, OP
Royal Button Co.	108 King St. W., Kitchener	B, G
Universal Button Fastening & Button Company of Canada, Ltd.	1076 Walker Road, Walkerville	B, F, OP

Note. Code for products made: B - Buttons, F - Fasteners; G - Buckles; OP - Other products

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