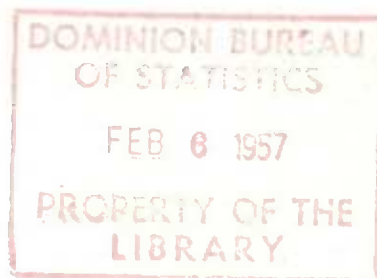


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# THE BUTTON, BUCKLE AND FASTENER INDUSTRY

1955

In 1955 reports were received from 45 establishments engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, fasteners, etc. Thirty-three of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec and twelve in Ontario. Although Quebec led in the number of establishments the level of operations for the two provinces was very little different. The value of factory shipments was \$6,199,804 in Ontario and \$5,896,816 in Quebec while employees numbered 786 and 783, respectively, in the two provinces.

The factory selling value of the goods shipped by the industry during the year amounted to \$12,096,620, the highest on record. This was \$1,336,761 or 12.4 per cent more than that of the previous year. Employment was given to 1,569 persons, which was 23 fewer than in 1954, while the payroll decreased by \$36,184 or .9 per cent to \$4,102,266. Materials used cost \$5,096,486, an increase of \$675,560 or 15.3 per cent over the earlier year.

Zipper fasteners continued to be the industry's most important commodity with shipments valued at \$7,547,631. Shipments of other main commodities in order of importance were moulded buttons valued at \$1,411,074, plastic buttons at \$929,732, metal buttons at \$253,901 and celluloid buttons at \$180,960. For further details of products shipped, see Table 4.

By referring to Table 10 it will be observed that in 1955 the 4 largest establishments reported shipments valued at \$6,457,176 or 53 per cent of the total. They also reported 789 or 50 per cent of all persons employed by the industry.

Beginning with 1954, information on the value of year-end inventory holdings at plant and plant warehouses has been collected as part of the Annual Census of Industry. This data was formerly collected by a separate survey. The summarized results for the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry for the year under review will be found in Table 3.

**TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Representative Years, 1926-1955**

Year and Province	Estab- lishments reporting	Em- ployees	Salaries and wages	Cost at plant of fuel and electricity	Cost at plant of materials used	Value added by manufacture	Gross value of production <sup>1</sup>
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1926 .....	13	556	459,040	19,107	358,979	710,867	1,088,953
1930 .....	12	397	339,591	15,727	199,766	486,977	702,470
1937 .....	21	839	670,814	30,064	634,647	925,731	1,590,442
1938 .....	21	736	572,858	27,843	498,674	862,066	1,388,583
1939 .....	24	811	662,403	31,387	598,352	1,068,049	1,697,788
1940 .....	22	988	887,602	41,477	1,025,774	1,457,137	2,524,388
1941 .....	25	1,144	1,064,805	46,881	1,274,223	1,877,811	3,198,915
1943 .....	25	1,032	1,313,899	55,163	1,428,330	2,337,689	3,821,182
1944 .....	20	896	1,259,446	60,398	1,280,740	2,096,745	3,437,883
1945 .....	21	944	1,348,191	55,116	1,479,301	2,214,270	3,748,687
1946 .....	18	986	1,468,667	59,309	1,757,419	2,480,099	4,296,827
1947 .....	29	1,966	3,301,975	82,731	3,447,013	5,759,715	9,289,459
1948 .....	31	1,844	3,373,681	69,301	3,078,233	5,888,891	9,036,425
1949 .....	34	1,682	3,374,644	69,598	3,115,444	4,821,028	8,006,070
1950 .....	38	1,698	3,529,893	80,849	3,455,976	6,239,707	9,776,532
1951 .....	41	1,622	3,706,435	84,492	3,882,116	6,121,090	10,087,698
1952 .....	45	1,679	3,969,929	94,487	4,436,224	6,486,117 <sup>2</sup>	11,016,828
1953 .....	45	1,741	4,460,154	104,386	4,598,548	6,751,442 <sup>2</sup>	11,454,376
<b>1954</b>							
Quebec .....	31	708	1,492,546	45,292	2,278,244	2,442,308	4,724,585
Ontario .....	13	884	2,645,904	70,506	2,142,682	3,807,030	6,035,274
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>4,138,450</b>	<b>115,798</b>	<b>4,420,926</b>	<b>6,249,338</b>	<b>10,759,859</b>
<b>1955</b>							
Quebec .....	33	783	1,685,665	50,116	3,024,887	2,903,151	5,896,816
Ontario .....	12	786	2,416,601	74,585	2,071,599	3,680,644	6,199,804
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>4,102,266</b>	<b>124,701</b>	<b>5,096,486</b>	<b>6,583,795</b>	<b>12,096,620</b>

1. Commencing with 1952 gross value of production has been replaced by value of factory shipments.

2. Because of insufficient inventory data in 1952 and 1953, these figures have been calculated from value of factory shipments and are, therefore, only approximations to true value added by manufacture.

TABLE 2. Comparison of Principal Statistics, 1954 and 1955

Item	1954	1955	+ Increase - Decrease
Establishments reporting .....	No. 44	45	+ 1
Employees on salaries:			
Total .....	No. 345	320	- 25
Male .....	208	195	- 13
Female .....	137	125	- 12
<b>Total salaries .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,395,629</b>	<b>1,361,270</b>	<b>- 34,359</b>
Employees on wages:			
Total (monthly average) .....	No. 1,247	1,249	+ 2
Male .....	576	547	- 29
Female .....	671	702	+ 31
<b>Total wages .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,742,821</b>	<b>2,740,996</b>	<b>- 1,825</b>
Cost of fuel and electricity .....	\$ 115,798	124,701	+ 8,903
Cost of materials used .....	\$ 4,420,926	5,096,486	+ 675,560
Value of factory shipments .....	\$ 10,759,859	12,096,620	+1,336,761

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. Inventories<sup>1</sup>, 1955

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening <sup>2</sup> :				
Quebec .....	432,803	157,768	283,985	874,556
Ontario .....	1,020,562	655,521	930,474	2,606,557
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>1,453,365</b>	<b>813,289</b>	<b>1,214,459</b>	<b>3,481,113</b>
Closing:				
Quebec .....	543,392	186,211	365,323	1,094,926
Ontario .....	927,760	662,157	557,498	2,147,415
<b>Canada .....</b>	<b>1,471,152</b>	<b>848,368</b>	<b>922,821</b>	<b>3,242,341</b>

1. Book value of all manufacturing inventories held at plant and plant warehouses.

2. When the opening inventory for 1955 differs from the closing inventory published for 1954, it is because of corrections, new firms and the removal of figures for firms which did not operate during 1955.

TABLE 4. Factory Shipments, 1954 and 1955

Products	1954		1955	
	Quantity	Selling value at factory	Quantity	Selling value at factory
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Buttons:				
Moulded (including moulded plastic) .....	3,770,946	1,329,427	3,730,705	1,411,074
Pearl and fresh water pearl .....	75,553	134,283	51,909	101,429
Metal .....	331,684	254,633	357,511	253,901
Covered .....	83,941	136,733	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
Celluloid .....	51,260	223,382	38,240	180,960
Plastic, other .....	942,990	928,333	680,707	929,732
All other (vegetable ivory, etc.) .....	—	297,431	—	516,939
Buckles, all kinds .....	—	171,625	—	176,150
Fasteners, zipper .....	—	6,390,352	—	7,547,631
Fasteners, other .....	—	<sup>1</sup>	—	<sup>1</sup>
Clips and other ornaments .....	—	160,055	—	154,450
All other products .....	—	733,605	—	824,354
<b>Total value of products .....</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,759,859</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12,096,620</b>

1. Included with "All other products".

2. Included with "All other (vegetable ivory, etc.)".

Note. The above table includes only the statistics of those manufacturing establishments whose principal products are buttons, buckles and fasteners. The figures do not necessarily represent Canadian totals as these commodities are also made as secondary products by firms in other industries. For total figures reference should be made to the alphabetical list of products published annually in the report "General Review of the Manufacturing Industries".



TABLE 5. Materials Used, 1954 and 1955

Materials	1954		1955		
	Quantity	Cost at factory	Quantity	Cost at factory	
		\$		\$	
Pearl, shell .....	lb. 18, 187	17, 716	30, 916	30, 953	
Vegetable ivory nuts .....	" 1	1	1	1	
Celluloid .....	" 56, 710	65, 073	49, 190	46, 711	
Plexiglas and lucite .....	sq. ft. 5, 099	8, 239	8, 601	11, 780	
Plastic materials, other (artificial horn, galalith, lactoid, moulding powder, casein, bakelite, catalin) .....	lb. 1, 314, 803	502, 407	1, 379, 032	611, 257	
Button and buckle blanks .....	-	235, 863	-	200, 957	
Button backs and parts .....	-	223, 233	-	188, 499	
Zipper chain .....	ft. -	3, 248, 011	23, 402, 900	718, 557	
Zipper tape .....	" -			127, 533, 348	1, 096, 220
Other zipper parts .....	-				493, 549
All other materials .....	-			1, 522, 367	
Containers and shipping materials.....	-	120, 384	-	175, 636	
<b>Total cost of materials used .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4, 420, 926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5, 096, 486</b>	

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

TABLE 6. Imports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1954 and 1955

Items	1954		1955	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Button blanks of animal shells, in the rough .....	-	3, 698	-	955
Buttons and button blanks other than in the rough, of vegetable ivory.....	-	506	-	-
Buttons, collar and cuff .....	9, 716	268, 026	16, 304	344, 164
Buttons of all kinds, covered or not, n.o.p., including recognition buttons, and button blanks other than in the rough .....	1, 612, 034	1, 095, 998	1, 587, 009	1, 062, 570
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, 141, 444	-	1, 387, 763
Metal parts for the manufacture of covered buttons .....	-	86, 704	-	81, 566
Slide, hookless and zipper fasteners.....	-	85, 116	-	46, 389

TABLE 7. Exports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1954 and 1955

Items	1954	1955
	Value	Value
	\$	\$
Buckles and slide or hookless fasteners of all kinds .....	53, 375	52, 983
Buttons .....	67, 688	35, 273

TABLE 8. Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1954 and 1955

		1954	1955
Salaried employees:			
Total.....	No.	345	320
Male.....	"	208	195
Female.....	"	137	125
<b>Total salaries.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,395,629</b>	<b>1,361,270</b>
Wage-earners:			
Total (monthly average).....	No.	1,247	1,249
Male.....	"	576	547
Female.....	"	671	702
<b>Total wages.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,742,821</b>	<b>2,740,996</b>
All employees:			
Total.....	No.	1,592	1,569
Male.....	"	784	742
Female.....	"	808	827
<b>Total salaries and wages.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,138,450</b>	<b>4,102,266</b>

TABLE 9. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1953-1955

Months	1953			1954			1955		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Number								
January.....	623	818	1,441	582	670	1,252	531	660	1,191
February.....	631	803	1,434	574	673	1,247	536	676	1,212
March.....	641	850	1,491	565	663	1,228	540	713	1,253
April.....	620	840	1,460	573	687	1,260	556	692	1,248
May.....	603	823	1,426	578	703	1,281	549	693	1,242
June.....	608	780	1,388	583	677	1,260	537	689	1,226
July.....	604	764	1,368	578	696	1,274	531	679	1,210
August.....	598	733	1,331	590	697	1,287	538	691	1,229
September.....	603	766	1,369	591	718	1,309	545	721	1,266
October.....	583	745	1,328	593	674	1,267	558	727	1,285
November.....	589	725	1,314	558	621	1,179	575	746	1,321
December.....	570	697	1,267	545	599	1,144	565	726	1,291
<b>Monthly average.....</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>1,249</b>

TABLE 10. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1954 and 1955

Establishments with factory shipments of	Estab- lish- ments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of factory shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1954					
Under \$25,000.....	7	20	33,895	36,327	85,423
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	6	62	94,360	83,806	218,596
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	8	96	187,645	275,020	557,674
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	11	206	388,701	797,421	1,479,405
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	8	366	836,521	1,028,622	2,464,232
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	3	842	2,597,328	2,199,730	5,954,529
\$1,000,000 and over.....	1				
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>4,138,450</b>	<b>4,420,926</b>	<b>10,759,859</b>
1955					
Under \$25,000.....	7	17	28,249	43,277	89,481
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	5	43	74,894	87,642	182,217
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	10	113	202,209	320,537	669,247
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	8	152	350,319	548,633	1,121,340
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	11	455	985,638	1,769,965	3,577,159
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	1	789	2,460,957	2,326,432	6,457,176
\$1,000,000 and over.....	3				
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>4,102,266</b>	<b>5,096,486</b>	<b>12,096,620</b>

## APPENDIX

## List of Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada, 1955

Name	Address	Main products
<b>Quebec:</b>		
Acme Slide Fastener Co. Ltd. ....	1740 St. Antoine St., Montreal .....	F
Alnor Button Co. ....	400 Ontario St. W., Montreal .....	B
American Button Co. Ltd. ....	4257 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal .....	B
B. and L. Brothers Co. ....	278 rue St. Jean, Longueuil .....	B
Berkeley Novelty Co. ....	1435 St. Alexander St., Montreal .....	B
Buttons and Ornaments Ltd. ....	151 Lagauchetière St. W., Montreal .....	B
Buttoncraft .....	1449 St. Alexander St., Montreal .....	B, OP
Canadian Buttons Limited .....	1850 St. Antoine St., Montreal .....	B
Canadian Spangle Mfg. Co. Inc. ....	1590 Sanguinet St., Montreal .....	OP
Clix Fastener Corporation .....	425 River St., Verdun .....	F, OP
Corona Slide Fastener Inc. ....	282 Ontario St. W., Montreal .....	OP
Dubarry Ornament Co. ....	1449 St. Alexander St., Montreal .....	OP
The Export Corporation (of Canada) Ltd. ....	282 Ontario St. W., Montreal .....	F
Fashler Fastener Co. ....	1485 Bleury St., Montreal .....	F
Gibson, Samuel, Inc. ....	420 Lagauchetière St. W., Montreal .....	B, G, OP
Ginn Brothers, Ltd. ....	280 Regina Ave., Verdun .....	B, OP
Herman Button & Ornaments Inc. ....	116 St. Paul St. West, Montreal .....	B
Holtite Fastener Co. ....	5530 Casgrain Ave., Montreal .....	F
Ideal Button Company .....	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
Komo Fasteners Ltd. ....	1 Christophe Colombe, Riviere DuLoup .....	OP
Lightening Fastener Co. Ltd. ....	Bedford .....	F
Lion Fastener Co. Ltd. ....	4530 Clark St., Montreal .....	F
Mack Molding Ltd. ....	33 Taylor St., Waterloo .....	B
Montreal Ornament & Button Mfg. Co. ....	2052 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal .....	G
Rapid Belt Co. Ltd. ....	307 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal .....	B, G, OP
Rojac Novelty Products Inc. ....	371 Dowd St., Montreal .....	B, G, OP
H. Shiller Inc. ....	460 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal .....	B, OP
Shur-Lok Zipper Co. of Canada .....	460 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal .....	F
Star Fasteners of Canada Ltd. ....	5530 Casgrain St., Montreal .....	F
Stein Button Company .....	745 St. Maurice St., Montreal .....	B
Trek Manufacturing Co. of Canada Ltd. ....	363 Lemoyne St., Montreal .....	F
<b>Ontario:</b>		
American Trimming Co. Ltd. ....	460 Richmond St. W., Toronto .....	F
Button Sales Limited .....	133 Niagara St., Toronto .....	B, G
Capitol Ornament Co. Ltd. ....	104 Spadina Ave., Toronto .....	B
Dominion Button Manufacturers Ltd. ....	57 Water St. North, Kitchener .....	B, F
Famous Button Company .....	18 Haymarket St., Hamilton .....	B, G
Flash Fasteners of Canada, Ltd. ....	300 Lake Shore Rd., Toronto .....	F
Kitchener Button Industries Ltd. ....	70 Victoria St. N., Kitchener .....	B
Lightning Fastener Co. Ltd. ....	50 Niagara St., St. Catharines .....	F, OP
Majestic Button & Ornament Co. ....	363 Adelaide St. W., Toronto .....	B
The Mitchell Button Co. Ltd. ....	97 Victoria St. N., Kitchener .....	B, 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, G

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

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