

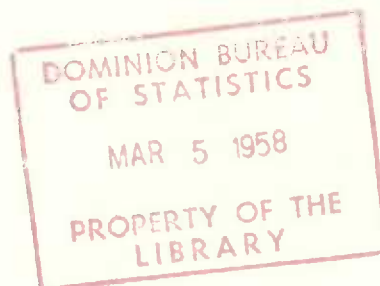
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THE BUTTON, BUCKLE AND FASTENER INDUSTRY 1956

In 1956 reports were received from 47 establishments engaged principally in the production of buttons, buckles, fasteners, etc. Thirty-four of these establishments were located in the province of Quebec and thirteen 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 \$6,360,870 in Ontario and \$6,768,760 in Quebec while employees numbered 728 and 827, respectively, in the two provinces.

The factory selling value of the goods shipped by the industry during the year amounted to \$13,129,630, the highest on record. This was \$1,033,010 or 8.5 per cent more than that of the previous year. Employment was given to 1,555 persons, which was 14 fewer than in 1955, while the payroll increased by \$318,669 or 7.8 per cent to \$4,420,935. Materials used cost \$6,005,793, an increase of \$909,307 or 17.8 per cent over the earlier year.

Zipper fasteners continued to be the industry's most important commodity with shipments valued at \$7,765,434. Shipments of other main commodities in order of importance were moulded buttons valued at \$1,584,324, plastic buttons at \$1,135,331, metal buttons at \$364,357 and celluloid buttons at \$207,760. For further details of products shipped, see Table 4.

By referring to Table 10 it will be observed that in 1956 the 5 largest establishments reported shipments valued at \$7,106,696 or 54 per cent of the total. They also reported 804 or 52 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, 1926-1956

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 ¹
	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	339	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	4,296,327
1947	29	1,966	3,301,975	82,731	3,447,013	5,759,715	9,289,459
1948	31	1,344	3,373,581	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 ²	11,016,828
1953	45	1,741	4,460,154	104,386	4,598,548	6,751,442 ²	11,454,376
1954	44	1,592	4,138,450	115,798	4,420,926	6,249,338	10,759,859
1955							
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
Canada	45	1,569	4,102,266	124,701	5,096,486	6,583,795	12,096,620
1956							
Quebec	34	827	1,939,187	63,753	3,457,092	3,376,857	6,768,760
Ontario	13	728	2,481,748	76,990	2,548,701	3,226,143	6,360,870
Canada	47	1,555	4,420,935	140,743	6,005,793	6,603,000	13,129,630

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, 1955 and 1956

Item		1955	1956	+ Increase - Decrease
Establishments reporting	No.	45	47	+ 2
Employees on salaries:				
Total	No.	320	333	+ 13
Male	"	195	208	+ 13
Female	"	125	125	-
Total salaries	\$	1,361,270	1,447,353	+ 86,083
Employees on wages:				
Total (monthly average)	No.	1,249	1,222	- 27
Male	"	547	543	+ 1
Female	"	702	674	- 28
Total wages	\$	2,740,996	2,973,582	+ 232,586
Cost of fuel and electricity	\$	124,701	140,743	+ 16,042
Cost of materials used	\$	5,096,486	6,005,793	+ 909,307
Value of factory shipments	\$	12,096,620	13,129,630	+ 1,033,010

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. Inventories¹, 1956

	Raw materials and supplies	Goods in process	Finished goods of own manufacture	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening ² :				
Quebec	546,857	286,279	361,717	1,194,853
Ontario	927,778	556,844	871,221	2,355,843
Canada	1,474,635	843,123	1,232,938	3,550,696
Closing:				
Quebec	671,633	361,869	415,069	1,448,571
Ontario	1,036,742	445,528	473,401	1,955,771
Canada	1,708,375	807,497	888,470	3,404,342

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

2. The opening inventory for 1956 differs from the closing inventory published for 1955 because of the receipt of revised data, the inclusion of new firms and the removal of figures for firms which did not operate during 1955.

TABLE 4. Factory Shipments, 1955 and 1956

Products	1955		1956	
	Quantity	Selling value at factory	Quantity	Selling value at factory
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Buttons:				
Moulded (including moulded plastic)	3,730,705	1,411,074	4,109,396	1,584,324
Pearl and fresh water pearl	51,909	101,429	47,950	90,480
Metal	357,511	253,901	385,111	364,357
Covered	2	2	30,350	143,470
Celluloid	38,240	180,960	48,225	207,760
Plastic, other	680,707	929,732	911,879	1,135,331
All other (vegetable ivory, etc.)	-	516,939	-	269,746
Buckles, all kinds	-	176,150	-	250,438
Fasteners, zipper	-	7,547,631	-	7,765,434
Fasteners, other	-	1	-	1
Clips and other ornaments	-	154,450	-	201,306
All other products	-	824,354	-	1,116,984
Total value of products	-	12,096,620	-	13,129,630

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, 1955 and 1956

Materials	1955		1956	
	Quantity	Cost at factory	Quantity	Cost at factory
		\$		\$
Pearl, shell	lb. 30,916	30,953	1	1
Vegetable ivory nuts	" 1	1	1	1
Celluloid	" 49,190	46,711	51,500	52,475
Plexiglas and lucite	sq. ft. 8,601	11,780	12,075	14,835
Plastic materials, other (artificial horn, galalith, lactoid, moulding powder, casein, bakelite, catalin)	lb. 1,379,032	611,257	1,502,702	652,779
Button and buckle blanks	-	200,957	-	345,393
Button backs and parts	-	188,499	-	150,071
Zipper chain	ft. 23,402,900	718,557	31,942,221	1,005,913
Zipper tape	" 127,533,348	1,096,220	148,194,039	959,579
Other zipper parts	-	493,549	-	269,632
All other materials	-	1,522,367	-	2,376,531
Containers and shipping materials	-	175,636	-	173,585
Total cost of materials used	-	5,096,486	-	6,005,793

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

TABLE 6. Imports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1955 and 1956

Items	1955		1956	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	\$	Gross	\$
Button blanks of animal shells, in the rough	-	955	-	308
Buttons and button blanks other than in the rough, of vegetable ivory	-	-	124	193
Buttons, collar and cuff	16,304	344,164	15,702	434,537
Buttons of all kinds, covered or not, n.o.p., including recognition buttons, and button blanks other than in the rough	1,587,009	1,062,570	1,559,333	1,169,635
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)	-	1,387,763	-	1,752,795
Metal parts for the manufacture of covered buttons	-	81,566	-	90,432
Slide, hookless and zipper fasteners	-	46,389	-	77,002

TABLE 7. Exports of Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners, 1955 and 1956

Items	1955	1956
	Value	Value
	\$	\$
Buckles and slide or hookless fasteners of all kinds	52,983	80,409
Buttons	35,273	43,919

TABLE 8. Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1955 and 1956

		1955	1956
Salaried employees:			
Total.....	No.	320	333
Male	"	195	208
Female	"	125	125
Total salaries	\$	1,361,270	1,447,353
Wage-earners:			
Total (monthly average).....	No.	1,249	1,222
Male	"	547	548
Female	"	702	674
Total wages	\$	2,740,996	2,973,582
All employees:			
Total	No.	1,569	1,555
Male	"	742	756
Female	"	827	799
Total salaries and wages	\$	4,102,266	4,420,935

TABLE 9. Monthly Employment of Wage-earners, 1954-1956

Months	1954			1955			1956		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Number								
January	582	670	1,252	531	660	1,191	547	685	1,232
February	574	673	1,247	536	676	1,212	543	692	1,235
March	565	663	1,228	540	713	1,253	540	703	1,243
April	573	687	1,260	556	692	1,248	563	676	1,239
May	578	703	1,281	549	693	1,242	555	657	1,212
June	583	677	1,260	537	689	1,226	532	660	1,192
July	578	696	1,274	531	679	1,210	558	681	1,239
August	590	697	1,287	538	691	1,229	554	695	1,249
September	591	718	1,309	545	721	1,266	565	696	1,261
October	593	674	1,267	558	727	1,285	563	701	1,264
November	558	621	1,179	575	746	1,321	574	669	1,243
December	545	599	1,144	565	726	1,291	543	609	1,152
Monthly average	576	671	1,247	547	702	1,249	548	674	1,222

TABLE 10. Principal Statistics of the Button, Buckle and Fastener Industry, Grouped According to the Size of Establishments, 1955 and 1956

Establishments with factory shipments of	Estab-lish-ments	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of factory shipments
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
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				
Total	45	1,569	4,102,266	5,096,486	12,096,620
1956					
Under \$25,000	8	18	37,921	41,931	98,869
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	50	91,697	107,157	249,770
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	85	189,163	192,043	472,864
\$100,000 to \$199,999	9	153	386,395	759,608	1,367,971
\$200,000 to \$499,999	11	445	988,207	1,944,217	3,833,460
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2	804	2,727,552	2,960,837	7,106,695
\$1,000,000 and over	3				
Total	47	1,555	4,420,935	6,005,793	13,129,630

APPENDIX

List of Firms Manufacturing Buttons, Buckles and Fasteners in Canada, 1956

Name	Address	Main products
Quebec:		
Acme Slide Fastener Co. Ltd.	1740 St. Antoine St., Montreal	F
Alnor Button Co.	400 Ontario St. W., Montreal	B, F, G
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, G, OP
Buttoncraft	1449 St. Alexander St., Montreal	B, OP
Canadian Buttons Limited	1850 St. Antoine St., Montreal	B
Canadian Spangle Mfg. Co. Inc.	2095 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	OP
Clix Fastener Corporation	425 River St., Verdun	F, G, OP
Corona Slide Fastener Inc.	282 Ontario St. W., Montreal	F, 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	G, 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
Karavas Mfg., Co.	2093 Bleury St., Montreal	G
Komo Fasteners Ltd.	1 Christophe Colombe, Rivière 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.	2025 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal	G, OP
William Prym Co. of Canada Ltd.	1255 Phillips Square, Montreal	B
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
Ontario:		
Albert Button Co.	460 Richmond St. W., Toronto	B, OP
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
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.	116 Spadina Ave., 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 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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