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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1926.

Ottawa, November 1927.- A report on the manufacture of excelsior and wood wool in Canada during the calendar year 1926 has been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This report shows the production of these commodities in ten establishments of which six were located in Ontario, two in Quebec and one each in Manitoba and Nova Scotia. These mills were engaged primarily in the manufacture of excelsior or wood wool and their production represents practically all of this material made in Canada. There are a few cases where saw-mills, planing mills and other wood-working factories manufacture excelsior as a side line or a by-product when market conditions are favorable, and this production is not always shown on their annual reports to the Census of Industry.

There was a total of \$265,600 invested in the industry in 1926. It gave employment to sixteen salaried employees and an average of seventy-eight men and thirteen women throughout the year, on wages. The total payroll in 1926 amounted to \$88,685.

Poplar and basswood in the form of logs or bolts form the chief raw material used in the industry being purchased by the cord or M. ft. B.M. Where quantities were reported in M. ft. they have been converted into cords by allowing 500 feet B.M. to the cord.

Excelsior is used in packing fragile commodities of all kinds and in upholstering. It is also used in the manufacture of cheap mattresses.

The use of poplar in this industry is important from a forestry standpoint as it provides a market for what is in many places in Canada, a tree weed. As the supply of poplar is more than sufficient to provide for its present uses the development of this industry depends entirely on market conditions.

The following tables give the statistics of the industry in detail.

EXCELSIOR MANUFACTURE, 1925 and 1926

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1925 - 1926.

| Items                 | Unit | 1925    | 1926    |
|-----------------------|------|---------|---------|
| Establishments        | No.  | 8       | 10      |
| Capital invested      | \$   | 174,066 | 265,600 |
| Employees on salaries | No.  | 8       | 16      |
| Salaries paid         | \$   | 7,198   | 29,258  |
| Employees on wages    | No.  | 49      | 91      |
| Wages paid            | \$   | 37,089  | 59,427  |
| Fuel Used             | \$   | 1,764   | 2,394   |
| Power employed        | H.P. | 415     | 611     |
| Cost of materials     | \$   | 37,630  | 78,337  |
| Value of products     | \$   | 114,621 | 228,750 |

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The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for the year ending December 31, 1935.

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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1925 and 1926.

Table 2.- Distribution of establishments, by provinces, 1925 and 1926.

| Provinces        | 1 9 2 5 | 1 9 2 6 |
|------------------|---------|---------|
|                  | No.     | No.     |
| CANADA           | 8       | 10      |
| Ontario          | 5       | 6       |
| British Columbia | -       | -       |
| Nova Scotia      | 1       | 1       |
| Quebec           | 1       | 2       |
| Alberta          | -       | -       |
| New Brunswick    | -       | -       |
| Manitoba         | 1       | 1       |

Table 3.- Capital Invested, 1925 and 1926.

| Items                                   | 1 9 2 5 | 1 9 2 6 |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | \$      | \$      |
| TOTAL                                   | 174,066 | 265,600 |
| Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery | 143,004 | 199,115 |
| Materials, stocks in process, etc.      | 21,141  | 45,984  |
| Cash, trading and operating accts.etc.  | 9,921   | 20,501  |

Table 4.- Materials Used, 1925 and 1926.

| Materials       | Quantity |       | Value  |        |
|-----------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
|                 | 1925     | 1926  | 1925   | 1926   |
|                 | cords    | cords | \$     | \$     |
| Logs and bolts  | 2,702    | 5,914 | 27,187 | 58,513 |
| Other materials | -        | -     | 10,443 | 19,824 |
| TOTAL           | -        | -     | 37,630 | 78,337 |

Table 5.- Products Manufactured, 1925 and 1926.

| Products                       | Quantity |       | Value   |         |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|
|                                | 1925     | 1926  | 1925    | 1926    |
|                                | No.      | No.   | \$      | \$      |
| TOTAL                          | 2,411    | 4,609 | 114,621 | 228,750 |
| Excelsior and wood wool        | 2,411    | 4,609 | 57,743  | 141,207 |
| Mats, pads and bottle wrappers | -        | -     | 56,878  | 87,543  |

The following firms report the manufacture of Excelsior and Excelsior products for 1926 -

J. R. Gilroy, Oxford, N.S.  
 La Cie Fibre de Bois, St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que.  
 Excelsior Products Ltd., 1554 St. Patrick St., Montreal, Que.  
 Arnold Mfg. Co., Guelph, Ont.  
 Atkins and Hardy, Owen Sound, Ont.  
 Delaney and Pettit, 133 Jefferson Ave., Toronto, Ont.  
 Excelsior and Wood Wool Co. Ltd., 832 Weston Rd., Toronto, Ont.  
 Jas. Rose, Pickering, Ont.  
 Roswell Warner, Inwood, Ont.  
 F. J. Welwood & Co., Poplar Ave., Elmwood, Man.

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