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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1927.

Ottawa, November, 1928.- A report on the manufacture of excelsior and wood wool in Canada during the calendar year 1927 has been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This report shows the production of these commodities in nine establishments of which five 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 \$272,911 invested in the industry in 1927. It gave employment to fourteen salaried employees and an average of eighty-two men and twenty-three women throughout the year, on wages. The total payroll in 1927 amounted to \$85,415.

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, 1926 and 1927

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1926 - 1927

Items	Unit	1926	1927
Establishments	No.	10	9
Capital invested	\$	265,600	272,911
Employees on salaries	No.	16	14
Salaries paid	\$	29,258	22,022
Employees on wages	No.	91	105
Wages paid	\$	59,427	63,393
Fuel used	\$	2,394	8,423
Power employed	H.P.	611	585
Cost of materials	\$	78,337	104,625
Value of Products	\$	228,750	245,784

Note.- Production figures as given in this bulletin do not necessarily represent the total output in Canada of the commodities listed as there may be also a considerable production in other industrial groups. For complete information this bulletin must be read with the rest of the series on wood-using industries and other publications of the Census of Industry.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

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Industry	Male	Female	Total
Food and kindred products	15,000	10,000	25,000
Textile mill and apparel	12,000	8,000	20,000
Chemical and allied products	10,000	5,000	15,000
Metals and metal products	8,000	3,000	11,000
Stone, clay and glass products	6,000	2,000	8,000
Transportation equipment	4,000	1,000	5,000
Electrical, electronic and other instruments	3,000	1,000	4,000
Other manufacturing industries	2,000	1,000	3,000
Total	50,000	31,000	81,000

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Table 2. - Distribution of establishments, by provinces, 1926 and 1927.

Provinces	1926	1927
	No.	No.
CANADA	10	9
Ontario	6	5
British Columbia	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	1
Quebec	2	2
Alberta	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-
Manitoba	1	1

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1926 and 1927

Items	1926	1927
	\$	\$
TOTAL	265,600	272,911
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	199,115	203,906
Materials, stocks in process, etc.	45,984	48,166
Cash, trading and operating accts. etc.	20,501	20,839

Table 4. - Materials Used, 1926 and 1927

Materials	Quantity		Value	
	1926	1927	1926	1927
	cords	cords	\$	\$
Logs and bolts	5,914	7,024	58,513	71,281
Other materials	-	-	19,824	33,344
TOTAL	-	-	78,337	104,625

Table 5. - Products Manufactured, 1926 and 1927

Products	Quantity		Value	
	1926	1927	1926	1927
	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL	4,609	5,677	228,750	245,784
Excelsior and wood wool	4,609	5,677	141,207	139,532
Mats, pads and bottle wrappers	-	-	87,543	106,252

Excelsior and wood-wool were the principal products of the following firms in 1927.

- 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.
 Atkins and Hardy, Owen Sound, Ont.
 x Delaney and Pettit, 133 Jefferson Ave., Toronto, Ont.
 Excelsior and Wood Wool Co. Ltd., 832 Weston Rd., Toronto, Ont.
 Rose Excelsior Products, Ltd., Pickering, Ont.
 Roswell Warner, Inwood, Ont.
 F.J. Welwood & Co., Poplar Ave., Elmwood, Man.

x The principal product of this firm is curled hair.

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