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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1928

Ottawa, December 1929.- A report on the manufacture of excelsior and wood wool in Canada during the calendar year 1928 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 sawmills, 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 \$283,365 invested in the industry in 1928. It gave employment to eleven salaried employees and an average of fifty-three men and twenty-two women throughout the year, on wages. The total payroll in 1928 amounted to \$68,149.

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 upholstery. 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, 1927 and 1928

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1927 - 1928.

Items	Unit	1 9 2 7	1 9 2 8
Establishments	No.	9	9
Capital invested	\$	272,911	283,365
Employees on salaries	No.	14	11
Salaries paid	\$	22,022	14,999
Employees on wages	No.	108	75
Wages paid	\$	63,393	53,150
Fuel used	\$	2,338	379
Power employed	H.P.	585	558
Cost of materials	\$	104,625	87,158
Value of Products	\$	245,784	226,800

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

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Table 2. - Distribution of establishments, by provinces, 1927 and 1928.

Provinces	1 9 2 7	1 9 2 8
	No.	No.
CANADA	9	9
Ontario	5	5
Nova Scotia	1	1
Quebec	2	2
Manitoba	1	1

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1927 and 1928.

Items	1 9 2 7	1 9 2 8
	\$	\$
TOTAL	272,911	283,365
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	203,906	188,581
Materials, stocks in process, etc.	48,166	64,819
Cash, trading and operating accts. etc.	20,839	29,965

Table 4. - Materials. Used, 1927 and 1928.

Materials	Quantity		Value	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
	cords	cords	\$	\$
Logs and bolts	7,024	4,649	71,281	63,060
Other materials	-	-	33,344	24,098
TOTAL	-	-	104,625	87,158

Table 5. - Products Manufactured, 1927 and 1928.

Products	Quantity		Value	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL	5,677	4,925	245,784	226,800
Excelsior and wood wool	5,677	4,649	139,532	128,686
Mats, pads and bottle wrappers	-	-	106,252	98,114

Note.- Data given here do not necessarily represent the total Canadian production under each heading since these products are also listed under other industries.

Excelsior and wood-wool were the principal products of the following firms in 1928.

Gilroy, J. R., Oxford, N. S.
 Excelsior Products Ltd., 1554 St. Patrick St., Montreal,
 Quebec.
 La Cie Fibre de Bois, St., Gabriel de Brandon, Que.
 Atkins and Hardy, Owen Sound, Ont.
 Browns Excelsior Mfg. Co., 41 Sultan St., Guelph, Ont.
 x Delaney and Pettit, 133 Jefferson Ave., Toronto, Ont.
 Excelsior and Wood Wool Co. Ltd., 832 Weston Rd., Toronto,
 Ontario.
 Roswell Warner, Inwood, Ontario.
 Welwood & Co., F. J., Poplar Ave., Elmwood, Winnipeg, Man.

x The principal product of this firm is curled hair.

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