

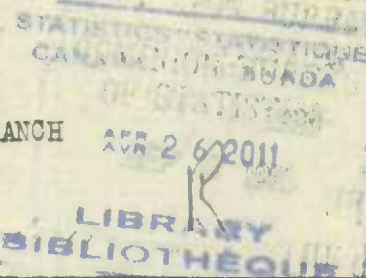
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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1929

Ottawa, August 1930.- A report on the manufacture of excelsior and wood wool in Canada during the calendar year 1929 has been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This report shows the production of these commodities in eight establishments of which four 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 \$269,866 invested in the industry in 1929. It gave employment to eight salaried employees and an average of eighty-one men and twenty-four women throughout the year, on wages. The total payroll in 1929 amounted to \$73,730.

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, 1928 and 1929

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1928 - 1929.

Items	Unit	1928	1929
Establishments	No.	9	8
Capital invested	\$	283,365	269,866
Employees on salaries	No.	11	8
Salaries paid	\$	14,999	5,678
Employees on wages	No.	87	105
Wages paid	\$	53,150	68,052
Fuel used	\$	379	458
Power employed	H.P.	558	545
Cost of materials	\$	87,158	98,224
Value of Products	\$	226,800	245,018

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, 1928 and 1929.

Provinces	1 9 2 8	1 9 2 9
	No.	No.
CANADA	9	8
Ontario	5	4
Nova Scotia	1	1
Quebec	2	2
Manitoba	1	1

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1928 and 1929.

Items	1 9 2 8	1 9 2 9
	\$	\$
TOTAL	283,365	269,866
Land, building, fixtures and machinery	188,581	195,855
Materials, stocks in process, etc.	64,819	47,287
Cash, trading and operating accts. etc.	29,965	26,724

Table 4. - Materials. Used, 1928 and 1929.

Materials	Quantity		Value	
	1928	1929	1928	1929
	cords	cords	\$	
Logs and bolts	4,649	6,303	63,060	77,436
Other materials	-	-	24,098	20,783
TOTAL	-	-	87,158	98,224

Table 5. - Products Manufactured, 1928 and 1929.

Products	Quantity		Value	
	1928	1929	1928	1929
	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL	4,925	5,400	226,800	245,018
Excelsior and wood wool	4,925	5,400	128,686	159,290
Mats, pads, bottle wrappers, etc.	-	-	98,114	85,728

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 1929.

Gilroy, J. R., Oxford, N.S.

Excelsior Products Ltd., 155¹/₂ 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, 153 Jefferson Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Excelsior and Wood Wool Co. Ltd., 832 Weston Rd., Toronto, Ontario.

Welwood & Co., F. J., Poplar Ave., Elmwood, Winnipeg, Man.

x The principal product of this firm is curled hair.

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