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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1930.

Ottawa, August 1931.- A report on the manufacture of excelsior and wood wool in Canada during the calendar year 1930 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 four were located in Ontario, two in Quebec and one each in Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia 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 \$274,992 invested in the industry in 1930. It gave employment to ten salaried employees and an average of seventy-five men and twenty women throughout the year, on wages. The total payroll in 1930 amounted to \$66,652.

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, 1929 and 1930

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1929 - 1930.

| Items | Unit | 1929 | 1930 |
|-----------------------|------|---------|---------|
| Establishments | No. | 8 | 10 |
| Capital invested | \$ | 269,866 | 274,992 |
| Employees on salaries | No. | 8 | 10 |
| Salaries paid | \$ | 5,678 | 6,918 |
| Employees on wages | No. | 105 | 95 |
| Wages paid | \$ | 68,052 | 59,734 |
| Fuel used | \$ | 458 | 613 |
| Power employed | H.P. | 545 | 1,080 |
| Cost of materials | \$ | 98,224 | 78,617 |
| Value of Products | \$ | 245,018 | 218,209 |

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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THE EXCELSIOR INDUSTRY, 1929 and 1930.

Table 2. - Distribution of establishments, by provinces, 1929 and 1930.

| Provinces | 1929 | 1930 |
|------------------|------|------|
| | No. | No. |
| CANADA | 8 | 10 |
| Nova Scotia | 1 | 1 |
| Quebec | 2 | 2 |
| Ontario | 4 | 4 |
| Manitoba | 1 | 1 |
| Alberta | - | 1 |
| British Columbia | - | 1 |

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1929 and 1930.

| Items | 1929 | 1930 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| TOTAL | 269,866 | 274,992 |
| Land, building, fixtures and machinery | 195,855 | 206,298 |
| Materials, stocks in process, etc. | 47,287 | 44,048 |
| Cash, trading and operating accts. etc. | 26,724 | 24,646 |

Table 4. - Materials Used, 1929 and 1930.

| Materials | Quantity | | Value | |
|-----------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 1929 | 1930 | 1929 | 1930 |
| | cords | cords | \$ | \$ |
| Logs and bolts | 6,303 | 5,283 | 77,436 | 59,756 |
| Other materials | - | - | 20,788 | 18,861 |
| TOTAL | - | - | 98,224 | 78,617 |

Table 5. - Products Manufactured, 1929 and 1930.

| Products | Quantity | | Value | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| | 1929 | 1930 | 1929 | 1930 |
| | No. | No. | \$ | \$ |
| TOTAL | 5,400 | 4,883 | 245,018 | 218,209 |
| Excelsior and wood wool | 5,400 | 4,883 | 159,990 | 142,210 |
| Mats, pads, bottle wrappers, etc. | - | - | 85,028 | 69,426 |
| All other wooden products | - | - | - | 6,573 |

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 1930.

Gilroy, J. R., Oxford, N.S.
 Excelsior Products Ltd., 5134 St. Patrick St., Montreal, Quebec.
 Robert Bedding Co., 129 rue Montcalm, Hull, Quebec.
 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.
 Welwood & Co., F. J., Poplar Ave., & Levis St., Winnipeg, Man.
 O.K. Coal, Wood & Excelsior Co., 9521 - 111th Ave., Edmonton, Alta.
 Western Canada Pad & Drum Co. Ltd., 119 Pender St. W., Vancouver, B.C.

x The principal product of this firm is curled hair.



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