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**REPORT**  
**ON THE**  
**LASTS, TREES & SHOE FINDINGS**  
**IN**  
**CANADA**  
**1931**

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LASTS, TREES AND SHOE FINDINGS, 1931.

Ottawa, September, 1932. - A preliminary report has recently been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering the production of lasts, trees, pegs, shanks, heels and other wooden shoe findings for the years 1930 and 1931.

There were 11 firms specializing in the production of these commodities in 1931 of which 7 were located in Quebec where the industry is most highly developed, 2 in Nova Scotia and 2 in Ontario. There are also a number of wood-working establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of other products which make lasts and trees, etc., as side lines.

There was \$1,160,355 invested in the industry in 1931 as compared to \$1,255,156 in 1930. Of the 535 employees 466 were wage-earners and 69 were paid on a salary basis. The total distribution of wages and salaries in 1931 was \$460,432 as compared to \$453,033 in 1930. The fuel purchased was valued at \$6,244 and 667 H.P. was employed in the industry. The raw materials cost \$329,279, the gross value of production was \$1,211,563 and the net value of production, or value added by manufacture, was \$882,284.

Hardwood was the principal raw material used. Of this 1,798 M ft. board measure at \$126,417 was purchased in the form of sawn lumber and 2,797 cords at \$31,001 was purchased in the form of bolts. All other materials made the total of \$329,279.

The products of the industry were lasts, trees, shanks, heels and pegs valued at \$1,190,403. The industry also reported the production of certain side lines including alley bowls, ten pins, five pins and duck pins, golf stick heads, shafts, tongue depressors, wooden candy spoons, candy sticks, etc. \$21,160. Most of these side lines were also produced in greater quantities in other industrial groups. The total value of the products in 1931 was \$1,211,563.

The following tables include, first, a comparative summary of the principal statistics of the industry for 1930 and 1931; followed by detailed tables covering the distribution of establishments, materials used, products manufactured, employment, fuel used and power employed. A list of the firms reporting in 1931 is appended.



LASTS, TREES AND SHOE FINDINGS, 1930 - 1931.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1930 - 1931.

Items		1 9 3 0	1 9 3 1
Establishments .....	No.	12	11
Capital invested .....	\$	1,255,156	1,160,355
Employees on salaries .....	No.	55	69
Salaries paid .....	\$	113,044	104,234
Employees on wages .....	No.	517	466
Wages paid .....	\$	339,989	356,198
Fuel used .....	\$	8,755	6,244
Power employed .....	H.P.	872	667
Cost of materials .....	\$	239,894	329,279
Value of products .....	\$	1,132,037	1,211,563

Table 2. - Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1930-1931.

Provinces	1 9 3 0	1 9 3 1
	No.	No.
CANADA .....	12	11
Nova Scotia .....	2	2
Quebec .....	8	7
Ontario .....	2	2

Table 3. - Materials Used, 1930-1931.

	Quantity		Value	
	1930	1931	1 9 3 0	1 9 3 1
			\$	\$
TOTAL .....	-	-	239,894	329,279
Lumber or logs, softwood ... M ft.b.m.	-	-	-	-
Lumber or logs, hardwood ... " " "	2,716	1,798	158,435	126,417
Bolts, etc., hardwood ..... Cords	541	2,797	6,496	31,001
Veneer and plywood ..... M surf. ft.	-	-	-	-
All other materials ..... Value	-	-	74,963	171,861

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Table 4. - Products Manufactured, 1930-1931.

Products	Value of Products and work done during the year	
	1930	1931
	\$	\$
TOTAL .....	1,132,037	1,211,563
Lasts, trees and shoe findings .....	1,099,055	1,190,403
Secondary Products: - .....	32,982	21,160
Ten pins, five pins, duck pins, alley bowls, golf stick heads and shafts, wooden spoons, wood candy sticks, tongue depressors, paddles, etc.		

Table 5a. - Employment, 1930.

Classes of Employees	Total No. of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and Wages
				\$
TOTAL .....	517	340	177	453,033
Salaried employees .....	55	40	15	113,044
Employees on wages .....	462	300	162	339,989

Table 5b. - Employment, 1931.

Classes of Employees	Total No. of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and Wages
				\$
TOTAL .....	535	347	188	460,432
Salaried employees .....	69	45	24	104,234
Employees on wages .....	466	302	164	356,198

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Table 6. - Capital Invested, 1930-1931.

	1930	1931
	\$	\$
TOTAL .....	1,255,156	1,160,355
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery .....	730,747	666,441
Materials, stocks, etc., on hand .....	282,354	243,648
Inventory value of finished products on hand .....	-	18,366
Cash, trading and operating accounts .....	242,055	231,900

Table 7. - Fuel Used, 1930-1931.

Kinds of Fuel	Quantity		Value		
	1930	1931	1930	1931	
			\$	\$	
TOTAL .....	-	-	8,755	6,244	
Bituminous coal .....	Tons	1,305	953	8,755	6,157
Anthracite coal .....	"	-	-	-	-
Gasoline .....	Gals.	-	-	-	-
Wood (mill waste) .....	Cords	-	-	-	87

Table 8. - Power Employed, 1930-1931.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total H. P.	
	1930	1931	1930	1931
TOTAL POWER USED .....	102	138	872	667
Stationary Engines				
Steam .....	5	3	290	205
Electric Motors				
Purchased power .....	97	135	582	462
Generated power .....	6	6	110	120
Boilers installed .....	6	7	565	565



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Lasts, trees and shoe findings were the principal products of the following firms in 1931: -

NOVA SCOTIA

Lewis, John	Ship Harbor.
Lewis, J. & Sons Limited	Stewiacke.

QUEBEC

Dominion Rubber Co. Ltd.,	H. O. - 420 Lagauchetiere St. West, Montreal. Works at Cowie Street, Granby.
Dominion Wood Heel Corp. Limited	4520 De La Roche Street, Montreal.
Maple Wood Heel Co. Limited	751 Chatham Street, Montreal.
National Wood Heel of Canada, Limited	2100 Moreau Street, Montreal.
Robin Frères, Limitée	715 rue Gilford, Montreal.
St. Lawrence Last Works,	231 Ste. Helene Street, Quebec.
United Last Co. Limited,	4500 Hochelaga Street, Montreal.

ONTARIO

Canada Last Co., Limited,	343 Montrose Street, Preston.
Ontario Wood Heel Co. Limited	426 Queen Street East, Toronto 2.



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