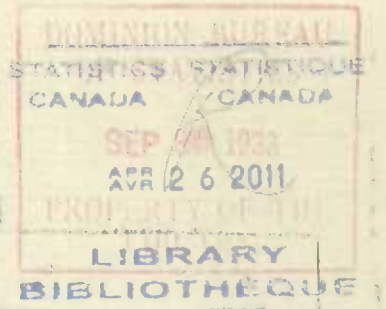


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LASTS, TREES AND SHOEFINDINGS, 1932.

Ottawa, September, 1933.- A preliminary report has just been issued by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics covering the production of lasts, trees, pegs, shanks, heels and other wooden shoefindings for the years 1931 and 1932.

In both 1931 and 1932 there were 11 firms, specializing in the production of these commodities, 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, trees, etc. as side lines.

There was \$1,218,736 invested in the industry in 1932 as compared to \$1,160,355 in 1931. Of the 530 employees 472 were wage-earners and 58 were paid on a salary basis. The total distribution of wages and salaries in 1932 was \$440,518 as compared to \$460,432 in 1931. The fuel purchased was valued at \$7,197 and the power employed in the industry was rated at 806 H.P. The raw materials cost \$300,953, the gross value of production was \$1,198,424 and the net value of production or the value added by manufacture was \$897,471.

Hardwood was the principal raw material used. Of this 3,101 M ft. b.m. at \$175,358 was purchased in the form of sawn lumber and 3,119 cords at \$31,204 was purchased in the form of bolts. All other materials aggregated \$94,355.

The products of the industry were lasts, trees, shanks, heels and pegs valued at \$1,166,782, as against \$1,190,403 in 1931. The industry also reported the production of certain secondary products including ten pins, five pins and duck pins, golf stick heads and shafts, tongue depressors, wooden spoons, candy sticks, etc. valued at \$31,642. Most of these minor products were also produced in greater quantities in other industrial groups. The total value of the products in 1932 was \$1,198,424.

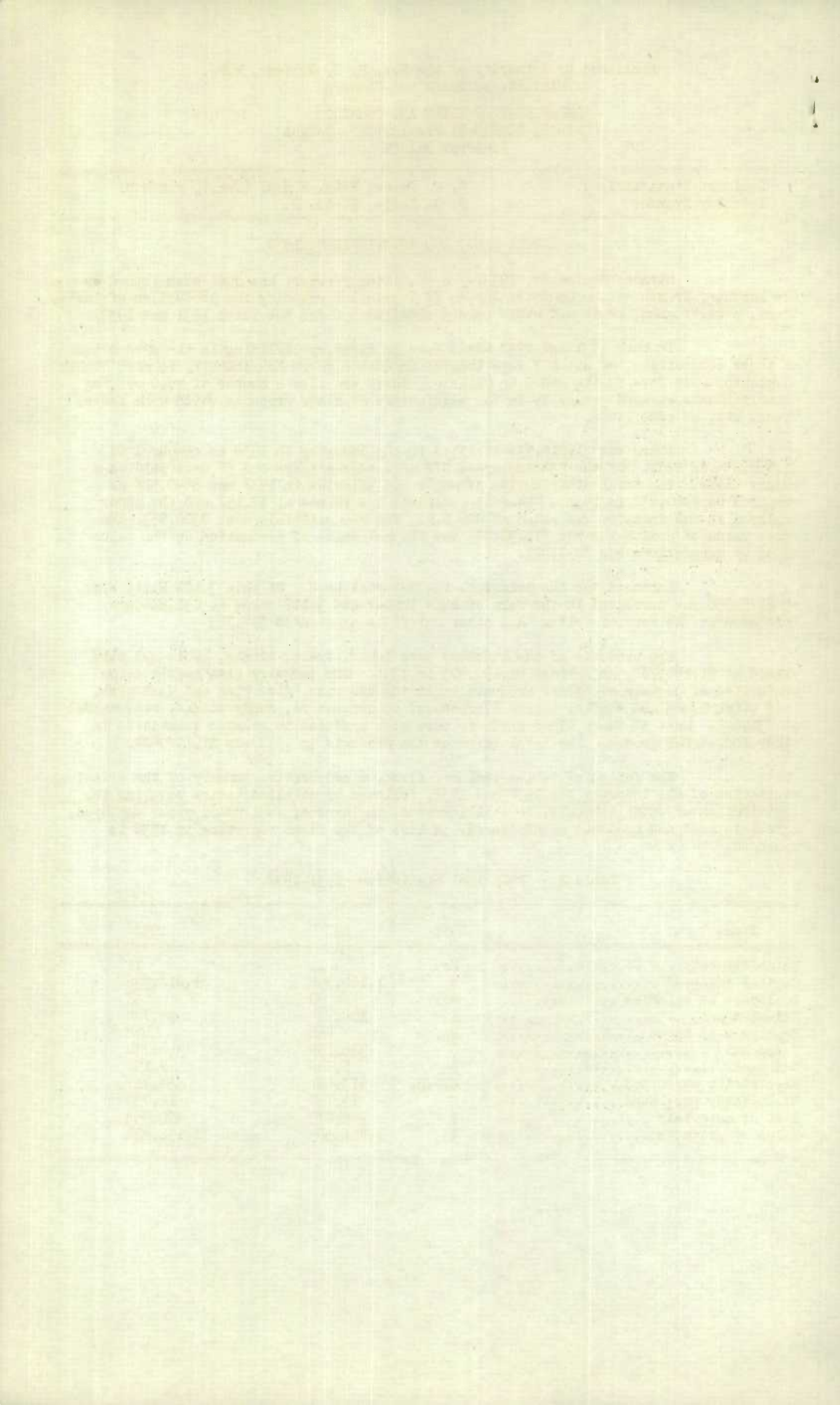
The following tables include, first, a comparative summary of the principal statistics of the industry for 1931 and 1932, followed by detailed tables covering the distribution of establishments, capital invested, employment, fuel used, power employed, materials used and products manufactured. A list of the firms reporting in 1932 is appended.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1931-1932.

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Items	Unit	1931	1932
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Establishments .....	No.	11	11
Capital invested .....	\$	1,160,355	1,218,736
Employees on salaries .....	No.	69	58
Salaries paid .....	\$	104,234	95,744
Employees on wages .....	No.	466	472
Wages paid .....	\$	356,198	344,774
Fuel used .....	\$	6,244	7,197
Electricity purchased .....	K.W.H.	613,621	558,717
Electricity purchased .....	\$	13,732	12,733
Cost of materials .....	\$	329,279	300,953
Value of products .....	\$	1,211,563	1,198,424

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LASTS, TREES AND SHOEFINDINGS, 1931-1932.

Table 2.- Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1931-1932.

Provinces	1931	1932
	No.	No.
CANADA .....	11	11
Nova Scotia .....	2	2
Quebec .....	7	7
Ontario .....	2	2

Table 3.- Capital Invested, 1931-1932.

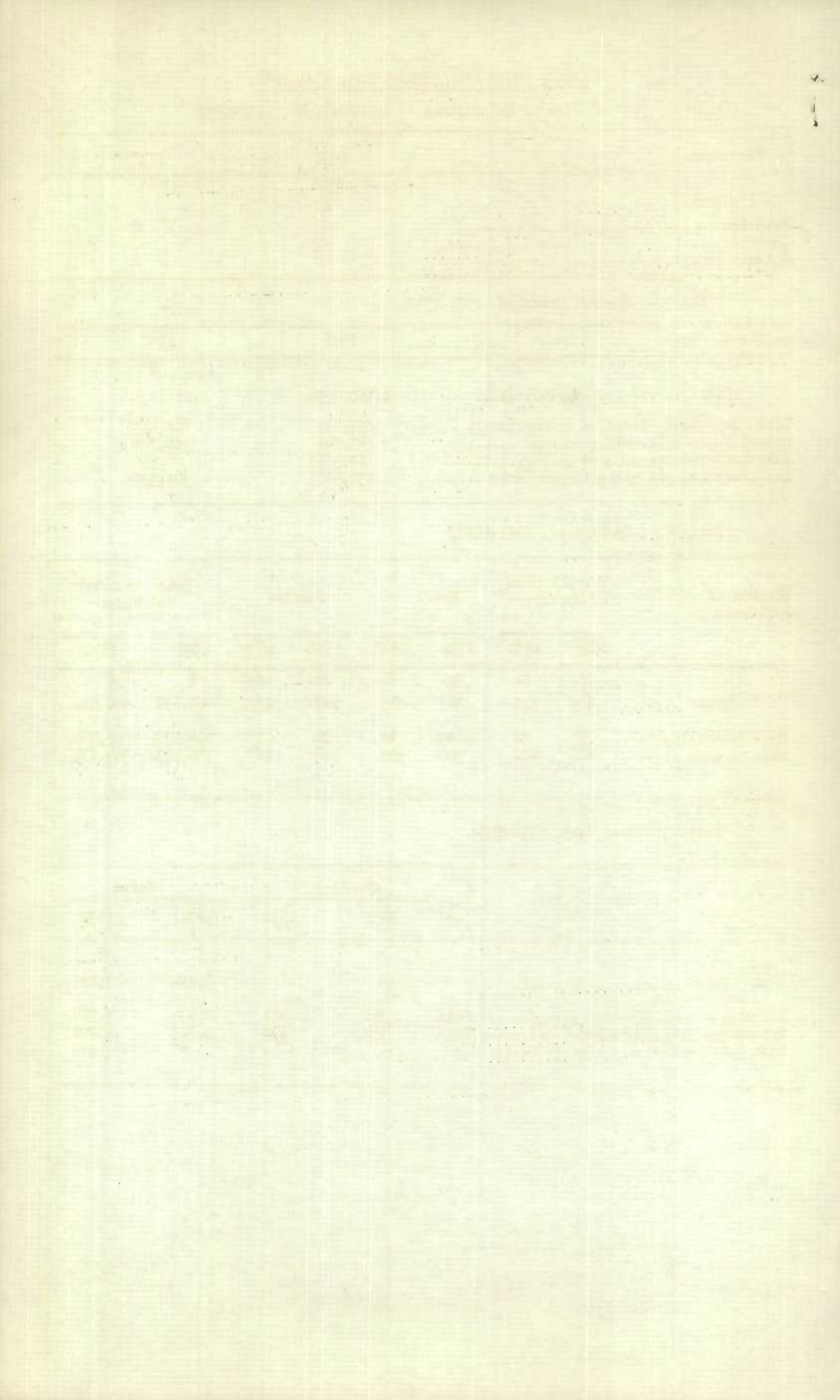
Items	1931	1932
	\$	\$
TOTAL .....	1,160,355	1,218,736
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery ..	666,441	668,413
Materials, stocks, etc., on hand .....	243,648	160,775
Finished products on hand .....	18,366	80,950
Cash, trading and operating accounts .....	231,900	308,598

Table 4.- Employment, 1931-1932.

Classes of Employees	Total Number of Employees		Males		Females		Total Salaries and Wages	
	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932	1931	1932
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL .....	535	530	347	347	188	183	460,432	440,518
Salaried employees ..	69	58	45	42	24	16	104,234	95,744
Wage-earners .....	466	472	302	305	164	167	356,198	344,774

Table 5.- Fuel Used, 1931-1932.

	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1931	1932	1931	1932
				\$	\$
TOTAL .....		-	-	6,244	7,197
Bituminous coal, Canadian .....	Tons	396	971	2,434	5,986
Bituminous coal, imported .....	Tons	557	170	3,723	1,011
Wood (mill waste) .....	-	-	-	87	200





LASTS, TREES AND SHOEFINDINGS, 1931-1932.

Table 6.- Power Employed, 1931-1932

	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1931	1932	1931	1932
Steam engines .....	3	3	205	225
Electric motors operated by purchased power.	135	166	462	581
TOTAL POWER USED .....	138	169	667	806
Electric motors operated on generated power.	6	4	120	135
Boilers installed .....	7	6	565	540

Table 7.- Materials Used, 1931-1932

Kind	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1931	1932	1931	1932
				\$	\$
TOTAL .....		-	-	329,279	300,953
Lumber or logs, softwood .....	M ft. b.m.	-	3	-	36
Lumber or logs, hardwood .....	M ft. b.m.	1,798	3,101	126,417	175,358
Bolts, etc., hardwood .....	Cords	2,797	3,119	31,001	31,204
All other materials .....	Value	-	-	171,861	94,355

Table 8.- Products Manufactured, 1931-1932

Products	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1931	1932	1931	1932
				\$	\$
TOTAL .....		-	-	1,211,563	1,198,424
Wooden heels .....	Pairs	4,603,591	6,242,540	720,388	726,297
Lasts, trees and shoefindings, including shanks and pegwood .	Value	-	-	470,015	440,485
All other products, including ten pins, five pins, duck pins, alley bowls, golf stick heads and shafts, wooden spoons, candy sticks, tongue depressors, paddles, plugs, etc. ....	Value	-	-	21,160	31,642

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

Lasts, trees and shoefindings were the principal products of the following firms in 1932:

NOVA SCOTIA:	Lewis, John - Ship Harbor. Lewis, J., & Sons, - Steviacke.
QUEBEC:	Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd., - Cowie Street, Granby. H.O. - 420 Lagauchetiere Street, West, Montréal. Dominion Wood Heel Corp., Ltd., 4520 De La Roche Street, Montreal. Maple Wood Heel Co., Ltd., 4251 Letourneur Street, Montreal. National Wood Heel of Canada, Ltd., 2100 Moreau St., Montreal. Robin Freres, Ltee., 715 Gilford Street, Montreal. St. Lawrence Last Works, 231 Ste. Helene St., Quebec (H.O. 418 St. Jean St., Québec) United Last Co. Ltd., 4500 Hochelaga St., Montreal.
ONTARIO:	Canada Last Co., Ltd., 343 Montrose St., Preston. Ontario Wood Heel Co., Ltd., 426 Queen St. E., Toronto 2.

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