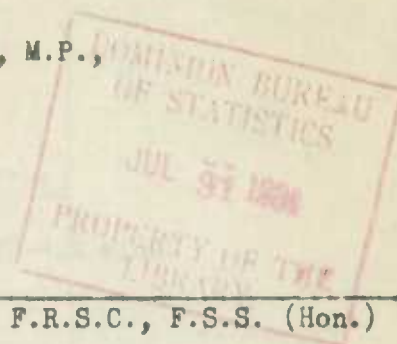


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LASTS, TREES AND WOODEN SHOEFINDINGS, 1933.

Ottawa, July, 1934.- A report on the manufacture in Canada of lasts, trees and wooden shoefindings for the calendar year 1933 has recently been issued by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as a part of the industrial census. This report shows the production of these products in twelve establishments of which eight were located in Quebec, two in Ontario and two in Nova Scotia.

The twelve establishments in this industrial group specialize in the production of wooden shoefindings but they also produce other commodities as side-lines or by-products and there is also a production of wooden shoefindings as side-lines or by-products in other industrial groups which do not always mention these items in their reports to the industrial census. Nevertheless the twelve firms covered by this report produce the greater part of the wooden shoefindings and form a distinctive industrial group under that title.

There was a total of \$1,196,819 invested in this industry in 1933. The twelve plants gave employment to 59 salaried employees and an average of 331 men and 212 women as wage earners. The total pay-roll of these 602 employees in 1933 was \$421,226, an increase in employment but a decrease in wages and salaries.

The raw materials used were chiefly hardwood lumber and dimension stock and hardwood in the partly-manufactured form of bolts, blocks and blanks. The hardwood used was valued at \$209,861 which with \$94,322 worth of softwood and other miscellaneous materials brought the total up to \$304,183, an increase over the total for 1932.

The principal products of the industry valued at \$1,178,358 are wooden shoe lasts and trees and the other smaller wooden shoefindings used in the manufacture of footwear such as heels, pegs, pegwood, shanks, etc. The by-products and side-lines in this industry are also important, consisting of gold stick heads, ten pins, five pins and duck pins, wooden spoons, sucker sticks, wooden paddles, wooden forks, tongue depressors, paper plugs and long tool handles. These secondary products were valued at \$22,535. The total value of all the products of the industry was \$1,200,893 an increase over the total of \$1,186,424 reported for 1932.

The following tables give the more important statistics of the industry in detail.

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Table 2.- Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1932-1933.

Provinces	1932	1933
	No.	No.
CANADA.....	11	12
Nova Scotia.....	2	2
Quebec.....	7	8
Ontario.....	2	2

Table 3.- Capital Invested, 1932-1933.

Items	1932	1933
	\$	\$
TOTAL.....	1,218,736	1,196,819
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery.....	668,413	647,500
Materials, stocks, etc., on hand.....	160,775	157,640
Finished products on hand.....	80,950	88,135
Cash, trading and operating accounts.....	308,598	303,544

Table 4.- Employment, 1932-1933.

Classes of Employees	Total Number of Employees		Males		Females		Total Salaries and Wages	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$
TOTAL.....	530	602	347	371	183	231	440,518	421,226
Salaried employees..	58	59	42	40	16	19	95,744	115,676
Wage-earners.....	472	543	305	331	167	212	344,774	305,550

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Table 5.- Power Employed, 1932-1933.

	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
Steam engines.....	3	3	225	225
Electric motors operated by purchased power.....	166	197	581	587
TOTAL POWER USED.....	169	200	806	812
Electric motors operated on generated power.....	4	1	135	35
Boilers installed.....	6	5	540	460

Table 6.- Fuel Used, 1932 - 1933.

	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL.....		-	-	7,197	4,220
Bituminous coal, Canadian.....	Tons	971	507	5,986	3,086
Bituminous coal, imported.....	Tons	170	40	1,011	242
Wood (mill waste).....	-	-	-	200	-
Other fuel.....	-	-	-	-	892

Table 7.- Materials Used, 1932 - 1933.

Kind	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL.....		-	-	300,953	304,183
Lumber or logs, softwood.....	M ft.b.m.	3	79	36	948
Lumber or logs, hardwood.....	M ft.b.m.	3,101	1,731	175,358	96,717
Bolts, etc., hardwood.....	Cords	3,119	2,150	31,204	17,241
All other materials.....	Value	-	-	94,355	189,277





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Table 8.- Products Manufactured, 1932-1933.

Products	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				\$	\$
TOTAL.....	-	-	-	1,198,424	1,200,893
Wooden heels.....	Pairs	6,242,540	7,065,840	726,297	753,337
Lasts, trees and shoefindings, including shanks and pegwood.....	Value	-	-	440,485	425,021
All other products, including ten pins, five pins, duck pins, golf stick heads and shafts, wooden spoons and forks, candy sticks, tongue depressors, paddles, plugs, etc.....	Value	-	-	31,642	22,535

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 industry reports and the other publications of the industrial census.

THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON THE RETURNS RECEIVED FROM THE  
FOLLOWING FIRMS SPECIALIZING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF LASTS,  
TREES AND WOODEN SHOEFINDINGS IN CANADA.

NOVA SCOTIA: Lewis, John - Ship Harbor.  
Lewis, J., & Sons, Ltd., - Stewiacke.

QUEBEC: Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd., - Cowie Street, Granby.  
H.O. - 420 Lagauchetiere Street, West,  
Montreal.  
Dominion Wood Heel Corp., Ltd., 4520 De La Roche Street, Montreal, and  
518 St. Valerie Street, Quebec  
Maple Wood Heel Co., Ltd., 2251 Letourneux Street, Montreal.  
National Wood Heel Co., of Can., Ltd., 2100 Moreau St., Montreal.  
Robin Frères, Ltée., 715 Gilford Street, Montreal.  
St. Lawrence Last Works, 231 Ste. Helene St., Quebec.  
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.