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PRELIMINARY REPORT

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HANDLES, SPOOLS & WOOD-TURNING

in

CANADA

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HANDLES, SPOOLS AND WOOD-TURNING  
1925 - 1926.

Ottawa, March 1928:- A report has recently been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics dealing with the manufacture of handles, spools and other wood-turning in Canada in 1925 and 1926. This report gives details concerning firms which specialise in the production of these commodities and covers the greater part of their production in Canada. There are however a number of firms classified under other industrial groups which make handles, spools and turnery as a side-line or by-product to their principal production.

There were 17 wood-turning establishments operating in Ontario in 1926 and 9 in Quebec making a total of 26 for the Dominion as compared to 28 in 1925. The total capital invested was \$1,500,818 in 1926 as compared to \$1,473,730 in 1925. There were 511 employees in 1926 with wages and salaries amounting to \$405,328. The fuel used was valued at \$4,805 and the power employed amounted to 1,611 H.P. Raw materials cost \$493,661 and the gross value of production was \$1,172,026.

Sawn lumber, the greater part of which was hardwood made up the largest item of the raw materials used, amounting to 4,649 M. ft.b.m., valued at \$243,328. Hardwood and softwood bolts were purchased to the value of \$61,378. Veneer and other materials made up the total of \$493,661.

The principal products manufactured in the order of their importance as far as value is concerned were, speels, bobbins and shuttles \$404,955, axe and long tool handles \$224,378, insulator pins and brackets \$120,022, small tool handles \$115,436, dowels \$69,633 and all other wood-turning \$140,864. In addition to these principal products the industry also manufactured as secondary products, sporting goods, vehicle supplies, planing mill products, woodenware, and a number of other miscellaneous items bringing the total gross value of production to \$1,172,026.

Of the total of \$1,500,818 of capital invested in 1926 \$853,674 was invested in land, buildings, etc., \$368,846 was invested in stocks and materials, and \$278,298 was working capital. Of the 511 employees in the industry in 1926, 467 were wage-earners of whom 423 were males and 44 were females. Their wages amounted to \$336,203. Of the 44 salaried employees 34 were males and 10 females, their salaries amounting to \$69,125. The manufacturers of handles, spools and wood turnery purchased fuel to the value of \$4,805 of which \$2,489 was spent on bituminous coal. Most of the fuel used was wood waste from the factories themselves which was of little or no commercial value. The total power employed was 1,611 H.P. most of which was generated by electric motors operated on purchased power and steam engines burning the waste referred to above.

The following tables include a comparative summary of the principal statistics of the industry for the calendar years 1925 and 1926 followed by comparative tables giving the details of the distribution of establishments, materials used, products manufactured, capital invested, employment, fuel used and power employed



Handles, Spools and Wood-turning, 1925 - 1926.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1925 - 1926

Items		1925	1926
Establishments	No.	28	26
Capital Invested	\$	1,473,730	1,500,818
Employees on Salaries	No.	39	44
Salaries paid	\$	63,285	69,125
Employees on Wages	No.	436	467
Wages paid	\$	308,294	336,203
Fuel Used	\$	6,387	4,805
Power Employed	H.P.	1,500	1,611
Cost of Materials	\$	416,080	493,661
Value of Products	\$	1,040,516	1,172,026

Table 2.- Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1925 - 1926.

Provinces	No. 1925	No. 1926
CANADA	28	26
Quebec	10	9
Ontario	17	17
British Columbia	1	-

Table 3.- Materials Used, 1925 - 1926.

Materials		Quantity		Value	
		1925	1926	1925	1926
TOTAL		-	-	416,080	493,661
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	843	779	33,251	33,300
Lumber or logs hardwood	" "	3,405	3,870	140,055	210,028
Bolts, etc. softwood	cords	8,605	50	51,874	250
Bolts, etc. hardwood	"	46	3,350	863	61,128
Veneer and plywood	M.surf.ft.	14	9	506	1,489
All other materials	value	-	-	189,531	187,466



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Table 4.- Products Manufactured, 1925 - 1926.

Products		No.		Value of Products and Work done during the year	
		1 9 2 5	1 9 2 6	1 9 2 5	1 9 2 6
				\$	\$
TOTAL		-	-	1,040,516	1,172,026
Small tool handles	No.	3,431,289	1,970,340	166,548	115,436
Broom handles	"	1,641,489	2,311,984	49,911	42,949
Axe and long tool handles	"	684,409	1,079,896	160,684	224,378
Dowels	"	540,800	557,989	5,408	69,363
Spools, bobbins and shuttles	Value only	-	-	384,505	404,955
Insulator pins and brackets	"	-	-	56,554	120,022
All other woodturning	"	-	-	165,579	140,864
All other planed lumber	M.ft.b.m.	23	4	1,200	200
Fruit and vegetable baskets and crates	Value	-	-	2,800	-
All other boxes and containers	"	-	-	363	-
Baseball bats	No.	59,022	64,528	11,692	17,340
Golf Stick shafts	"	20	16	10	6
Tennis racquets	"	90,000	190	22,000	475
Croquet sets	"	241	-	313	-
Skiis	Prs.	15	10	76	50
Gymnasium supplies	Value	-	-	100	-
All other sporting goods	"	-	-	1,200	26,640
Oars and paddles	Value	-	-	187	-
Marine and fishermen's supplies	"	-	-	90	167
Hubs, spokes, bent goods, etc.	"	-	-	5,257	4,321
All other kitchen woodenware	"	-	-	10	110
All other woodenware	"	-	-	-	175
Last, trees and shoefindings	"	-	-	200	150
Furniture and other cabinetwork	"	-	-	400	-
Wood pulleys	"	-	-	-	15
Patterns and models	"	-	-	300	50
Lamps	"	-	-	120	-
Woodcarving	"	-	-	500	-
All other wooden products	"	-	-	3,509	4,110
Repairs	"	-	-	1,000	250

Table 5.- Capital Invested, 1925 - 1926.

	1 9 2 5	1 9 2 6
	\$	\$
TOTAL	1,473,730	1,500,818
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	786,561	853,674
Materials, stocks, etc. on hand	407,666	368,846
Cash, trading and operating accounts	279,503	278,298





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Table 6a.- Employment, 1925.

Classes of employees	Total No. of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and Wages
TOTAL	475	428	47	371,579
Salaried employees	39	32	7	63,285
Employees on wages	436	396	40	308,294

Table 6b.- Employment, 1926.

Classes of employees	Total No. of employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and Wages
TOTAL	511	457	54	405,328
Salaried employees	44	34	10	69,125
Employees on wages	467	423	44	336,203

Table 7.- Fuel Used, 1925 - 1926.

Kind of Fuel	Quantity		Value	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
TOTAL	-	-	6,387	4,805
Bituminous coal	tons 449	296	3,213	2,489
Anthracite "	" 42	44	231	306
Lignite "	" -	-	-	-
Coke	" 4	2	46	30
Gasoline	gals. 1,700	500	503	125
Oil fuel	" -	-	-	-
Wood	cord 418	35	2,094	180
Gas	M.C.ft. -	-	-	-
Other fuel	-	270	300	1,675

Table 8.- Power Employed, 1925 - 1926.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total	H.P.
	1925	1926	1925	1926
TOTAL POWER USED	55	2,577	1,500	1,611
Stationary Engines				
Steam	8	8	620	720
Oil, gas and gasoline	2	2	14	28
Hydraulic turbines	-	-	-	-
Electric motors:-				
Purchased power	45	2,567	866	863
Generated "	1	3	5	30
Boilers Installed	11	13	940	1,115



Manufacturers of Woodturning - Handles, 1926.

Quebec

Bedford Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	Bedford, Que.
Darrah Bros.	Sutton, Que.
Dominion Shuttle Co.,	Lachute Mills, Que.
Industrial Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	Magog, Que.
Rainville, A.	St. Cesaire, Que.
Ronsseau & Freres, L.,	40 rue Rochester, Que.
Tachereau & Freres,	Plessisville, Que.
Thompson Co. Ltd.,	Sherbrooke, Que.
Vallee & Vallee,	Lake Megantic, Que.

Ontario

Avery, W.W.,	Norwich, Ont.
Buller & Brebner,	Holstein, Ont.
Canada Spool & Bobbin Co. Ltd.,	Walkerton, Ont.
Canadian Turner Day Handle Co. Ltd.,	Strathroy, Ont.
Columbia Handle & Lumber Co. Ltd.,	London, Ont.
Elgin Handles Ltd.,	St. Thomas, Ont.
Ewing & Murphy,	18 Cameron St., Toronto, Ont.
Forster, S.H.,	Hamilton, Ont.
Guenzler & Son, Geo.,	Waterloo, Ont.
Hartwell Bros. Inc.,	Walkerville, Ont.
Hicks & McMullen,	Otterville, Ont.
Manning, Jas. A.,	29 Milan St., Toronto, Ont.
Parry Sound Wood Turners Ltd.,	Parry Sound, Ont.
Rubberset Co. Ltd.,	3 Sullivan St., Toronto, Ont.
Splaver, I.,	Fleming St., Toronto, Ont.
Stitt, J.N.,	St. Thomas, Ont.
Thomas, W.F.,	St. Thomas, Ont.



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