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WOODENWARE INDUSTRY
in
CANADA
1925-1926

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Woodenware, 1925 and 1926

Ottawa March, 1928, - A preliminary report on the manufacture of woodenware in Canada during 1925 and 1926 has recently been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The report gives the production of firms specialising in woodenware and covers the greater part of its production in Canada. There are however a number of other firms classified in other industrial groups which make woodenware as a side line or by-product. The firms dealt with in the present report also manufacture commodities other than woodenware as secondary products.

There were 11 woodenware factories in operation in Canada in 1926 of which 5 were in Ontario, 3 in Quebec, 2 in Nova Scotia and one in British Columbia. The capital invested in the industry increased from \$737,466 in 1925 to \$775,630 in 1926, the total number of employees increased from 428 to 450 and the distribution of wages and salaries increased from \$282,431 to \$324,587. The raw materials used increased in total cost from \$244,822 to \$260,998 while the gross value of production increased from \$711,225 in 1925 to \$731,892 in 1926.

Logs and sawn lumber to the amount of 5,355 M ft.b.m. valued at \$151,600 and 4,200 cords of bolts valued at \$46,212 were the principal raw materials of the industry.

The term "woodenware" is rather indefinite in its use and in this report it applies in a general way to articles made almost entirely of wood and used in kitchens, bakeries, dairies, etc. The principal products in 1926 in the order of their importance as far as value is concerned were, pails and tubs \$323,685, clothespins \$98,875, washboards \$51,003, toothpicks \$11,643, skewers \$9,317, ladders \$6,032, and miscellaneous woodenware \$3,000. The secondary products of the industry include baskets and crates, butter boxes, cheese boxes, sporting goods and furniture as well as a number of other items.

Out of a total of \$775,630 of capital employed in 1926 \$490,142 was invested in land, buildings and fixtures, \$160,405 in materials and stocks and \$125,083 in cash accounts and other working capital.

Out of 450 employees 397 were males, 384 being wage earners and 13 paid on a salary basis. Of the 53 females employed 52 were wage earners and one was a salaried employee.

Woodenware manufacturers bought comparatively little fuel, their total purchases amounting to only \$1,366. The power used in the industry amounted to 905 H.P. most of which was generated by steam engines using wood waste as fuel.

The following tables give, first, a summary of the principal statistics of the industry in 1925 and 1926 followed by comparative detailed tables for both years covering the distribution of establishments, materials used, capital employed, products and by-products manufactured, employment, fuel, and power.

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Table I. - Principal Statistics - 1925-1926

Items		1925	1926
Establishments	No.	11	11
Capital invested	\$	737,466	775,630
Employees on salaries	No.	14	14
Salaries paid	\$	24,115	33,766
Employees on wages	No.	414	436
Wages paid	\$	258,316	290,821
Fuel used	\$	2,992	1,366
Power employed	H.P.	966	905
Cost of materials	\$	244,822	260,998
Value of products	\$	711,225	731,892

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

Provinces	1925 No.	1926 No.
CANADA	11	11
Nova Scotia	2	2
Quebec	4	3
Ontario	5	5
British Columbia	-	1

Table 3A. - Materials Used - 1925

Materials		Quantity	Value
TOTAL		-	\$ 244,822
Lumber or logs	softwood	M ft.b.m.	2,444
Lumber or logs	hardware	"	1,519
Bolts, etc.	softwood	Cords	3,750
Bolts, etc.	hardware	"	1,250
Veneer and plywood		M surf.ft.	10
All other materials		Value	-
			69,099

Table 3B. - Materials Used - 1926.

TOTAL		-	\$ 260,998
Lumber or logs	softwood	M.ft.b.m.	2,492
Lumber or logs	hardwood	" " "	2,863
Bolts, etc.	softwood	Cords	4,200
Bolts, etc.	hardwood	"	-
Veneer and plywood		M.surf.ft.	10
All other materials		Value	-
			380
			62,806

Table 4. - Capital Invested - 1925-1926

Items	Value	Value
	\$	\$
TOTAL	737,466	775,630
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	478,433	490,142
Materials, stocks, etc. on hand	190,837	160,405
Cash, trading and operating accounts	68,196	125,083

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Table 5A. - Products - 1925

Products		No.	Value of products and work done during the year.
			\$
TOTAL		-	711,225
Clothespins	No. prs.	412,705	111,802
Washboards	No.	148,314	47,912
Pails and tubs	Value	-	288,210
Ladders	"	-	3,000
Skewers	"	-	9,235
Toothpicks	"	-	12,385
All other woodenware	"	-	2,000
Sash, doors and other millwork	"	-	250
Veneer	M ft.b.m.	1	69
Fruit and vegetable baskets and crates	Value	-	87,657
All other baskets	"	-	29,271
Butter Boxes	No.	120,000	32,400
Cheese "	No.	214,739	43,626
All other boxes	Value	-	450
Skiis	Prs.	600	3,000
Sleighs	No.	1,000	1,500
Row boats, skiffs, dories etc.	No.	35	3,500
Hubs, spokes, bent goods, etc.	Value	-	500
Dowels	No.	3,110,250	18,802
Wooden toys	Value	-	900
Lawn Swings	"	-	2,000
Furniture	"	-	200
Chemical closets	"	-	100
All other wooden products	"	-	12,456

Table 5B. - Products - 1926

			\$
TOTAL		-	731,892
Clothespins	No. prs.	380,184	98,875
Washboards	No.	146,004	51,003
Pails and tubs	Value	-	323,685
Ladders	"	-	6,032
Skewers	"	-	9,317
Toothpicks	"	-	11,643
All other woodenware	"	-	3,000
Sash, doors and other millwork	"	-	240
Veneer	"	-	1,690
Berry boxes	No.	5,000	4,000
Fruit and vegetable baskets and crates	Value	-	77,475
All other baskets	"	-	18,888
Butter boxes	No.	162,330	45,279
Cheese boxes	No.	186,000	31,620
All other boxes and containers	Value	-	400
Skiis	Prs.	3,000	12,000
Sleighs	No.	1,600	1,850
Row boats, skiffs, dories, etc.	No.	110	5,500
Hubs, spokes, bent goods etc.	Value	-	750
Axe and long tool handles	No.	2,237,150	14,340
Furniture and other cabinetwork	Value	-	11,200
Lawn swings	"	145	965
Carts, rocking horses, etc.	"	-	2,000
Chemical closets	"	-	140

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Table 6A. - Employment - 1925

Classes of Employees	Total No. of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	428	393	35	282,431
Salaried employees	14	13	1	24,115
Employees on wages	414	380	34	258,316

Table 6B. - Employment - 1926

	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	450	397	53	324,587
Salaried employees	14	13	1	33,766
Employees on wages	436	384	52	290,821

Table 7. - Fuel Used - 1926

Kind of Fuel		Quantity		Value	
		1925	1926	1925	1926
				\$	\$
TOTAL		1,039	564	2,992	1,366
Bituminous coal	short tons	13	-	98	-
Anthracite coal	" "	102	4	562	62
Gasoline	gal.	469	310	112	91
Wood	cord	455	250	2,220	1,210
Other fuel	-	-	-	-	3

Table 8. - Power Employed - 1926

Power Units	No. Units		Total H. P.	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
TOTAL POWER USED	25	28	966	905
Stationary engines				
Steam	6	4	697	585
Oil, gas and gasoline	1	2	8	11
Hydraulic turbines	1	-	25	-
Electric motors:-				
Purchased power	17	22	236	309
Generated power	-	-	-	-
Boilers installed	10	10	663	775

List of Manufacturers - Woodenware

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Nova Scotia

Liverpool Woodworkers Ltd.,
Miller and Gordon Mfg. Co.,

Liverpool,
Carleton.

Quebec

Brown and Co., C.J.
Disraeli Box Co.
Megantic Mfg. Co.

Danville.
Disraeli.
Lake Megantic.

Ontario

Canadian Woodenware Co.
Keenan Woodenware Mfg. Co.Ltd.

Master Mfg. Co.Ltd.
Merriam and Son, J.E.
Semmens and Son.

St. Thomsas.
Owen Sound, Grimsby and Niagara on
the Lake.
1117 Dovercourt Road, Toronto.
Harriston.
York St. Hamilton.

British Columbia

Avery and Nixon.

912 Richards St., Vancouver.

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