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REPORT
on the
MANUFACTURE OF WOODENWARE
in
CANADA
1926-1927

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WOODENWARE, 1926 and 1927.

Ottawa December, 1928.- A preliminary report on the manufacture of woodenware in Canada during 1926 and 1927 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 13 woodenware factories in operation in Canada in 1927 of which 5 were in Ontario, 5 in Quebec, 2 in Nova Scotia and one in British Columbia. The capital invested in the industry decreased from \$775,630 in 1926 to \$581,537 in 1927, the total number of employees increased from 450 to 506 and the distribution of wages and salaries increased from \$324,587 to \$333,152. The raw materials used decreased in total cost from \$260,998 to \$259,746, the gross value of production increased from \$731,892 in 1926 to \$934,477 in 1927.

Logs and sawn lumber to the amount of 6,424 M ft.b.m. valued at \$177,321 and 4,200 cords of bolts valued at \$42,000 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 1927 were woodenware \$597,922, containers \$190,465, miscellaneous wooden products \$56,744, all other products \$89,346.

Out of a total of \$581,537 of capital employed in 1927 \$328,278 was invested in land, buildings and fixtures, \$134,023 in materials and stocks and \$119,236 in cash accounts and other working capital.

Out of 506 employees 432 were males, 419 being wage earners and 13 paid on a salary basis. Of the 74 females employed 70 were wage earners and 4 were salaried employees.

Woodenware manufacturers bought comparatively little fuel, their total purchases amounting to only \$1,955. The power used in the industry amounted to 1,480 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 1926 and 1927 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.

WOODENWARE, 1926 and 1927.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1926-1927.

Items		1926	1927
Establishments	No.	11	13
Capital invested	\$	775,630	581,537
Employees on salaries	No.	14	17
Salaries paid	\$	33,766	41,521
Employees on wages	No.	436	489
Wages paid	\$	290,821	291,631
Fuel used	\$	1,366	1,955
Power employed	H.P.	905	1,480
Cost of materials	\$	260,998	259,746
Value of products	\$	731,892	934,477

Table 2.- Distribution of Establishments by Provinces 1926-1927.

Provinces	1926 No.	1927 No.
CANADA	11	13
Nova Scotia	2	2
Quebec	3	5
Ontario	5	5
British Columbia	1	1

Table 3A. Materials used - 1926.

		Quantity	Value \$
TOTAL		-	260,998
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	2,492	77,005
Lumber or logs hardwood	" " "	2,863	74,595
Bolts, etc. softwood	Cords	4,200	46,212
Bolts, etc. hardwood	"	-	-
Veneer and plywood	M.surf.ft.	10	380
All other materials	Value	-	62,806

Table 3B.- Materials Used - 1927.

		Quantity	Value \$
TOTAL		-	259,746
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	2,950	91,565
Lumber or logs hardwood	" " "	3,474	85,756
Bolts, etc. softwood	Cords	4,200	42,000
Bolts, etc. hardwood	"	-	-
Veneer and plywood	M.surf.ft.	6	320
All other materials	Value	-	40,105

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Table 8. Products, 1926.

Products	Value of Products	
	1926 \$	1927 \$
Woodenware including:-		
Clothespins, washboards, pails and tubs, ladders, skewers, toothpicks, etc.	503,555	597,922
Containers including:-		
Baskets, crates, box shooks, butter, cheese and all other boxes	179,192	190,465
Miscellaneous Products including:-		
Skis, sleighs, canoes, rowboats, skiffs dories, hubs, spokes, bent goods dowels wooden toys, lawn swings, furniture, insulator pins, and chemical closets	49,005	56,744
All other products	140	89,346
TOTAL	731,892	934,477

Table 5.- Capital Invested - 1926-1927,

Items	Value	
	\$	\$
TOTAL	775,630	581,537
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	490,142	328,278
Materials, stocks, etc. on hand	160,405	134,023
Cash, trading and operating accounts	125,083	119,236

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Table 6a.- Employment, 1926.

Classes of Employees	Total number of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	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 6b.- Employment, 1927.

Classes of employees	Total number of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	506	432	74	333,152
Salaried employees	17	13	4	41,521
Employees on wages	489	419	70	291,631

Table 7.- Fuel Used - 1926-1927.

Kind of fuel		Quantity		Value	
		1926	1927	1926	1927
		\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL		564	855	1,366	1,955
Bituminous coal	short tons	-	77	-	502
Anthracite coal	" "	4	-	62	-
Gasoline	gal.	310	508	91	117
Wood	cord	250	270	1,210	1,310
Other fuel	-	-	-	3	26

Table 8.- Power employed, 1926-1927.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1926	1927	1926	1927
TOTAL POWER USED	28	45	905	1,480
Stationary engines				
Steam	4	6	585	835
Oil, gas and gasoline	2	1	11	6
Hydraulic turbines	-	1	-	200
Electric motors:-				
Purchased power	22	37	309	439
Generated power	-	-	-	-
Boilers installed	10	12	775	1,095

Woodenware was the principal product of the following firms

in 1927

Nova Scotia

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

Liverpool.
Carleton.

Quebec

Brown and Co., C.J.
Disraeli Box Co.
Eddy Co. Ltd., E.B.
Joliette Pin Shop Reg.
Megantic Mfg. Co.

Danville.
Disraeli.
Hull,
Joliette.
Lake Megantic.

Ontario

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

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

St. Thomas.
Owen Sound, Grimsby and Niagara
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York St., Hamilton.

British Columbia

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