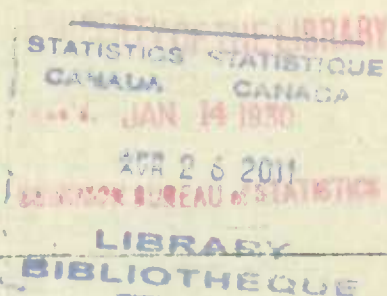


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MANUFACTURE OF WOODENWARE
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Note,- Production figures as given in this bulletin do not necessarily represent the total output in Canada of the commodities listed, as there may be also a considerable production in other industrial groups. For complete information this bulletin must be read with the rest of the series on wood-using industries and other publications of the Census of Industry.

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WOODENWARE, 1927 and 1928.

Ottawa December, 1929.- A preliminary report on the manufacture of woodenware in Canada during 1927 and 1928 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 15 woodenware factories in operation in Canada in 1928 of which 7 were in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 2 in Nova Scotia and 2 in British Columbia. The capital invested in the industry increased from \$581,537 in 1927 to \$1,059,822 in 1928, the total number of employees increased from 506 to 677 and the distribution of wages and salaries increased from \$333,152 to \$547,203. The raw materials used increased in total cost from \$259,746 to \$552,292, the gross value of production increased from \$934,477 in 1927 to \$1,459,284 in 1928.

Logs and sawn lumber to the amount of 9,553 M ft. b.m. valued at \$314,639 and 7,000 cords of bolts valued at \$70,600 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 1928 were woodenware \$921,707, containers \$137,312, miscellaneous wooden products \$161,721, all other products \$238,544.

Out of a total of \$1,059,822 of capital employed in 1928 \$581,197 was invested in land, buildings and fixtures, \$256,837 in materials and stocks and \$221,788 in cash accounts and other working capital.

Out of 677 employees 601 were males, 575 being wage earners and 26 paid on a salary basis. Of the 76 females employed 69 were wage earners and 7 were salaried employees.

Woodenware manufacturers bought comparatively little fuel, their total purchases amounting to only \$7,075. The power used in the industry amounted to 1,755 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 1927 and 1928 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, 1927 and 1928.

Table 1.- Principal Statistics, 1927-1928.

Items		1927	1928
Establishments	No.	13	15
Capital invested	\$	581,537	1,059,822
Employees on salaries	No.	17	33
Salaries paid	\$	41,521	107,090
Employees on wages	No.	489	644
Wages paid	\$	291,631	440,113
Fuel used	\$	1,955	7,075
Power employed	H.P.	1,480	1,755
Cost of materials	\$	259,746	552,292
Value of products	\$	934,477	1,459,284

Table 2.- Distribution of Establishments by Provinces 1927-1928.

Provinces	1927 No.	1928 No.
CANADA	13	15
Nova Scotia	2	2
Quebec	5	4
Ontario	5	7
British Columbia	1	2

Table 3A. 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

Table 3B.- Materials Used - 1928.

		Quantity	Value \$
TOTAL		-	552,292
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	4,756	166,312
Lumber or logs hardwood	" " "	4,797	148,327
Bolts, etc. softwood	Cords	6,700	67,000
Bolts, etc. hardwood	"	300	3,600
Veneer and plywood	M. surf.ft.	23	1,010
All other materials	Value	-	166,043

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Table 8. Products, 1927 and 1928

Products	Value of Products	
	1927	1928
	\$	\$
Woodenware including:-		
Clothespins, washboards, pails and tubs, ladders, skewers, toothpicks, all other kitchen and other woodenware	597,922	921,707
Containers including:-		
Baskets, crates, box shooks, berry, butter, cheese and all other boxes	190,465	137,312
Miscellaneous Products including repairs: sash and doors, veneer and panels, matched lumber skis, sleighs, canoes, rowboats, skiffs, dories, hubs, spokes, bent goods, dowels, wooden toys, lawn swings, furniture, insulator pins and chemical closets, railway ties, shims and plugs, logs, etc.	146,090	400,265
TOTAL	\$934,477	\$1,459,284

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

Table 5.- Capital Invested - 1927-1928.

Items	Value 1927	Value 1928
	\$	\$
TOTAL	581,537	1,059,822
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	328,278	581,197
Materials, stocks, etc. on hand	134,023	256,837
Cash, trading and operating accounts	119,236	221,788

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Table 6a.- 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 6b.- Employment, 1928.

Classes of Employees	Total number of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	677	601	76	547,203
Salaried employees	33	26	7	107,090
Employees on wages	644	575	69	440,113

Table 7.- Fuel Used - 1927-1928.

Kind of fuel		Quantity		Value	
		1927	1928	1927	1928
				\$	\$
TOTAL		855	1,462	1,955	7,075
Bituminous coal	short tons	77	768	502	5,491
Anthracite coal	" "	-	24	-	152
Gasoline	gal.	508	400	117	97
Wood	cord	270	270	1,310	1,310
Other fuel	-	-	-	26	25

Table 8.- Power employed, 1927-1928.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
TOTAL POWER USED	45	81	1,480	1,755
Stationary engines				
Steam	6	8	835	1,065
Oil, gas and gasoline	1	1	6	6
Hydraulic turbines	1	-	200	-
Electric motors:-				
Purchased power	37	52	439	559
Generated power	-	20	-	125
Boilers installed	12	12	1,095	1,275

Woodenware was the principal product of the following firms
in 1928

Nova Scotia

Miller and Gorden Mfg. Co.
Southern Salvage Co. Ltd.

Carleton
Liverpool

Quebec

Brown and Co., C.J.
Disraeli Box Co.
Megantic Mfg. Co.
Montreal Step-ladder and woodworking shop

Danville
Disraeli
Lake Megantic
6776 Molson St.,
Montreal

Ontario

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

Master Mfg. Co. Ltd.

Merriam and Son, J.E.
Semmens and Son

McFarlane Mfg. Co. Ltd.

Vetcraft Shops

St. Thomas
Owen Sound, Grimsby
and Niagara on the
Lake
911 St. Clarens Ave.,
Toronto
Harriston
174 York St.,
Hamilton
258 Main St.,
Toronto 13
352 Christie St.,
Toronto 4

British Columbia

Avery and Nixon

Western Broom and Woodenware Ltd.

912 Richards St.,
Vancouver.
6313 Kingsway,
Vancouver



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