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on the

MANUFACTURE OF WOODENWARE

in

CANADA

1929 - 1930

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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, 1929 and 1930.

Ottawa, January, 1932.- A preliminary report on the manufacture of woodenware in Canada during 1929 and 1930 has recently been issued by the Forest Products Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The report gives the production of firms specializing 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 17 woodenware factories in operation in Canada in 1930 of which 7 were in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 3 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and 3 in British Columbia. The capital invested in the industry decreased from \$1,337,416 in 1929 to \$1,312,029 in 1930, the total number of employees increased from 672 to 804 and the distribution of wages and salaries decreased from \$524,370 to \$523,094. The raw materials used increased in total cost from \$524,370 to \$629,176, the gross value of production increased from \$1,445,367 in 1929 to \$1,533,501 in 1930.

Logs and sawn lumber to the amount of 15,234 M ft. b.m. valued at \$400,715 and 4,836 cords of bolts valued at \$49,882 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 entirely or almost entirely of wood and used in kitchens, bakeries, dairies, etc. The principal products in 1930 were woodenware \$795,782, containers \$142,500, and all other products \$595,219.

Out of a total of \$1,312,029 of capital employed in 1930 \$667,987 was invested in land, buildings and fixtures, \$341,864 in materials and stocks and \$302,178 in cash accounts and other working capital.

Out of 804 employees 735 were males, 694 being wage earners and 41 paid on a salary basis. Of the 69 females employed 61 were wage earners and 8 were salaried employees.

Woodenware manufacturers bought comparatively little fuel, their total purchases amounting to only \$2,900. The power used in the industry amounted to 1,733 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 1929 and 1930 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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There were 17 wood-pulp factories in operation in Canada in 1930 of which 7 were in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 3 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and 7 in British Columbia. The capital invested in the industry decreased from \$1,371,016 in 1929 to \$981,411 in 1930 and the total number of employees decreased from 473 to 404 and the distribution of wages and salaries decreased from \$24,740 to \$23,044. The materials used increased in total cost from \$24,740 to \$23,044, the waste value in 1930 was \$1,417,367 in 1929 to \$1,173,100 in 1930.

and 4,836 cords of fuel valued at \$1,000.00 and 2,000 cords of fuel valued at \$1,000.00. The total value of the materials is \$1,000.00.

The term "woodshed" is rather indefinite in its use and in this report it is applied to a general way of analysis made in various places, including the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. The analysis of the woodshed in 1950 was made in the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom.

WOODENWARE, 1929 and 1930.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1929-1930.

Items		1 9 2 9	1 9 3 0
Establishments	No.	13	17
Capital invested	\$	1,337,416	1,312,029
Employees on salaries	No.	13	19
Salaries paid	\$	118,624	100,230
Employees on wages	No.	629	755
Wages paid	\$	411,832	422,814
Fuel used	\$	2,842	2,900
Power employed	H.P.	1,489	1,733
Cost of materials	\$	524,370	629,176
Value of products	\$	1,445,367	1,533,501

Table 2. - Distribution of Establishments by Provinces 1929-1930.

Provinces	1 9 2 9	1 9 3 0
	No.	No.
CANADA	13	17
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	1	3
Quebec	4	4
Ontario	6	7
British Columbia	2	3

Table 3A. - Materials Used - 1929.

		Quantity	Value
			\$
TOTAL		-	524,370
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	5,868	168,965
Lumber or logs hardwood	M.ft.b.m.	3,282	152,870
Boards, etc. softwood	Cords	4,500	49,236
Boards, etc. hardwood	Cords	550	9,932
Veneer and Plywood	M.surf.ft.	38	2,091
All other materials	Value	-	141,276

Table 3B. - Materials Used - 1930.

		Quantity	Value
			\$
TOTAL		-	629,176
Lumber or logs softwood	M.ft.b.m.	5,957	167,940
Lumber or logs hardwood	M.ft.b.m.	9,277	232,775
Boards, etc. softwood	Cords	4,498	54,382
Boards, etc. hardwood	Cords	338	5,000
Veneer and Plywood	M.surf.ft.	108	4,894
All other materials	Value	-	173,685



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Table 8. - Products, 1929 and 1930.

Products	Value of Products	
	1929	1930
	\$	\$
Woodenware including:-		
Clothespins, washboards, pails and tubs, ladders, skewers, toothpicks, all other kitchen and other woodenware	839,842	795,782
Containers including:-		
Baskets, crates, box shooks, berry, butter, cheese and all other boxes	142,917	142,500
Miscellaneous Products including repairs:-		
Sash and doors, veneer, matched lumber, children's sleighs, dowels, wooden toys, furniture, railway ties, shims and plugs, logs, etc.	462,608	595,219
TOTAL	1,445,367	1,533,501

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, 1929-1930.

Items	Value	
	1929	1930
	\$	\$
TOTAL	1,337,416	1,312,029
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	717,779	667,987
Materials, stocks, etc. on hand	292,512	341,864
Cash, trading and operating accounts	327,125	302,178



GENERAL INFORMATION

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RELIGION

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PROFESSION

RESIDENCE

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2. Date of birth: [illegible]  
3. Sex: [illegible]  
4. Religion: [illegible]  
5. Education: [illegible]  
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Table 6a. - Employment, 1929.

Classes of Employees	Total number of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	672	601	71	530,456
Salaried employees	43	37	6	118,624
Employees on wages	629	564	65	411,832

Table 6b. - Employment, 1930.

Classes of Employees	Total number of Employees	Males	Females	Total Salaries and wages
	No.	No.	No.	\$
TOTAL	804	735	69	523,094
Salaried employees	49	41	8	100,280
Employees on wages	755	694	61	422,814

Table 7. - Fuel Used, 1929-1930.

Kind of fuel		Quantity		Value	
		1929	1930	1929	1930
				\$	\$
TOTAL		1,254	1,360	2,842	2,900
Bituminous coal	short tons	536	530	2,488	2,516
Anthracite coal	" "	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	gallon	700	710	210	213
Kerosene oil	"	-	100	-	21
Wood	cord	18	20	54	60
Other fuel	-	-	-	90	90

Table 8.- Power Employed, 1929-1930.

Power Units	No. of Units		Total H.P.	
	1929	1930	1929	1930
TOTAL POWER USED	65	96	1,489	1,733
Stationary engines				
Steam	8	7	955	875
Oil, gas and gasoline	1	3	2	36
Hydraulic turbines	-	2	-	80
Electric motors:-				
Purchased power	56	84	532	742
Generated power	-	-	-	-
Boilers installed	11	13	1,025	985

1939-1940  
1938-1939

Stationery and Printing	Postage	Telephone	Electricity	Total
100.00	50.00	20.00	10.00	180.00
110.00	60.00	30.00	15.00	215.00

1937-1938

Stationery and Printing	Postage	Telephone	Electricity	Total
120.00	70.00	40.00	20.00	250.00
130.00	80.00	50.00	25.00	285.00

1936-1937

Stationery and Printing	Postage	Telephone	Electricity	Total
140.00	90.00	60.00	30.00	320.00
150.00	100.00	70.00	35.00	355.00

1935-1936

Stationery and Printing	Postage	Telephone	Electricity	Total
160.00	110.00	80.00	40.00	390.00
170.00	120.00	90.00	45.00	425.00



Woodenware was the principal product of the following firms  
in 1930.

Nova Scotia

Miller & Gordon Mfg. Co.  
Nova Scotia Woodenware Ltd.

Carleton  
South Brookfield

New Brunswick

Little, Kenneth

Harvey Station

Quebec

Brown, C.J. & Co.  
Disraeli Box Co.  
Megantic Mfg. Co.  
Montreal Step-ladder & Woodworking Shop

Danville  
Disraeli  
Lake Megantic  
6776 Molson Street, Montreal

Ontario

Canadian Woodenware Co.  
Keenan Woodenware Mfg. Co. Ltd.  
Master Mfg. Co. Ltd.  
Simmens & Son  
McFarlane Mfg. Co. Ltd.  
Vetcraft Industries

St. Thomas  
Owen Sound  
911 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto  
174 York St., Hamilton  
137 Duchess St., Toronto  
41 John St. S., Hamilton  
352 Christie St., Toronto 4

British Columbia

Hiker Mfg. Co.  
Nixon & Avery  
Western Broom & Woodenware Ltd.

878 Viewfield Road, Victoria  
912 Richards St., Vancouver  
6313 Kingsway, Vancouver

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