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WOODENWARE, 1932 and 1933.

Ottawa, September, 1934. - A preliminary report on the manufacture of woodenware in Canada during 1932 and 1933 has recently been issued by the Forestry 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 twenty-two woodenware factories in operation in Canada in 1933 of which nine were in Ontario, four in Quebec, three each in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, one in New Brunswick and two in Manitoba. The capital invested in the industry decreased from $1,238,310 in 1932 to $1,136,496 in 1933, the total number of employees increased from 638 to 652 and the distribution of wages and salaries decreased from $413,361 to $395,237. The raw materials used decreased in total cost from $304,079 to $260,991, the gross value of production decreased from $924,074 in 1932 to $873,924 in 1933.

Logs and sawn lumber to the amount of 8,678 M ft. b.m. valued at $166,425 and 2,616 cords of bolts valued at $18,806 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, laundries, bakeries, dairies, etc. The principal products in 1933 were: pails and tubs, $136,899; clothes pins, $90,178; washboards, $73,681; ladders of all kinds, $51,879; other kitchen woodenware, $30,179 and all other woodenware, $76,643. Containers valued at $196,006 and miscellaneous products valued at $218,459 were also produced in the woodenware establishments.

Out of a total of $1,136,496 of capital employed in 1933, $665,864 was invested in land, buildings and fixtures, $146,057 in materials and stocks, $150,142 in finished products on hand and $174,433 in cash accounts and other working capital.

Out of 652 employees, 576 were males, 527 being wage-earners and 49 paid on a salary basis. Of the 76 females, 64 were wage-earners and 12 were salaried employees.

Woodenware manufacturers bought comparatively little fuel, their total purchases amounting to only $2,345. The power used in the industry amounted to 1,752 h.p., a large part 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 1932 and 1933, followed by comparative detailed tables for both years covering the distribution of establishments, capital invested, employment, fuel used, power employed, materials used and products manufactured.

WOODENWARE, 1932 and 1933.

Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1932 and 1933.

Items	Unit	1932	1933
Establishments	No.	20	22
Capital Invested	$	1,238,310	1,136,496
Employees on salaries	No.	61	61
Salaries paid	$	97,419	102,505
Employees on wages	No.	577	591
Wages paid	$	315,942	292,732
Fuel used	$	2,135	2,345
Power employed	H.P.	1,619	1,752
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	654,688	695,243
Electricity purchased	$	10,397	10,533
Cost of materials	$	304,079	260,991
Value of products	$	924,074	873,924

Table 2. - Distribution of Establishments by Provinces, 1932 and 1933.

Provinces	1932	1933
	No.	No.
CANADA	20	22
Nova Scotia	3	3
New Brunswick	1	1
Quebec	4	4
Ontario	7	9
Manitoba	2	2
British Columbia	3	3

Table 3. - Capital Invested, 1932 and 1933.

Items	1932	1933
	$	$
TOTAL	1,238,310	1,136,496
Land, buildings, fixtures and machinery	637,190	665,864
Materials, stocks, etc., on hand	160,143	146,057
Finished products on hand	171,212	150,142
Cash, trading and operating accounts	269,765	174,433

Table 4. - Employment, 1932 and 1933.

Classes of Employees	Total Number of Employees		Males		Females		Total Salaries and Wages	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	$	$
TOTAL	638	652	552	576	86	76	413,361	395,237
Salaried employees	61	61	50	49	11	12	97,419	102,505
Wage-earners	577	591	502	527	75	64	315,942	292,732

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Table 5. - Fuel Used, 1932 and 1933.

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				$	$
TOTAL	-	441	431	2,135	2,345
Bituminous coal	short tons	352	331	1,850	1,840
Anthracite coal	"	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	gallon	55	35	15	11
Kerosene oil	"	-	-	-	-
Wood	Cord	34	65	179	409
Mill waste	-	-	-	38	25
Other fuel	-	-	-	53	60

Table 6. - Power Employed, 1932 and 1933.

Kinds of Power Units	Number of Units		Total Horse-power	
	1932	1933	1932	1933
TOTAL	116	124	1,619	1,752
Steam engines and turbines	6	8	725	775
Oil, gas and gasoline engines	1	1	8	8
Hydraulic turbines or water wheels ...	1	1	30	30
Electric motors, purchased power	108	114	856	939
Electric motors, generated power	-	-	-	-
Boilers installed	11	13	810	1,175

Table 7. - Materials Used, 1932 and 1933.

Kind	Unit of Measure	Quantity		Value	
		1932	1933	1932	1933
				$	$
TOTAL	-	-	-	304,079	260,991
Lumber of logs, softwood	M ft. b.m.	4,420	4,270	95,034	72,780
Lumber or logs, hardwood	M ft. b.m.	3,812	4,408	76,313	93,645
Bolts, etc., softwood	Cords	3,120	2,616	24,200	18,806
Bolts, etc., hardwood	Cords	-	-	-	-
Veneer and plywood	M surf. ft.	45	59	2,564	3,182
All other materials	Value	-	-	105,968	72,578

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Table 8. - Products, 1932 and 1933.

Products	Unit of Measure	Quantity 1932	Quantity 1933	Value 1932	Value 1933
				$	$
TOTAL	-	-	-	924,074	873,924
Clothes pins	Gross	655,765	636,291	107,882	90,178
Washboards	No.	258,080	288,906	71,149	73,681
Pails and tubs	$	-	-	172,564	136,899
Step, extension and other ladders	$	-	-	62,901	51,879
All other kitchen woodenware	$	-	-	32,596	30,179
All other woodenware, including skewers, tooth picks, candy and lamb sticks	$	-	-	125,113	76,643
Boxes and containers, including berry boxes, fruit and vegetable baskets and crates, box shooks, butter boxes and all other boxes and containers ..	$	-	-	159,913	196,006
All other products, including lumber, veneer and plywood, sporting goods, children's sleighs, dowels, furniture and other cabinet work, artificial limb parts, shims, snow fences, tie plugs, scale boards, railway ties, poppies and wreaths, abattoir woodwork, flag sticks, wooden toys, wheelbarrows, and repair work	$	-	-	191,956	218,459

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

WOODENWARE WAS THE PRINCIPAL PRODUCT OF THE FOLLOWING FIRMS IN 1933.

	Nova Scotia
Miller & Gorden Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	Carleton.
Nova Scotia Woodenware Ltd.,	South Brookfield.
Vetcraft Industries,	Jubilee Road & Summer St., Halifax. (H.O. Daly Building, Ottawa, Ont.)
	New Brunswick
Little, Kenneth	Harvey Station.
	Quebec
Brown, C. J. & Co.,	Danville.
Hardware & Woodenware Ltd., (Brown Package Div.)	330 Water St., Coaticook.
Megantic Manufacturing Co.,	Lake Megantic.
Montreal Step-Ladder & General Woodworking Shop,	6776 Molson St., Montreal.
	Ontario
Aldred, R.J.F.	Glencoe.
Canadian Woodenware Company,	New St., St. Thomas.
Ideal Skewer Co.,	67 Main St. S., Weston, Toronto, 15.
Keenan Woodenware Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	3rd Ave. & 18th St. E., Owen Sound (H.O. 1036 - 2nd Ave. E., Owen Sound.
McFarlane Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	137 Duchess St., Toronto 2.
Muir & Martin,	832 Weston Rd., Toronto 9.
Semmens & Son,	174 York St., Hamilton
Vetcraft Industries,	41 John St. S., Hamilton & 352 Christie St., Toronto 4.
	Manitoba
The Enterprise Mfg. Co. (D. Huebert),	30 Lily St., Winnipeg.
McBain, Earl G.	339 Main Ave., Winnipeg.
	British Columbia
Allright Ladder Co., F.A.	912 Richards St., Vancouver.
Hiker Products Ltd.,	873 Viewfield Road, Victoria.
Western Broom & Woodenware Ltd.,	631 Kingsway St., Vancouver.

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