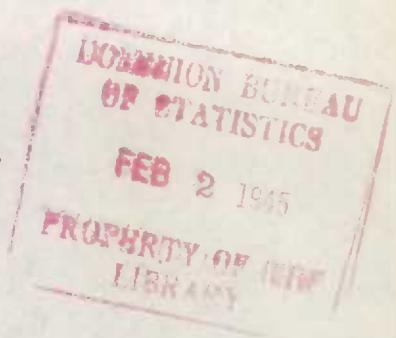


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THE BED, SPRING AND MATTRESS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1943.

A report on the bed, spring and mattress industry in Canada for the year 1943 is presented herewith. This industry comprises all firms whose principal products are mattresses, springs, metal beds and cushions. Firms who manufacture these commodities as subsidiary products are, therefore, not included here but are included in other industrial classifications in accordance with the nature of their main products. For this reason statistics on products made by this industry are, therefore, not the total for Canada. For the total output of each product, reference should be made to the appendix contained in the annual "Report on Manufacturing Industries of Canada"

Reports were received from 76 establishments which were located by provinces as follows: Nova Scotia 2, New Brunswick 1, Quebec 26, Ontario 38, Manitoba 5, Alberta 2, and British Columbia 4. To avoid disclosure of information concerning individual establishments, statistics for the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been combined. Similar procedure has been adopted in the case of Manitoba and Alberta. These 76 establishments reported a capital investment of \$10,080,519 in fixed and current assets. They furnished employment to 2,856 persons who received \$4,301,681 in salaries and wages, and produced goods with a selling value at the factory of \$17,683,860.

The principal products of this industry in the order of their importance as represented by their selling values at the factory were as follows: Mattresses \$6,615,783, springs \$2,778,971, couches cribs and cots \$1,913,467, beds and bunks \$1,792,202, and pillows and cushions \$894,488. For details see Table 3.

This industry reported a slight increase in the gross value of production during the year, the amount having risen from \$17,238,808 in 1942 to \$17,683,860 in 1943, an increase of \$445,052 or 2.6 per cent. The number of employees declined by 150 but their remuneration rose from \$4,120,572 to \$4,301,681, an increase of \$181,109 or over 4 per cent. The cost of the materials used in 1943 was valued at \$9,898,511 or \$343,767 more than in the previous year. There was also an increase of \$98,504 in the value added by manufacture.

Detailed statistics of production, materials used, capital, employment, fuel and power consumption will be found in the following tables.

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Table 1. - Principal Statistics, 1934 to 1943.

Year and Provinces	Establishments	Capital Invested	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials Used	Gross Value of Production
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
1934 .....	61	5,345,518	1,617	1,635,195	3,056,194	5,726,708
1935 .....	61	5,800,057	1,729	1,724,719	3,501,112	6,383,567
1936 .....	61	6,326,821	1,875	1,952,039	4,025,123	7,404,132
1937 .....	72	7,699,472	2,481	2,680,930	6,059,627	10,594,622
1938 .....	73	7,331,058	2,485	2,597,258	5,244,692	9,851,513
1939 .....	74	8,451,918	2,595	2,781,644	6,075,199	11,142,838
1940 .....	73	9,219,963	2,930	3,383,967	7,760,228	13,897,177
1941 .....	75	10,753,095	3,415	4,208,270	10,457,538	17,381,679

1942

CANADA .....	78	10,503,222	3,006	4,120,572	9,554,744	17,238,808
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick .....	3	111,593	58	52,096	105,720	221,956
Quebec .....	27	4,610,343	1,196	1,602,443	3,856,738	7,028,815
Ontario .....	38	3,314,119	1,004	1,482,220	3,238,635	5,757,676
Manitoba and Alberta .....	7	1,851,042	567	745,425	1,850,863	3,295,031
British Columbia ...	3	616,125	181	238,388	502,773	935,830

1943

CANADA .....	76	10,080,619	2,856	4,301,681	9,898,511	17,683,860
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick .....	3	128,654	48	55,938	98,812	210,316
Quebec .....	26	4,359,178	1,049	1,594,247	3,614,262	6,481,163
Ontario .....	36	3,073,241	915	1,474,515	3,187,428	5,562,538
Manitoba and Alberta .....	7	1,661,884	557	799,714	2,178,419	3,909,500
British Columbia ...	4	857,562	287	377,267	819,589	1,520,343

Note: Profits or losses cannot be estimated from the census figures as no data are collected for certain expense items, such as interest, rent, depreciation, taxes, insurance, advertising, etc.

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Table 2. - Comparison of Principal Statistics, 1942 and 1943.

Items		1942	1943	+ Increase - Decrease	
				-	2
Establishments reporting .....	No.	78	76	-	2
Capital invested .....	\$	10,503,222	10,080,519	-	422,703
Employees on salaries -					
Total .....	No.	519	485	-	34
Male .....	No.	371	341	-	30
Female .....	No.	148	144	-	4
Total salaries .....	\$	1,225,858	1,248,185	+	22,327
Employees on wages -					
Monthly average .....	No.	2,487	2,371	-	116
Male .....	No.	2,010	1,760	-	250
Female .....	No.	477	611	+	134
Total wages .....	\$	2,894,714	3,052,496	+	158,782
Power equipment -					
Units .....	No.	1,022	1,135	+	113
Horsepower capacity .....	H.P.	5,703	6,111	+	408
Cost of fuel and electricity ...	\$	182,170	185,951	+	2,781
Cost of materials used .....	\$	9,554,744	9,898,511	+	343,767
Gross value of production .....	\$	17,538,508	17,683,860	+	445,052
Value added by manufacture .....	\$	7,500,894	7,599,398	+	98,504

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Table 3. - Production 1942 and 1943

Products	1	9	4	2	1	9	4	3
	Quantity	Selling	Value	Quantity	Selling	Value	at Factory	at Factory
	No.	\$	No.	\$				
<u>Mattresses and springs</u>								
Mattresses .....	1,038,234	7,001,542	1,004,954	6,615,783				
Springs, box.....	15,725	215,934	90,045	1,181,870				
Springs, woven wire, bed ....	107,511	574,464	-	-				
Springs, bed, other (2) .....	232,762	1,297,721	263,543	1,511,772				
Springs, cushion and other ..	-	44,956	-	85,329				
<u>Beds, couches, cribs, etc.</u>								
Beds, metal .....	199,128	1,474,420	130,289	1,195,304				
Bunks .....	-	-	83,902	595,898				
Couches, all kinds .....	83,835	1,552,116	23,187	1,378,237				
Cribs, all kinds .....	18,964	136,414	20,740	171,059				
Cots, all kinds .....	74,434	405,387	83,216	364,171				
Beds, other .....	5,273	35,540	91	1,000				
<u>Pillows and cushions</u>								
Pillows .....	279,763	385,113	436,406	528,801				
Cushion forms .....	47,480	17,995	64,561	26,063				
Cushions .....	187,128	212,251	258,186	339,624				
<u>Comforters, bedspreads &amp; sleeping bags</u>								
Comforters, cotton .....	43,817	78,402	39,359	97,971				
Comforters, wool .....	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)				
Comforters, down .....	2,769	20,127	(x)	(x)				
Comforters, other .....	26,728	92,474	32,773	152,913				
Bedspreads, all kinds .....	21,154	95,343	5,747	33,482				
Sleeping bags .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
<u>Other products</u>								
Furniture and parts .....	-	1,946,170	-	1,831,588				
Upholstering .....	-	217,903	-	124,332				
All other .....	-	1,292,061	-	1,303,204				
Amount received for custom work and repairs .....	-	141,475	-	145,459				
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>-</b>	<b>17,238,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,682,860</b>				

NOTE: The above figures do not represent the total production in Canada of these commodities. Metal beds and springs, for example, are also produced in the Miscellaneous Iron and Steel Industry; pillows and comforters in the Miscellaneous Cotton Goods Industry, while in the case of mattresses, small quantities are also made in the Furniture Industry. For total Canadian production reference should be made to the Alphabetical list of products published in the Appendix to annual reports on "The Manufacturing Industries of Canada".

(x) Less than 3 establishments reporting, included with "Comforters other".

(1) Less than 3 establishments reporting, included with "All other products".

(2) Includes Link, cable, slat fabric and coil.

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Table 4. - Materials Used, 1943.

Kind	Unit of Measure	1	9	4	3
		Quantity	Cost Value at Factory	\$	\$
<b>Stuffing Materials:-</b>					
Felt .....	pound	7,963,437	605,819		
Kapok .....	"	(x)	(x)		
Down .....	"	62,568	222,407		
Feathers .....	"	1,532,682	175,053		
Cotton flock .....	"	14,349,808	584,889		
Hair .....	"	117,212	50,340		
Wool .....	"	198,020	13,740		
All other stuffing materials .....	-	-	1,009,708		
Ticking .....	yard	9,056,807	2,218,270		
Fabrics, all kinds .....	"	3,056,615	1,022,555		
Wire and springs .....	-	-	600,818		
Iron and other metals .....	-	-	937,465		
Lumber .....	-	-	761,094		
Paints, varnishes and other chemicals ....	-	-	120,738		
All other materials and supplies .....	-	-	1,383,702		
Packing and shipping materials .....	-	-	191,913		
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	-	-	<b>9,898,511</b>		

(x) Less than 3 forms reporting - Included in "All other stuffing materials".

Table 5. - Capital invested, 1935 to 1943.

Year and Provinces	Fixed Capital	Working Capital			Total Capital
		Land buildings, fixtures, machinery, tools, etc.	Inventory value of materials on hand, stocks in process, finished products, fuel and miscell- aneous supplies on hand	Operating Capital, cash, bills and accounts receiv- able, prepaid expenses, etc.	
1935 .....	\$ 3,228,865	\$ 821,220	\$ 1,749,972	\$ 5,800,057	
1936 .....	3,255,342	1,017,917	2,053,562	6,326,821	
1937 .....	3,460,379	1,367,838	2,871,256	7,699,473	
1938 .....	3,577,568	1,263,972	2,489,518	7,331,058	
1939 .....	3,744,853	1,927,530	2,759,535	8,431,918	
1940 .....	3,842,541	2,198,249	3,179,173	9,219,963	
1941 .....	4,192,950	3,212,574	3,347,571	10,753,095	
1942 .....	3,993,612	2,749,936	3,759,674	10,503,222	
<b>1943</b>					
CANADA .....	3,961,111	2,788,506	3,330,902	10,080,519	
Nova Scotia and					
New Brunswick ....	34,064	24,961	69,629	128,654	
Quebec .....	1,636,790	1,076,425	1,645,963	4,359,178	
Ontario .....	1,344,757	914,123	814,361	3,073,241	
Manitoba and Alberta	590,446	486,785	584,655	1,661,884	
British Columbia ...	355,054	286,212	216,296	857,562	

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Table 6. - Principal Statistics of the Bed, Spring and Mattress Industry in Canada  
Grouped According to the Size of Establishment, 1942 and 1943.

Establishments having a production of -	Estab- lish- ments No.	Capital Invested \$	Em- ployees No.	Salaries and Wages \$	Materials Used \$	Cost of	Gross
						Establish- ments No.	Salaries and Wages \$
<b>1942</b>							
Under \$5,000 .....	6	22,564	14	6,991	9,779		17,983
\$5,000 to \$25,000 ...	23	195,347	105	84,860	164,249	300,016	
\$25,000 to \$50,000 ...	8	158,197	81	76,907	144,322	287,628	
\$50,000 to \$100,000 ..	10	261,549	139	157,721	363,136	635,971	
\$100,000 to \$500,000 ..	19	2,518,125	758	949,813	2,197,123	3,916,263	
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	10)						
\$1,000,000 and over ..	2)	7,347,440	1,909	1,844,280	6,676,135	12,080,947	
Total .....	78	10,503,222	3,006	4,120,572	9,554,744	17,238,808	
<b>1943</b>							
Under \$5,000 .....	3	14,225	3	3,210	3,108	7,920	
\$5,000 to \$25,000 ...	22	146,071	77	76,053	123,497	234,139	
\$25,000 to \$50,000 ...	12	339,669	156	168,381	255,296	459,394	
\$50,000 to \$100,000 ..	9	273,321	110	131,641	344,007	582,343	
\$100,000 to \$500,000 ..	19)	3,020,080	790	1,199,681	2,558,000	4,528,962	
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	9)	6,287,153	1,720	2,722,715	6,634,603	11,871,102	
\$1,000,000 and over ..	2)						
Total .....	76	10,080,519	2,856	4,301,681	9,898,511	17,683,360	

Table 7. - Employees by Sex and Remuneration, 1942 and 1943.

		1942	1943
<b>Salaried Employees -</b>			
Total .....	No.	519	485
Male .....	No.	371	341
Female .....	No.	148	144
Total salaries .....	\$	1,225,858	1,248,185
<b>Wage-earners -</b>			
Monthly average .....	No.	2,487	2,371
Male .....	No.	2,010	1,760
Female .....	No.	477	611
Total wages .....	\$	2,894,714	3,053,496
<b>All Employees -</b>			
Total .....	No.	3,006	2,856
Male .....	No.	2,381	2,101
Female .....	No.	625	755
Total salaries and wages .....	\$	4,120,572	4,301,681

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Table 8. - Monthly employment of wage-earners, 1942 and 1943.

Months	1942			1943		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	2,130	420	2,550	1,873	567	2,440
February .....	2,093	405	2,498	1,859	607	2,466
March .....	2,047	409	2,456	1,864	596	2,460
April .....	2,035	424	2,459	1,831	635	2,466
May .....	2,046	452	2,498	1,777	643	2,420
June .....	2,033	473	2,506	1,768	643	2,411
July .....	2,022	478	2,500	1,764	617	2,381
August .....	1,980	497	2,477	1,724	624	2,348
September .....	1,917	503	2,420	1,664	588	2,252
October .....	1,929	556	2,485	1,658	602	2,260
November .....	1,936	555	2,491	1,672	586	2,258
December .....	1,929	533	2,462	1,555	571	2,226
MONTHLY AVERAGE ....	2,010	477	2,487	1,760	611	2,371

Table 9. - Number of Wage-earners during one week in the month of highest employment with their hours of work per week and average weekly earnings-1942 and 1943

Number of Hours Worked per week	1942		1943		Number of Hours Worked per week	1942		1943	
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.
30 hours or less ..	84	28	99	55	51 - 54 hours ..	275	51	533	20
31 - 43 hours ..	224	107	242	197	55 hours .....	125	19	73	3
44 hours .....	244	76	341	221	56 - 64 hours ..	258	3	115	7
45 - 47 hours ..	264	56	280	123	65 hours and over ..	37	-	14	-
48 hours .....	192	96	186	27	Average hours per week .....	48.4	44.8	46.5	41.5
49 - 50 hours ..	472	79	209	20					

Average weekly earnings .....

\$26.66 \$16.83 \$28.03 \$18.19

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Table 10. - Power Installation, 1942 and 1943.

Classes of Power	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 3		
	Number of Units	Rating of Horsepower Capacity	Manufacturers'	Number of Units	Rating of Horsepower Capacity	Manufacturers'
Diesel engines .....	1	20		1		65
Gasoline, gas and oil engines ..	5	114		5		84
Electric motors operated (In use by purchased power (Idle	980	5,224		1,089		5,609
	36	345		40		353
	(In use	22	1,408	18	1,221	
Boiler installation..... (Idle	2	279		2		279
Motor generator sets .....	1	15		5		42

Table 11. - Consumption of Fuel and Electricity, 1942 and 1943

Kinds of Fuel	Unit of Measure	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 3	
		Quantity	Cost Value at Factory	Quantity	Cost Value at Factory
Coal -	Ton		\$		\$
Bituminous .....	(2000 lb.)	4,547	38,172	7,781	66,299
Anthracite .....	"	398	4,731	156	1,996
Lignite .....	"	-	-	234	2,017
Coke (for fuel only) .	"	138	1,460	64	918
Gasoline .....	Imp.Gal.	43,947	13,917	41,663	13,412
Fuel or diesel oil ...	" "	236,790	17,520	34,237	3,356
Wood .....	Cord	397	2,823	344	2,402
Gas, manufactured and natural .....	M.cu.ft.	12,569	11,090	10,479	8,749
Other fuel .....	-	-	150	-	519
TOTAL COST OF FUEL ...	-	-	89,863	-	99,668
Electricity purchased (including service charges) .....	Kw.H.	4,556,126	93,307	4,362,738	86,283
TOTAL COST OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY .....	-	-	183,170	-	185,951

THE BED, SPRING AND MATTRESS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1943.

A P P E N D I X

Firms engaged in the Bed, Spring and Mattress Industry in Canada, 1943.

NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia Bedding Company  
Steel Furnishing Company, Ltd.,

Windsor Junction.  
Washington St., New Glasgow.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Lamb, Walter J.,

52 Britain St., St. John.

QUEBEC

Atlas Bedding Co. Ltd.,  
Boisvert, A.  
Canada Feather Inc.,  
Delormier Bedding Co. Ltd.,  
Frontenac Mattress Co., Regd.,  
Houle et Frere,  
Johnston Bedding Co.,  
Lambert, Urbain  
Laurier Bedding,  
Literie de Quebec Enrg.  
Main Mattress,  
Modern Mattress Manufactures,  
Montreal Comforter and Cushion Co.,  
Phoenix Spring Beds Co.,  
Progress Spring Bed Ltd.,  
Pouliot, Frederic,  
Poulin Jos. Edward,  
Quintal, et Frere  
Robert, A.  
Royal Mattress and Furniture Inc.,  
St. Louis Bedding Co. Ltd.,  
Simmons Ltd.,  
Three Rivers Mattress, Enrg.,  
Victoria Mattress Co.,  
Victoriaville Mattress and Spring  
Bed Co.,  
Wrightville Feather Mattress,

2109 de La Salle Ave., Montreal.  
R. R. 3, Victoriaville, St. Albert.  
124 Dorchester St. W., Montreal.  
200 8th Ave., Pointe-aux-Trembles.  
15 Boisseau St., Quebec.  
9 St-Jean Baptiste St., Victoriaville.  
1417 St. Urbain St., Montreal.  
Ste Fmmelie.  
5140 8th Ave. Rosemont, Montreal.  
5 - 11th Ave., Quebec.  
1619 St. Dominique St., Montreal  
2071 Letourneau St., Montreal.  
756 St. Paul St. W., Montreal.  
4525 rue St. Dominique, Montreal.  
2274 Moreau St., Montreal.  
rue St. Jean Baptiste, Asbestos,  
St. Georges De Beauce.  
1197 Wolfe St., Montreal.  
515 St. Michel St., St. Hyacinthe.  
167 Renaud Ave., Quebec.  
5595 Papineau St., Montreal.  
4700 St. Ambroise St., Montreal.  
2 rue Notre Dame, Cap-de-la-Madeleine.  
2187 St. Germain St., Montreal.  
  
75 Rue du Manche, Victoriaville.  
37 Dumas St., Hull.

ONTARIO

Artistocrat Bedding Co.,  
Arrow Bedding Ltd.,  
Banner Bedding Ltd.,  
Bothwell Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,  
California Wall Bed Co. of Canada Ltd.,  
Canadian Feather and Mattress Co.,  
of Ottawa Ltd.,  
Colleran Spring and Bed Co. Ltd.,

432 Wellington St. West, Toronto.  
89-103 Niagara St., Toronto.  
391 Parliament St., Toronto.  
Main St., Bothwell.  
1605 Dundas St. W., Toronto.  
  
692 Wellington St., Ottawa.  
482 Wellington St. W., Toronto.

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ONTARIO - Concluded

Dominion Spring Manufacturing Co.,	Rear of 64 Power St., Toronto.
Fehrenbach Mattress Co.,	309 Queen St. South, Kitchener.
Flynn, A. J. Bedding Co. Ltd.,	Rear of 482 Wellington St. West, Toronto,
General Spring Products,	65 Hall's Lane, Kitchener.
Gerrard Bedding Co.,	1229 Queen St. West, Toronto.
Globe Bedding Co.,	18-20 Spadina Ave., Toronto.
Imperial Bedding Co.,	337 Queen St. West, Toronto.
Imperial Spring and Mattress Mfg. Co.,	231 King St. E. Toronto.
Inner Spring Mattress and Cushion Co. Ltd.,	544 Queen St. E., Toronto.
Ives Bedding Co. Ltd.,	814 Sidney St., Cornwall.
Lefebvre, J. M. Alonso	288 Murray St., Brantford.
Marshall Ventilated Mattress Co. Ltd.,	Eglinton Ave. East, Leaside.
Membery and Son, G. D.,	29-31 Severn St. Hamilton.
National Mattress Felt and Batting Co.,	340 Gerrard St., E., Toronto.
Ottawa Feather and Mattress Co.,	548 Wellington St., Ottawa.
Peterborough Mattress and Spring Co.,	482 Mark St., Peterborough.
Queen City Bedding Co.,	296 Parliament St., Toronto.
Simmons Ltd.,	10 Jefferson Ave. Toronto.
Sleepmaster Ltd.,	41-47 Spruce St., Toronto.
Standard Bedding Co.,	27-31 Davies Ave., Toronto.
Star Bedding Co.,	27 Sackville Place, Toronto.
Stott, Jas. E. Mattress Co.,	R. R. No. 8, London,
Toronto Bedding Co.,	456 Richmond St. W., Toronto.
Townshend, Joseph	521 Brock Ave., Toronto.
Union Bedding Co.,	26 Noble St., Toronto.
Waterloo Bedding Co., Ltd.,	21 Allan St. W., Waterloo.
Watters Mattress,	Cayley St., Dundas.
Way Sagless Spring Co. Ltd.,	81 Riverside Drive, Swansea.
West Toronto Bedding and Upholstering,	2755 Dundas St. W., Toronto.

MANITOBA

Globe Bedding Co. Ltd.,	274 Jarvis Ave., Winnipeg,
Manitoba Bedding Co.,	286 - 292 Logan Ave., Winnipeg.
Parkhill Bedding Ltd.,	Notre Dame Ave., W., Winnipeg.
Quality Bed and Spring Mfg. Co. Ltd.,	Parr and Jarvis Ave., Winnipeg.
Simmons Ltd.,	121 Gomez St., Winnipeg.

ALBERTA

Alberta Bedding Co.	10358 - 105th Ave., Edmonton.
Canadian Bedding Co. Ltd.,	11313 - 83rd Street, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Restmore Mf'g. Co. Ltd.,	1000 Parker St., Vancouver.
Simmons Ltd.,	2034 - 11th Ave. West, Vancouver.
Vancouver Bedding Ltd.,	600 - 6th Ave. West, Vancouver.
Victoria Bed and Mattress Co. Ltd.,	776 Topaz Ave., Victoria.

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