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THE PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1932.

Ottawa, January, 1934.- Principal statistics of the Printing and Book-binding industry for 1932 have just been released by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

This industry includes all firms engaged chiefly in job printing, as distinguished from printers whose principal occupation is the publication of newspapers and periodicals, and from lithographers. It should be remembered, therefore, that there are many other firms besides those classified as "Printers and Bookbinders" which do job printing and bookbinding to quite an extent in other groups of the Printing Trades.

The figures for 1932 are not altogether comparable with those for 1931 owing to the inclusion of several of the firms previously forming the "Stationery and Envelope" group.

There were 1,055 establishments engaged in this industry in 1932, the distribution by provinces being as follows: Ontario 452, Quebec 298, British Columbia 33, Manitoba 80, Alberta 49, Saskatchewan 32, Nova Scotia 28, New Brunswick 23 and Prince Edward Island 4.

Capital investment in these concerns amounted to \$39,451,964, of which \$27,072,715 represented the value of land, buildings, fixtures, machinery, tools and other equipment, \$3,657,533 the inventory value of materials on hand, stocks in process, fuel and miscellaneous supplies on hand, \$1,194,804 the inventory value of finished products on hand, and \$7,526,912 the operating capital, i.e. cash, bills and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, etc.

The average number of employees in the printing and bookbinding industry was 11,679, of which 3,131 were salaried employees and 8,548 wage-earners. Salaries and wages paid in 1932 amounted to \$13,874,016.

The power equipment of the industry consisted mostly of electric motors and totalled 11,757 H.P. The total expenditure for electricity was \$263,295, representing the cost of 10,095,052 K.W.H. Fuel used during the year cost \$145,399.

The materials used amounted to \$10,967,767 in 1932, while the production was valued at \$31,270,486.

The following table gives the principal statistics of the industry for 1931 and 1932.

Principal Statistics, 1931-1932.

Items	Unit	1931	1932
Establishments	No.	971	1,055
Capital invested	\$	36,832,215	39,451,964
Employees on salaries	No.	2,795	3,131
Salaries paid	\$	5,196,510	5,284,914
Employees on wages	No.	8,394	8,548
Wages paid	\$	9,407,684	8,589,102
Fuel used	\$	139,370	145,399
Electricity purchased	K.W.H.	8,815,030	10,095,052
Electricity purchased	\$	237,463	263,295
Cost of materials	\$	10,250,998	10,967,767
Value of products	\$	32,538,628	31,270,486

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