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PRELIMINARY REPORT  
of the  
SHOW CASE & STORE FIXTURE INDUSTRY  
in  
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## THE SHOW CASE AND STORE FIXTURE INDUSTRY.

1920.

Ottawa, December, 1922:- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics presents herewith a report on the Showcase and Store Fixture industry in Canada for the calendar year 1920. The statistics were collected from twenty operating plants, located by provinces as follows:- Ontario, 15; Manitoba, 3; Quebec and British Columbia one each. The total value of production was reported at \$2,102,336 and of this amount \$1,731,859 is credited to plants operated in Ontario.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

The data collected is first shown in condensed form in the table immediately below. The following tables show in detail the information collected under each heading. Provincial statistics cannot be shown as there are too few establishments in some of the provinces and the Act under which the reports are collected expressly forbids the publication of any data which would in any way tend to divulge the operations of individual establishments.

Item	Unit	Total
Establishments .....	No.	20
Capital invested .....	\$	1,415,966
Salaried employees -		
Male .....	No.	58
Female .....	No.	7
Salaries paid .....	\$	157,414
Wage earners -		
Male .....	No.	319
Female .....	No.	-
Wages paid .....	\$	408,510
Outside piece-workers -		
Male .....	No.	1
Female .....	No.	-
Amount paid .....	\$	500
Cost of fuel .....	\$	21,056
Power employed - Units .....	No.	41
Capacity .....	H.P.	777
Used .....	H.P.	745
Miscellaneous expenses .....	\$	292,732
Cost of materials used .....	\$	758,194
Value of products .....	\$	2,012,336

THE SHOW CASE AND OFFICE FIXTURE INDUSTRY, 1920.PRODUCTS

The data collected on the products manufactured is shown in the table below. The large variety of articles made is responsible for the adoption of a short and general classification. No attempt has been made to collect statistics for all of the numerous descriptions of showcases, counters, etc. The total production is reported at \$2,012,336. Interior woodwork, counters, etc., account for \$1,485,263, or nearly 75 per cent of the total. Showcases are the next largest item with a total value reported at \$421,514, or more than 20 per cent of the total.

Items	Total Value
Interior woodwork, counters, etc.	\$1,485,263
Showcases .....	421,514
Wooden mantles .....	8,335
Dressed lumber .....	12,500
Custom work .....	800
All other wooden-made goods .....	83,924
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTS</b>	<b>\$2,012,336</b>

CAPITAL INVESTED

The statistics collected as to capital investment are divided under four headings. It must be noted that this item in no way represents "capital account", but refers to the actual values used in the operations of the plant. The statistics for the calendar year 1920 are shown in the following summary.

Items	Amount
Land, buildings and fixtures .....	\$301,799
Machinery and tools .....	189,246
Materials on hand, stocks in process, etc...	319,862
Cash, trading and operating accounts .....	605,059
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTED</b>	<b>\$1,415,966</b>

EMPLOYEES, SALARIES AND WAGES

Employees are classified in three distinct groups, viz.- salaried employees, wage earners and outside piece-workers. The first group is also subdivided as between the management and clerical staff. The data collected for 1920 is given in the table below. The sum of \$566,424 was paid to 385 employees, 65 being salaried employees and 320 wage earners. Of the total only 7 were females, and all of these are in the salaried employees group.

Classes of Employment	Number of employees		Salaries & Wages
	Male	Female	
Officers, superintendents, managers	35	1	\$102,163
Clerks, stenographers, etc.....	23	6	55,251
<b>TOTAL SALARIED EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>157,414</b>
Wage-earners, average number ....	319	-	408,510
Outside piece-workers .....	1	-	500
<b>TOTAL OF ALL EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>566,424</b>

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MATERIALS USED.

The cost of all materials used, is reported for the calendar year 1920 at \$758,194. The largest item is for lumber and timber of all kinds, amounting to \$275,683, the second largest being for plate glass, reported at \$193,486. All other glass cost manufacturers \$94,041. The data collected is shown by items in the table below:-

Items	Unit	Quantity	Total Cost
Lumber and timber, softwood . . . . .	m. ft. B.M.	1,450	\$ 50,938
Lumber and timber, hardwood . . . . .	"	9,014	222,750
Veneer . . . . .	"	115	15,650
Plate glass . . . . .			193,486
Other glass . . . . .			94,041
Hardware and mountings . . . . .			92,748
Nails, tacks and screws . . . . .			6,133
Iron and steel castings, pipes, rods, etc. . . . .			647
Paints, oils and varnishes . . . . .			28,615
All other miscellaneous materials . . . . .			53,186
TOTAL COST OF MATERIALS			\$758,194

FUEL CONSUMPTION.

In the following table will be found detailed statistics on the fuel consumed by the plants reporting. The total cost reported for fuel consumption in 1920 is \$21,056.

Kind	Unit	Quantity	Cost Value
Bituminous coal . . . . .	tons	1,906	\$ 19,568
Anthracite coal . . . . .	"	113	999
Wood . . . . .	cds.	41	291
Gas . . . . .	m.c.ft.	161	173
Other fuel . . . . .	-	-	25
TOTAL COST OF FUEL			\$21,056

POWER EMPLOYED.

A total of 41 power units is reported by the 20 plants, 36 of which are electric motors. In addition 5 boilers are used. The statistics collected have been tabulated and are shown in the statement below:-

Description	Units	Capacity	Actually used
			H.P.
Steam engines . . . . .	No.	H.P.	
Electric motors . . . . .	36	410	407
TOTAL POWER		367	338
Boilers . . . . .		41	745
		5	260

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

The following table gives details as to miscellaneous expenditures incurred during the year 1920:-

Rent of offices, works and machinery . . . . .	\$ 10,795	
Rent of power . . . . .	5,203	
Insurance (premiums for year only) . . . . .	12,795	
Taxes, municipal, provincial, federal . . . . .	19,663	
Royalties, use of patents, etc. . . . .	1,062	
Advertising expenses . . . . .	16,139	
Travelling expenses . . . . .	57,311	
Repairs to buildings and machinery . . . . .	18,043	
All other sundry expenses . . . . .	151,716	
TOTAL		\$292,732

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