

Statistics of the Combined Pulp and Paper Industries.*—The manufacture of pulp, the manufacture of paper and the manufacture of products made of paper may, under certain conditions, be treated as three industries for they are frequently carried on in separate plants by entirely independent companies. The manufacture of basic stock and the converting of this paper into stationery and other highly processed paper products are often combined in one plant. This conversion of paper within the pulp and paper industry represents only a small part of Canada's production of converted paper and boards, the bulk of which is still made in special converting mills classified in other industrial groups.

The presence of these different combinations in one mill makes it difficult to separate many of the statistics relating to the manufacture of pulp, basic paper and converted paper products. All converting operations carried on in paper mills in this industry are attributed to the particular industrial group of converting plants to which they properly belong. Including manufacturing operations as far as the basic paper-making stage, there were altogether 128 mills in operation in 1957. The employees numbered 65,940 and their salaries and wages amounted to \$307,627,849, as against \$297,571,944 the previous year. If the pulp made for their own use in combined pulp and paper mills is disregarded, the total value of materials and supplies used in the industry as a whole amounted to \$617,175,797 in 1957 compared with \$625,205,442 in 1956; the selling value of factory shipments to \$1,411,934,462 in 1957 and \$1,453,441,726 in 1956; and value added by manufacture to \$693,475,562 in 1957 and \$736,346,393 in 1956.

The pulp and paper industry is one of the leading single manufacturing industries in Canada. In 1957 as in 1956 it was first in selling value of factory shipments, in value added by manufacture, in employment and in salaries and wages paid. The manufacturing stages only of the industry are considered in these comparisons, no allowance being made for capital invested, men employed, wages paid or primary products sold in connection with the woods operations. These form an important part of the industry as a whole but cannot be separated from woods operations carried on in connection with sawmills and other industries. In world trade, pulp and paper are generally Canada's main commodities—newsprint alone, over a considerable period, has brought Canada more export dollars than wheat, nickel or any other single commodity.† The United States market absorbs annually over 80 p.c. of all pulpwood exports and over 80 p.c. of the pulp and the paper shipments of Canada.

Subsection 4.—The Veneer and Plywood Industries‡

The production of hardwood plywood in Canada is confined largely to the eastern provinces. Changes in manufacturing methods applied to hardwood plywood resulted in its adaptation to many uses, particularly to attractive wall finishes for homes and other buildings, flush doors, radio and television cabinets and other home and office furniture.

Softwood plywood is produced almost entirely in British Columbia. Douglas fir is most commonly utilized because of the availability of large diameter logs of this species from which large sheets of clear veneer can be obtained. The use of synthetic resin adhesives is responsible for this product that has become almost indispensable to the construction industry—for wall panels, concrete forms, roofing, sheeting and house sub-floors; for construction of silos, cribs and caissons; for box-car linings, bus bodies, trailers, power-driven and other types of watercraft; for box panels and crate linings, case goods and core-stock for furniture; for plywood-faced doors and for many other items.

The heating of glued veneers in moulds by high-frequency electric fields (dielectric heating) permits the manufacture of shaped plywood which is now being used for furniture, radio cabinets and similar products. The possibilities of this development are becoming more widely appreciated.

* See Chapter XIV for further particulars regarding the pulp and paper and paper-converting industries.

† For reasons given in Section 1, Part II of the Foreign Trade Chapter, gold is excluded from Canadian trade statistics.

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