

Veneers of Canadian manufacture are not confined to species native to Canada. A number of imported woods of special decorative value are veneered successfully and provide the furniture industry with a wide choice of finishes. Exports of veneer and plywood produced in Canada increased in value from \$969,256 in 1938 to a high of \$30,103,676 in 1955, but declined to \$22,523,609 in 1958.

22.—Veneer and Plywood Produced for Sale, by Type, 1956-58

Type	1956		1957		1958	
	Not over 1/20 Inch	Over 1/20 Inch	Not over 1/20 Inch	Over 1/20 Inch	Not over 1/20 Inch	Over 1/20 Inch
Veneer M sq. ft.	596,638	936,986	524,127	500,755	591,444	522,463
§	14,952,955	9,559,268	13,529,436	4,622,407	15,041,689	5,411,859
Domestic softwood..... M sq. ft.	1,851	873,688	6,240	432,605	7,234	457,051
§	48,890	7,752,567	71,857	2,977,350	93,830	3,546,471
Domestic hardwood..... M sq. ft.	560,914	62,940	488,830	67,311	556,096	63,670
§	13,705,076	1,797,285	12,274,087	1,615,194	13,939,251	1,794,998
Imported wood..... M sq. ft.	33,873	358	29,057	839	28,114	1,742
§	1,198,989	9,416	1,183,492	29,863	1,008,608	70,390
Plywood (1/4 inch Basis) M sq. ft.	1,304,630		1,257,962		1,532,177	
§	98,192,320		89,959,610		95,763,254	
Domestic softwood..... M sq. ft.	1,083,659		1,031,386		1,276,766	
§	69,764,496		65,017,348		70,389,579	
Domestic hardwood..... M sq. ft.	207,576		214,265		243,636	
§	24,869,773		22,116,570		22,517,968	
Imported wood..... M sq. ft.	13,395		12,311		11,775	
§	3,568,051		2,825,692		2,855,707	

Subsection 5.—The Wood-Using Industries

The wood-using group comprises thirteen industries,* other than sawmills and pulp mills, using wood as their principal raw material. Most of these industries obtain from the sawmills the wood they transform into planed and matched lumber, boxes, barrels, furniture, caskets and other manufactured or semi-manufactured products but the veneer and plywood and excelsior industries usually manufacture their products direct from logs and bolts.

This wood-using group does not include every industry into which wood enters as a raw material but only those producing commodities where the chief component is wood. There are a number of industrial groups in which wood is an important raw material as in the manufacture of agricultural implements, musical instruments, etc., and others such as the manufacture of machinery in which wood is necessary but only in comparatively small proportion.

Wood is used indirectly in the manufacture of all-metal products such as wooden patterns and wooden foundry boxes in making metal castings. Wood in the form of barrels, boxes and other containers also enters into the distribution of commodities of all kinds.

In 1958 the wood-using group, comprising 4,079 establishments, gave employment to 73,159 persons and paid out \$226,881,505 in salaries and wages. The gross value of its products was \$797,294,220 and the net value \$338,124,109.

* Furniture; sash, door and planing mills; veneer and plywood; hardwood flooring; boxes, baskets and crates; wood-turning; coffins and caskets; cooperage; woodenware; lasts, trees and wooden shoe findings; beekeepers' and poultrymen's supplies; excelsior; and other wood-using industries.