## THE FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY TRADE

## INTRODUCTORY

This trade comprises firms that were engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of wooden furniture, bedding and cushions and in the making-up of carpets, curtains, draperies, etc.

As quantitative particulars are not available, except for a limited number of classes of goods produced in 1935, Table VI dealing with average values of goods produced, exported and imported is not included for this trade.

Table I A.-General summary

| Particulars |  |  | 1935 | 1930 | 1924 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |

* Not available.

Table I B.-Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average

| Particulars |
| :--- | 

Furniture and cabinetware of wood, upholstered or not upholstered
Parts of furni
farts of furniture (sofa $\dddot{7}$ frames, $\cdots \cdots$.... frames fittings for shops, offices, banks, charches, ships, etc Blinds architectural woodwork Blinds
Bedding
Bedding, cuuhions, $\dddot{\text { cuilts, etc }}$
Other goods
Repdirs to furniture and cabinetware, etc.
Making - $w$ of cerpets, curtoins. draperies, etc
Repairs to curniture and cabinetware, etc.
Making-veof of corpets, curtoins, draperies, etc.
Work done for the traide:-
Polishing
Upholstery
Other work

| Total | .. | $\ldots$ | .. | 5,070 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Table II.-Size of establishments in 1935

| Size of establishment (average number employed) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { establish- } \\ & \text { ments } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { Cross }}{\text { Coutput }}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { Net } \\ \text { output }}}^{\text {ater }}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { persons } \\ \text { employer } \\ \text { excluuting } \\ \text { oxt- } \\ \text { workers) } \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | £'000 | £ | No. |  |
| ${ }_{11-24}$... | 654 | ${ }^{3,662}$ | 1,931 |  | 167 |
| - $25-49 \ldots$ | 553 <br> 332 <br> 1 | 6, $7^{82}$ | 3,436 | 18,978 | 188. |
| $50-99 \ldots$ $100-199$. | (332 | 7,992 <br> 8,629 | 4, 4.400 | 22,470 23,530 | [184 |
| 200-299... | 46 | 3,905 | ${ }_{2,025}^{4,480}$ | 10,905 | 186 |
| 300-399... | 20 | 2,476 | 1,205 | 6,664 | 181 |
| 400-499... | 13 | 2,309 | 1,283 | 5,662 | 227 |
| $500-749 \ldots$ | 6 | 1,523 <br> 2, 109 | +683 | 3,623 | 188 198 |
| 750 and over | 5 | 2,199 | 1,154 | 5,825 | 198 |
| Total | 1,800 | 39,477 | 20,245 | 109,226 | 185 |

## PRODUCTION

Table V.-Output of principal products

| Kind of output | 1935 |  |  | $\begin{gathered} { }^{1930} \\ \hline \text { Value } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Entries |  |
| Furniture and cabinetware of wood (including wireless cabinets, gramophone cases, etc.) :- Upholstered (excep <br> Upholstered (except seating for divans) <br> divans) <br> Small chairs (dining room chairs etc.) <br> Armchairs and easy chairs Settees <br> Other descriptions <br> Not upholstered <br> Chairs of which the entire frame- <br> work is bent (e.g., restaurant chairs) <br> Other chairs (e.g., Windsor, cane seat, rush seat, etc.) <br> abinetware (e.g., wardrobes, side- <br> boards, chests, tables, etc.) <br> Folding chairs, beds, tables, etc., <br> Unclassified furniture and cabinet- <br> ware <br> Component parts of furniture (e.g., sofa frames, chair frames, etc.), sold separately sold separately |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { L'000 } \\ \\ \\ 4,466 \\ 3,662 \\ 2,439 \\ 446 \\ 222 \\ 8 \\ 315 \\ 53 \\ 516,824 \\ 316 \\ \hline 1,525 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | No. $\begin{array}{r} 33.5 \\ 500 \\ 439 \\ 174 \\ 9 \\ 5 \\ 59 \\ 79 \\ 10 \\ 930 \\ 11 \\ 220 \\ 20 \end{array}$ | E'000 |
| Total-Furniture and cabinetware of wood (including wireless cabinets, gramophone cases, etc.) |  | 27,593 | ... | 23,444 |
| W ood fittinys (other than furniture) : <br> For shops <br> For offices (including banks) For other buildings For ships Unclassified . |  | $\begin{aligned} & 336 \\ & 330 \\ & 619 \\ & \hline 202 \\ & \hline 289 \\ & 585 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106 \\ & 90 \\ & 128 \\ & 124 \\ & 144 \\ & \hline 44 \end{aligned}$ | 1,823 |
| Total-Wood fittings (other than furniture).. |  | 2,062 | ... | 1,823 |
| Venetian blinds <br> Soft furnishing goods <br> Curtains and blinds : <br> Of cotton <br> Of silk and artificial silk <br> Of other textile materials <br> Quilts, counterpanes and other bed coverings $\dagger$ <br> Of silk and artificial silk. <br> Of other textile materials <br> Of unclassified (including mixed) $\{$ <br> textile materials $\quad$ (cushions <br> etc.) :- <br> Of cotton <br> Of silk and artificial silk <br> Of other materials <br> Of unclassified (including mixed) textile materials <br> Unclassified soft furnishing goods <br> Mattress overlays (including spring interior and solid stuffed) \|| <br> Divans (complete) <br> Mattress overlays and divans, un- classified | 153 10 66 <br> Thous. 1,682 I6 | 18 239 239 34 187 1,281 337 90 29 204 131 92 92 305 197 578 202 2,162 203 19 409 |  | 6, 196衡 |
| Total-soft furnishing goods, mattresses, ete? | $\ldots$ | 0,827 |  | 6,196 |



* So far as recorded separately.
$\dagger$ For quilts, counterpanes and other bed coverings of cotton and linen see the Cotton and Linen and Hemp Trades 1 Part I. The total output in 1935 of quilts,
counterpanes and other bed coverings of all kinds, so far as recorded separately, counterpanes as
was as follows:-
+ Including some quilts, counterpanes and other bed coverings of cotton, which were not recorded separately. See footnote ( $\dagger$ ) above.




 ** Including some mattress foundations. or altering carpets, curtains, etc

The figures shown in the preceding table include the following output recorded by firms whose returns were made on schedules for other trades and are not, therefore, included in Table I A.


Table VII.-Volume of Production, 1924-1935

| Output | 1924 | 1930 | 1935 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value of output as returned Estimated value at 1935 prices* | $\begin{aligned} & f^{\prime} .000 \\ & 26,450 \\ & 23,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \AA^{\prime} \text { 'ono } \\ & 39,849 \\ & 39,849 \end{aligned}$ |
| Volume of production as a percentage of 1935 | Per cent. $58$ | Per cent. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per cent. } \\ \text { Ion } \end{gathered}$ |

* In the absence of particulars of quantities, these estimates are based an prices
of materials used and other manufacturing costs.

Table VIII.-Exports and Imports
Particulars of exports and imports are only recorded by values. A omparison with production is impracticable in view of the large pro portion of the output which escaped record owing to the exclusion of the small firm

| Kind of goods | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exports } \\ & \text { (f.o.b.) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Retained imports (c.i.f.) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1935 | 1930 | 1935 | 1930 |
| Furniture and cabinetware, including | £'000 | $£^{\prime} 000$ | f'ooo | $\stackrel{\text { L'ooo }}{ }$ |
| Of bentwood. <br> Other .. | $48{ }^{4}$ | $\}$ * $\{$ | $\begin{aligned} & 108 \\ & 287 \\ & 287 \end{aligned}$ | \} |
| Total | 489 | 1,129 | 395 | 874 |

Table IX.-Other output of the Furniture and Upholstery Trade
The value of the gross output of the firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Furniture and Upholstery Trade was $£ 39,477,000$ in 1935 and $£ 33,795,000$ in 1930 , of which $£ 37,987,000$ in 1935 and ticulars of the remaining items are shown below.


- 135

MATITRIALS AND FUEL
Table X A. - Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used


+ So far as recorded separately,
Including electricity generated in other works under the same ownership.
Table X B.-Consumption of coal, coke and electricity

| Kind of fuel |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1935 | 1930 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

- Including an estimate in respect of purchases recorded by value only.
${ }^{136}$


## EMPLOYMENT

Table XI A.-Average numbers employed

| Persons employed | Males |  | Females |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { ages }}{\text { All }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \text { I } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { ages }}{\text { all }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ \text { T } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { alle } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|r} 12,949 \\ 1 r, 483 \\ 187 \\ 629 \\ 629 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 72,509 \\ 60.530 \\ 7,392 \\ 6,466 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 7,077 \\ 6,437 \\ 698 \\ 556 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25,574 \\ 25,599 \\ 3,756 \\ 2,984 \\ 2,984 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 20,026 \\ 1,3,30 \\ 1,885 \\ 1,185 \\ 1,185 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 98,078 \\ 82,429 \\ 11,148 \\ 9,450 \end{array}$ |
| $\text { Total ... ... }\left\{\begin{array}{l} 1935 \\ 1930 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,436 \\ & 12,512 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 790,896 \\ & 66,996 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.775 \\ & 6,993 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 29,330 \\ & 24,883 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,211 \\ & 19,505 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 109,226 \\ 91,879 \end{gathered}$ |
| Average number of out- workers... ... $\begin{aligned} & 1935 \\ & 1930\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 521 \\ & 3 \times 2 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 291 \\ & 3 I 7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 812 \\ & 629 \end{aligned}$ |  |

Table XI B.-Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1930 and 1935 by firms furnishing returns in respect of the twelve month ended December


* For the ending date of each week see page xiv.
$\dagger$ Based on the estimated average for the year 1935 .

Table XI C.-Average numbers employed, 1924-1935


## 137

WAGES
Table XII.-Wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages
The aggregate amount of wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages was $55,390,000$ in 1935 representing 55.5 per cent. of the net output of these firms, the corresponding figures for 1930 being $£ 4,910,000$
and 58.7 per cent. The figures for these firms given below indicate the size of the sample and the extent to which it is representative.


COUNTRY TABLES (1935)
Note.-The figures given in the following tables relate only to firms Note.-The figures given in the following tables relate only to firms
whose returns were made on schedules for the Furniture and Upholstery Trade.

Table I.-General summary

| Particulars | Unit | $\begin{gathered} \text { England } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Wales } \end{gathered}$ | Scotland | Great Britain | Northern Ireland |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value of products. (Gross output) | $£^{\prime} 000$ | 37,246 | 1,997 | 39,243 | 234 |
| Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used |  | 18,105 | 880 | 18,985 | 120 |
| Amount paid for work given out |  |  |  | 127 | * |
| Net output ............ | " | 19,018 | 1, II ${ }^{4}$ | 20,131 | 114 |
| Average ni. mber of persons employed (excluding out workers) | No. | roi, 383 | 6,970 | 108,353 | 873 |
| Net autput per person employed (excluding out- |  |  | 160 | 186 |  |
| Number of returns ... | No. | $\begin{aligned} & 1,567 \\ & 1628 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130 \\ & 138 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 186 \\ 1,705 \end{array}$ | 130 21 21 |



|  |  | Amount received | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { received } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Amount } \\ \text { reoeived } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { reoeived } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Making-up of earpets our- |  | 631 | 32 | 663 |  |
| Repairs to furniture, |  | 645 | 77 | 722 |  |
| oabinetware, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work done for the trade:Polishing Upholstering | $£^{\prime} 1000$ | 51 | 8 | 59 |  |
|  | ${ }_{\text {c }}{ }^{\prime} 000$ | 48 | 16 | 64 | 1 |
| Carpet planning | £', ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ '000 | $\begin{array}{r}71 \\ 177 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | 74 77 |  |
| Other work | ${ }^{\prime} 000$ | 91 |  | 104 | 2 |
| Total amount reaeived for work done | £'000 | 1,714 | 449 | 2,863 | 37 |
| TOTAL - VALUE OF GOODS MADE AND FORK DONE | ¿'000 | 37,246 | 1,997 | 39,243 | 234 |
| W Owing to the possible disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars oannot be given. <br> $t$ Iess than 500 . <br> 7 Owing to the possible disclosure of information relating to individual firms, partioulars for Northern Ireland have been included with those for England and Wales and for Great Britain. <br> § So far as recorded separately. <br> Table III A. - Materials, fuel and electrioity purchased and used. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nd of materials, eto. | Unit. | $\begin{gathered} \text { England } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Wales } \end{gathered}$ | Sootland | Great <br> Britain | Northes <br> Irelar |
| Materials used ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ :- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Th. sq.ft |  |  |  |  |
| Hardwood |  | 155,167 | 8,005 | 163,172 2,609 | 19 |
|  | $\Sigma^{\prime} 000$ | 47, 4,2 |  |  |  |
| Veneers and panelwood | Th.sq.ft. | $\begin{array}{r}175,469 \\ 1,437 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 3,642 | 179, 1711 | 13 |
|  | ${ }_{8}{ }^{\prime} 000011$ | 1,450 |  | 1,456 |  |
| rnishing | Th. lin.yds. |  |  |  | E |
| Up to 31 inohes wide | $\sum^{+} 000$ $2^{\prime} 000$ | 6,373 | 10 | 383 |  |
|  | 发'000 11. |  |  |  |  |
| Over 31 inches wide |  | 27,045 2,173 | 109 | 2,222 | 17 |
|  |  | 8,3898 | $15 \frac{3}{3}$ | 8,551 |  |
| Hides (exoluding <br> To morocos) <br> Unolassified <br> Fuel and eleotrioity used <br> or all purposes:- |  | - 298 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1,04, 39 | 94 | 1, 140 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal ... ... ... ... ... | Th.ton | ${ }_{2}^{26.6}$ | 8.7 | 37.3 | . 7 |
|  |  | 32 |  |  |  |
| Co | Th.tons | 13.3 | 0.5 | 13.8 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 546 |  |
| Heavy fuel oil |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchased eleotricity S:- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th.B.T.U. } \\ & \left(\mathrm{kW},-\mathrm{HrS}_{\bullet}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  | 2,160 | 53,723 |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 195 \\ 49 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Q 77 other purchased materials and fuel | \&' Cor | 9,039 | 421 | 9,460 |  |
| toral | \&'000 | 18, 105 | 880 | 18,985 | 12 |

n So far as recorded separately.
7 Iess than 500 .
$\neq$ Less than 8500 .
§ Inoluding eleotricity generated in other works under the same owmership.
" Quantity not stated.

| Electricity consumed | England Wales Wales | Scotland | Great Britain | Northern Ireland |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Generated in se work | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th. B.T.U. } \\ & \text { (Kw.-hrs.) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Th. B.T.U. } \\ \text { (Kw.-hrs.) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th. B.T.U. } \\ & \text { (Kw.-hrs.) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th. B.T.U. } \\ & \text { (Kw.-hrs.) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Generated in same works Generated in other works under |  |  | ${ }_{\text {(Rw.-hrs.) }}^{\substack{\text { (326 }}}$ |  |
| same ownership Purchased | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ 64.535 * \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ 67.095 * \end{gathered}$ | $\overline{205}$ |
| Total | 72.788 | 2,663 | 75.451 | 208 |

Table IV A.-Numbers employed in week ended 12th October, 1935

| Persons employed (excluding outworkers) | Males |  | Females |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \text { I } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { ages } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \text { Under } \\ 18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { ages } \end{gathered}$ |
| England and Wales :Operatives Administrative, etc.* | $\begin{array}{r} 12,798 \\ 465 \end{array}$ | 71,379 <br> 6,823 | $\begin{array}{r} 6,857 \\ 647 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24,951 \\ 3,412 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline 9,655 \\ 1,112 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96,330 \\ & 10,235 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 13,263 | 78,202 | 7.504 | 28,363 | 20,767 | 106,565 |
| Scotland :Operatives Administrative, etc.* | $\begin{gathered} 778 \\ 17 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,625 \\ 486 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 576 \\ 50 \\ 50 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,904 \\ 312 \end{gathered}$ | 1,354 67 | $\begin{array}{r} 6,529 \\ 798 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 795 | 5,111 | 626 | 2,216 | 1,42I | 7,327 |
| Great Britain :Operatives Administrative, etc.* | $\begin{array}{r} 13,57^{6} \\ \hline 82 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 76,004 \\ 7,309 \end{gathered}$ | 7,433 | $\begin{array}{r} 26,855 \\ 3,724 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21,009 \\ 1,1779 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 102,859 \\ 11,033 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total | ז4,058 | 83,313 | 8,130 | 30,579 | 22,188 | 113,892 |
| Northern Ireland :Operatives Administrative, etc.* | $\begin{array}{r} 107 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 599 \\ 83 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{1}^{47}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 175 \\ 32 \end{array}$ | 154 | 774 15 |
| Total | 112 | 682 | 48 | 207 | 160 | 889 |

Table IV B.-Operatives employed in one weeh in each month of 1935


Table IV C.-Numbers of outworkers at two specified periods in 1935

| Country | January |  |  | July |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total |
| England and Wales Notland Ireland | $\begin{array}{r} 559 \\ 20 \\ 3 \end{array}$ | $\frac{206}{3}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 765 \\ 20 \\ 6 \end{array}$ | 420 37 2 | $\begin{array}{r} 368 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 788 4 4 4 |
| United Kingdom | 582 | 209 | 791 | 459 | 374 | 833 |

Table V.-Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average

| Particulars | England and Wales | Scotland | Great Britain | Northern Ireland |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of returns received | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & 5,600 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ 555 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & 6,155 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No, } \\ & 124 \end{aligned}$ |
| Average number of persons employed : Males <br> Females | $\begin{gathered} 20,252 \\ 3,711 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,121 \\ 668 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22,373 \\ 4,379 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r}457 \\ 48 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ |
| Total | 23,963 | 2,789 | 26,752 | 505 |

