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TEXTILE CONVERTING TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Textile Converting Trade relates to establishments in Great Britain engaged wholly or mainly in converting cloth of cotton and of rayon, nylon, etc. to the finished state, and in procuring the making-up of household textiles of these materials; household textiles are, however, regarded as principal products of the Made-up Household Textiles Trade, and the amounts of these made and sold in this trade are shewn in the report on that trade. The work of finishing and making-up is in the main given out to other firms working on commission, and is covered by the reports on the Textile Finishing Trade and the Made-up Household Textiles Trade.

The same form was sent to all firms on the register for this trade, and the tables in this report relate, therefore, to all establishments irrespective of size.

This trade is included in minimum list heading 244(3) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Particulars relating to this trade are available only for 1948.



DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES  
TEXTILE CONVERTING TRADE  
Summary  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 1

	1948
	£'000
Gross output (production)	212,643
Amount receivable in respect of cotton utility cloth subsidy	1,197
Cost of materials and fuel used	147,031
Payment for work done on materials given out	31,013
Net output	35,796
Wages and salaries of persons employed	7,048
Average number of persons employed (a)	14,310 (b)
Net output per person employed (a)	2,501 (c)
	£'000
Stocks at end of year	
Finished products and work in progress	27,469
Materials and fuel	22,000
Number of establishments	1,186

- (a) Excluding outworkers.  
 (b) For an estimate of the total number of persons employed in this trade see Table 3.  
 (c) As this is not a manufacturing trade, this figure is not comparable with the corresponding figures in other Census trades.

The values of gross output and of materials and fuel used are derived in the following way:-

	1948
	£'000
Output of firms in this trade	
Total value of sales	
Principal products (see Table 8)	191,596
Other output (see Table 10)	15,412
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+ 6,033
	213,041
Less payment for transport by other firms	397
Gross output (production)	212,643
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade	
Purchases (see Table 13)	153,029
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	- 5,998
Materials and fuel used	147,031

TABLE 2 - Summary, 1948: Small firms in Great Britain.

This table is not applicable to the trade. Small firms are included in Table 1.

Estimated average employment, 1948  
All firms in Great Britain

TABLE 3

Average employment in firms making satisfactory returns (a)	14,310
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	15
Estimated average employment in all firms	14,325

(a) See Tables 1 and 15.

Analysis by size, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 4

Average number employed	Establishments	Gross output	Net output	Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
					Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
1-10	880	59,669	8,453	3,479	199	1,497	1,696	2,430
11-24	185	46,983	7,829	2,835	272	1,180	1,452	2,761
25-49	64	31,334	5,843	2,163	210	881	1,091	2,701
50-99	39	34,645	6,378	2,535	266	1,020	1,286	2,516
100-199	13	23,434	4,348	1,852	187	737	925	2,348
200-399	5	16,577	2,946	1,446	122	476	598	2,037
Total	1,186	212,643	35,796	14,310	1,257	5,792	7,048	2,501



Analysis by standard region, 1948

Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 5

Region	Establishments	Gross output	Net output		Persons employed	Remuneration		
			Value	Percentage of total		Wages	Salaries	Total
	No.	£'000	£'000		No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
England and Wales								
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	144	19,651	3,443	9.6	1,364	124	486	610
Eastern	6	297	48	0.1	36	4	8	13
London and South Eastern	115	9,667	2,041	5.7	860	58	424	482
North Western	877	174,933	28,923	80.8	11,397	1,015	4,633	5,648
Midland; and North Midland	12	2,831	346	1.0	152	12	50	62
Northern; South Western; and Wales	5	2,343	424	1.2	211	15	96	111
Total England and Wales	1,159	209,723	35,225	98.4	14,020	1,228	5,697	6,925
Scotland	27	2,920	571	1.6	290	28	95	123
Great Britain	1,186	212,643	35,796	100.0	14,310	1,257	5,792	7,048

Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 6

	Establishments	Gross output	Sales of characteristic products	Net output	Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
						Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
Specialist suppliers of									
Finished cloth of cotton and rayon, nylon, etc.	1,166	210,759	191,120	35,493	14,170	1,248	5,740	6,988	2,505
Household textiles of cotton and rayon, nylon, etc. made up for them on commission	20	1,884	1,276	303	140	9	51	60	2,165
Total	1,186	212,643		35,796	14,310	1,257	5,792	7,048	2,501

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products

This table is not applicable to the trade.

Sales of the principal products of the trade, including sales of these products by establishments classified to other trades

TABLE 8

	Quantity	1948	
		Value	Entries
	Th. sq.yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth wholly of cotton			
Cloth for apparel			
Flannelette and winceyette	74,355	6,507	274
Shirtings, other than flannelette	146,970	19,933	463
Velveteens	3,054	1,035	41
Fustians and corduroys	5,162	1,416	73
Dress and blouse cloths, other than velvets and cords	156,400	17,106	401
Domestic overall cloths	19,279	1,672	129
Industrial overall cloths, drills, etc.	77,953	10,115	309
Rainwear cloths			
Gaberdine	16,591	3,858	162
Rubberised	11,202	1,344	51
Oiled	3,517	349	33
Linings	100,195	9,651	411
Interlinings	12,624	781	136
Corset cloth	10,570	1,320	71
Speciality export cloth, e.g., native types	243,244	23,516	259
Other	52,688	5,113	175
Unclassified	359	26	..
Total	934,161	103,742	..
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs			
Sheeting and pillow case cottons	35,620	3,707	178
Blanketing	1,282	155	21
Bed covering and quilt cloth	6,930	874	80
Towelling, including cloth for nursery squares and glass cloths	5,172	651	44
Handkerchief cloth	17,920	1,930	106
Table cloths and napery	2,255	310	34
Plain and check duster cloth	550	43	11
Other	2,619	182	22
Total	72,349	7,853	..



TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th.sq.yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth wholly of cotton (contd.)			
Furnishing fabrics			
Ticking	19,446	2,286	76
Deck-chair canvas, awning cloths, etc.	1,091	164	30
Pile fabrics	582	215	25
Cretannes and chintzes	16,900	3,127	101
Coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	12,135	2,587	96
Other	16,425	2,525	137
Unclassified	771	183	..
Total	67,350	11,086	..
Umbrella cloth	2,654	349	24
Shrouding cloth	5,304	293	38
Tracing cloth	5,341	745	15
Boot and shoe linings and fabrics (a)	12,660	1,878	12
Book-binding cloth (a)	10,647	976	9
Typewriter ribbon cloth (a)	2,467	347	5
Other	121,831	7,712	194
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	12,292	897	31
Total finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	1,247,055	135,878	..
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.			
Cloth for apparel			
Velveteens and velvets	1,395	514	16
Other dress cloth, including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	206,644	35,322	499
Lingerie and nightwear cloth	38,390	5,701	239
Rainwear cloth	686	123	25
Linings	56,826	6,900	369
Corset cloth	1,065	277	29
Other	2,731	425	42
Total	307,738	49,264	..
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs			
Handkerchief cloth	171	33	9

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th.sq.yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc. (contd.)			
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs (contd.)			
Bed covering and quilt cloth	5,010	583	51
Sheeting and pillowcase cloth, and cloth for tablecoverings	155	40	9
Total	5,335	656	..
Furnishing fabrics			
Pile fabrics	251	97	6
Cretannes and chintzes	2,676	671	34
Coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	2,052	416	30
Other	2,273	586	57
Total	7,252	1,769	..
Umbrella cloth	728	144	8
Shrouding cloth	255	27	..
Other	1,370	232	22
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	431	51	5
Total finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	323,109	52,142	..
Finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk			
Cloth for apparel			
Velveteens and velvets	60	27	6
Other dress cloth including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	7,571	1,324	102
Lingerie and nightwear cloth	926	152	29
Rainwear cloth	54	9	7
Linings	30,180	3,900	155
Corset cloth	4,583	994	44
Other	1,696	228	15
Total	45,070	6,634	..
Cloth for household textiles			
Bed covering and quilt cloth	78	17	8
Cloth for tablecoverings	139	18	8
Total	217	35	..



TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th. sq.yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk (contd.)			
Furnishing fabrics			
Pile fabrics	88	21	6
Cretonnes and chintzes	2,465	505	34
Coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	8,302	1,785	81
Other	6,507	1,360	56
Total	17,362	3,672	..
Shrouding cloth	444	35	..
Other, including handkerchief cloth and umbrella cloth	1,909	213	18
Unclassified finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	3,772	575	..
Total finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	68,774	11,164	..
Unclassified proofed piece goods, other than rubber proofed			
Oilskin	2,365	302	11
Chemically proofed	96	27	6
Other proofings	122	17	6
Waste products	..	85	63
Total		199,614	..
Less sales in other trades (see Table 9)		8,018	..
Total principal products of this trade sold by establishments in the trade		191,596	1,183

(a) So far as recorded separately.

Sales of principal products of the trade by establishments classified to other trades

Larger establishments

TABLE 9

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th. sq.yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth wholly of cotton			
Cloth for apparel			
Gaberdine rainwear cloths	492	108	..
Linings and interlinings	378	27	5
Other cloth for apparel, except velveteens, fustians and corduroys, domestic overall cloths, industrial overall cloths, drills, etc., rubberised and oiled rainwear cloths, and corset cloth	1,843	223	..
Unclassified	23	6	..
Total	2,736	364	..
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs			
Sheeting and pillow case cottons	1,962	192	..
Blanketing	430	51	..
Towelling, including cloth for nursery squares and glass cloths	1,852	362	9
Other, except plain and check duster cloth	192	33	..
Total	4,436	637	..
Furnishing fabrics, unclassified	771	183	..
Other, except umbrella cloth and tracing cloth	20,754	518	16
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	1,482	231	26
Total finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	30,179	1,934	..
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.			
Cloth for apparel			
Velveteens, velvets and other dress cloth, including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	18,793	3,743	35
Lingerie and nightwear cloth	6,095	875	13
Linings	2,263	314	15
Rainwear cloth and corset cloth	171	34	..
Other	295	68	..
Total	27,617	5,035	..



TABLE 9 (contd.)

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	No.
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc. (contd.)			
Bed covering and quilt cloth, sheeting and pillowcase cloth, and cloth for tablecoverings	238	42	..
Furnishing fabrics, except cretonnes, chintzes and coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	402	138	7
Other, except handkerchief cloth, umbrella cloth and shrouding cloth	365	86	..
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	51	13	..
Total finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	28,674	5,314	..
Finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk			
Cloth for apparel			
Dress cloth (other than velveteens and velvets), including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	265	114	12
Corset cloth	98	76	..
Other, except velveteens and velvets, lingerie and nightwear cloth and rainwear cloth	6	4	..
Total	369	194	..
Other, except shrouding cloth	1,338	139	..
Unclassified finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	624	91	7
Total finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	2,331	424	..
Unclassified proofed piece goods, other than rubber proofed			
Oilskin	2,365	302	11
Chemically proofed	96	27	6
Other proofings	122	17	6
Total		8,018	..

Sales in the trade of other  
than principal products  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 10

	1948		
	Quantity	Value	
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	
Woven cloth wholly of silk			
Cloth for apparel	856	438	
Other	192	52	
Woven cloth of silk mixed with other materials			
Cloth for apparel	439	165	
Other	310	80	
Woven linen cloth (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)			
Cloth for apparel	935	297	
Furnishing fabrics	2,557	888	
Other	206	64	
Woven woollen and worsted cloth	8,738	2,659	
	..	169	
	Th. doz.	Th. cwts.	
Made-up household textiles of cotton			
Hand and bath towels, including roller towels			
Terry	405	22.9	648
	374	..	625
Non-terry	19	..	23
Sheets	Th. prs.		
Single - up to 73 inches in width	663	20.9	695
	972	..	957
Double - more than 73 inches in width	539	22.6	706
	699	..	859
Pillow and bolster cases	Th. doz.		
	380	18.7	459
	549	..	678



TABLE 10 (contd.)

	1948		
	Quantity		Value
	Th. prs.	Th. cwts.	£'000
Made-up household textiles of cotton (contd.)			
Blankets			
Cot	154	..	38
Single	172	6.3	146
Double	228	..	193
	158	6.9	165
	176	..	179
	Th. doz.		
Table coverings of all kinds other than lace	66		215
Tea towels, glass cloths and the like	153		117
Cleaning cloths, dusters and the like	765		242
Counterpanes and other bed coverings	19		204
Other	..		300
Unclassified	..		122
Made-up household textiles of rayon, nylon, etc. pure or mixed with materials other than silk	..		115
Handkerchiefs			
Of cotton	3,125		863
Of other materials	103		70
Scarves and head squares	54		219
	Th. doz.	Th. cwts.	
Nursery squares of cotton, including muslin	566	15.4	430
	644	..	211
Cotton yarn	..		276
Other goods	..		806
Work done (a)			36
Total			15,412

(a) Amount charged.

Analysis of sales, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 11

	Sales	Percentage of total sales
	£'000	
Sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control		
Productive works	4,461	2.2
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	10,343	5.0
Other wholesale or selling organisations	9,297	4.5
Retail shops, etc.	706	0.3
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	24,807	12.0
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	43,956	21.2
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	24,095	11.6
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	2,138	1.0
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	41,040	19.8
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	61,043(a)	29.5
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	9,209	4.5
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	563	0.3
Members of the public, including employees	121	0.1
Total sales to independent buyers	182,165	88.0
Total	206,973	100.0

(a) Of this total £47,524,000 was recorded as divided between £20,275,000 for export and £27,249,000 for other sales.

TABLE 12 - Production, exports and imports of certain principal products

Particulars relating to exports and retained imports of finished woven cloth are included with those of grey or other loom state woven cloth, for which see the Cotton Weaving Trade (Volume 6, Trade B) and the Rayon, Nylon, etc. and Silk Trades (Volume 6, Trade D).



Purchased materials and fuel  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 13

	1948	
	Quantity	Cost
Materials	Th. lbs.	£'000
Goods purchased for further processing or for hemming and stitching		
Yarn		
Of cotton	5,260	970
Of rayon, nylon, etc., pure or mixed with materials other than silk	1,665	452
Grey or other loom state woven cloth	Th. sq. yds.	
Of cotton	1,366,651	104,934
Of silk, pure or mixed with other materials	2,329	865
Wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	334,636	30,426
Of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	73,308	8,143
Of linen (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)	5,169	868
Other cloths not finished, including knitted		
Of wool or wool mixed with other materials (a)	10,000	2,097
Other	350	45
Finished woven cloth		
Of cotton	19,692	2,110
Of silk, pure or mixed with other materials	80	14
Wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	904	145
Of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	137	19
Of linen (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)	214	63
Other finished cloths	224	36
	..	30
Pattern room materials	..	73
Packing materials	..	416
All other purchased materials	..	726
Unclassified purchased materials	..	512
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons	
Coal	5.6	17
	..	5
Coke	3.7	15
	Th. therms	
Gas	148	6
	..	1
	Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)	
Electricity	4,159	28
	..	7
All other purchased fuel	..	7
Total		153,029

(a) So far as recorded separately.

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Stocks of finished products and work in  
progress and stocks of materials and fuel, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 14

	At beginning of year		At end of year	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000
Finished products				
Woven apparel cloth wholly of cotton	96,238	8,019	108,066	9,845
Woven apparel cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	30,958	3,384	34,563	3,908
Made-up goods of cotton	Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
Hand and bath towels	42	53	46	70
Sheets	Th. prs.		Th. prs.	
	239	199	150	122
Other finished products	..	1,845	..	2,625
Work in progress		7,311		9,920
Unclassified finished products and work in progress		626		979
Total finished products and work in progress		21,437		27,469
Materials and fuel	Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.	
Cotton yarn	964	166	1,288	273
Grey or other loom state wover. cloth for further processing or for hemming and stitching	Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.	
Of cotton	159,437	9,939	194,044	14,062
Wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	49,512	4,061	59,798	5,215
Of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	5,769	627	7,816	849
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	892	..	1,064
Unclassified materials and fuel	..	315	..	537
Total materials and fuel		16,001		22,000

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Employment and remuneration (a)  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 15

	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)	Total
	1948	1948	1948
<b>Males</b>			
Under 18	127	198	325
All ages	3,672	6,086	9,758
<b>Females</b>			
Under 18	146	472	618
All ages	1,194	3,032	4,226
<b>Total</b>			
Under 18	273	670	943
All ages	4,866	9,118(c)	13,984 (c) (d) (e)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total remuneration	1,257	5,792	7,048

(a) Excluded employees. The following numbers were employed at establishments in this trade but are not included in the table or in any other report (e.g., employees in a separate selling or transport organisation for which separate accounts are kept):-

Canteen workers	1 male	105 females
Other workers	878 males	593 females

(b) Number at September 25, 1948.

(c) There were, in addition, 326 working proprietors (321 males and 5 females).

(d) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £95,000.

(e) The following persons (included in this total) were employed on special work by establishments employing 100 or more persons:-

	Operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees
Transport of goods outside the premises	8	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	13	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	-	*

\* Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms this figure cannot be given.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed 5 female outworkers, the amount paid to them being less than £500.

Wages and salaries paid, 1948 (a)  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 16

	Amount paid by all establishments	Establishments making returns for the calendar year					Year
		Amount paid	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in				
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	
Wages and Salaries of	£'000	£'000					
Operatives	1,257	490	24.4	23.8	24.5	27.2	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	5,792	2,447	24.7	22.9	22.6	29.7	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,048</b>	<b>2,937</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

Payments for work done on materials given out, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 17

Work done	Amount paid
	£'000
Weaving	577
Finishing	
Bleaching only	3,010
Dyeing	11,029
Printing	11,674
Other finishing	2,848
Hemming, stitching, etc.	531
Packing	1,020
Other work	323
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,013</b>



Payments for certain services, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Pepair and maintenance	
Of buildings	78
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	48
Unclassified	88
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	18
Advertising and market research	
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	153
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	14
Unclassified	125
Payments made for research work	
To research associations	6
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	5
To other commercial concerns	17
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	302
Commercial insurance premiums	314
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	126

Plant, machinery and vehicles acquired and disposed of, 1948

Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 19

	Acquisitions		Disposals
	New	Second-hand	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Plant and machinery	78	11	3
Vehicles	119	54	35
Total	197	65	38

Capital expenditure on building work and changes in  
occupation of buildings and land, 1948  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

	£'000	£'000
1. Capital expenditure on building work (a)		30
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	-	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	115	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	186	
Total of heading 2		301
Total of headings 1 and 2		331
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		
(1) Selling value of freeholds sold	-	
(11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished	47	
Total of heading 3		47
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		284

(a) Excluding site value which, where appropriate, is included in heading 2(1).

(b) The figures do not reflect changes in ownership of previously occupied land and buildings.

(c) Property which is occupied under an agreement for the payment of rent without the purchase of a lease or the payment of a premium.

(d) Including property destroyed or abandoned.



## TEXTILE CONVERTING TRADE

1948

## Summary

## Establishments in Great Britain

Note - Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars for Wales cannot be given.

TABLE 21

	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	209,723	2,920	212,643
Amount receivable in respect of cotton utility cloth subsidy	1,189	7	1,197
Cost of materials and fuel used	145,087	1,964	147,051
Payment for work done on materials given out	30,620	393	31,013
Net output	35,225	571	35,796
Wages and salaries of persons employed	6,925	123	7,048
Average number of persons employed (a)	14,020	290	14,310
Net output per person employed (a)	2,512	1,970	2,501
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	27,041	428	27,469
Materials and fuel	21,762	237	22,000
Number of establishments	No. 1,159	No. 27	No. 1,186

(a) Excluding outworkers.

The values of gross output and of materials and fuel used are derived in the following way:-

	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Output of firms in this trade			
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	204,212	2,797	207,009
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 5,906	+ 127	+ 6,033
	210,117	2,924	213,041
Less payment for transport by other firms	394	3	397
Gross output (production)	209,723	2,920	212,643
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade			
Purchases (see Table 24)	151,018	2,011	153,029
Adjustment for changes in stocks	- 5,951	- 47	- 5,998
Materials and fuel used	145,067	1,964	147,031

TABLE 22 - Summary: Small firms

This table is not applicable to the trade. Small firms are included in Table 21.

## Sales in the trade

## Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000
Principal products						
Finished woven cloth wholly of cotton						
Cloth for apparel						
Velveteens	3,054	1,035	-	-	3,054	1,035
Fustians and corduroys	5,162	1,416	-	-	5,162	1,416
Domestic overall cloths	..	(a)	..	(a)	19,279	1,672
Industrial overall cloths, drills, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	77,953	10,115
Rainwear cloths						
Gaberdine	16,098	3,750	-	-	16,098	3,750
Rubberised	..	(a)	..	(a)	11,202	1,344
Oiled	..	(a)	..	(a)	3,517	349
Linings and interlinings	111,157	10,315	1,283	89	112,441	10,404
Corset cloth	10,570	1,320	-	-	10,570	1,320
Other	667,234	71,255	4,580	698	671,814	71,953
Unclassified	336	20	-	-	336	20
Total	924,795	102,499	6,630	879	931,425	103,378
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs						
Sheeting and pillow case cottons	..	(a)	..	(a)	33,658	3,515
Blanketing	853	104	-	-	853	104
Towelling, including cloth for nursery squares and glass cloths	..	(a)	..	(a)	3,320	289
Plain and check duster cloth	550	43	-	-	550	43
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	29,532	3,264
Total	..	(a)	..	(a)	67,913	7,216



TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Finished woven cloth wholly of cotton (contd.)						
Furnishing fabrics						
Ticking	..	(a)	..	(a)	19,446	2,286
Deck-chair canvas, awning cloths, etc.	1,091	164	-	-	1,091	164
Pile fabrics	582	215	-	-	582	215
Cretannes and chintzes	..	(a)	..	(a)	16,900	3,127
Coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	..	(a)	..	(a)	12,135	2,587
Other	14,275	2,209	2,150	317	16,425	2,525
Total	..	(a)	..	(a)	66,578	10,903
Umbrella cloth	2,654	349	-	-	2,654	349
Tracing cloth	5,341	745	-	-	5,341	745
Boot and shoe linings and fabrics (b)	12,660	1,878	-	-	12,660	1,878
Book-binding cloth (b)	10,647	976	-	-	10,647	976
Typewriter ribbon cloth (b)	2,467	347	-	-	2,467	347
Other	101,155	7,177	5,226	310	106,382	7,487
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	10,810	666	-	-	10,810	666
Total finished woven cloth wholly of cotton	1,201,418	132,283	15,458	1,661	1,216,876	153,944
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.						
Cloth for apparel						
Velveteens, velvets and other dress cloth, including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	..	(a)	..	(a)	189,246	32,093
Lingerie and nightwear cloth	32,295	4,826	-	-	32,295	4,826
Linings	54,421	6,567	142	19	54,563	6,586
Rainwear cloth and corset cloth	..	(a)	..	(a)	1,580	366
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,436	357
Total	..	(a)	..	(a)	280,121	44,229

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc. (contd.)						
Cloth for household textiles and handkerchiefs						
Handkerchief cloth	171	33	-	-	171	33
Bed covering and quilt cloth, sheeting and pillowcase cloth, and cloth for tablecoverings	4,926	581	-	-	4,926	581
Furnishing fabrics						
Cretannes and chintzes	2,676	671	-	-	2,676	671
Coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	2,052	416	-	-	2,052	416
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,122	545
Umbrella cloth	728	144	-	-	728	144
Shrouding cloth	255	27	-	-	255	27
Other	1,005	145	-	-	1,005	145
Unclassified finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	380	38	-	-	380	38
Total finished woven cloth wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	292,707	46,396	1,729	432	294,435	46,828
Finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk						
Cloth for apparel						
Velveteens and velvets	60	27	-	-	60	27
Other dress cloth, including scarf, blouse and tie cloth	..	(a)	-	(a)	7,306	1,210
Lingerie and nightwear cloth	926	152	-	-	926	152
Rainwear cloth	54	9	-	-	54	9
Corset cloth	4,484	918	-	-	4,484	918
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	31,870	4,125
Total	..	(a)	..	(a)	44,701	6,440



TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk (contd.)						
Furnishing fabrics						
Cretomes and chintzes	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,465	505
Other, except pile fabrics and coloured woven damasks, tapestries, brocades and the like	..	(a)	..	(a)	6,507	1,360
Shrouding cloth	444	35	-	-	444	35
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	9,178	1,915
Unclassified finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	3,148	484	-	-	3,148	484
Total finished woven cloth of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	65,349	10,501	1,094	239	66,443	10,740
Waste products	..	85	-	-	..	85
Total principal products		189,264		2,332		191,596
Other output						
Woven cloth wholly of silk						
Cloth for apparel	..	(a)	..	(a)	856	438
Other	192	52	-	-	192	52
Woven cloth of silk mixed with other materials						
Cloth for apparel	439	165	-	-	439	165
Other	310	80	-	-	310	80
Woven linen cloth (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)						
Cloth for apparel	..	(a)	..	(a)	935	297
Furnishing fabrics	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,557	888
Other	206	64	-	-	206	64

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TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000	Th.sq. yds.	£'000
Other output (contd.)						
Woven woollen and worsted cloth	8,184 ..	2,533 169	554	126	8,738 ..	2,659 169
Made-up household textiles of cotton						
Hand and bath towels, including roller towels					Th. doz.	Th. cwts.
Terry	..	(a)	..	(a)	405 374	22.9 ..
Non-terry	..	(a)	..	(a)	19	..
Sheets						
Single-up to 73 inches in width	..	(a)	..	(a)	663 972	20.9 ..
Double - more than 73 inches in width	..	(a)	..	(a)	539 699	22.6 ..
Pillow and bolster cases						
	..	(a)	..	(a)	380 549	18.7 ..
Blankets						
Cot	154	38	-	-	154	..
Single						
	Th. prs.	Th. cwts.			Th. prs.	Th. cwts.
	172 228	6.3 ..	146 193	- -	172 228	6.3 ..
Double						
	158 176	6.9 ..	165 179	- -	158 176	6.9 ..
Table coverings of all kinds other than lace						
	Th. doz.				Th. doz.	
	66	215	-	-	66	215
Tea towels, glass cloths and the like						
	153	117	-	-	153	117
Cleaning cloths, dusters and the like						
	765	242	-	-	765	242
Counterpanes and other bed coverings						
	19	204	-	-	19	204

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TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Other output (contd.)						
Made-up household textiles of cotton (contd.)						
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	300
Unclassified	..	122	-	-	..	122
Made-up household textiles of rayon, nylon, etc. pure or mixed with materials other than silk	..	115	-	-	..	115
Handkerchiefs	Th. doz.				Th. doz.	
Of cotton	..	(a)	..	(a)	3,125	863
Of other materials	103	70	-	-	103	70
Scarves and head squares	54	219	-	-	54	219
					Th. doz.	Th. cwt.
Nursery squares of cotton, including muslin	..	(a)	..	(a)	568 844	15.4 ..
Cotton yarn	..	276	-	-	..	276
Other goods	..	800	..	7	..	806
Work done (c)		36		-		36
Total		204,212		2,797		207,008

(a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate figures cannot be given.

(b) So far as recorded separately.

(c) Amount charged.

Purchased materials and fuel  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Materials						
Goods purchased for further processing or for hemming and stitching						
Yarn						
Of cotton	5,022	894	238	76	5,260	970
Of rayon, nylon, etc., pure or mixed with materials other than silk	..	(a)	..	(a)	1,665	452
Grey or other loom state woven cloth	Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.	
Of cotton	1,348,600	103,652	18,051	1,282	1,366,651	104,934
Of silk, pure or mixed with other materials	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,329	865
Wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	332,695	30,168	1,941	259	334,636	30,426
Of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	72,251	7,966	1,058	176	73,308	8,143
Of linen (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)	..	(a)	..	(a)	5,169	868
Other cloths not finished, including knitted						
Of wool or wool mixed with other materials (b)	..	(a)	..	(a)	10,000	2,097
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	350	45
Finished woven cloth						
Of cotton	..	(a)	..	(a)	19,692	2,110
Of silk, pure or mixed with other materials	..	(a)	..	(a)	80	14
Wholly of rayon, nylon, etc.	904	145	-	-	904	145
Of rayon, nylon, etc. mixed with materials other than silk	137	19	-	-	137	19



TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials (contd.)		£'000		£'000	Th.sq.yds.	£'000
Goods purchased for further processing or for hemming and stitching (contd.)						
Finished woven cloth (contd.)						
Of linen (including mixtures of flax or hemp with materials other than silk, if known as linens)	..	(a)	(a)	(a)	214	63
Other finished cloths	..	(a)	..	(a)	224	36
Pattern room materials	..	73	-	-	..	73
Packing materials	..	405	..	11	..	416
All other purchased materials	..	654	..	71	..	726
Unclassified purchased materials	..	512	-	-	..	512
Fuel and electricity	Th.tons		Th.tons		Th.tons	
Coal	{ 4.7	14	{ 0.9	3	{ 5.6	17
	..	5			..	5
Coke	3.7	15	-	-	3.7	15
					Th.therms	
Gas	..	(a)	..	(a)	{ 148	6
					..	1
	Th.B.T.U. (kW.hrs.)		Th.B.T.U. (kW.hrs.)		Th.B.T.U. (kW.hrs.)	
Electricity	{ 4,008	27	{ 151	1	{ 4,159	28
	..	7			..	7
All other purchased fuel	..	7	-	-	..	7
Total		151,018		2,011		153,029

(a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate figures cannot be given.

(b) So far as recorded separately.

Employment and remuneration  
Establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 25

	England and Wales			Scotland			Great Britain		
	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total
Males									
Under 18	123	196	319	4	2	6	127	198	325
All ages	3,608	977	9,585	64	109	173	3,672	6,086	9,758
Females									
Under 18	145	460	605	1	12	13	146	472	618
All ages	1,144	2,970	4,114	50	62	112	1,194	3,032	4,226
Total									
Under 18	268	656	924	5	14	19	273	670	943
All ages	4,752	8,947 (b)	13,699 (b)(c)	114	171(b)	285 (b)(c)	4,866	9,118 (b)	13,984 (b)(c)
Total remuneration	£'000 1,228	£'000 5,697	£'000 6,925	£'000 28	£'000 95	£'000 123	£'000 1,257	£'000 5,792	£'000 7,048

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 326 working proprietors (321 males and 5 females) in Great Britain; 316 males and 5 females in England and Wales, and 5 males in Scotland.

(c) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to a total of £95,000: £93,000 for England and Wales, and £2,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed 5 female outworkers (all in England and Wales), the amount paid to them being less than £500.



Monthly index of employment of operatives: Establishments in Great Britain  
(average employment in 1948 = 100)

TABLE 26

Month	Monthly index (a)			Month	Monthly index (a)		
	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain		England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
1948				1948			
January	98.5	97.6	98.4	August	101.1	100.0	101.0
February	98.8	97.6	98.7	September	101.7	97.6	101.5
March	98.4	97.6	98.4	October	101.9	102.4	101.9
April	98.1	97.6	98.0	November	101.8	102.4	101.8
May	98.6	100.0	98.6	December	101.7	104.8	101.7
June	99.8	102.4	99.8	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index	37.4	36.8	37.4
July	99.9	102.4	99.9				

(a) The index numbers are calculated from the number of operatives employed in one week in each month returned by establishments that made returns for the calendar year 1948.

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