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FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Furniture and Upholstery Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture or repair of domestic, office, school, church, theatre and cinema furniture of wood, cane, wicker or woven fibre, in upholstering furniture, whether on wood or metal frames, and in the manufacture of wooden wireless cabinets. The manufacture of metal furniture, divan beds, mattresses, shop and office fittings, display and exhibition stands, blinds and basketware is excluded. Seven Government establishments are included for 1948.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 171(2) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland (which are excluded in 1948) accounted in 1935 for less than 1 per cent. of the net output for the United Kingdom.



MANUFACTURES OF WOOD AND CORK  
FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY TRADE

## Summary

## Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948(a)	1935(b)
	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	80,947	31,198
Cost of materials and fuel used	41,326	14,587
Payment for work done on materials given out	690	99
Net output	38,930	16,512
Wages and salaries of persons employed	25,223	..
Average number of persons employed (c)	No. 77,834 (d)	No. 86,836
Net output per person employed (c)	£ 500	£ 190
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	5,681	..
Materials and fuel	10,077	..
Number of establishments	No. 1,221	No. 1,335

- (a) Great Britain only.  
(b) United Kingdom.  
(c) Excluding outworkers.  
(d) For an estimate of the total number of persons employed in this trade see Table 3.

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

	1948	1935
	£'000	£'000
Output of firms in this trade		
Total value of sales (1948) or production (1935)		
Principal products (see Table 8)	74,766	28,817
Other output (see Table 10)	5,789	2,381
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+1,242	
	81,797	31,198
Less payment for transport by other firms	850	
Gross output (production)	80,947	31,198
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade		
Purchases (see Table 13)	42,988	14,587
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	-1,662	
Materials and fuel used	41,326	14,587

## Summary, 1948

## Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	3,037
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	11,318
Females	1,810
Total	13,128

(a) Including working proprietors.

## Estimated average employment, 1948

## All firms in Great Britain

TABLE 3

As returned by firms	
Employing on average more than ten persons (a)	77,834
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	13,128
	90,962
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	1,811
Estimated average employment in all firms	92,773

- (a) See Tables 1 and 15.  
(b) See Table 2.

## Analysis by size, 1948

## Larger 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	£
11-24	424	6,759	3,509	7,422	1,873	322	2,195	473
25-49	382	13,803	6,875	13,179	3,452	635	4,086	506
50-99	224	16,158	7,709	15,241	4,055	756	4,811	506
100-199	129	19,005	9,158	17,736	4,651	968	5,619	516
200-299	29	7,573	3,478	7,039	1,908	392	2,301	494
300-399	19	7,359	3,421	6,561	1,943	394	2,337	521
400-499	4	1,445	685	1,819	451	65	515	377
500 and over	10	8,844	4,296	8,837	2,588	770	3,358	486
Total	1,221	80,947	38,930	77,834	20,921	4,303	25,223	500



Analysis by standard region, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 5

Region	Establishments	Gross output	Net output		Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
			Value	Percentage of total		Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000		No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
England									
Northern	53	3,427	1,563	4.0	3,444	814	141	955	
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	95	4,461	2,119	5.4	4,927	1,154	227	1,381	
North Midland	47	3,672	1,559	4.0	3,679	838	159	997	
Eastern	39	3,252	1,554	4.0	3,291	808	186	974	
London and South Eastern	429	35,948	17,156	44.1	30,146	9,172	2,031	11,203	
Southern	135	8,333	4,691	12.0	8,024	2,285	436	2,721	
South Western	59	3,795	1,798	4.6	4,391	1,090	192	1,282	
Midland	87	4,114	1,911	4.9	4,066	966	254	1,223	
North Western	147	7,405	3,389	8.7	7,541	1,951	315	2,266	
Total England	1,091	74,408	35,742	91.8	69,511	19,079	3,922	23,000	
Wales	34	1,470	672	1.7	1,348	417	63	500	
Scotland	96	5,069	2,517	6.5	6,475	1,425	293	1,723	
Great Britain	1,221	80,947	38,930	100.0	77,834	20,921	4,303	25,223	

Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 6

	Establishments	Gross output	Sales of characteristic products	Net output	employed Persons	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
						Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
Specialists engaged in									
Cabinet making	475	40,965	38,429	19,356	36,009	10,008	2,271	12,279	537
Cabinet making Chair specialists)	35	1,223	991	719	1,280	364	66	430	562
Upholstered furniture production	229	15,384	14,637	6,563	11,627	3,273	545	3,818	564
Cabinet making and upholstered furniture production	209	17,039	13,607	8,316	19,251	4,931	1,014	5,945	432
Cabinet making and upholstered furniture production (chair specialists)	7	287	145	157	264	72	14	86	594
Making-up of carpets	36	362	285 (a)	321	924	210	25	235	348
Remainder of the trade	230	5,687		3,497	8,479	2,063	367	2,429	412
Total	1,221	80,947		38,930	77,834	20,921	4,303	25,223	500

(a) Amount charged.

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products: Larger establishments

This table is not applicable to the trade.



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

## Larger establishments

TABLE 8

	1948(a) Sales			1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th.pieces	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (c)					
Small chairs (excluding folding chairs and office chairs)					
Kitchen and bedroom chairs (e.g., Windsor, cane seat and rush seat)	244	193	42	891	315
	..	21		..	53
Bentwood and restaurant chairs	27	31	18	22	22
	..	5		..	8
Dining room chairs and other small chairs with upholstered or padded seats (including carvers)	2,250	4,038	235	2,435	1,466
Stools (e.g., dressing stools and piano stools)	94	115	118	..	(d)
	..	27			
Other small chairs	52	64	32		
	..	80			
Bedroom furniture (excluding chairs and dressing stools)					
Wardrobes	460	8,667	489		
	..	984			
Fitted wardrobes (not part of bedroom suites)	12	175	44		
	..	74			
Bedroom suite second and third pieces (including chests, toilets and cupboards)	895	11,167	347		
Bedsteads (including divan heads but excluding folding bedsteads)	899	3,746	372		
	..	610			
Other bedroom furniture (e.g., pedestal cupboards)	..	382	167		
Living room and hall furniture (excluding chairs and stools)					
Sideboards and buffets	361	4,878	442		
Dining tables	467	3,785	309		
Occasional tables (including nests of tables and tea trolleys, but excluding folding tables)	158	395	190		
	..	59			

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948(a) Sales			1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th.pieces	£'000	No.		£'000
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (c) (contd.)					
Living room and hall furniture (excluding chairs and stools) (contd.)					
Bureaux, bookcases, bureau-bookcases, secretares and desks (excluding office desks)	..	248	118	..	16,860(e)
Hall stands, hall cupboards, hall seats, benches, rug boxes, etc.	3	14	38		
	..	12			
Other occasional furniture (including china cabinets, cocktail cabinets, etc.)	..	460	122		
Kitchen furniture (excluding chairs)					
Kitchen cabinets and dressers	100	1,004	84		
	..	314			
Kitchen tables	82	247	71		
	..	50			
Other kitchen furniture	..	196	41		
Other furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (excluding billiard room furniture)					
Cots, playpens, high chairs and other nursery furniture	..	1,057	39		
Office furniture (including office chairs, upholstered or not)	..	1,519	164		
School furniture	..	2,139	101		
Church furniture	..	102	42		
Ships' furniture	..	737	65		
Folding furniture (e.g., chairs, tables and bedsteads)	..	348	53	..	316(f)
Component parts of furniture					
Of small chairs	..	688	122	..	547
Of other furniture	..	269	102		



TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948(a) Sales			1935(b) Production <sup>1</sup>	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. pieces	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Upholstered furniture (excluding dining room, etc. chairs with upholstered or padded seats) (g)					
Settees					
With wooden frames	233	3,535	383		
With metal frames	70	1,452			
Bed-settees				525	2,439
With wooden frames	88	1,161	67		
With metal frames	12	152	13		
Easy chairs					
With wooden frames	726	6,377	337		
With metal frames	143	1,801	192		
Fireside and adjustable chairs				1,439	3,632(h)
With wooden frames	837	3,869	306		
With metal frames	11	77	19		
Other upholstered household furniture with wooden and metal frames	..	117	20	..	(d)
Upholstered seats for railway carriages, public vehicles, aircraft, etc.					
With wooden frames	..	206	19	..	254(f)
With metal frames	..	1,045	15		
Theatre and cinema seating					
With wooden frames	..	337	17	..	400
With metal frames	..	108	6		
Spring seating, sold separately, with wooden and metal frames	..	113	14		
Hotel and bar upholstered furniture					
With wooden frames	..	104	39		
With metal frames	..	27	8		
Upholstered furniture for ships					
With wooden frames	..	438	40	..	446
With metal frames	..	2	6		
Other upholstered furniture (excluding divan beds)					
With wooden frames	..	129	27		
With metal frames	..	16	..		
Other, not elsewhere specified (e.g., pouffes)	..	113	31		

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948(a) Sales			1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Unclassified furniture and cabinetware of wood	-	-	-	..	1,525
Furniture of willow, cane, wicker or woven fibre	66	1,098	62	..	495(1)
Venetian blinds	..	17	8	..	18
Trouser and tie presses	..			87	27
Billiard and bagatelle tables (including accessories not recorded separately) and billiard room furniture and fittings (j)	..	48	9	..	240
Rustic furniture	..	444	81	..	332(k)
Wireless cabinets of wood	..	3,104	61	..	(d)
Making-up of carpets (l)		799	172		(m)
Work done for the trade (l)					
Polishing and finishing		291	103		60
Upholstery work		199	78		80
Carpet planning		117	20		74
Other work		218	60		166
Repairs to furniture, cabinet ware, etc. (l)		3,257	602		581
Other work done (l)		89	61		40
Total		80,215	..		30,422
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see table 9)		5,449	..		1,605
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		74,766	1,154		28,817

- (a) Great Britain only.  
(b) United Kingdom.  
(c) Described as "Furniture and cabinetware of wood (including wireless cabinets, gramophone cases, etc.), not upholstered" for 1935.  
(d) Not recorded separately.  
(e) Including £36,000 of seating for halls, churches, schools, etc., not further defined.  
(f) So far as recorded separately.  
(g) Described as "Furniture of wood, upholstered" for 1935.  
(h) Described as "Armchairs and easy chairs".  
(i) Furniture of woven fibre described as "Furniture of imitation basketware".  
(j) Including the estimated selling value of tables made to be let out on hire.  
(k) Recorded as "Horticultural woodwork".  
(l) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.  
(m) Included in the figure for the making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains, for which see the Soft Furnishings Trade (Volume 10, Trade C).



Sales (or production) of principal products of the trade by establishments classified to other trades

## Larger establishments

TABLE 9

	1948 (a) Sales			1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. pieces	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood					
Small chairs (excluding folding chairs and office chairs)					
Kitchen and bedroom chairs (e.g., Windsor, cane seat and rush seat)	10	5	13	56	13
	..	3		..	25
Bentwood and restaurant chairs	2	4	5	..	1
	..	4			
Dining-room chairs and other small chairs with upholstered or padded seats (including carvers)	26	51	10	12	9
Stools (e.g., dressing stools and piano stools)	11	9	12	-	-
	..	6			
Other small chairs	..	1	..	-	-
Bedroom furniture (excluding chairs and dressing stools)					
Wardrobes	3	56	162		
	..	482			
Fitted wardrobes (not part of bedroom suites)	..	7	5		
Bedroom suite second and third pieces (including chests, toilets and cupboards)	7	105	17		
Bedsteads (including divan heads, but excluding folding bedsteads)	76	248	33		
	..	192			
Other bedroom furniture (e.g., pedestal cupboards)	..	30	19		
Living-room and hall furniture (excluding chairs and stools)					
Sideboards and buffets	20	267	158		
Dining tables	7	54	16		
Occasional tables (including nests of tables and tea trolleys, but excluding folding tables)	3	19	16		
	..	11			
Bureaux, bookcases, bureau-bookcases, secretares and desks (excluding office desks)	..	18	9	..	680
Hall stands, hall cupboards, hall seats, benches, rug boxes, etc.	-	2	6		
	..	-			
Other occasional furniture (including china cabinets, cocktail cabinets, etc.)	..	89	26		
Kitchen furniture (excluding chairs)					
Kitchen cabinets and dressers	5	47	23		
	..	46			
Kitchen tables	1	3	11		
	..	7			
Other kitchen furniture	..	11	9		

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TABLE 9 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales			1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. pieces	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (contd.)					
Other furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (excluding billiard room furniture)					
Cots, playpens, high chairs and other nursery furniture	..	118	9		
Office furniture (including office chairs, upholstered or not)	..	161	33		
School furniture	..	94	24		
Church furniture	..	31	8		
Ships' furniture	..	226	13		
Folding furniture (e.g., chairs, tables and bedsteads)	..	3	10	..	3
Component parts of furniture					
Of small chairs	..	62	65	..	154
Of other furniture	..	57	72		
Upholstered furniture (excluding dining room, etc. chairs with upholstered or padded seats)					
Settees				Thous.	
With wooden frames	5	64	76	11	56
	..	237			
With metal frames	3	62	13		
Bed-settees					
With wooden and metal frames	16	212	10		
Easy chairs					
With wooden frames	20	153	25		
With metal frames	6	72	12		
Fireside and adjustable chairs with wooden frames	25	116	19	16	54
Other upholstered household furniture with wooden and metal frames, including fireside and adjustable chairs with metal frames	-	3	9		
	..	81			
Upholstered seats for railway carriages, public vehicles, aircraft, etc., with wooden and metal frames	..	104	8	..	55

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TABLE 9 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales		1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value £'000	Entries No.	Value £'000
Upholstered furniture (excluding dining room, etc. chairs with upholstered or padded seats) (contd.)				
Theatre and cinema seating; spring seating, sold separately; hotel and bar upholstered furniture, with wooden and metal frames	..	41	8	} .. 30
Upholstered furniture for ships, with wooden and metal frames	..	145	7	
Other upholstered furniture (excluding divan beds)				
With wooden and metal frames	..	14	7	
Other, not elsewhere specified (e.g. pouffes)	..	27	10	
Unclassified furniture and cabinetware of wood	-	-	-	.. 99
Furniture of willow, cane, wicker or woven fibre	Th. doz. 1	26	31	.. 27
Venetian blinds	..	17	8	.. 10
Trouser and tie presses				Thous. { 10 7 { .. 24
Billiard and bagatelle tables (including accessories not recorded separately)	..	8	..	.. 118
Rustic furniture	..	442	78	.. 190
Wireless cabinets of wood	..	149	12	.. (c)
Making-up of carpets (d)		149	48	
Work done for the trade (d)				
Polishing and finishing		11	10	} 24
Upholstery work		36	15	
Repairs to furniture, cabinetware, etc. (d)		730	152	26
Other work done (d)		19	12	
Total		5,449	..	1,605

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Not recorded separately.

(d) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

## Sales (or production) in the trade of other than principal products

## Larger establishments

TABLE 10

	1948 (a) Sales		1935 (b) Production
	Quantity	Value £'000	Value £'000
Bedding and soft furnishings	Thous.	£'000	£'000
Divan beds	5	28	46
Bases for spring interior mattresses	-	1	} 157 (c)
Wire mattresses	..	363	
Upholstered mattresses			
Mattresses 4 feet in width and over			
Interior spring	27	229	} 444 (d)
Other	..	63	
Other	52	148	
Mattresses under 4 feet in width (other than cot mattresses)			
Interior spring	13	80	} 444 (d)
Other	..	31	
Other	33	76	
Other	..	18	
Cot mattresses	29	32	
Unclassified mattress foundations, overlays and divans	-	-	428
Bolsters, pillows, cushions and quilts	Th. doz. 33	63	135
Curtains of cotton, rayon, nylon and other textile materials	Thous. 18	36	} 86
Built-in wooden furniture and wood fittings	..	57	
For shops	..	59	} 311
For offices (including banks)	..	32	
For ships	..	171	
For other purposes	..	799	
Aircraft parts and accessories, including parts of gliders and sailplanes	..	103	} (e)
Passenger, delivery and utility vehicle bodies, including parts and accessories	..	139	



TABLE 10 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales		1935 (b) Production
	Quantity	Value £'000	Value £'000
Clock cases of wood	..	99	239
Other manufactures of timber, including plywood, portable wooden buildings, door and window frames, cases and crates	..	918	
Furniture and domestic utensils, mainly of metal	..	222	56
Door, window and casement frames of metal, other than for strong-rooms	..	80	210
Baskets, wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker	..	124	
Upholstery trimmings, sold separately	..	357	60
Other goods made	..	557	
Work done (f)			
Making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains		396	209 (g)
Shop and office fitting (h)		48	
Milling, machining, veneering and other fabrication		290	
Other work done		165	
Total		5,789	2,381

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Described as "Mattresses, foundations".

(d) Described as "Mattresses, overlays".

(e) Not recorded separately.

(f) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

(g) Including making-up of carpets.

(h) Value of work done during the year, exclusive of the value of goods used by firms and recorded against the appropriate output heading. The value of these goods was £54,000 in 1948; similar information is not available for 1935.

## Analysis of sales, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 11

	Sales £'000	Percentage of total sales
Sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control		
Productive works	529	0.7
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	138	0.2
Other wholesale or selling organisations	3,160	4.2
Retail shops, etc.	3,638	4.8
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	7,466	9.9
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	220	0.3
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	304	0.4
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	3,343	4.4
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	5,912	7.8
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	3,698(a)	4.9
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	53,373	70.6
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	888	1.2
Members of the public, including employees	371	0.5
Total sales to independent buyers	68,111	90.1
Total	75,575 (b)	100.0

(a) Of this total £2,435,000 was recorded as divided between £458,000 for export and £1,978,000 for other sales.

(b) This figure represents the total value of sales in the trade excluding the value of goods made which were used in the work of shop and office fitting by firms in this trade. The value of these goods was recorded as £54,000.



## Exports and imports

Note - Owing to the exclusion of the output of small firms, a precise comparison between production, exports and imports is not practicable.

TABLE 12

	Exports (a)		Retained imports (b)	
	1948	1935	1948	1935
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Furniture and cabinetware mainly of wood, including parts				
Of bentwood	3	4	3	108
Chairs and settees with seats, backs or arms of leather or textile materials	156	485	46	287
Other	681		2,087	
Furniture of basketware	13	6	1	5
Billiard and bagatelle tables and accessories	135	29	2	24

(a) Valued f.o.b.

(b) Valued c.i.f.

## Purchased materials and fuel

## Larger establishments

TABLE 13

	1948 (a)		1935 (b)	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th.cu.ft.	£'000	Th.cu.ft.	£'000
Materials				
Timber (excluding timber used for making into cases, etc. or for repairing returnable cases)				
Hardwood	14,065	9,103	13,236	2,497
			..	436
Veneers and panel wood	Th.sq.ft. 157,392	2,313	Th.sq.ft. 193,686	1,595
Plywood (including plywood for panels)	113,765	6,152		
Block board	9,390	1,094	..	(c)
Softwood	Th.cu.ft. 1,608	795		
		154		
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian)	Th.lin.yds.		Th.lin.yds.	
Webbing	8,551	157	..	(c)
	..	45		
Other fabrics up to 31 in. wide	2,310	161	3,073	237(d)
	..	33	..	25
Fabrics over 31 in. wide	Th.sq.yds.		Th.sq.yds.	
Wholly or mainly of wool	1,964	1,249		
	..	181		
Wholly or mainly of cotton	9,384	2,609	7,602	1,138
Wholly or mainly of rayon, nylon, etc.	52	28		
	..	33		
Of other textile materials (including mixtures)	4,953	391		
	..	75		
Hides (including morocco)	Th.sq.ft. 1,303	158	Th.sq.ft. 8,417	299(e)
	..	39	..	38
Compound boards	13,367	708		
Fabricated woodwork (e.g., chair frames and chair legs) and joinery	..	1,697	..	(c)
Furniture in the white, unpolished, for further processing	..	655		



TABLE 13 (contd.)

	1948 (a)		1935 (b)	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. tons	£'000		£'000
Materials (contd.)				
Metal frames for upholstering				
Of steel or steel alloys	3	408		
Of aluminium, aluminium alloys or other metals	..	39		
Other metal frames				
Of steel or steel alloys	..	75		
Of aluminium, aluminium alloys or other metals	..	4		
Iron and steel in all forms, not elsewhere specified	10	471		
Aluminium and aluminium alloys, not elsewhere specified	..	127		
Other metals, not elsewhere specified	..	30		
Willows, canes and rattans	Th. cwts. 18	72		
Paper yarn (including braid)	1	13		
	..	2		
Woven fibre fabric for imitation basketware	Th. sq. yds. 336	79		
Plate and sheet glass (including mirrors)				
Silvered or metallized	..	899		
Other	..	50	..	(c)
Wire mattresses, springing, springs, bed irons and hardware fittings (including pins, screws, hinges, metal cabinet handles, tacks, etc.)	..	3,505		
Bed foundations, complete	Thous. 3	6		
	..	1		
Plastic fittings	..	21		
Leather cloth (including rexine, pegamoid, plastic covering material, etc.)	Th. sq. yds. 2,945	708		
	..	87		
Plastic sheeting	Th. cwts. 2	31		
	..	16		
Paint, varnish and polishes	..	1,554		
Stuffing materials	Th. lbs. 29,004	1,440		
	..	663		
Glue and other adhesives	..	324		
Packing materials	..	148		
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery	..	233		

TABLE 13 (contd.)

	1948 (a)		1935 (b)	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000
Materials (contd.)				
Consumable tools bought as replacement	..	187	..	6,849(f)
All other purchased materials	..	2,809	..	
Unclassified materials	-	-	..	1,179
Fuel and electricity				
Coal	38.6	124	32.4	32
Coke	14.3	58	10.0	15
	..	6	..	4
Electricity purchased (g)	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	
From public supply	54,747	335		
From other sources	497	3	49,010	178
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	185	2	..	47
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel	Th. galls.		Th. galls.	
Used for road vehicles	1,699	172	..	(c)
Used for other power purposes	119	7	..	
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	748	31	498	11(h)
Gas purchased	Th. therms			
From public supply and other sources	894	46	..	(c)
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	1	..	
All other purchased fuel	..	27		
Total		42,988		14,587

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Not recorded separately.

(d) Described as "Fabrics up to 31 in. wide".

(e) Excluding morocco.

(f) Including fuel not specified separately.

(g) The total quantity of electricity generated and consumed in the same works in 1948 was 9,758,000 B.T. units.

(h) Described as "Heavy fuel oil".



## Stocks of finished products and work in progress and stocks of materials and fuel, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 14

	At beginning of year		At end of year	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000
Finished products				
Finished furniture and other products	..	1,143	..	1,644
Work in progress		3,297		4,038
Total finished products and work in progress		4,439		5,681
Materials and fuel	Th. cu.ft.		Th. cu.ft.	
Hardwood	3,689	2,047	4,265	2,632
	..	387	..	461
Veneers and panelwood	Th. sq.ft.		Th. sq.ft.	
	28,773	434	35,669	646
	..	146	..	197
Plywood	20,033	833	22,409	1,059
	..	228	..	299
Softwood	Th. cu.ft.		Th. cu.ft.	
	408	160	324	146
	..	100	..	101
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian) over 31 ins. wide	Th. sq.yds.		Th. sq.yds.	
	3,879	1,106	4,108	1,279
	..	233	..	269
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	2,740	..	2,991
Total materials and fuel		8,415		10,077

## Employment and remuneration (a)

## Larger establishments

## (i) Private Firms

TABLE 15

	Average number of operatives		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)		Total	
	1948 (c)	1935 (d)	1948 (c)	1935 (d)	1948 (c)	1935 (d)
Males						
Under 18	6,964	11,929	187	419	7,151	12,348
All ages	57,892	65,268	6,004	5,881	63,896	71,149
Females						
Under 18	1,159	3,403	585	533	1,744	3,936
All ages	10,006	12,677	3,190	2,776	13,196	15,453
Total						
Under 18	8,123	15,332	772	952	8,895	16,284
All ages	67,898	77,945	9,194(e)	8,657	77,092	86,602
					(e) (f) (g)	
	£'000		£'000		£'000	
Total remuneration	20,812	..	4,293	..	25,105	..

(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	31 males	602 females
Other workers	639 males	816 females

(b) Number at September 25, 1948, and October 12, 1935.

(c) Great Britain only.

(d) United Kingdom.

(e) There were, in addition, 381 working proprietors (366 males and 15 females) in 1948. Working proprietors are included in the 1935 figures.

(f) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £626,000.

(g) 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	512	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	254	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	21	15

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose numbers (and remuneration in 1948) are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers
	Males	Females	Total	
1948	82	155	237	£'000 42
1935	224	107	331	..



## (ii) Government Departments

TABLE 15 (contd.)

	Average number of operatives		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)		Total	
	1948(c)	1935(d)	1948(c)	1935(d)	1948(c)	1935(d)
Males						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	311	208	22	16	333	224
Females						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	18	10	10	-	28	10
Total						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	329	218	32	16	361(e)	234
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	109	..	10	..	119	..

(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	- males	6 females
Other workers	396 males	2 females

(b) Number at September 25, 1948 and October 12, 1935.

(c) Great Britain only.

(d) United Kingdom.

(e) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £3,000.

## Wages and salaries paid, 1948 (a)

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 16

	Amount paid by all establishments	Establishments making returns for the calendar year					
		Amount paid	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in				
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year
Wages and salaries of	£'000	£'000					
Operatives	20,921	9,567	23.8	23.8	24.7	27.7	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	4,303	1,891	23.7	24.4	24.5	27.4	100.0
Total	25,223	11,458	23.8	23.9	24.7	27.7	100.0

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

TABLE 17 - Payments for work done on materials given out, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

The total amount paid for work done on materials given out was £690,000.

Payments for certain services, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Repair and maintenance	
Of buildings	243
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	439
Unclassified	185
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	242
Advertising and market research	
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	108
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	24
Unclassified	89
Payments made for research work	
To research associations	4
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	2
To other commercial concerns	7
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	195
Commercial insurance premiums	538
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	146

## Plant, machinery and vehicles acquired and disposed of 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 19

	Acquisitions		Disposals
	New	Second-hand	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Plant and machinery	1,135	71	91
Vehicles	352	89	78
Total	1,486	160	170



## Capital expenditure on building work and changes in occupation of buildings and land, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

	£'000	£'000
1. Capital expenditure on building work (a)		374
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	238	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	818	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	2,033	
Total of heading 2		3,089
Total of headings 1 and 2		3,464
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		
(1) Selling value of freeholds sold	275	
(11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished	94	
Total of heading 3		369
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		3,095

- (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.

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Summary

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TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	74,408	1,470	5,069	80,947
Cost of materials and fuel used	38,016	792	2,518	41,326
Payment for work done on materials given out	650	7	34	690
Net output	35,742	672	2,517	38,930
Wages and salaries of persons employed	23,000	500	1,723	25,223
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (a)	69,511	1,848	6,475	77,834
	£	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (a)	514	363	389	500
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Stocks at end of year				
Finished products and work in progress	4,989	101	592	5,681
Materials and fuel	9,209	142	726	10,077
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of establishments	1,091	34	96	1,221

(a) Excluding outworkers.

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

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Output of firms in this trade				
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	74,122	1,437	4,995	80,554
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 1,079	+ 47	+ 117	+ 1,242
	75,201	1,484	5,112	81,797
Less payment for transport by other firms	793	14	43	850
Gross output (production)	74,408	1,470	5,069	80,947
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	39,537	825	2,626	42,988
Adjustment for changes in stocks	- 1,521	- 33	- 108	- 1,662
Materials and fuel used	38,016	792	2,518	41,326



## Summary

## Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	2,673	104	260	3,037
Average number of persons employed (a)				
Males	10,027	318	973	11,318
Females	1,554	47	209	1,810
Total	11,581	365	1,182	13,128

(a) Including working proprietors.

## Sales in the trade

## Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. pieces	£'000	Th. pieces	£'000	Th. pieces	£'000
Principal products						
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood						
Small chairs (excluding folding chairs and office chairs)						
Kitchen and bedroom chairs (e.g., Windsor, cane seat and rush seat)	233 ..	188 18	- -	- -	233 ..	188 18
Bentwood and restaurant chairs	25 ..	27 1	- -	- -	25 ..	27 1
Dining room chairs and other small chairs with upholstered or padded seats (including carvers)	2,105	3,763	119	224	2,224	3,986
Stools (e.g., dressing stools and piano stools)	81 ..	102 21	2 ..	3 -	83 ..	106 22
Other small chairs	..	(a)	..	(a)	52 ..	64 80
Bedroom furniture (excluding chairs and dressing stools)						
Wardrobes	442 ..	8,336 490	15 ..	275 12	457 ..	8,611 502
Fitted wardrobes (not part of bedroom suites)	..	(a)	..	(a)	12 ..	175 67
Bedroom suite second and third pieces (including chests, toilets and cupboards)	860	10,685	28	378	888	11,062
Bedsteads (including divan heads but excluding folding bedsteads)	751 ..	3,181 406	72 ..	316 11	823 ..	3,497 417
Other bedroom furniture (e.g., pedestal cupboards)	..	325	..	28	..	352
Living room and hall furniture (excluding chairs and stools)						
Sideboards and buffets	323	4,367	18	244	342	4,611
Dining tables	433	3,516	27	215	461	3,731
Occasional tables (including nests of tables and tea trolleys, but excluding folding tables)	141 ..	352 49	14	24	155 ..	376 49



TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000	Th. pieces	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (contd.)						
Living-room and hall furniture (excluding chairs and stools) (contd.)						
Bureaux, bookcases, bureau-bookcases, secretaires and desks (excluding office desks)	..	228	..	2	..	231
Hall stands, hall cupboards, hall seats, benches, rug boxes, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	{ 3 ..	{ 11 11
Other occasional furniture (including china cabinets, cocktail cabinets, etc.)	..	369	..	2	..	371
Kitchen furniture (excluding chairs)						
Kitchen cabinets and dressers					{ 95 ..	{ 957 268
Kitchen tables	..	2,640	..	55	{ 81 ..	{ 243 43
Other kitchen furniture					..	185
Other furniture, not upholstered, mainly of wood (excluding billiard room furniture)						
Cots, playpens, high chairs and other nursery furniture	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	939
Office furniture (including office chairs, upholstered or not)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	1,358
School furniture	..	1,805	..	240	..	2,045
Church furniture	..	43	..	28	..	71
Ships' furniture	..	299	..	212	..	511
Folding furniture (e.g., chairs, tables and bedsteads)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	345
Component parts of furniture						
Of small chairs					..	626
Of other furniture	..	783	..	74	..	211

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. pieces	£'000	Th. pieces	£'000	Th. pieces	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Upholstered furniture (excluding dining room, etc. chairs with upholstered or padded seats)						
Settees						
With wooden frames	{ 216 ..	{ 3,287 184	{ 12 ..	{ 185 4	{ 229 ..	{ 3,472 188
With metal frames	66	1,360	1	30	67	1,390
Bed-settees with wooden and metal frames	61	798	23	304	84	1,101
Easy chairs						
With wooden frames	635	5,601	71	624	706	6,225
With metal frames	134	1,697	3	33	137	1,729
Fireside and adjustable chairs with wooden frames	753	3,479	59	274	812	3,753
Other upholstered household furniture with wooden and metal frames, including fire-side and adjustable chairs with metal frames	..	(a)	..	(a)	{ 11 ..	{ 75 64
Upholstered seats for railway carriages, public vehicles, aircraft, etc., with wooden and metal frames	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	1,148
Theatre and cinema seating; spring seating, sold separately; hotel and bar upholstered furniture, with wooden and metal frames	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	648
Upholstered furniture for ships, with wooden and metal frames	..	242	..	53	..	295
Other upholstered furniture (excluding divan beds)						
With wooden and metal frames	..	130	..	-	..	130
Other, not elsewhere specified (e.g., pouffes)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	85
	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
Furniture of willow, cane, wicker or woven fibre	65	1,068	-	5	65	1,072
Trouser and tie presses						
Billiard and bagatelle tables (including accessories not recorded separately); billiard room furniture and fittings	..	40	-	-	..	40
Rustic furniture	..	2	-	-	..	2
Wireless cabinets of wood	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	2,955



TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Making-up of carpets (b)		603		48		651
Work done for the trade (b)						
Polishing and finishing		232		48		280
Upholstery work						163
Carpet planning		493		4		117
Other work						218
Repairs to furniture, cabinet-ware, etc. (b)		2,318		209		2,527
Other work done (b)		62		8		70
Total principal products		70,377		4,388		74,766
Other output	Thous.		Thous.		Thous.	
Bedding and soft furnishings						
Divan beds	..	(a)	..	(a)	5	28
Bases for spring interior mattresses	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wire mattresses	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	363
Upholstered mattresses						
Mattresses 4 feet in width and over						
Interior spring	25	214	2	15	27	229
Other	..	63			..	63
Other	30	95	22	53	52	148
Mattresses under 4 feet in width (other than cot mattresses)						
Interior spring	..	(a)	..	(a)	13	80
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	33	76
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	18
Cot mattresses	..	(a)	..	(a)	29	32
Bolsters, pillows, cushions and quilts	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
		30		3		33
		56		7		63
Curtains of cotton, rayon, nylon and other textile materials	..	(a)	..	(a)	18	36
					..	57

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Other output (contd.)						
Built-in wooden furniture and wood fittings						
For shops	..	54	..	5	..	59
For offices (including banks)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	32
For ships	..	72	..	99	..	171
For other purposes	..	668	..	131	..	799
Aircraft parts and accessories, including parts of gliders and sailplanes	..	103	-	-	..	103
Passenger, delivery and utility vehicle bodies, including parts and accessories	..	139	-	-	..	139
Clock cases of wood	..	99	-	-	..	99
Other manufactures of timber, including plywood, portable wooden buildings, door and window frames, cases and crates	..	888	..	30	..	918
Furniture and domestic utensils, mainly of metal	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	222
Door, window and casement frames of metal, other than for strong-rooms	..	80	-	-	..	80
Baskets wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	124
Upholstery trimmings, sold separately	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	357
Other goods made	..	529	..	28	..	557
Work done (b)						
Making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains		360		36		396
Shop and office fitting (c)		(a)		(a)		48
Milling, machining, veneering and other fabrication		281		10		290
Other work done		136		30		165
Total		75,559		4,995		80,554

- (a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate figures cannot be given.  
(b) Amount charged.  
(c) Value of work done during the year, exclusive of the value of goods (£54,000) used by firms and recorded against the appropriate output heading.



## Purchased materials and fuel

## Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000
Materials						
Timber (excluding timber used for making into cases, etc., or for repairing returnable cases)						
Hardwood	13,204	8,542	862	561	14,065	9,103
Veneers and panel wood	Th. sq. ft. 150,989	2,179	Th. sq. ft. 6,404	134	Th. sq. ft. 157,392	2,313
Plywood (including plywood for panels)	107,024	5,797	6,740	355	113,765	6,152
Block board	8,981	1,049	409	45	9,390	1,094
Softwood	Th. cu. ft. 1,448 ..	721 135	Th. cu. ft. 160 ..	74 19	Th. cu. ft. 1,608 ..	795 154
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian)	Th. lin. yds.		Th. lin. yds.		Th. lin. yds.	
Webbing	7,993 ..	145 42	558 ..	11 3	8,551 ..	157 45
Other fabrics up to 31 in. wide	2,074 ..	147 32	236 ..	14 1	2,310 ..	161 33
Fabrics over 31 in. wide	Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.	
Wholly or mainly of wool	1,812 ..	1,129 168	152 ..	121 13	1,964 ..	1,249 181
Wholly or mainly of cotton	8,833	2,424	551	185	9,384	2,609
Wholly or mainly of rayon, nylon, etc.	49 ..	26 33	3	2	52 ..	28 33
Of other textile materials (including mixtures)	4,737 ..	367 73	216 ..	24 3	4,953 ..	391 75
Hides (including morocco)	Th. sq. ft. 1,257 ..	153 39	Th. sq. ft. 47	5	Th. sq. ft. 1,303 ..	158 39
Compound boards	12,993	692	373	16	13,367	708
Fabricated woodwork (e.g., chair frames and chair legs) and joinery	..	1,574	..	123	..	1,697
Furniture in the white, unpolished for further processing	..	623	..	33	..	655
Metal frames for upholstering	Th. tons.		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Of steel or steel alloys	3 ..	400 186	- ..	8 4	3 ..	408 190
Of aluminium, aluminium alloys or other metals	..	39	-	-	..	39

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000
Materials (contd.)						
Other metal frames						
Of steel or steel alloys	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	75
Of aluminium, aluminium alloys or other metals	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	4
Iron and steel in all forms, not elsewhere specified	10 ..	455 89	- ..	16 2	10 ..	471 91
Aluminium and aluminium alloys, not elsewhere specified	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	127
Other metals, not elsewhere specified	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	30
Willows, canes and rattans	..	(a)	..	(a)	Th. cwts. 18	72
Paper yarn (including braid)	..	(a)	..	(a)	1 ..	13 2
Woven fibre fabric for imitation basketware	Th. sq. yds. 336	79	Th. sq. yds. -	-	Th. sq. yds. 336	79
Plate and sheet glass (including mirrors)						
Silvered or metallized	..	860	..	30	..	899
Other	..	47	..	3	..	50
Wire mattresses, springing, springs, bed irons and hardware fittings (including pins, screws, hinges, metal cabinet handles, tacks, etc.)	..	3,215	..	290	..	3,505
Bed foundations, complete	..	(a)	..	(a)	Thous. 3 ..	6 1
Plastic fittings	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	21
Leather cloth (including rexine, pegamoid, plastic covering material, etc.)	2,668 ..	623 84	277 ..	85 2	2,945 ..	708 87
Plastic sheeting	Th. cwts. 2 ..	31 15	Th. cwts. .. ..	1	Th. cwts. 2 ..	31 16
Paint, varnish and polishes	..	1,466	..	88	..	1,554



TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Materials (contd.)						
Stuffing materials	26,538	1,318	2,466	122	29,004	1,440
	..	642	..	21	..	663
Glue and other adhesives	..	309	..	16	..	324
Packing materials	..	138	..	10	..	148
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery	..	220	..	13	..	233
Consumable tools bought as replacement	..	177	..	10	..	187
All other purchased materials	..	2,731	..	78	..	2,809
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	34.2	112	4.3	12	38.6	124
Coke	13.7	58	0.6	2	14.3	58
	..	6	..	1	..	6
Electricity purchased	Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)	
From public supply	51,015	315	3,732	20	54,747	335
	..	49	..	5	..	53
From other sources	497	3	-	-	497	3
	..	1	..	..	..	1
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	178	2	7	-	185	2
	..	1	..	..	..	1
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel	Th. galls.		Th. galls.		Th. galls.	
Used for road vehicles	1,590	161	109	11	1,699	172
Used for other power purposes	116	6	3	-	119	7
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	741	30	7	1	748	31
Gas purchased	Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms	
From public supply and from other sources	872	45	22	1	894	46
	..	10	..	..	..	10
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	-	..	-	..	1
All other purchased fuel	..	27	-	-	..	27
Total		40,362		2,626		42,988

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

## Employment and remuneration

## Larger establishments

## (i) Private Firms

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	6,241	174	6,415	723	13	736	6,964	187	7,151
All ages	53,458	5,539	58,997	4,434	465	4,899	57,892	6,004	63,896
Females									
Under 18	1,009	538	1,547	150	47	197	1,159	585	1,744
All ages	8,835	2,869	11,704	1,171	321	1,492	10,006	3,190	13,196
Total									
Under 18	7,250	712	7,962	873	60	933	8,123	772	8,895
All ages	62,293	8,408 (b)	70,701 (b) (c)	5,605	786 (b)	6,391 (b) (c)	67,898	9,194 (b)	77,092 (b) (c)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	19,393	3,996	23,390	1,419	297	1,716	20,812	4,293	25,105

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 381 working proprietors (366 males and 15 females) in Great Britain; 306 males and 12 females in England and Wales, and 60 males and 3 females 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 £626,000; £575,000 for England and Wales, and £51,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose numbers and remuneration are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers
	Males	Females	Total	
England and Wales	81	153	234	£'000 41
Scotland	1	2	3	1
Great Britain	82	155	237	42



## (ii) Government Departments

TABLE 25 (contd.)

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	292	20	312	19	2	21	311	22	333
Females									
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	18	10	28	-	-	-	18	10	28
Total									
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	310	30	340 (b)	19	2	21 (b)	329	32	361 (b)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	103	9	112	6	1	7	109	10	119

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to a total of £3,000. The amount recorded for Scotland was less than £500.

Monthly index of employment of operatives: Larger establishments  
(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	99.4	97.6	99.2	August	99.8	101.9	100.0
February	99.8	97.7	99.6	September	101.5	102.2	101.6
March	100.1	97.8	99.9	October	102.9	104.0	103.0
April	98.9	96.7	98.7	November	104.2	103.9	104.2
May	96.3	96.8	96.3	December	103.8	104.6	103.9
June	96.2	97.6	96.4	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index			
July	97.2	99.3	97.4		45.5	55.0	46.3

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



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