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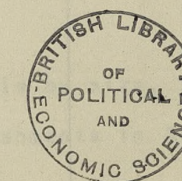
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UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Umbrellas and Walking Sticks Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of umbrellas, sunshades, and walking sticks, and in the repairing and re-covering of umbrellas and sunshades if done for the trade but not if done directly for the public.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 147(4) in the Standard Industrial Classification, with the addition from heading 99(8), relating to miscellaneous metal working industries, of establishments making umbrella frames, ferrules, etc.

Any establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland are excluded in 1948. Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars of the very small output in Northern Ireland were not published for 1935.



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UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS TRADE

Summary
Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948(a)	1937(b)	1935(b)
	£' 000	£' 000	£' 000
Gross output (production)	2,225	1,143	1,090
Cost of materials and fuel used	1,180	702	688
Payment for work done on materials given out	8	1	3
Net output	1,037	440	399
Wages and salaries of persons employed	631	..	..
Average number of persons employed (c)	No. 2,597 (d)	No. 2,854	No. 2,827
Net output per person employed (c)	£ 399	£ 154	£ 141
Stocks at end of year	£' 000		
Finished products and work in progress	171	..	..
Materials and fuel	329	..	..
Number of establishments	No. 52	No. ..	No. 70

(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	1937	1935
	£' 000	£' 000	£' 000
Output of firms in this trade			
Total value of sales (1948) or production (1937 and 1935)			
Principal products (see Table 8)	2,023	1,129	1,071
Other output (see Table 10)	184	14	19
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+25	..	..
Less payment for transport by other firms	2,232 7	1,143	1,090
Gross output (production)	2,225	1,143	1,090
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade			
Purchases (see Table 13)	1,171	702	688
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	+9		
Materials and fuel used	1,180	702	688

Summary, 1948

Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	71
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	149
Females	174
Total	323

(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)	2,597
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	323
	2,920
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	5
Estimated average employment in all firms	2,925

(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	26	515	225	466	83	33	116	483
25-49	16	612	265	593	90	51	142	447
50-99	5	412	166	401	67	30	97	415
100 and over	5	686	380	1,137	214	63	277	335
Total	52	2,225	1,037	2,597	454	177	631	399

Analysis by standard region, 1948

Larger 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								
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	7	391	249	24.0	819	137	24	161
Midland; and North Midland	4	410	222	21.4	523	103	39	142
London and South Eastern	19	727	302	29.1	635	117	66	182
South Western	4	83	50	4.9	104	21	6	27
North Western	12	459	151	14.6	355	58	25	83
Total England	46	2,070	974	94.0	2,436	436	159	595
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scotland	6	156	62	6.0	161	18	18	36
Great Britain	52	2,225	1,037	100.0	2,597	454	177	631

Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

Larger 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 producers of frames, ribs and metal furniture	5	333	320	217	774	133	21	154	280
Remainder of trade	47	1,892	..	820	1,823	321	156	477	450
Total	52	2,225	..	1,037	2,597	454	177	631	399

Total make of intermediate products, 1948

Larger establishments

TABLE 7

	Returned in this trade (a)	
	Quantity	Entries
	Th. doz.	No.
Parts of umbrellas and sunshades		
Frames	130	37
Covers	150	36

(a) No output of these goods was recorded in other trades.

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			1937(b) Production		1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	No.	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Umbrellas and sunshades, complete	126	1,233	36	315	823	294	768
Parts of umbrellas and sunshades							
Covers	10	47	19	14	32	20	42
Sticks							
Of wood	58	43	9	120	23	172	41
Of metal	..	1	..				
Handles	33	48	20	55	23	26	14
		71					
	Th. doz. sets			Th. doz. sets			
Ribs (c)	333	287	12	552	111	..	88
Metal furniture	..	85	10	..	23	..	64
Other parts and fittings (except trimmings)	..	78	15	..	57		
	Th. doz.			Th. doz.			
Walking sticks and canes, complete	14	21	13	66	20	69	30
		..					
Umbrellas and parts and walking sticks, unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	..	9
Repair work	Thous.						
Umbrellas re-covered (d)	162	118	34	37	37	..	39
Other repairs (d)		27	31				
Work done for the trade or on commission (d)		30	7				
Total		2,100	..		1,153		1,095
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see Table 9)		77	..		24		24
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		2,023	50		1,129		1,071

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) On the basis of 8 ribs to the set.

(d) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1937 and 1935.

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

Larger establishments

TABLE 9

	1948(a) Sales			1937(b) Production		1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000	No.	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Umbrellas and sunshades, complete	-	-	-	1	3	-	1
Parts of umbrellas and sunshades							
Sticks of wood or metal	-	-	-	..	4	47	5
Handles	..	49	7	-	-	-	-
Other parts and fittings (except trimmings), including metal furniture	..	29	..	..	17	..	10
Walking sticks and canes, complete							
Umbrellas and parts and walking sticks, unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	..	8
Total		77	..		24		24

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

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

Larger establishments

TABLE 10

	1948(a) Sales		1937(b) Production		1935(b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Manufactures of metal	..	144	..	1	..	2
Manufactures of timber	..	12	..	6	..	2
Other goods	..	20	..	7	..	15
Work done		8(c)		-		-
Total		184		14		19

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Amount charged.

Analysis of sales, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 11

	Sales	Percentage of total sales
	£'000	
Sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control		
Productive works	-	-
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad) and other wholesale or selling organisations	48	2.4
Retail shops, etc.	79	3.9
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	127	6.3
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	179	8.9
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	135	6.7
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	4	0.2
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	391	19.3
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	578(a)	28.5
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I. for resale	603	29.8
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	2	0.1
Members of the public, including employees	5	0.2
Total sales to independent buyers	1,897	93.7
Total	2,024	100.0

(a) Of this total £379,000 was recorded as divided between £162,000 for export and £217,000 for other sales.

Production, exports and imports
of certain principal products (a)

TABLE 12

		Production (b) (c)		Exports		Retained imports	
		Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Umbrellas and sunshades, complete	{ 1948	126	1,233	40	355	2	22
	{ 1937	315	823	36	70	95	34
Walking sticks and canes, complete	{ 1948	..	32	7	18(d)	-	-
	{ 1937	66	20	..	11(e)	..	1(e)
Parts and fittings for umbrellas and sunshades, except trimmings	{ 1948	..	660	..	273(f)	..	17(f)
	{ 1937	..	273	..	52	..	65

(a) Figures of sales (or production) refer only to larger establishments in Great Britain (1948) or the United Kingdom (1937). All recorded exports from and imports into the United Kingdom are given in the table. The figures, therefore, are not strictly comparable.

(b) Sales in 1948 and production for sale in 1937.

(c) Including sales (or production) by establishments classified to other trades.

(d) Including whips.

(e) Described as "Walking sticks, canes and whips and parts and fittings therefor".

(f) Including parts and fittings for walking sticks, canes and whips.

Purchased materials and fuel

Larger establishments

TABLE 13

	1948(a)		1937(b)		1935(b)	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel			
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000
Materials						
Piece goods						
Of silk	5	4	107	26	128	34
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	780	222	1,747	141	1,639	142
Of silk or rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with cotton	43	7	744	59	947	74
Of cotton	973	137	1,378	54	1,154	44
Of other materials, including plastics and oiled silk	{ 179 ..	{ 26 17	{ 101	{ 10	{ ..	{ ..
Packing materials	..	13	..	9	..	..
Umbrella and sunshade parts	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		..	(c)
Frames	13	24	57	29	..	(c)
Th. doz. sets			Th. doz. sets		..	(c)
Ribs (d)	148	129	283	79	..	..
Th. doz.					..	..
Sticks						
Of wood	85	41	..	..	..	387 (e)
Of metal	7	6	..	285	..	..
Handles	127	181	..	..	..	..
Metal of all descriptions, not elsewhere specified	..	148	..	..	..	..
Other parts and fittings	..	85	..	..	..	..
All other purchased materials	..	97	..	..	..	..
	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Fuel and electricity						
Coal	4.6	12	3.2	3	2.7	2
Coke	0.2	1	-	(c)	0.3	1

TABLE 13 - (contd.)

	1948(a)		1937(b)		1935(b)	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel			
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000
Fuel and electricity (contd.)						
Electricity purchased						
From public supply	2,005	10	646	4	616	4
From other sources	-	-				
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-				
Th. galls.						
Motor spirit (petrol) and deriv. fuel						
Used for road vehicles	20	2	3	..	..	..
Used for other power purposes	1	-				
Other fuel oil (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	116	4				
Gas purchased						(c)
From public supply	..	5				
From other sources	-	-				
All other purchased fuel	..	-				
Total		1,171		702		688

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Not recorded separately.

(d) On the basis of 8 ribs to the set.

(e) Including fuel not specified separately.

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
	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Finished products				
Umbrellas and sunshades, complete	8	53	10	62
Other finished products	..	19	..	33
Work in progress		73		76
Total finished products and work in progress		146		171
Materials and fuel				
Piece goods	..	132	..	142
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	206	..	187
Total materials and fuel		338		329

Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments (a)

TABLE 15

	Average number of operatives			Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)			Total		
	1948(c)	1937(d)	1935(d)	1948(c)	1937(d)	1935(d)	1948(c)	1937(d)	1935(d)
Males									
Under 18	71	156	159	6	12	21	77	168	180
All ages	844	860	898	194	240	268	1,038	1,100	1,166
Females									
Under 18	216	356	274	27	51	24	243	407	298
All ages	1,402	1,598	1,537	140	156	124	1,542	1,754	1,661
Total									
Under 18	287	512	433	33	63	45	320	575	478
All ages	2,246	2,458	2,435	334(e)	396	392	2,580 (e) (f) (g)	2,854	2,827
Total remuneration	£'000 454	..	..	£'000 177	..	..	£'000 631	..	..

(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	15 females
Other workers	27 males	217 females

(b) Number at September 25, 1948, October 16, 1937, and October 12, 1935.

(c) Great Britain only.

(d) United Kingdom.

(e) There were, in addition, 17 male working proprietors in 1948. Working proprietors are included in the 1937 and 1935 figures.

(f) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £18,000.

(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	4	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	3	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	-	

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	3	159	162	£'000 11
1937	8	102	110	..
1935	11	87	98	..

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				Year
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	
Wages and salaries of	£'000	£'000					
Operatives	454	154	25.6	24.9	23.7	25.8	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	177	85	22.4	22.9	23.2	31.5	100.0
Total	631	240	24.5	24.2	23.5	27.9	100.0

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

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

The total amount paid by larger establishments in Great Britain for work done on materials given out was £8,000.

Payments for certain services, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Repair and maintenance	
Of buildings	4
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	9
Unclassified	10
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	1
Advertising and market research	
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	2
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	4
Unclassified	3
Payments made for research work	-
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	7
Commercial insurance premiums	9
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	4

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	35	8	2
Vehicles	5	2	1
Total	40	10	3

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

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

	£'000
1. Capital expenditure on building work (a)	3
2. Existing buildings and land acquired	-
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished	-
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3	3

(a) Excluding site value.

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UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS TRADE

Summary

Larger establishments

There were no larger establishments for Wales in the register for this trade.

TABLE 21

	England	Scotland	Great Britain
Gross output (production)	£'000 2,070	£'000 155	£'000 2,225
Cost of materials and fuel used	1,087	93	1,180
Payment for work done on materials given out	8	-	8
Net output	974	62	1,037
Wages and salaries of persons employed	595	36	631
Average number of persons employed (a)	No. 2,436	No. 161	No. 2,597
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 400	£ 388	£ 399
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	154	16	171
Materials and fuel	293	36	329
Number of establishments	No. 46	No. 6	No. 52

(a) Excluding outworkers.

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

	England	Scotland	Great Britain
Output of firms in this trade	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	2,054	153	2,207
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 22	+ 3	+ 25
Less payment for transport by other firms	2,076	156	2,232
Gross output (production)	2,070	155	2,225
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade			
Purchases (see Table 24)	1,071	100	1,171
Adjustment for changes in stocks	+ 16	- 7	+ 9
Materials and fuel used	1,087	93	1,180

Summary

Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	55	2	14	71
Average number of persons employed (a)				
Males	128	1	20	149
Females	127	3	44	174
Total	255	4	64	323

(a) Including working proprietors.

Sales in the trade

Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Principal products						
Umbrellas and sunshades, complete	114	1,103	12	131	126	1,233
Parts of umbrellas and sunshades						
Covers	8	41	1	6	10	47
Sticks						
Of wood	58	43	-	-	58	43
Of metal	..	1	-	-	..	1
Handles	33	47	-	-	33	48
	..	22	-	-	..	22
	Th. doz. sets		Th. doz. sets		Th. doz. sets	
Ribs (a)	332	287	-	1	333	287
Metal furniture						
Other parts and fittings (except trimmings)	..	166	..	-	..	167
Walking sticks and canes, complete						
Repair work	Thous.		Thous.		Thous.	
Umbrellas re-covered (b)	137	107	25	11	162	118
Other repairs (b)		24		3		27
Work done for the trade or on commission (b)		30		-		30
Total principal products		1,870		153		2,023
Other products						
Manufactures of metal	..	144	-	-	..	144
Manufactures of timber	..	12	-	-	..	12
Other goods	..	20	-	-	..	20
Work done (b)		8		-		8
Total		2,054		153		2,207

(a) On the basis of 8 ribs to the set.

(b) Amount charged.

Purchased materials and fuel

Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000
Materials						
Piece goods						
Of silk	..	(a)	..	(a)	5	4
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	693	195	88	28	780	222
Of silk or rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with cotton	43	7	-	-	43	7
Of cotton	873	124	100	13	973	137
Of other materials, including plastics and oiled silk	..	(a)	..	(a)	179	26
					..	17
Packing materials	..	13	..	1	..	13
Umbrella and sunshade parts	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
Frames	9	17	4	8	13	24
	Th. doz. sets		Th. doz. sets		Th. doz. sets	
Ribs (b)	133	115	14	14	148	129
Sticks	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
Of wood	79	38	7	2	85	41
Of metal	7	6	-	-	7	6
Handles	113	159	13	22	127	181
Metal of all descriptions, not elsewhere specified	..	145	..	4	..	148
Other parts and fittings	..	79	..	6	..	85
All other purchased materials	..	97	..	-	..	97
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	4.5	12	-	-	4.6	12
Coke	0.2	1	-	-	0.2	1
Electricity purchased	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	
From public supply	2,004	10	1	-	2,005	10
From other sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. galls.	£'000	Th. galls.	£'000	Th. galls.	£'000
Fuel and electricity (contd.)						
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel						
Used for road vehicles	19	2	1	-	20	2
Used for other power purposes	1	-	-	-	1	-
Other fuel oil (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	116	4	-	-	116	4
Gas purchased						
From public supply	..	5	..	-	..	5
From other sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other purchased fuel	..	-	..	-	..	-
Total		1,071		100		1,171

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

(b) On the basis of 8 ribs to the set.

Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments

TABLE 25

	England			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	60	5	65	11	1	12	71	6	77
All ages	805	168	973	39	28	65	844	194	1,038
Females									
Under 18	196	21	217	20	6	26	216	27	243
All ages	1,329	117	1,446	73	23	96	1,402	140	1,542
Total									
Under 18	256	26	282	31	7	38	287	33	320
All ages	2,134	285(b)	2,419(b)(c)	112	49	161(c)	2,246	334(b)	2,580(b)(c)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	436	159	595	18	18	36	454	177	631

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 17 male working proprietors (all in England).

(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 £18,000; £17,000 for England, and £1,000 for Scotland.

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 £'000
	Males	Females	Total	
England	3	159	162	11
Scotland	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	3	159	162	11

Monthly index of employment of operatives: Larger establishments
(average employment in 1948 = 100)

TABLE 26

Month	Monthly index (a)			Month	Monthly index (a)		
	England	Scotland	Great Britain		England	Scotland	Great Britain
1948				1948			
January	113.6	104.5	112.8	August	94.0	98.3	94.4
February	114.3	104.5	113.5	September	93.7	95.1	93.9
March	109.8	101.4	109.1	October	94.3	102.9	95.0
April	103.6	104.5	103.7	November	92.9	98.3	93.3
May	99.9	98.3	99.8	December	91.2	96.7	91.7
June	97.7	98.3	97.7	Percentage employ- ment in this trade covered by the index	33.3	57.2	34.5
July	94.9	98.3	95.1				

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

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