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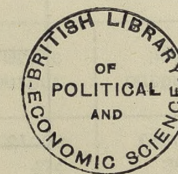
TEXTILE PACKING TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Textile Packing Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the packing and making-up of textile goods for other firms. The term "making-up" refers to the making-up of consignments of goods in different lengths, folds or shapes, or with special tickets, tapes, parcelling, etc., as required for various destinations or customers and not to the making-up of materials into finished goods such as articles of clothing.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 123(3) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

A large number of returns made in this trade for 1935 were in respect of the packing departments of merchant converters for which in 1948 separate returns were not made. The figures for the two years are not, therefore, strictly comparable.

Larger establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland (which are excluded in 1948) accounted in 1935 for about 6 per cent. of the net output for the United Kingdom.





TEXTILES  
TEXTILE PACKING TRADE  
Summary  
Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948 (a)	1935 (b)
Gross output (value of work done)	£'000 1,939	£'000 1,175
Cost of materials and fuel used	753	426
Payment for work done on materials given out	7	6
Net output	1,179	743
Wages and salaries of persons employed	686	..
Average number of persons employed (c)	No. 2,508	No. 4,990
Net output per person employed	£ 470	£ 149
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000
Materials and fuel	91	..
Number of establishments	No. 62	No. 123

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) For 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
Output of firms in this trade	£'000	£'000
Total amount charged (1948) or received (1935)		
Principal output (see TABLE 8)	1,999	1,169
Other output (see TABLE 10)	-	6
	1,999	1,175
Less payment for transport by other firms	60	
Gross output (value of work done)	1,939	1,175
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade		
Purchases (see TABLE 13)	757	426
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see TABLE 14)	-4	
Materials and fuel used	753	426

## Summary, 1948

## Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	73
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	335
Females	65
Total	400

(a) Including working proprietors.

## Average employment, 1948

## All firms in Great Britain

TABLE 3

As returned by firms	
Employing on average more than ten persons (a)	2,508
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	400
Average employment in all firms	2,908

(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	34	474	285	596	122	32	154	479
25-49	16	400	250	521	111	34	146	479
50-99	4	250	164	302	73	14	87	541
100 and over	8	816	481	1,089	248	51	299	441
Total	62	1,939	1,179	2,508	554	132	686	470



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	18	214	126	10.7	330	66	16	81
North Western	44	1,725	1,053	89.3	2,178	489	116	604
Great Britain (a)	62	1,939	1,179	100.0	2,508	554	132	686

(a) There were no establishments for Wales or Scotland in the register for this trade.

TABLE 6 - Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948:  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products: Larger establishments

These tables are not applicable to this trade.

Principal output of the trade,  
including similar work done by establishments classified to other trades  
Larger establishments

TABLE 8

	1948 (a)		1935 (b)
	Amount charged	Entries	Amount received
Packing, including making-up	£'000 2,014	No. 60	£'000 1,200
Total	2,014	60	1,200
Less work done in other trades	15	9	31
Total principal output of this trade by establishments in the trade	1,999	51	1,169

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

TABLE 9 - Principal output of the trade recorded by larger establishments classified to other trades

There are no particulars of the packing and making-up work done in other trades additional to those given in TABLE 8.

TABLE 10 - Output of the trade, other than principal output:  
Larger establishments

No other output was recorded for 1948. In 1935, establishments in this trade in the United Kingdom received £8,000 for work done, other than textile packing and making-up.

TABLE 11 - Analysis of sales, 1948: Larger establishments in Great Britain

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

These tables are not applicable to this trade.

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
Materials	Th. sq. yds.	£'000		£'000
Jute piece goods	3,367 Th. cwts.	146	..	67
Bituminised laminated kraft	5.6	24	..	(c)
Paper				
Waterproofed	2.4	11	} 79.5	80 (d)
Other	11.8	42		
Cardboard	..	14		
Hoop and strip of iron or steel	14.9	22	35.1	23
Cordage, twine, etc.	1.4	21	2.5	10
Cardboard boxes	..	1	} ..	219 (e)
Timber, lapping boards, etc.	..	47		
Wood cases	..	334		
All other purchased materials	..	58		
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	0.6	2	2.2	3
Coke	2.6	10	4.7	6
Electricity purchased (f)	Th. B.T.U. (KW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (KW. hrs.)	
From public supply	1,779	16	} 1,833	18
From other sources	-	-		
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-	-	-
Motor spirit (petrol) and deriv. fuel	Th. galls.			
Used for road vehicles	9	1	} ..	(c)
Used for other power purposes	-	-		
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	5	-		
Gas purchased	Th. therms			
From public supply	70	3		
From other sources	-	-		
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-		
All other purchased fuel	..	4		
Total		757		426

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) Not recorded separately.

(d) Described as "Paper and board of all kinds".

(e) Including fuel not specified separately.

(f) No electricity generated and consumed in the same works was recorded for 1948.



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. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000
Materials and fuel				
Jute piece goods	660	26	710	30
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	61	..	61
Total materials and fuel		87		91

Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments (a)

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	111	210	4	59	115	269
All ages	1,519	2,830	227	567	1,746	3,397
Females						
Under 18	55	270	25	36	80	306
All ages	636	1,353	118	240	754	1,593
Total						
Under 18	166	480	29	95	195	575
All ages	2,155	4,183	345(e)	807	2,500(e) (f) (g)	4,990
Total remuneration	£'000 554	..	£'000 132	..	£'000 686	..

(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 39 females  
Other workers 368 males, 375 females

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

(c) Great Britain only.

(d) United Kingdom.

(e) There were, in addition, 8 male working proprietors 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 £19,000.

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

Transport of goods outside the premises  
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Research work not directly connected with current production  
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Operatives }  
Administrative technical and clerical employees }  
3

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					Year
		Amount paid	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in				
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	
	£'000	£'000					
Wages and salaries of							
Operatives	554	215	20.7	23.6	26.4	29.3	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	132	55	22.1	26.7	24.7	26.5	100.0
Total	686	270	21.0	24.2	26.0	28.8	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 £7,000.

Payments for certain services, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid £'000
Repair and maintenance	
Of buildings	32
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	19
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	-
Advertising and market research	-
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	-
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	-
Payments made for research work	-
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	9
Commercial insurance premiums	18
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	36



Stocks of materials and fuel, 1948  
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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	8	2	1
Vehicles	1	1	-
Total	9	3	1

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

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

	£'000	£'000
1. Capital expenditure on building work		-
2. Existing buildings and land		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	-	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (a)	20	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	-	
Total of heading 2		20
Total of headings 1 and 2		20
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished		-
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		20

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

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Note:- There were no establishments for Wales or larger establishments for Scotland in the register for this trade. The country tables are therefore omitted since there is no information to be given which is not already included in earlier tables.

TABLE 21 - Summary: Larger establishments

See TABLE 1.

TABLE 22 - Small firms

See TABLE 2. Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars for England and Scotland cannot be given.

TABLE 23 - Output in this trade: Larger establishments

See TABLES 8 and 10.

TABLE 24 - Purchased materials and fuel: Larger establishments

See TABLE 13.

TABLE 25 - Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments

See TABLE 15.

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

TABLE 26

Month	Monthly index (a)	Month	Monthly index (a)
	England (b)		England (b)
1948		1948	
January	89.9	August	104.2
February	92.8	September	106.1
March	94.3	October	105.8
April	96.0	November	107.3
May	95.2	December	109.7
June	99.0	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index	33.5
July	100.3		

(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.

(b) There were no establishments for Wales or Scotland in the register for this trade.



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