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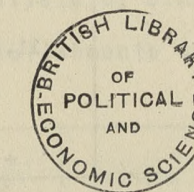
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LEATHER GOODS TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Leather Goods Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of trunks, suitcases, hand-bags, pocket books, belts, straps, harness, saddlery and other goods (except clothing) of leather and leather substitutes.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 131 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

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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LEATHER GOODS TRADE

Summary

Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948(a)	1937(b)	1935(b)
Gross output (production)	£'000 12,449	£'000 6,718	£'000 5,676
Cost of materials and fuel used	6,248	3,666	3,067
Payment for work done on materials given out	64	10	14
Net output	6,137	3,042	2,595
Wages and salaries of persons employed	£'000 3,557	No. ..	No. ..
Average number of persons employed (c)	No. 15,133(d)	No. 19,289	No. 17,816
Net output per person employed (c)	£ 405	£ 158	£ 146
Stocks at end of year	£'000 869	£'000 ..	£'000 ..
Finished products and work in progress	869	..	..
Materials and fuel	£'000 1,988	No. ..	No. ..
Number of establishments	No. 330	No. ..	No. 323

(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
Output of firms in this trade	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total value of sales (1948) or production (1937 and 1935)			
Principal products (see Table 8)	11,800	6,191	5,210
Other output (see Table 10)	646	527	466
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+ 61	..	..
Less payment for transport by other firms	12,507 58	6,718	5,676
Gross output (production)	12,449	6,718	5,676
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade			
Purchases (see Table 13)	6,108	3,666	3,067
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	+ 141		
Materials and fuel used	6,248	3,666	3,067

Summary, 1948

Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	922
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	2,211
Females	1,310
Total	3,521

(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)	15,138
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	3,521
	18,659
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	405
Estimated average employment in all firms	19,064

(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	128	1,869	923	2,306	419	130	549	400
25-49	113	3,133	1,544	3,951	693	222	916	391
50-99	63	3,660	1,774	4,463	759	255	1,014	397
100-199	20	2,331	1,173	2,776	472	154	626	423
200 and over	6	1,456	723	1,642	281	171	452	441
Total	330	12,449	6,137	15,138	2,625	932	3,557	405

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								
Northern	10	359	184	3.0	624	84	50	134
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	12	669	319	5.2	769	124	47	171
North Midland	10	367	183	3.0	394	64	22	86
Eastern	11	377	173	2.8	532	79	16	94
London and South Eastern	156	6,025	2,989	48.7	6,437	1,318	460	1,778
Southern	3	49	34	0.5	89	12	3	15
South Western	6	200	100	1.6	289	38	14	51
Midland	75	2,463	1,244	20.3	3,515	524	195	719
North Western	28	1,304	569	9.3	1,520	233	75	308
Total England	311	11,813	5,794	94.4	14,169	2,476	882	3,357
Wales	6	204	128	2.1	421	59	19	78
Scotland	13	431	215	3.5	548	90	31	122
Great Britain	330	12,449	6,137	100.0	15,138	2,625	932	3,557

TABLE 6 - Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

No specialisation within this trade was distinguished.

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			1937 (b) Production		1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	No.	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Travel goods (c)							
Trunks of all kinds							
Wholly or mainly of leather	3	3	7	44	18	210	42
..	..	3	..	..	79	..	23
Wholly or mainly of vulcanised fibre	17	16	8	..	(d)	..	..
..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..
Wholly or mainly of soft fibre	39	21	..	..	..	1,162	165
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Of other materials (e)	300	156	19	1,016	121	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	92	..	..
Carrying cases of all kinds, including school satchels (f)							
Wholly or mainly of leather	4,438	773	121	6,577	450	8,976	459
..	..	169	..	..	149	..	65
Wholly or mainly of vulcanised fibre	885	218	22	33,186	530	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..
Wholly or mainly of soft fibre	7,818	762	23	..	..	27,114	540
..	..	75	..	..	..	..	326
Of other materials (e)	4,365	689	82	10,353	335	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	157	..	..
Carrying bags of all kinds, other than sports bags							
Wholly or mainly of leather	928	202	72	..	(g)	..	(g)
..
Of other materials (e)	8,357	945	100	..	..	..	..
..	..	142	..	..	..	..	..
Total travel goods		4,205	..		1,997		1,662

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales			1937 (b) Production		1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	No.	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sliing bags (c)							
Of leather	4,174	1,350	108	38,680 ..	1,681 204	35,111 ..	1,506 179
Of plastic material	14,956 ..	1,153 137	70	..	(g)	..	(g)
Of leather cloth	14,411 ..	1,237 232	58	43,173	585	27,791	328
Of other materials resembling leather	29 ..	6 4	16	..	(g)	..	(g)
Beauty and manicure cases and the like (c)	4,225 ..	188 34	38	..	(g)	..	(g)
Other fancy goods							
Of leather							
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like	25,419 ..	799 111	117	61,096 ..	689 293	63,724 ..	625 252
Other	..	417	62	..	..	..	..
Of materials resembling leather							
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like	4,933 ..	54 18	39	7,258 ..	66 89	9,009 ..	55 63
Other	..	162	26	..	..	..	..
Saddlery and harness	..	320	35	..	211	..	181
Horse clothing	..	28	7	..	30	..	34
Whips	503	27	6	..	20	..	19
Leather braces, dog collars, harness and leads	..	286	49	..	..	..	..
Straps and belts							
Luggage straps of leather	4,330 ..	45 49	29	..	557	..	481
Watch straps of leather	32,209 ..	325 48	23	..	..	..	..
Other straps and belts of leather or leather substitutes	54,914 ..	528 80	105	..	..	..	..

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales			1937 (b) Production		1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	No.	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Leather covered buckles	44,213	75	7	49,641	22(h)	..	22(h)
Leather handles for trunks, bags, etc.	..	(g)	..	15,074 ..	19 23	..	(g)
Motor and cycle accessories							
Radiator muffs, etc.	654 ..	84 10	12	..	..	..	..
Cycle bags	15,694	324	26	..	129	..	142
Mops of leather (h)	543	4	..	..	..	..	..
Other leather goods (except apparel, machinery belting and sports goods)	..	270	39	..	..	..	..
Scrap and waste products	..	6	48	..	2	..	(g)
Repair work (1)	..	61	87	..	32	..	40
Work done for the trade or on commission (1)	..	109	34	..	23	..	..
Total		12,784	..		6,672		5,589
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see Table 9)		984	..		481		379
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		11,800	319		6,191		5,210

(a) Great Britain only.

(b) United Kingdom.

(c) The value of toilet articles and similar fittings purchased for dressing cases, hand-bags, etc., was included in 1948 but excluded in 1937 and 1935.

(d) Included with carrying cases.

(e) Excluding goods of metal, wood, plastic or matting made by establishments in other trades.

(f) Including carrying bags in 1937 and 1935.

(g) Not recorded separately.

(h) So far as recorded separately.

(1) Amount charged in 1948, 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
	Gross	£'000	No.	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Travel goods							
Trunks of all kinds							
Wholly or mainly of leather	1	2	..	..	9	..	6
Of all other materials	-	-	-	..	5	..	(c)
Carrying cases of all kinds, including school satchels (d)							
Wholly or mainly of leather	310	39	13	36	2	71	2
Wholly or mainly of vulcanised or soft fibre	..	18	..	..	20	..	14
Of other materials	91	25	..	-	-	..	62
Of other materials	289	51	10	..	75	..	..
Carrying bags of all kinds, other than sports bags							
Wholly or mainly of leather	419	50	12	..	(e)	..	(e)
Of other materials	436	110	10	..	(e)	..	(e)
Of other materials	..	22	..	..	(e)	..	(e)
Total travel goods		326	..		111		84
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags							
Of leather	101	22	13	190	19	..	..
Of plastic material	1,366	68	10	-	-	..	..
Of plastic material	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Of leather cloth	363	9	..	-	-	..	..
Of other materials resembling leather	..	2	..	-	-	..	..
Other fancy goods						2,783	8
Of leather	..	..	..	..	..	..	167
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket-books and the like	77	1	9	2,719	27	..	..
Other	..	67	..	..	70	..	..
Of materials resembling leather							
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like	1,539	13	8	..	..	..	..
Other	..	2	..	..	88	..	..
Other	..	16	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 9 (contd.)

	1948 (a) Sales			1937 (b) Production		1935 (b) Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	No.		£'000		£'000
Saddlery and harness	..	67	..	-	-	-	-
Horse clothing	-	-	-	..	3	..	3
Whips	33	1	..	-	-	-	-
Leather braces, dog collars, harness and leads	..	9	7	..	77	..	34
Straps and belts of leather or leather substitutes	7,357	56	19	..	..	..	..
Leather covered buckles	130	-	..	-	-	-	-
Motor and cycle accessories							
Radiator muffs, etc.	217	26	..	..	..	..	..
Cycle bags	4,701	114	8	..	70	..	83
Mops of leather	543	4	..	..	..	..	..
Other leather goods	..	59	15	..	..	..	..
Repair work (f)		2	..		1		-
Work done for the trade or on commission (f)		5	..		10		-
Total		984	..		481		379

- (a) Great Britain only.
(b) United Kingdom.
(c) Included with carrying cases of other materials.
(d) Including carrying bags in 1937 and 1935.
(e) Not recorded separately.
(f) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1937.

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

Larger establishments

TABLE 10

	1948 (a) Sales	1937 (b) Production	1935 (b) Production
	Value	Value	Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bags for cricket, tennis, golf and other sports	58	66	186
Leather or canvas sports goods, other than bags	21	106	..
Other leather goods (clothing, gloves, boots and shoes, machinery belting, etc.)	144	82	72
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags, other than of leather or materials resembling leather (including plastic material)	18	91(c)	98(c)
Other goods	367	182	110
Work done	38(d)	..	..
Total	646	527	466

- (a) Great Britain only.
(b) United Kingdom.
(c) May include ladies hand-bags, etc. of plastic material.
(d) 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	13	0.1
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	100	0.8
Other wholesale or selling organisations	513	4.2
Retail shops, etc.	41	0.3
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	667	5.5
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	868	7.1
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	370	3.0
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	142	1.2
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	634	5.2
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	5,009(a)	40.9
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	4,463	36.5
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	53	0.4
Members of the public, including employees	38	0.3
Total sales to independent buyers	11,577	94.5
Total	12,245	100.0

(a) Of this total £3,770,000 was recorded as divided between £794,000 for export and £2,976,000 for other sales.

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

TABLE 12

	Production (b) (c)	Exports (d)	Retained Imports (e)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Travel goods (excluding sports bags) wholly or mainly of leather	{ 1948 1,150 1937 696(f)	242 41	3 3
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags		Gross	Gross
Of leather	1948 4,174	486	68
Of materials resembling leather	1948 1,479(g)	38	12
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like, of leather	1948 910	242	16
Travel goods (excluding sports bags) and wallets, etc. of materials resembling leather	1948 2,004(h)	68	12
Total Ladies' hand-bags and wallets, etc., of leather	{ 1948 2,260 1937 ..	424 245	40 422
Ladies' hand-bags and travel goods, wallets, etc., of materials resembling leathers	{ 1948 3,483(h) 1937 ..	105 57	24 72
Other fancy goods			
Of leather	{ 1948 417 1937 ..	114 135	2 2
Of materials resembling leather	{ 1948 162 1937 ..	22 8	- -
Total travel goods, ladies' hand-bags, wallets, etc. and other fancy goods, of leather or materials resembling leather	{ 1948 7,472(h) 1937 5,008(f)(h)	909 486	70 499
Travel goods wholly or mainly of fibre	1948 1,122	219	..

(a) Figures of sales (or production) refer only to larger establishments in Great Britain (1948) or in 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, production for sale in 1937.

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

(d) Valued f.o.b.

(e) Valued c.i.f.

(f) Excluding the value of purchased toilet articles and similar fittings.

(g) Excluding hand-bags, etc. of plastic material.

(h) Including some travel goods of materials not resembling leather.

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. ft.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Materials						
Dressed leather						
Case, seat, cloak and bag hides	2,803	339				
Harness and saddlery (except pig skin)	124	24	1,818	154(c)	1,598	123(c)
	..	17					..	47	..	41
Strap butts and shoulders	1,019	147				
Other dressed hide leather	3,153	316				
			Th. sq. ft.		Th. sq. ft.	
Dressed pigskin leather	706	127				
Hard grain goats (morocco)	1,149	149				
Reptile	63	45	27,662	1,066(d)	24,854	917(d)
	..	7					..	157	..	122
Other sorts of dressed leather	5,507	493				
	..	72				
	Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.	
Leather cloth	2,656	719	3,303	197	2,222	133
	..	104				
	Tons		Tons		Tons	
Vulcanised fibre board	291	44	5,412	145	5,384	134
	..	13					..	19
Soft fibre in sheets	1,571	122				
	..	28				
Other boards (strawboard, chipboard, cardboard, etc.)	1,565	55				
	..	6	..	93(e)	..	(f)
Paper of all kinds used in manufacture	292	20				
	..	9				
	Th. cu. ft.					
Timber used in manufacture						
Hardwood	5.2	4				
	Th. standards					
Softwood	0.1	11	..	43(e)	..	(f)
	..	2				
	Th. sq. ft.					
Plywood	1,076	41				

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
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Materials (contd.)						
Packing materials	..	127	..	(f)		
	Th. doz.					
Frames for hand-bags, purses, etc.	297	379	..	317(g)	..	(f)
	..	58				
Locks, clips and fasteners	..	294				
Slide fasteners	..	245				
Other metal components	..	345				
	Th. sq. yds.					
Canvas	808	214	..	1,266	..	1,571(1)
Other textile materials	2,345	376				
	Th. lbs.					
Leather scrap	609	23				
	..	33				
All other purchased materials	..	926				
Unclassified materials	..	88				
	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Fuel and electricity						
Coal	3.4	10	2.8	4	1.9	2
Coke	4.3	14	..	(f)	2.8	4
	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	
Electricity purchased (j)	3,156	25	3,812	22	2,593	20
	..	8				
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	4	-				
	Th. galls.					
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel						
Used for road vehicles	84	9	..	(f)	..	(f)
Used for other power purposes	14	1				
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	22	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
Fuel and electricity (contd.)	Th. therms	£'000		£'000		£'000
Gas purchased						
From public supply	419	14	..	21	..	(f)
From other sources	3	-				
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-				
All other purchased fuel	..	1				
Total		6,108		3,666		3,067

- (a) Great Britain only.
 (b) United Kingdom.
 (c) Described as "Heavy leather".
 (d) Described as "Light leather".
 (e) Including packing cases, boxes and other packing materials.
 (f) Not recorded separately.
 (g) Described as "Clasps and other parts of ladies' hand-bags".
 (h) Described as "Locks and keys".
 (i) Including fuel not specified separately.
 (j) The total quantity of electricity consumed in 1948 was estimated at 4,460,000 B.T. units including 317,000 generated in the same works.

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
Finished products	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags				
Of leather	320	55	313	59
Of other materials	1,581	67	1,791	84
Other finished products	..	412	..	466
Work in progress		237		223
Total finished products and work in progress		808		869
Materials and fuel	Th. sq. ft.		Th. sq. ft.	
Dressed leather	4,309	411	3,807	378
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	1,523	..	1,457
Total materials and fuel		2,128		1,988

Employment and remuneration (a)

Larger establishments

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	453	1,309	1,243	11	68	58	464	1,377	1,301
All ages	4,244	5,743	5,369	1,120	1,200	1,173	5,364	6,943	6,542
Females									
Under 18	1,244	4,154	3,387	95	221	177	1,339	4,375	3,564
All ages	8,832	11,436	10,387	850	910	867	9,682	12,346	11,274
Total									
Under 18	1,697	5,463	4,630	106	289	235	1,803	5,752	4,865
All ages	13,076	17,179	15,758	1,970(e)	2,110	2,060	15,046 (e) (f) (g)	19,289	17,816
Total remuneration	£'000			£'000			£'000		
	2,625	..	..	932	..	..	3,557	..	..

- (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	96 females
Other workers	38 males	56 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, 92 working proprietors (78 males and 14 females) 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 £105,000.
 (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	5	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	-	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	*	

* Negligible.

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	
1948	55	913	968	104
1937	53	304	357	..
1935	40	193	233	..

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	Year	
Wages and salaries of	£'000	£'000						
Operatives	2,625	1,418	26.1	24.9	23.4	25.7	100.0	
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	932	542	23.7	25.1	24.2	27.0	100.0	
Total	3,557	1,960	25.4	24.9	23.6	26.0	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 £64,000.

Payments for certain services, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Repairs and maintenance	
Of buildings	36
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	52
Unclassified	50
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	6
Advertising and market research	
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	27
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	13
Unclassified	32
Payments made for research work	
To research associations	-
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	65
To other commercial concerns	
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	60
Commercial insurance premiums	57
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	23

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	80	11	10
Vehicles	34	20	21
Total	114	31	31

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)		15
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	16	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	71	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	408	
Total of heading 2		495
Total of headings 1 and 2		510
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		
(1) Selling value of freeholds sold	-	
(11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished	27	
Total of heading 3		27
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		483

- (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.

LEATHER GOODS TRADE

1948

Summary

Larger establishments

TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	11,813	204	431	12,449
Cost of materials and fuel used	5,957	76	215	6,248
Payment for work done on materials given out	62	-	2	64
Net output	5,794	128	215	6,137
Wages and salaries of persons employed	3,357	78	122	3,557
Average number of persons employed (a)	No. 14,169	No. 421	No. 548	No. 15,138
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 409	£ 304	£ 391	£ 405
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Stocks at end of year				
Finished products and work in progress	840	9	20	869
Materials and fuel	1,879	12	97	1,988
Number of establishments	No. 311	No. 6	No. 13	No. 330

(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)	11,800	207	439	12,446
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 71	- 3	- 7	+ 61
	11,870	205	432	12,507
Less payment for transport by other firms	57	-	1	58
Gross output (production)	11,813	204	431	12,449
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	5,867	66	174	6,108
Adjustment for changes in stocks	+ 90	+ 9	+ 41	+ 141
Materials and fuel used	5,957	76	215	6,248

Summary
Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	780	30	112	922
Average number of persons employed (a)				
Males	1,920	60	231	2,211
Females	1,202	17	91	1,310
Total	3,122	77	322	3,521

(a) Including working proprietors.

Sales in the trade
Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Principal products	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Travel goods (a)						
Trunks of all kinds						
Wholly or mainly of leather	2	2	-	-	2	2
Wholly or mainly of vulcanised fibre	17	16	-	-	17	16
	..	30			..	30
Wholly or mainly of soft fibre	39	21	-	-	39	21
Of other materials	..	(b)	..	(b)	300	156
Carrying cases of all kinds, including school satchels						
Wholly or mainly of leather	4,097	727	31	7	4,128	733
	..	140	..	11	..	151
Wholly or mainly of vulcanised or soft fibre	..	(b)	..	(b)	8,612	954
					..	70
Of other materials	3,930	621	146	17	4,076	638
Carrying bags of all kinds, other than sports bag						
Wholly or mainly of leather	..	(b)	..	(b)	509	152
Of other materials	7,702	815	219	21	7,921	836
	..	40	..	81	..	120
Total travel goods		3,683		196		3,879

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags (a)						
Of leather					4,073	1,328
Of plastic material	30,867	3,544	844	98	13,590	1,085
	..	366			..	134
Of leather cloth					14,048	1,229
					..	232
Of other materials resembling leather	29	6	-	-	29	6
	..	2			..	2
Beauty and manicure cases and the like (a)					4,225	188
					..	34
Other fancy goods						
Of leather	26,987	953	2,580	33		
	..	78				
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like					25,342	798
					..	44
Other	..	340	..	1	..	341
Of materials resembling leather						
Wallets, note-cases, purses, pocket books and the like	3,394	41	-	-	3,394	41
	..	16			..	16
Other	..	145	..	1	..	146
Saddlery and harness	..	(b)	..	(b)	..	253
Horse clothing	..	27	..	-	..	28
Whips	470	26	-	-	470	26
Leather braces, dog collars, harness and leads	..	277	..	-	..	277
Straps and belts						
Luggage straps of leather	..	(b)	..	(b)	4,330	45
					..	49
Watch straps and other straps and belts of leather or leather substitutes	79,472	792	294	5	79,766	797
	..	100			..	100
Leather covered buckles	44,083	75	-	-	44,083	75

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000	Gross	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Motor and cycle accessories						
Radiator muffs, etc.	437	58	-	-	437	58
Cycles bags	..	(b)	..	(b)	10,993	210
Other leather goods (except apparel, machinery belting and sports goods)	..	190	..	21	..	211
Scrap and waste products	..	6	..	1	..	6
Repair work (c)		53		6		59
Work done for the trade or on commission (c)		102		1		104
Total principal products		11,387		413		11,800
Other output						
Bags for cricket, tennis, golf and other sports	..	48	..	9	..	58
Leather or canvas sports goods, other than bags					..	21
Other leather goods (clothing, gloves, boots and shoes, machinery belting, etc.)					..	144
Ladies' hand-bags, pochettes and sling bags, other than of leather and materials resembling leather (including plastic material)	..	533	..	17	..	18
Other goods					..	367
Work done		38(c)		-		38(c)
Total		12,007		439		12,446

- (a) Including the value of toilet articles and similar fittings purchased for dressing cases, hand-bags, etc.
(b) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars cannot be given.
(c) Amount charged.

Purchased materials and fuel

Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. sq. ft.	£'000	Th. sq. ft.	£'000	Th. sq. ft.	£'000
Materials						
Dressed leather						
Case, seat, cloak and bag hides	2,679	324	124	15	2,803	339
Harness and saddlery (except pigskin)	118	23	6	1	124	24
Strap butts and shoulders	944	139	75	7	1,019	147
Other dressed hide leather	..	(a)	..	(a)	3,153	316
Dressed pigskin leather	700	127	6	1	706	127
Hard grain goats (morocco)	..	(a)	..	(a)	1,149	149
Reptile	63	45	-	-	63	45
Other sorts of dressed leather	5,417	486	91	7	5,507	493
Leather cloth	2,558	701	99	18	2,656	719
Vulcanised fibre board	285	43	5	1	291	44
Soft fibre in sheets	1,514	122	58	-	1,571	122
Other boards (strawboard, chipboard, cardboard, etc.)	1,539	54	25	2	1,565	55
Paper of all kinds used in manufacture	291	20	1	-	292	20
Timber used in manufacture						
Hardwood	..	(a)	..	(a)	5.2	4
Softwood	0.1	11	-	-	0.1	11
Plywood	..	(a)	..	(a)	1,076	41
Packing materials	..	123	..	4	..	127

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Materials (contd.)						
Frames for hand-bags, purses, etc.	294	376	3	3	297	379
Locks, clips and fasteners	..	286	..	7	..	294
Slide fasteners	..	236	..	9	..	245
Other metal components	..	338	..	7	..	345
Canvas	759	203	48	11	808	214
Other textile materials	2,291	368	54	8	2,345	376
Leather scrap	579	22	30	1	609	23
All other purchased materials	..	907	..	20	..	926
Unclassified materials	..	88	-	-	..	88
Fuel and electricity						
Coal	3.2	9	0.3	1	3.4	10
Coke	4.2	14	0.1	-	4.3	14
Electricity purchased (b)	3,063	24	93	1	3,156	25
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	4	-	-	-	4	-
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel						
Used for road vehicles	81	9	3	-	84	9
Used for other power purposes	14	1	-	-	14	1
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	22	1	-	-	22	1

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. therms	£'000	Th. therms	£'000	Th. therms	£'000
Fuel and electricity (contd.)						
Gas purchased						
From public supply	416	14	3	-	419	14
	..	3			..	3
From other sources	3	-	-	-	3	-
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other purchased fuel	-	1	-	-	..	1
Total		5,933		174		6,108

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

(b) The total quantity of electricity consumed in England and Wales was 4,301,000 B.T. units including 317,000 generated in the same works. The total quantity of electricity consumed in Scotland was 158,000 B.T. units, none being generated in the same works.

Employment and remuneration
Larger establishments

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	412	11	423	41	-	41	453	11	464
All ages	4,076	1,082	5,158	168	38	206	4,244	1,120	5,364
Females									
Under 18	1,185	89	1,274	59	6	65	1,244	95	1,339
All ages	8,533	813	9,346	299	37	336	8,832	850	9,682
Total									
Under 18	1,597	100	1,697	100	6	106	1,697	106	1,803
All ages	12,609	1,895(b)	14,504 (b) (c)	487	75(b)	542 (b) (c)	13,076	1,970(b)	15,046 (b) (c)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	2,534	901	3,435	90	31	122	2,625	932	3,557

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 92 working proprietors (78 males and 14 females) in Great Britain; 73 males and 13 females in England and Wales, and 5 males and 1 female 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 £105,000; £101,000 for England and Wales, and £4,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed 55 male and 913 female outworkers the amount paid to them being £104,000. Almost all the outworkers were employed in England.

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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	111.1	97.4	110.6	August	93.3	98.7	93.5
February	110.3	97.4	109.9	September	94.8	101.5	95.1
March	107.4	97.0	107.1	October	96.9	106.9	97.2
April	105.3	99.1	105.1	November	96.6	106.9	97.0
May	99.3	98.7	99.3	December	94.4	104.4	94.7
June	96.2	95.4	96.2	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index	54.8	51.9	54.7
July	94.3	96.6	94.4				

(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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