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THIS REPORT relates to firms engaged in the production of cinematograph films. Firms producing cinematograph films were asked to value their output on the basis (a) of the amount charged (for films made for other firms) or (b) of the total cost of production up to and including the making of the final married print, covering all materials purchased and used, salaries, wages and other overhead charges (including payments for copyrights, hire of studios, etc.) properly attributable to the production of films. Included in the total is the cost of films or parts of films made abroad. Where films were not completed entirely within a producer's business year, only the cost of the work 'done during the year is included.

The value of the gross output of the industry shown in Table 2, consists primarily of the cost of work done on films during the year and the amount received for facilities provided (e.g. studios and equipment hired out by studio owners) and other work done

Net output for this industry is calculated by deducting from gross output the cost of materials and fuel, the cost of films made abroad and amounts paid for work given out, for the hire of studios, equipment and facilities, and for royalties and copyright. Because output is valued mainly in terms of the cost of work done and not - as for most other manufacturing industries - in terms of the selling value of the products, no figurts are shown in Table 2 or elsewhere for net output per head.

There were no firms in Northern Ireland in the register for this industry in 1954 or 1951. Firms Northern Ireland, if any, were excluded in 1948.
This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 195(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

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the tables of the report. More detailed explanain the tables of the report. More detailed explana-
tiins of the terms used and ascription of the scope and method of taking the census are given in the separ-
ate booklet entitled The Report on the Census of Pro-
auction for 1954 . Introductory Notes' (price 1s. $6 d$. Industrial Classification: Indistrial Classification: Establishments are classit put and. as far as possible, in conformity with the
Standard Industrial Classification. Certain products are identified as the principal products of individual
andustries, the principal products for a given industry
ind
 . followe is that an establishment is classified to an
industry if its output of the princtipal products of that
industry accounted for a greater proportion of the value industry accounted for a greater proportion of the value
of its output than did its output of the principal pro-
duts of ducts of any other industry. Specialist producers normally comprise those establish-
ments 50 per cent. or more of whose total output by value is accounted for by the characteristic products of
the specialist group. the special ist group
Intermediate products: For some industries figures are
given showing the total
quantities made during the year of intermediate products, i.e. products which may be
ourther processed in the estabishments in which they
for further proce
are produced.
 port relates mainly to 'larger establishments. i.e.
establishments of firms employing on the average more than 10 persons. In most cares an es tablishment com-
prises the whole of the premises under the same owner-
 or factory). Offices. warehouses. 1aborat tories and
Other anciliary places of business it tuatedapart from
the producing works are not regarded as separate estabOther anching work are not regarded as separate estab-
the producis.
lishments and are included in the return for the works. Small
fener persons
fir
The estimates for the industry as a whole given in
Table are normally obtained by increasing the other Table 1 are normally obtained by increasing the ther
items shown in the same proportion as total employment. Gross output (production) is the total value of goods
made and other work done during the year: it is obtainmade and other work done during the year: it is obtain-
od by adjusting the value of sales and work done during on
the yara for changes in the value of stocks of products
on hand for sale and work in progress. Net output is the amount left after deducting from the
value of gross output the aggregate of the cost of matNalue of gross out tput the aggregate of the cost of mat-
varials and fuel used. the amount paid for work iven out,
ond for This represents the valuau added ot materials by the pro-
cose of production, and constitutes the fund from which
 other selling expenses and and other simillar charges
or ave to be met. as well as depreciation and profits. Sales means sales during the year of gods made in the
establishment covered by the return o o made on conmis.

 conilisions. allownce for returnable cases. purchase
tax, etc. For qoond charged on a delivered basis to tax, etc. For goods charged on a delivered basis to
customers verseas. firms were required to give the
f.o.b. value. Materials and fuel. The total cost of materials and
fuel purchased inclides all purchases during the yar
ing oil. gas and electricity) for all purposes: packing
materials. including the full cost of returnabie cases When first purchased; workshop and office materials water charges; materials for repairs to buildings:
plant and vehicles when carried out by firms own vork-
people include in the people included in their returns; consumable tools
pad parts for machinery purchased as replacenents
purchases of ooods for merchanting are excluded and parts for machinery purchase are excluded. The
Purchases of goods for merchanting are en
cost of materials and fuel used. given in Table 2, ie cost of materials and fuel used. given in Table ${ }^{2}$, is
otaned by odjusting purchases for changes during the year in the value of s tocks.
Stodks: Firms were required to give stocks of materials
and fuel. product on hand for sale, and work in pro-
aress at income tax values. for and fues. at incouct tax values.
Customs and Excise Duty paid on materials purchased is
normally included in the cost of materials. Finishod goods are similarly valued as they were sold, duty-paid or duty-f free. The net amount
ducted in arriving at net output.
Employment: Total employment includes working propriet
 and operatives, butexcludes outworkers, canteen employ-
eive and persons engaged in merchanting or any other acc
tivity not covered by a firms return. 刃ho are shown

 surance cards were held
full-time or part-time.
Morking proprietors are proprietors of businesses other
than limited companies, toge ther with members of the ir tamilies who worked in the business without receiving fimmed uages or salaries. Any persons working less than
half the normal hours are excluded. For Northern half the normal hours are excluded. For Northern
Ireland directors of limited companies (other than those
paid by fee only) are also included.
Administrative, technical and clerical employes include
directors othe than those paid by fee only (except in
Northern iretad)
 foremen, research, experimental. deve lopment, technical
and desinn employese (other than operatives): drauhts. men and tracers; travellers: and office (including
works office) employees. Operatives include all other classes
broadly speaking, all manual workers. Outworkers are persons employed by the supplied by the firm in their who work on
homes. Wages and sal aries include all overtime payments, bonus.
os and commissions
it thout any deductions for income tax. in and comissions withent any deductions for income tax.
insurance. Contributory pensions etc. They exclude
payments to working proprietors. Capital expenditure includes expenditure on new building capital account during the year. including any transport
 ture in respect of establishments in Great Britain which
had no bequa production he fore the end of the year
(thich has not provicusiy been included in the Census of had not be gun production be fore the end of the year
(hhich has not provilioush beend included in the Census of
Production reports for individual industries). Symbols used:
for not available
for nil or negligible (less than half the final
digit shown). Where figures are rounded. e.g.. given to the nearest $\varepsilon$ thousand. there may be aparent slight discrepan-
cies between the sums of constituent items and the to als shown. In some cases. figures have been combined
aith others of a similar nature where publication of ith others of a similar nature where publication of
separate dotails night disclose information relating to
an individual undertaking.

TABLE 1 - Estimatestry summary Since the particulars given in the following tables relate to all firms in the industry, this
table is not applicable.

Summary of returns received
All firms

| TABLE 2 2 |
| :--- |

(a) Including the following amounts paid as wages and salaries for work abroad to employees normally resident in the United Kingdom; \&138,000 in 1954, \&112,000 in 1951 and £149,000 in 1948 .
(b) Excluding crowd artistes and including work ing proprietors.
(c) Excluding expenditure for firms not yet in production which amounted to $£ 252,000$ in 1954 .

Analysis by size, 1954
All firms in the United Kingdom

| Average number employed (a) | Returns | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gross } \\ \text { Gutput } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \mathrm{Net} \\ \text { Out put } \end{array}$ | Employees |  |  | Remune ration |  |  | Capitaexpen-diture (c) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Operatives | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Others } \\ & \text { (b) } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Artistes } \\ \text { on } \\ \text { contract } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Operatives | $\begin{gathered} \text { Others } \\ \text { (b) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Artistes } \\ \text { on } \\ \text { ontract } \end{array}$ |  |
|  | Number | £ 000 | £. 000 | Number | Number | Number | £. 000 | £. 000 | £.000 | \&. 000 |
| 1-10 | 68 | 1.212 | 519 | 64 | 218 | 38 | 34 | 178 | 73 | 24 |
| 11-24 | 23 | 1,046 | 677 | 64 | 250 | 54 | 35 | 253 | 93 | 7 |
| 25-49 | 15 | 1.444 | 835 | 100 | 388 | 88 | 50 | 382 | 92 | 25 |
| 50-99 | 7 | 1.128 | 798 | 35 | 379 | 67 | 28 | 318 | 88 | 18 |
| 100-199 | 8 | 2.177 | 1.576 | 519 | 499 | 142 | 303 | 478 | 121 | 36 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 200 \text { and over } \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ | 5 | 5,741 | 3,916 | 1,400 | 1.407 | 86 | 910 | 1,443 | 535 | 285 |
|  | 126 | 12.747 | 8.321 | 2,182 | 3.141 | 475 | 1.360 | 3,052 | 1.003 | 394 |
| (a) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors. <br> (b) Administrative, technical and clerical employees. <br> (c) Capital expenditure on new building work and on acquisition of plant, machinery and vehicles. <br> 86191) excluding expenditure for firms not yet in production. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Sales or production of the principal products of the industry, including amount charged for production of these products by establishments classified to other industries

All firms in the United Kingdom
Summary of cost of work done on films and amount charged for hire of atudios and
other services provided during the year of return
TABLE 5(A) $\qquad$

|  | 1951 |  | 1954 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cost | Entries | Cost | Entries |
|  | £. 000 | Number | £ 000 | Number |
| Cost of work done on films completed in the year whether wholly produced in that year or not (see Table $5(B)$ ) | 9.618 |  | 11.044 | .. |
| Cost of work done on films not completed by the end of the year | 3.737 |  | 3.685 | .. |
| Cost of work done, unclassified |  |  | 53 |  |
| Less cost of work done before the beginning of the year on films not completed by the beginning of the year | 3.272 | .. | 4.689 | .. |
| Total cost of cinematograph film production during the year | 10,083 | .. | 10.092 | .. |
| Cost of work done on films by establishments <br> classified to other industries (see Table 6) (a) | 44 | 5 | 53 | .. |
| Total cost of cinematograph film production during the year by firms in the industry | 10.039 | .. | 10.039 | .. |
| Studios, equipment and facilities let out on hire by studio owners (including any sub-let by tenants of studio owners) | 2.900 | 38 | 2.579 | 45 |
| Other work done | 66 | 24 | 149 | 22 |
| Still pictures for advertising | 3 | 6 | 6 | 15 |
| Total amount charged | 2.969 | . | 2.734 | . |
| Less amount charged by establishments in other industries (see Table 6) (a) | 65 | .. | 62 | .. |
| Total amount charged by firms in the industry (b) | 2,904 | .. | 2.672 | .. |
| Total cost of cinematograph film production and amount charged for hire of studios and other services provided during the year by firms in the industry (b) | 12.944 | 120 | 12,711 | 126 |



 studios, equipment,
work done on fims. whether wholly incurred in that year or not

| (i) On standard film <br> (ii) On sub-standard film | 1951 |  |  | 1954 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity |  | Value | Quantity |  |  | Entries <br> Number |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For training of personne $1 \quad\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { (i) } \\ (i)\end{array}\right.$ | 15 <br> 41 | $\begin{aligned} & 37.4 \\ & 16.6 \end{aligned}$ | 71 \{ | 19 | 46.1 2.3 | 90 |  | 8 |
| Other $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { (i) } \\ \text { (ii) }\end{array}\right.$ | 304 15 | 279.6 5.0 | 268 \{ | ${ }_{41}^{29}$ | 38.9 23.3 | 41 | 10 |
| Commercially sponsored (including films sponsored by State owned Coal Board) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black and white or monochrome $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { (i) } \\ \text { (ii) }\end{array}\right.$ \{ | 195 $\cdots$ 12 | 228.2 387.6 7.1 | ${ }_{379}\{\{$ | 157 16 .15 | 217.7 161.7 12.7 | 390 | 30 |
| Colour $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { (i) } \\ \text { (ii) }\end{array}\right\}$ | 126 $\times$ 41 | 15.1 182.3 28.5 | $212\{$ | $\begin{array}{r}27 \\ 161 \\ \hdashline 4 \\ \hline 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48.7 \\ 0.5 \\ 30.5 \end{array}$ | 269 | 22 |
| Other (e.g. training films. films sponsored by learned societies. religious bodies. social groups. educational charitable organisations, etc.) | 89 27 | 122.8 9.7 | 138 \{ | 56 16 | 81.4 13.6 | 112 | 13 |
| Commercial entertainment, i.e. films made primarily for exhibition in ommercial cinemas (excluding newsreels. sponsored films of all aptions, religious and educational films. trailers and cartoons) (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dramatic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exceeding $6,500 \mathrm{ft}$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black and white or monochrome | 51 | 397.0 | 5.421 | 40 | 296.2 | 2,652 | 20 |
| Colour | 4 | 37.8 | 1,518 | 26 | 217.4 | 5.206 | 13 |
| Exceeding 3.000 ft , but not exceeding 6,500 ft. | 13 | 60.8 | 173 | 29 | 167.1 | 376 | 16 |
| Not exceeding 3.000 ft . | 61 | 100.2 | 87 | 72 | 153.6 | 186 | 8 |
| Factual (e.g. 'documentary')Exceeding 3.000 ft . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exceeding $3,000 \mathrm{ft}$. <br> Black and white or monochrome Colour | .$^{7}$ | 36.6 | 31 | \} 9 | 45.2 | 54 | 5 |
| Not exceeding 3.000 ft . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black and white or monochrome | 93 | 78.8 | 40 | 159 | 171.0 | 114 | 18 |
| Colour | - | - |  | 22 | 22.5 | 20 | 7 |
| Newsreels (a) | 1.798 | 1.518.4 | 526 \{ | 1.470 | 1.090.8 | $\left.\begin{array}{l}436 \\ 170\end{array}\right\}$ | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial entertainment (i.e. made orimarily for exhibition in commercial cinemas) | .. ${ }^{2}$ | ${ }_{4}^{2.8}$ | 16 |  | 8.0 | 114 |  |
| Other cartoons (including advertising) | 222 | 18.5 | 88 | 23 19 . | 4.9 | $\left.\begin{array}{l}54 \\ 17\end{array}\right\}$ | 10 |
| Other kinds of films produced including trailers and shots produced for other film companies (a) | ${ }^{632}$ |  | ${ }_{3}^{234}$ [ | ${ }^{423}$ | 159.2 2.8 | $\left.\begin{array}{l}453 \\ 267\end{array}\right\}$ | 27 |
| Sound track recorded separately (a) | 326 $\qquad$ | 400.4 147.8 .. | ${ }_{81}{ }_{8}\{$ | 21 11 . | 43.4 $\square$ . | $\left.\begin{array}{r}9 \\ 15\end{array}\right\}$ | 8 |
| Total |  |  | 9.618 |  |  | 11.044 | 126 |

(a) Ph
(86191)

TABIE 9

|  | Quantity | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Th.lin.ft. (a) | £. 000 |
| Materials |  |  |
| Raw film or stock (mute and sound) | 46,374.7 | 545 |
| Purchased negatives (library material), sound recordings, etc. | 546.6 | 21 |
|  | Th.cu.ft. |  |
| Wood and timber \{ | 184.0 | 74 18 |
| Other set construction materials (e.g. plaster, paint, scenic canvas, paper. scrim, nails, etc.) | .. | 137 |
| Wardrobe | .. | 43 |
| Properties | .. | 50 |
| All other purchased materials | . | 235 |
|  | Th.tons |  |
| Fuel and electricity |  |  |
| Coal | 2.3 | 12 |
| Coke | 0.9 | 5 |
| Liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures) |  |  |
| For use in internal combustion engines | Th.gal. |  |
| Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel | 95.0 | 20 |
| Other | 304.9 | 16 |
| For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc. | 830.8 | 34 |
|  | Th. therms |  |
| Gas purchased |  |  |
| From Gas Boards | 185.2 | 13 |
| From other sources, including other departments of the same firms | - | - |
| Electricity purchased (b) | Th. kWh . |  |
| From Electricity Boards $\{$ | 7.914 0 | 65 17 |
| From other sources, including other departments of the same firms | .. | 14 |
| All other purchased fuel |  | - |
| Total cost |  | 1,318 |

(a) On the basis of the standard width of 35 mm .
(b) The total quantity of electricity gene rated
was 3 俍
was 3.384 Th.kWh.

All firms in the United Kingdom
This table is not applicable to the industry.
TABLE 8-Total make of intermediate products

| Le | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number |
| Average number of employees | 2,178 | 2.182 |
| Administrative, technical and clerical employees Total | ${ }^{2.1784} 4$ | ${ }^{2} .182$ |
|  | 3.702 | 3.141 |
|  | 6,314 | 5.798 |
|  | $\mathrm{E}^{\prime} 000$ | £ 1000 |
| Wages and salaries (c) p |  |  |
|  | 1.105 $\left.\begin{array}{l}1.309 \\ 3.105\end{array}\right)$ | ( $\begin{aligned} & 1,360 \\ & 1.003 \\ & 3.052\end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 5,519 | 5.415 |
| Wages and salaries (c) per head | £ | £ |
|  |  |  |
|  | 308 3.016 | 2.111 |
| Administrative, technical and clerical employees | 839 | . 972 |
| Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents <br> Employers ${ }^{\circ}$ contributions |  | -000 |
|  |  |  |
|  | .. |  |
| Employees covered | .. | 858 |
| Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents |  | \& 10 |


|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canteen workers | Number | Number |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Male } \\ \text { Female } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 130 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21 \\ 126 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total | 149 | 147 |
| Cther workers Male Female | $\begin{aligned} & 159 \\ & 130 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 118 \\ & 111 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 289 | 229 |
| Total excluded employees | 438 | 376 |

(b) Excluding crowd artistes. Payments made to crowd artistes amounted to $£ 220.000$ in 1954 and $£ 199,000$ in

|  |
| :--- |
| $\qquad$ 1951 Man-days <br>  Artistes on contract 3954 <br> Crowd artistes  36,652 |
| (c) Including bonus and commission payments. |

Employment in a specified week (a)

| Employment in a specified week (a) All firms in the United Kingdom |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TAFLE 11 | 1951 |  |  | 1954 |  |  |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total |
| Working proprietors | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Cperatives <br> Artistes (b) | 2.436 309 | 79 97 | 2, ${ }^{\text {, }} 405$ | 2.224 317 | 136 74 | 2,360 391 |
| Administrative, technical and clerical employees | 2.759 | 929 | 3.688 | 2,318 | 818 | 3.136 |
| Total employees | 5,564 | 1.105 | 6.669 | 4,859 | 1.028 | 5.887 | (a) Week ended September 22 , 1951, or October 30, 1954.

(b) Excluding crowd artistes.

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