

LEATHER TRADES

GENERAL REPORT

Table I A.—General summary

Trade	Number of establishments*	Gross output (selling value of goods made and value of work done)	Cost of materials used and amount paid for work given out	Net output (excess of col. (3) over col. (4))	Average number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£
Fellmongery	1935 62	2,652	2,124	528	2,431	217
	1930 63	3,186	2,670	516	2,358	219
	1924 67	4,718	3,845	873	2,405	363
Leather (Tanning and Dressing) ...	1935 456	26,032	18,487	7,545	30,286	249
	1930† 471	27,792	20,437	7,355	28,506	258
	1924† 495	32,215	23,771	8,444	30,413	278
Leather Goods	1935 323	5,676	3,081	2,595	17,816	146
	1930† 306	5,002	2,708	2,294	15,137	152
	1924† 307	5,112	2,810	2,302	15,493	149
Unclassified Trades, (Northern Ireland)	1930 5	37	22	15	136	110
	1924 6	22	14	8	72	111
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935 841	34,360	23,692	10,668	50,533	211
	1930 845	36,017	25,837	10,180	46,137	221
	1924 875	42,067	30,440	11,627	48,383	240
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935 791	32,121	22,113	10,008	47,688	210
	1930 793	33,552	23,981	9,571	43,288	221
	1924 ‡	39,147	28,165	10,982	45,820	240
Scotland ...	1935 50	2,239	1,579	660	2,845	232
	1930 52	2,465	1,856	609	2,849	214
	1924 ‡	2,920	2,275	645	2,563	252

* Number of returns for 1924.

† Great Britain only.

‡ Not available.

Table I B.—Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average

Trade	Firms furnishing information				Total, including firms not furnishing information	
	Number of returns received	Average number of persons employed			Number	Estimated number of persons employed
		Males	Females	Total		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Fellmongery	1935 116	636	49	685	116	685
	1930 121	626	65	691	140	800
	1924 63	325	23	348	83	450
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935 316	1,474	217	1,691	319	1,710
	1930 401	1,926	290	2,216	436	2,410
	1924 241	1,196	87	1,283	321	1,700
Leather Goods	1935 1,548	3,534	1,074	4,608	1,552	4,620
	1930 1,402	3,036	896	3,932	1,694	4,750
	1924 1,861	3,711	555	4,266	2,361	5,500
Unclassified Trades Northern Ireland	1930 69	107	3	110	79	130
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935 1,980	5,644	1,340	6,984	1,987	7,015
	1930 1,993	5,695	1,254	6,949	2,349	8,090
	1924 2,165†	5,232†	665†	5,897†	2,765	7,650
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935* 1,773	5,135	1,216	6,351	1,779	6,380
Scotland...	1935* 207	509	124	633	208	635

* Corresponding particulars for 1930 and 1924 are not available.

† Great Britain only.

Table II.—Size of establishments in 1935

Size of establishment (average number employed)	Number of establishments	Gross output	Net output	Number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
11-24 ...	285	2,956	1,004	5,021	200
25-49 ...	249	5,214	1,692	8,851	191
50-99 ...	182	8,613	2,661	12,678	210
100-199...	87	9,051	2,699	11,814	228
200-299...	20	3,507	1,056	4,924	215
300-399...	9	2,327	738	2,971	248
400 and over ...	9	2,692	818	4,274	191
TOTAL ...	841	34,360	10,668	50,533	211

In the preceding table every manufacturing or processing establishment is counted as a separate unit and a single firm may thus be included several times. In Table III the firm is taken as the unit, all establishments owned by a single firm in trades included in the leather group being assembled together and counted once only. For this purpose, a "firm" includes all businesses operated under the same trading name; companies that made returns under their own name are included as separate firms, although they may form part of, or be associated with, larger combinations for purposes of trading.

Table III.—Size of firms in 1935

Size of firm (average number employed)	Number of firms	Gross output	Net output	Number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
11-24 ...	258	2,565	904	4,573	198
25-49 ...	228	4,732	1,532	8,048	190
50-99 ...	176	8,222	2,548	12,406	205
100-199...	82	7,939	2,494	10,892	229
200-299...	24	3,611	1,197	5,910	203
300-399...	8	2,242	696	2,685	259
400-499...	9	4,261	1,054	4,055	260
500-749...	3	788	243	1,964	124
TOTAL ...	788	34,360	10,668	50,533	211

Table IV.—Particulars of output, etc., in each of the principal areas of the United Kingdom

Area*	Number of establishments†	Gross output	Net output	Average number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
<i>England and Wales</i>					
1. Greater London	1935 224	7,734	2,756	13,453	205
	1930 207	7,460	2,697	12,736	212
2. Lancashire, Cheshire and the Glossop and New Mills District of Derbyshire	1935 123	8,740	2,360	10,478	225
	1930 123	9,848	2,521	9,270	272
3. West Riding of Yorkshire	1935 84	3,109	889	4,193	212
	1930 78	3,074	774	3,507	221
4. Northumberland, Durham and North Riding of Yorkshire	1935 8	265	101	506	199
	1930 8	319	81	433	187
5. Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire	1935 124	2,650	1,011	6,529	155
	1930 116	2,467	947	6,189	153
6. East Midland District	1935 82	3,855	1,247	4,984	250
7. West Midland District	1935 21	1,025	255	1,015	252
8. South-Eastern District (except Greater London)	1935 31	1,197	339	1,440	235
9. South-Western District	1935 40	1,449	496	2,182	227
10. Eastern District	1935 34	1,557	425	2,161	197
11. Cumberland and Westmorland	1935 6	274	47	263	177
Total—6-11	1935 214	9,357	2,809	12,045	233
	1930 196	10,075	2,451	10,638	230
12, 13 and 18. Wales (including Monmouthshire), and Northern Ireland	1935 14	266	82	484	171
	1930 ‡	309	100	515	194
Total—England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935 791	32,121	10,008	47,688	210
	1930 793	33,552	9,571	43,288	221
<i>Scotland</i>					
14 and 15. Central District	1935 39	1,696	546	2,420	226
16 and 17. Rest of Scotland	1935 11	543	114	425	270
Total—Scotland	1935 50	2,239	660	2,845	232
	1930 52	2,465	609	2,849	214
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935 841	34,360	10,668	50,533	211
	1930 845	36,017	10,180	46,137	221

* For particulars see page xviii.

† Number of returns for 1930.

‡ Not available.

PRODUCTION

Table V.—Estimated value of the gross output in 1935, free from duplication.

Trade	Gross output		Net output
	Value as returned	Estimated value free from duplication	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fellmongery	2,652	2,652	528
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)...	26,032	23,200—24,000	7,545
Leather Goods	5,676	5,665	2,595

Table VI.—Volume of Production, 1924-1935

Kind of output	Production index (1935 = 100)			
	1924	1930	1933	1934
Fellmongery	86	92	*	*
Leather (tanned and dressed)	87	87	89	90
Leather goods	91	84	84†	92†

* The Fellmongery Trade was not covered by the Inquiries for these years.

† Owing to the exclusion of certain firms from the Inquiries for these years the 1935 base figure has been adjusted in calculating these indices.

CONSUMPTION OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY

Table VII.—Consumption of coal and coke for all purposes

Trade	Coal		Coke	
	1935	1930	1935	1930
	Th. tons	Th. tons	Th. tons	Th. tons
Fellmongery	14.6	12.6	5.5	5.2
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	228.1	213.8	21.2	21.7
Leather Goods	1.9	1.8	2.8	1.2
TOTAL	244.6	228.2	29.5	28.1

Table VIII.—Consumption of heavy fuel oil in 1935

Trade	Quantity
	Th. galls.
Fellmongery	13
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	674
Leather Goods	32
TOTAL	719

Table IX.—Consumption of electricity

Trade	Electricity consumed			
	Purchased	Generated		Total
		In same works	In other works under same ownership	
	Million B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)			
Fellmongery	1935 0.9	1.0	0.1	2.1
	1930 0.6	0.8	0.2	1.6
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935 31.7	14.5	—	46.2
	1930 22.2	14.8	0.2	37.2
Leather Goods	1935 2.6	0.1	*	2.7
	1930 2.3	*	*	2.3
TOTAL	1935 35.2	15.6	0.1	51.0
	1930 25.1	15.6	0.4	41.1

* Less than 50,000 units.

EMPLOYMENT

Table X A.—Average number of persons employed by all firms

Trade	Persons employed by firms employing more than ten persons	Estimated number of persons employed by the small firms	Total
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
Fellmongery	1935 2.4	0.7	3.1
	1930 2.4	0.8	3.2
	1924 2.4	0.4	2.8
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935 30.3	1.7	32.0
	1930† 28.5	2.4	30.9
	1924† 30.4	1.5	31.9
Leather Goods	1935 17.8	4.6	22.4
	1930† 15.1	4.8	19.9
	1924† 15.5	5.3	20.8
Unclassified Trades (Northern Ireland)	1930 0.1	0.1	0.2
	1924 0.1	*	0.1
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM... ..	1935 50.5	7.0	57.5
	1930 46.1	8.1	54.2
	1924 48.4	7.2	55.6
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935 47.7	6.4	54.1
	1930 43.3	*	*
	1924 45.8	*	*
Scotland	1935 2.9	0.6	3.5
	1930 2.8	*	*
	1924 2.6	*	*

* Not available.

† Great Britain only.

Table X B.—Average numbers (excluding outworkers) employed, 1924-1935

(i) Operatives

Trade	Males		Females		Total		
	Under 18	Total	Under 18	Total	Under 18	18 and over	Total
Fellmongery	1935 122	1,876	53	259	175	1,960	2,135
	1930 125	1,802	61	257	186	1,873	2,059
	1924 126	1,810	46	307	172	1,945	2,117
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935 2,724	24,253	637	2,962	3,361	23,854	27,215
	1930* 2,212	22,341	659	2,977	2,871	22,447	25,318
	1924* 2,191	23,851	781	3,401	2,972	24,280	27,252
Leather Goods	1935 1,243	5,369	3,387	10,387	4,630	11,126	15,756
	1930* 742	4,451	2,593	8,972	3,335	10,088	13,423
	1924* 1,031	5,622	2,608	8,063	3,639	10,046	13,685
Unclassified Trades (Northern Ireland)	1930 4	27	32	88	36	79	115
	1924 5	37	5	11	10	38	48
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935 4,089	31,498	4,077	13,608	8,166	36,940	45,106
	1930 3,083	28,621	3,345	12,294	6,428	34,487	40,915
	1924 3,353	31,320	3,440	11,782	6,793	36,309	43,102

* Great Britain only.

(ii) *Administrative, technical and clerical staff*

Trade	Males		Females		Total			
	Under 18	Total	Under 18	Total	Under 18	18 and over	Total	
Fellmongery ...	1935	8	224	6	72	14	282	296
	1930	4	212	12	87	16	283	299
	1924	9	230	9	58	18	270	288
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935	87	2,332	90	739	177	2,894	3,071
	1930*	99	2,445	87	743	186	3,002	3,188
	1924*	133	2,492	82	669	215	2,946	3,161
Leather Goods ...	1935	58	1,173	177	887	235	1,825	2,060
	1930*	94	1,010	138	704	232	1,482	1,714
	1924*	81	1,137	113	671	194	1,614	1,808
Unclassified Trades (Northern Ireland)	1930	—	16	2	5	2	19	21
	1924	—	22	—	2	—	24	24
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935	153	3,729	273	1,698	426	5,001	5,427
	1930	197	3,683	239	1,539	436	4,786	5,222
	1924	223	3,881	204	1,400	427	4,854	5,281

* Great Britain only.

(iii) *Total staff*

Trade	Males		Females		Total			
	Under 18	Total	Under 18	Total	Under 18	18 and over	Total	
Fellmongery ...	1935	130	2,100	59	331	189	2,242	2,431
	1930	129	2,014	73	344	202	2,156	2,358
	1924	135	2,040	55	365	190	2,215	2,405
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1935	2,811	26,585	727	3,701	3,538	26,748	30,286
	1930*	2,311	24,786	746	3,720	3,057	25,449	28,506
	1924*	2,324	26,343	863	4,070	3,187	27,226	30,413
Leather Goods ...	1935	1,301	6,542	3,564	11,274	4,865	12,951	17,816
	1930*	836	5,461	2,731	9,676	3,567	11,570	15,137
	1924*	1,112	6,759	2,721	8,734	3,833	11,660	15,493
Unclassified Trades (Northern Ireland)	1930	4	43	34	93	38	98	136
	1924	5	59	5	13	10	62	72
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935	4,242	35,227	4,350	15,306	8,592	41,941	50,533
	1930	3,280	32,304	3,584	13,833	6,864	39,273	46,137
	1924	3,576	35,201	3,644	13,182	7,220	41,163	48,383

* Great Britain only.

Table X C.—Summary of the average numbers (excluding outworkers) employed, 1924-1935

Country	Males		Females		Total			
	Under 18	Total	Under 18	Total	Under 18	18 and over	Total	
Operatives								
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935	3,879	29,434	3,912	13,177	7,791	34,820	42,611
	1930	2,893	26,530	3,247	11,877	6,140	32,267	38,407
	1924	3,180	29,432	3,348	11,403	6,528	34,307	40,835
Scotland ...	1935	210	2,064	165	431	375	2,120	2,495
	1930	190	2,091	98	417	288	2,220	2,508
	1924	173	1,888	92	379	265	2,002	2,267
TOTAL—United Kingdom	1935	4,089	31,498	4,077	13,608	8,166	36,940	45,106
	1930	3,083	28,621	3,345	12,294	6,428	34,487	40,915
	1924	3,353	31,320	3,440	11,782	6,793	36,309	43,102
Administrative, technical and clerical staff								
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935	146	3,489	262	1,588	408	4,669	5,077
	1930	183	3,446	225	1,435	408	4,473	4,881
	1924	212	3,676	190	1,309	402	4,583	4,985
Scotland ...	1935	7	240	11	110	18	332	350
	1930	14	237	14	104	28	313	341
	1924	11	205	14	91	25	271	296
TOTAL—United Kingdom	1935	153	3,729	273	1,698	426	5,001	5,427
	1930	197	3,683	239	1,539	436	4,786	5,222
	1924	223	3,881	204	1,400	427	4,854	5,281
Total staff (excluding outworkers)								
England and Wales and Northern Ireland	1935	4,025	32,923	4,174	14,765	8,199	39,489	47,688
	1930	3,076	29,976	3,472	13,312	6,548	36,740	43,288
	1924	3,392	33,108	3,538	12,712	6,930	38,890	45,820
Scotland ...	1935	217	2,304	176	541	393	2,452	2,845
	1930	204	2,328	112	521	316	2,533	2,849
	1924	184	2,093	106	470	290	2,273	2,563
TOTAL—UNITED KINGDOM	1935	4,242	35,227	4,350	15,306	8,592	41,941	50,533
	1930	3,280	32,304	3,584	13,833	6,864	39,273	46,137
	1924	3,576	35,201	3,644	13,182	7,220	41,163	48,383

Table X D.—Average number of outworkers employed, 1924-1935

Leather Goods Trade				Males	Females	Total
England and Wales ... ..	...	...	1935	40	193	233
			1930	20	178	198
			1924	21	57	78
Scotland ... ..	...	...	1935	1	2	3
			1930	1	2	3
			1924	3	2	5
Total ... ..	...	...	1935	40	193	233
			1930	21	180	201
			1924	24	59	83

Table X E.—Operatives employed in one week in each month by firms furnishing returns in respect of the twelve months ended December

Mid week of*	Operatives employed		Monthly index†			
	1930	1935	1930	1933‡	1934‡	1935
				1933‡	1934‡	
January	25,155	26,003	92.0	83.5	91.3	96.0
February	25,275	26,411	92.4	85.1	92.8	97.5
March	25,268	26,464	92.4	85.9	93.0	97.7
April	25,121	26,376	91.8	86.9	93.7	97.3
May	24,928	26,742	91.1	88.1	93.1	98.7
June	24,881	26,646	91.0	89.7	93.0	98.3
July	24,409	27,005	89.2	91.4	92.4	99.7
August	24,067	27,043	88.0	92.1	91.6	99.8
September	24,218	27,391	88.5	93.3	93.1	101.1
October	24,616	28,109	90.0	95.4	94.8	103.7
November	24,728	28,614	90.4	97.0	97.2	105.6
December... ..	24,226	28,325	88.6	95.2	95.9	104.5
Average for the twelve months	24,741	27,094	90.5	90.3	93.5	100.0
Proportion of total operatives employed	60.64	60.07	...	...	...	...

* For the ending date of each week see page xiv.

† Based on the estimated average for the year 1935.

‡ Exclusive of the Fellmongery Trade and of certain firms in the Leather Goods Trade which were not covered by the Inquiries of these years. The index numbers are related to a corresponding figure for 1935.

WAGES

Table XI.—Wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages in 1935 and 1930

Trade	Average number of operatives		Net output		Wages paid	
	Number	Proportion of trade	Amount	Proportion of trade	Amount	Proportion of net output
Fellmongery	1,286	60.2	321	60.8	134	41.7
Leather (Tanning and Dressing)	1,065	51.7	226	43.8	149	65.9
	21,222	78.0	6,065	80.4	2,725	44.9
Leather Goods	16,088	63.5	4,772	64.9	2,136	44.8
	8,744	55.5	1,390	53.6	695	50.0
TOTAL	6,448	48.0	1,131	49.3	578	51.1
	31,252	69.3	7,776	72.9	3,554	45.7
	23,601	57.8	6,129	60.3	2,863	46.7