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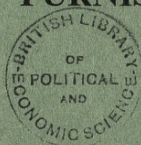
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SOFT FURNISHINGS TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Soft Furnishings Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of curtains, blinds, loose covers, quilts, cushions, feather beds, pillows, mattresses (other than wire mattresses), divan beds and similar goods.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 171(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland are excluded in 1948 and 1935. Particulars of the small production in Northern Ireland in this trade for 1935 are included in the report on the Furniture and Upholstery Trade (Volume 10, Trade B).

SOFT FURNISHINGS TRADE

Summary

Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948	1935
Gross output (production)	£'000 17,735	£'000 6,766
Cost of materials and fuel used	10,999	3,845
Payment for work done on materials given out	84	20
Net output	6,653	2,901
Wages and salaries of persons employed	£'000 3,519	£'000 ..
Average number of persons employed (a)	No. 13,520	No. 17,374
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 492	£ 167
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	592	..
Materials and fuel	No. 2,597	No. ..
Number of establishments	271	363

(a) Excluding outworkers.

(b) 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	1935
Output of firms in this trade	£'000	£'000
Total value of sales (1948) or production (1935)		
Principal products (see Table 8)	14,375	5,749
Other output (see Table 10)	3,363	1,017
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+ 107	
Less payment for transport by other firms	17,846	6,766
Gross output (production)	17,735	6,766
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade		
Purchases (see Table 13)	11,534	3,845
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	- 535	
Materials and fuel used	10,999	3,845

Summary, 1948

Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	338
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	773
Females	1,082
Total	1,855

(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)	13,520
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	1,855
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	224
Estimated average employment in all firms	15,599

(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	106	2,071	848	1,832	364	95	459	463
25-49	87	3,871	1,360	2,944	564	163	727	462
50-99	49	5,028	1,879	3,335	654	218	872	563
100-199	20	3,964	1,462	2,920	643	188	831	501
200 and over	9	2,801	1,103	2,489	501	129	630	443
Total	271	17,735	6,653	13,520	2,727	792	3,519	492

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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	17	1,356	503	7.6	1,243	240	53	293
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	18	1,541	554	8.3	1,155	226	55	281
North Midland	14	723	276	4.1	502	86	36	122
Eastern	4	111	40	0.6	87	17	1	18
London and South Eastern	89	5,813	2,323	34.9	4,295	930	301	1,231
Southern	11	618	235	3.5	481	96	29	125
South Western	11	807	304	4.6	617	126	37	164
Midland	12	1,290	414	6.2	990	201	50	251
North Western	64	3,827	1,368	20.6	2,599	498	153	651
Total England	240	16,087	6,018	90.5	11,969	2,422	715	3,137
Wales	6	268	105	1.6	243	49	11	60
Scotland	25	1,380	530	8.0	1,308	256	66	322
Great Britain	271	17,735	6,653	100.0	13,520	2,727	792	3,519

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 Bedding	202	15,960	13,043	5,875	10,882	2,185	686	2,871	522
Remainder of the trade	69	1,775		977	2,638	542	106	648	370
Total	271	17,735		6,653	13,520	2,727	792	3,519	492

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products: Larger establishments

This table is not applicable to the trade.

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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 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Thous.	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Bedding and soft furnishings					
Divan beds (excluding mattresses)	74	381	84	101	203(a)
Bases for spring interior mattresses	15	77	61	..	(b)
Upholstered mattresses					
Mattresses, 4 feet in width and over					
Interior spring	555	4,408	202		
Other	598	1,979	205		
Mattresses, under 4 feet in width (other than cot mattresses)				1,682	2,162
Interior spring	377	2,303	204		
Other	721	1,729	220		
Cot mattresses	355	339	179		
Divan beds, mattress bases and upholstered mattresses, unclassified	-	-	-	..	428
Curtains (c)					
Of cotton	30	45	44	..	239
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	30	28	24	..	84(d)
Of other materials	10	30	34	..	187
Blinds, other than venetian blinds, paper blinds and outside commercial blinds	76	171	63	..	(b)
Quilts, wadded	Th. doz.			Th. doz.	
Cot	3	18	37		
Single	2	35	24		
Double	18	337	52	229	1,635(e)
Quilts filled with down, feathers, etc.				..	497
Cot	5	51	50		
Single	13	391	53		
Double	43	1,397	67		

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th.doz.	£'000	No.		£'000
Bedding and soft furnishings (contd.)					
Cushions					
Of cotton	7	32	59		
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	8	66	39		
Of other materials	3	32	55		
Bolsters					
Of cotton	19	135	159	..	959 (f)
Of other materials	4	15	33		
Pillows					
Of cotton	163	647	173		
Of other materials	19	55	44		
Carry cots and the like (g)	Thous. 43	69	5	-	-
Unclassified soft furnishings	-	-	-	-	222
Work done for the trade or on commission					
Making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains		725 (h)	200		681 (h)
Repair and other work done (1)		261	50		204
Total		16,617	..		7,501
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see Table 9)		2,242	..		1,752
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		14,375	263		5,749

(a) Described as "Divans, complete".

(b) Not recorded separately.

(c) Including blinds for 1935.

(d) Including those of silk.

(e) Quilts, counterpanes and other bed coverings, not of cotton or linen.

(f) Recorded as of cotton, silk and artificial silk, other materials and unclassified (including mixed) textile materials.

(g) So far as recorded separately.

(h) These amounts represent the total sums charged or received by retail stores for making-up or altering loose covers, pelmets and curtains. The 1935 figure includes the amount received for making-up carpets; for 1948 particulars relating to carpet making-up see the Furniture and Upholstery Trade (Volume 10, Trade B).

(1) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

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

TABLE 9

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Thous.	£'000	No.	Thous.	£'000
Bedding and soft furnishings					
Divan beds (excluding mattresses)	5	28	24	20	50
Bases for spring interior mattresses	-	2	9		
Upholstered mattresses					
Mattresses, 4 feet in width and over					
Interior spring	35	293	48		
Other	52	150	50		
Mattresses, under 4 feet in width (other than cot mattresses)				456	539
Interior spring	18	112	47		
Other	45	100	58		
Cot mattresses	46	44	28		
Divan beds, mattress bases and upholstered mattresses, unclassified	-	-	-	..	426
Curtains					
Of cotton	13	20	29	..	39
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	28	22	17	..	29
Of other materials	6	18	24	..	80
Blinds, other than venetian blinds, paper blinds and outside commercial blinds	40	111	47	-	-
Quilts, wadded	Th.doz.			Th.doz.	
Cot	..	8	..		
Single	-	-	-		
Double	1	23	11	9	57
Quilts filled with down, feathers, etc.				..	48
Single	-	-	-		
Double	2	46	8		

TABLE 9 (contd)

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	No.		£'000
Bedding and soft furnishings (contd.)					
Cushions					
Of cotton	4	16	28		
..	..	2			
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	-	3	7		
Of other materials	1	9	32		
..	..	16			
Bolsters of cotton and other materials	2	12	32	..	137
..	..	75			
Pillows					
Of cotton	41	91	34		
..	..	336			
Of other materials	2	3	9		
..	..	32			
Carry cots and the like	Thous. 43	69	5	-	-
Unclassified soft furnishings	-	-	-	..	101
Work done for the trade or on commission (a)					
Making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains		425	140		244
Total		2,242			1,752

(a) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

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

Larger establishments

TABLE 10

	1948 Sales	1935 Production
	£'000	£'000
Furniture and cabinetware of wood		
Upholstered	501	90
Not upholstered	625	69
Furniture with metal frames, upholstered	130	(a)
Wire mattresses	351	394(b)
Shop and office fittings of wood	-	16
Counterpanes and other bed coverings	340	270(c)
Other soft furnishing goods (table cloths, etc.)	101	(a)
Wearing apparel	89	33
Flock and rag	-	25
Other goods made	662	77
Work done (d)		
Making-up of carpets	137	(a)
Other work done	428	43
Total	3,363	1,017

(a) Not recorded separately.

(b) Described as "Mattress foundations (including box spring, wire mesh, etc.)"

(c) Recorded as quilts, counterpanes and other bed coverings of cotton.

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

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	120	0.7
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	28	0.2
Other wholesale or selling organisations	874	5.3
Retail shops, etc.	875	5.3
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	1,897	11.4
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	198	1.2
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	148	0.9
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	430	2.6
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	374	2.2
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	2,136(a)	12.9
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	11,168	67.2
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	129	0.8
Members of the public, including employees	133	0.8
Total sales to independent buyers	14,716	88.6
Total	16,613	100.0

(a) Of this total £1,768,000 was recorded as divided between £253,000 for export and £1,515,000 for other sales.

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

Owing to the differences in classification a comparison between production and oversea trade is impracticable.

Purchased materials and fuel

Larger establishments

TABLE 13

	1948		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000		£'000
Materials				
Timber (excluding timber used for making into cases, etc., or for repairing returnable cases)				
Hardwood	363.1	229		
Softwood	80.0	38		
	Th. sq. ft.	6		
Veneers and panel wood (not plywood)	329.4	13	..	(a)
Plywood (including plywood for panels)	943.4	46		
Wire mattresses, springing, springs, bed irons, and hardware fittings (including pins, screws, hinges, metal cabinet handles, tacks, etc.)	..	846	Th. lin. yds.	
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian)				
Webbing	6,300	51	..	(a)
	..	8		
Other fabrics up to 31 in. wide	5,817	265	3,705	135(b)
			..	78
Fabrics over 31 in. wide	Th. sq. yds.			
Wholly or mainly of wool	199	83		
Wholly or mainly of cotton	23,855	3,397		
Wholly or mainly of rayon, nylon, etc.	4,038	576	20,389	1,117
Of other textile materials (including mixtures)	2,769	331	..	227
	Th. lbs.			
Stuffing materials	72,781	3,129		
	..	760		
Packing materials	..	97	..	1,990(c)
All other purchased materials	..	1,516		
Unclassified materials	-	-	..	266

TABLE 13 (contd.)

	1948		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000
Coal	5.6	17	3.9	4
Coke	3.0	13	2.3	3
Electricity purchased (d)	Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)	
From public supply	5,008	38	3,450	22
From other sources	88	-		
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	133	2	-	-
Motor spirit (petrol) and deriv. fuel	Th. galls.			
Used for road vehicles	387	39		
Used for other power purposes	8	1		
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	156	6		
	Th. therms.			
Gas purchased			..	(a)
From public supply	168	8		
From other sources	-	-		
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	-		
All other purchased fuel	..	7		
Total		11,534		3,845

(a) Not recorded separately.

(b) Described as fabric up to 31 ins. wide.

(c) Including fuel not specified separately.

(d) In addition to electricity purchased, 545,000 B.T. Units were recorded as generated and consumed 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
		£'000		£'000
Finished furniture and other products	..	209	..	304
Work in progress		276		288
Total finished products and work in progress		485		592
Materials and fuel	Th. cu. ft.		Th. cu. ft.	
Hardwood	86.6	48	95.8	87
Softwood	46.9	19	36.5	14
Veneers and panel wood	Th. sq. ft. 344.6	7	Th. sq. ft. 366.5	7
Plywood	347.1	15	311.7	13
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian) over 31 ins. wide	Th. sq. yds. 6,622	881	Th. sq. yds. 8,581	1,334
	..	138	..	175
Other descriptions of materials and fuel	..	954	..	986
Total materials and fuel		2,062		2,597

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Employment and remuneration (a)
Larger establishments
(i) Private firms

TABLE 15

	Average number of operatives		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)		Total	
	1948	1935	1948	1935	1948	1935
Males						
Under 18	672	784	36	53	708	837
All ages	5,248	4,919	1,034	1,167	6,282	6,086
Females						
Under 18	913	2,870	131	136	1,044	3,006
All ages	6,456	10,539	717	749	7,173	11,288
Total						
Under 18	1,585	3,654	167	189	1,752	3,843
All ages	11,704	15,458	1,751(c)	1,916	13,455 (c) (d) (e)	17,374
Total remuneration	£'000		£'000		£'000	
	2,723	..	792	..	3,515	..

(a) Excluded employees. The following numbers were employed at private 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 4 males 146 females
Other workers 277 males 569 females

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

(c) There were, in addition, 48 working proprietors (43 males and 5 females) in 1948. Working proprietors are included in the 1935 figures.

(d) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £105,000.

(e) 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	123	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	34	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	*	*

* Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, these figures cannot be given.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose number (and remuneration in 1948) are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers £'000
	Males	Females	Total	
1948	1	78	79	9
1935	36	107	143	..

(ii) Government Departments

TABLE 15 (contd.)

	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees	Total
	1948	1948	1948
Males			
Under 18	-	-	-
All ages	1	-	1
Females			
Under 18	-	-	-
All ages	16	-	16
Total			
Under 18	-	-	-
All ages	17	-	17(a)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000
	3	-	3

(a) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £129.

Wages and salaries paid, 1948 (a)

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 16

	Amount paid by all establishments £'000	Establishments making returns for the calendar year					Year
		Amount paid £'000	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in				
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	
Wages and salaries of							
Operatives	2,727	1,650	23.0	24.1	24.9	27.9	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	792	507	23.2	25.4	24.6	26.8	100.0
Total	3,519	2,157	23.1	24.4	24.9	27.7	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 £84,000.

Payments for certain services, 1948
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid	
	£'000	
Repair and maintenance		
Of buildings	49	
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	178	
Unclassified	39	
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	23	
Advertising and market research		
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	19	
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	5	
Unclassified	56	
Payments made for research work		
To research associations	2	
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	-	
To other commercial concerns	34	
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	41	
Commercial insurance premiums	75	
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	38	

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	176	32	29
Vehicles	79	17	15
Total	255	48	44

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)		34
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	60	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	80	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	160	
Total of heading 2		320
Total of headings 1 and 2		354
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		
(1) Selling value of freeholds sold	-	
(11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished	25	
Total of heading 3		25
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		329

(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.

SOFT FURNISHINGS TRADE

1948

Summary

Larger establishments

TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	16,087	268	1,380	17,735
Cost of materials and fuel used	9,987	163	848	10,999
Payment for work done on materials given out	82	-	2	84
Net output	6,018	105	530	6,653
Wages and salaries of persons employed	3,137	60	322	3,519
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (a)	11,969	243	1,308	13,520
	£	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (a)	503	432	405	492
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Stocks at end of year				
Finished products and work in progress	547	3	42	592
Materials and fuel	2,374	23	199	2,597
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of establishments	240	6	25	271

(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)	16,082	270	1,386	17,738
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 112	- 1	- 4	+ 107
	16,195	269	1,382	17,846
Less payment for transport by other firms	108	1	2	111
Gross output (production)	16,087	268	1,380	17,735
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	10,499	163	871	11,534
Adjustment for changes in stocks	- 512	-	- 23	- 535
Materials and fuel used	9,987	163	848	10,999

Summary

Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	296	15	27	338
Average number of persons employed (c)				
Males	665	37	71	773
Females	949	43	90	1,082
Total	1,614	80	161	1,855

(a) Including working proprietors.

Sales in the trade
Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Thous.	£'000	Thous.	£'000	Thous.	£'000
Principal products						
Bedding and soft furnishings						
Divan beds (excluding mattresses)	66	339	3	13	69	352
Bases for spring interior mattresses	12	66	2	9	14	75
Upholstered mattresses						
Mattresses, 4 feet in width and over						
Interior spring	461	3,666	59	449	520	4,115
Other	481	1,629	64	199	545	1,828
Mattresses, under 4 feet in width (other than cot mattresses)						
Interior spring	334	2,039	25	152	359	2,191
Other	638	1,541	38	88	676	1,630
Cot mattresses	284	270	25	25	309	295
Curtains						
Of cotton	17	25	-	-	17	25
	..	13			..	13
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	2	6	-	-	2	6
	..	8			..	8
Of other materials	4	12	-	-	4	12
	..	24			..	24
Blinds, other than venetian blinds, paper blinds and outside commercial blinds	..	(a)	..	(a)	36	60
					..	95
Quilts, wadded	Th. doz.		Th. doz.		Th. doz.	
Cot	3	18	-	-	3	18
Single	2	35	-	-	2	35
Double	17	314	-	-	17	314
Quilts filled with down, feathers, etc.						
Cot	5	51	-	-	5	51
Single	..	(a)	..	(a)	13	391
Double	..	(a)	..	(a)	41	1,351

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Bedding and soft furnishings (contd.)						
Cushions						
Of cotton	..	(a)	..	(a)	3	16
					..	5
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	8	63
Of other materials	..	(a)	..	(a)	2	23
					..	18
Bolsters of cotton and other materials	20	135	1	4	20	139
	..	7	..	8	..	16
Pillows						
Of cotton	114	522	8	34	122	556
	..	25	..	11	..	36
Of other materials	16	44	2	9	18	52
	..	1	..	-	..	1
Work done for the trade or on commission (b)						
Making-up of loose covers, pelmets and curtains		291		9		300
Repairs and other work done		(a)		(a)		261
Total principal products		13,298		1,077		14,375
Other output						
Furniture and cabinetware of wood						
Upholstered	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	501
Not upholstered	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	625
Furniture with metal frames, upholstered	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	130
Wire mattresses	..	320	..	31	..	351
Counterpanes and other bed coverings	..	313	..	27	..	340
Other soft furnishing goods (table cloths, etc.)	..	101	-	-	..	101
Wearing apparel	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	89
Other goods made	..	613	..	49	..	662
Work done (b)						
Making-up of carpets		(a)		(a)		137
Other work done		409		19		428
Total		16,352		1,386		17,738

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

Purchased materials and fuel

Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000
Materials						
Timber (excluding timber used for making into cases, etc., or for repairing returnable cases)						
Hardwood	333.2	213	29.9	15	363.1	229
Softwood	60.8	29	19.2	9	80.0	38
	..	4	..	2	..	6
Veneers and panel wood (not plywood)	Th. sq. ft.		Th. sq. ft.		Th. sq. ft.	
	..	(a)	..	(a)	329.4	13
Plywood (including plywood for panels,	874.2	44	69.2	3	943.4	46
Wire mattresses, springing, springs, bed irons, and hardware fittings (including pins, screws, hinges, metal cabinet handles, tacks, etc.)	..	761	..	85	..	846
Textile fabrics (including calico and hessian)	Th. lin. yds.		Th. lin. yds.		Th. lin. yds.	
Webbing	6,168	48	132	3	6,300	51
	..	7	..	1	..	8
Other fabrics up to 31 in. wide	5,554	252	263	12	5,817	265
Fabrics over 31 in. wide	Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.		Th. sq. yds.	
Wholly or mainly of wool	165	67	34	17	199	83
Wholly or mainly of cotton	22,417	3,172	1,438	225	23,855	3,397
Wholly or mainly of rayon, nylon, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	4,038	576
Of other textile materials (including mixtures)	2,639	318	129	14	2,769	331
Stuffing materials	Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.	
	69,040	2,911	3,741	218	72,781	3,129
	..	701	..	59	..	760
Packing materials	..	88	..	9	..	97
All other purchased materials	..	1,353	..	162	..	1,516

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000
Fuel and electricity						
Coal	4.9	15	0.7	2	5.6	17
Coke	2.8	12	0.2	1	3.0	13
Electricity purchased (b)	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	
From public supply	4,605	34	403	3	5,008	38
	..	10	..	1	..	10
From other sources	(a)	-	(a)	-	88	-
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	133	2	-	-	133	2
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel	Th. galls.		Th. galls.		Th. galls.	
Used for road vehicles	357	36	30	3	387	39
Used for other power purposes	8	1	-	-	8	1
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	..	(a)	..	(a)	156	6
Gas purchased	Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms	
From public supply	158	7	10	-	168	8
	..	3	..	-	..	3
From other sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	-	-	-	..	-
All other purchased fuel	..	7	..	-	..	7
Total		10,663		871		11,534

- (a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate figures cannot be given.
- (b) In addition to electricity purchased, 545,000 B.T. Units were recorded for England and Wales as generated and consumed in the same works. No electricity generated and consumed in the same works was recorded for Scotland.

Employment and remuneration

Larger establishments

(i) Private firms

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	577	36	613	95	-	95	672	36	708
All ages	4,823	949	5,572	625	85	710	5,248	1,034	6,282
Females									
Under 18	846	118	964	67	13	80	913	131	1,044
All ages	5,944	636	6,580	512	81	593	6,456	717	7,173
Total									
Under 18	1,423	154	1,577	162	13	175	1,585	167	1,752
All ages	10,567	1,585 (b)	12,152 (b) (c)	1,137	166 (b)	1,303 (b) (c)	11,704	1,751 (b)	13,455 (b) (c)
Total remuneration	£'000 2,467	£'000 726	£'000 3,194	£'000 256	£'000 66	£'000 322	£'000 2,723	£'000 792	£'000 3,515

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 48 working proprietors (43 males and 5 females) in Great Britain; 39 males and 4 females in England and Wales, and 4 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; £95,000 for England and Wales, and £10,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose numbers and remuneration are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers £'000
	Males	Females	Total	
England and Wales	1	77	78	9
Scotland	-	1	1	-
Great Britain	1	78	79	9

TABLE 25 (contd.) - (ii) Government Departments

All Government establishments classified to this trade were in England and Wales; for particulars of employment and remuneration see Table 15(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 and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain		England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
1948				1948			
January	97.0	97.1	97.0	August	100.4	102.0	100.6
February	97.1	97.8	97.2	September	102.2	103.9	102.3
March	97.1	97.5	97.1	October	104.0	103.8	104.0
April	97.4	97.3	97.4	November	105.6	103.1	105.4
May	98.3	97.7	98.2	December	104.9	104.5	104.8
June	98.0	96.6	97.9	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index			
July	98.0	98.9	98.1		60.3	49.0	59.2

(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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