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THIS REPORT on the Brass Manufactures Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of brass castings, stampings and pressings. Brass manufactures covered in the reports on other industries include brass nails, screws, bolts, rivets, washers, etc., in the Chain, Nail, Screw and Miscellaneous Forgings Industry; industrial valves of brass in the Mechanical Engineering (General) Industry; (in 1948 industrial valves of brass were not separately distinguished and establishments mainly manufacturing them were included in the Brass Manufactures Industry); brass wire in the Wire and Wire Manufactures Industry; here is some output of brass articles in the Hardware, Hollow-ware. Mal Fur whil Metal Industry.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 95 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

There were no larger establishments in Northern Ireland in the register for this industry


IMPORTANT NOTES and definitions appear on the next page. In inter preting the data in the tables, it is essential to bear these in mind.

The following notes describe terms in general use
in the tables of the report. More detailed explanaIn the tabthe term tused and a description of the scope
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and method of taking the census are given in the serar and method of taking the census are given in the separ-
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Idustrial Classification: Establishmente are classif

 re identified as tre pries. the principal products for a given industry heing of a similar nature or commonly associated in pro.
The principle of classification normall
 Industry accounted for a greater proportion of the talue

Specialist producers normally comprise those establish
nente 50 per cent or more of hose total outputhy hy
value is accounted for by the characteristic products of alue is accounted for
the specialist group.
 intermediate products. i.e., products which may be further proce
are produced.
Larger establishments: The information $q$ iven in the re


 other ancillary places of business situated apart from
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Small firms are those employing on the average 10 o
ferer persons解 Table ar. normally obtained by increasing the othe
items shown in the same proportion as total employment Gross output (production) is the total value of goods do by adjusting the value of salee gad work done during
the year for changes in the value of stocks of product n hand for
Net output is the amount left after deducting from the rials and fuel used, the amount paid for work given out
and, for 1951 and 1954. any transport payments made

 Sales means sales during the year of goods made in the
Betablishment covered by the return or made on comis.
is.
 amount charged and net of any trade discounts, agents.
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comisisions. allownces for returnable cases. purchase tax, etc. For goods charged on a delivered basis
cuatomers oversecs. firms were required to give the
foobe value. Materials and fuel. The total cost of materials and
fuel purchased includes ali purchases during the year
of materials for use in production, and of fuel (includ-
ing oil. gas and electricity) for all purposes: packing hen firsit purchased workshop and office materials
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people included in their returns: consumable tools

 cost of materials and fuel used, given in Table ${ }^{2}$. is
obtained by odjusting purchases for changes during the,
year in the value of stocks. Stoks: Firms were required to qive stocks of materials,
and fuel. products on hand for sale, and work in proress, at income tax values.
 goods are similarly valued as they were sold, duty-paic.
or duty-free.
Thet amount of any duty paid is deor duty-free. The net amount of
ducted in arriving at net output.
Employment: Total employment includes working propriet
ors. administrative, technical and clerical employees. ors. administrative, technical and clerical employees, es and persons engaged in merchanting or any other ac
ivity not covered by a firm's return, who are sho
 sons on the pay-roll (i.e. persons whose National In-
surance tards mere held by employers). whe ther employed
full-time or part-time. Morking proprietors are proprie tors of businesses other
than limited conpanies, toge ther with members of their
 ixed wages or salaries.
alf the normal hours excluded. Fork Northern Ireland directory of 1 imited companies
paid by fee only) are also included.
Administrative, tectnical and clerical employees include directors othe than those paid by fee only (except in
Northern Ireland):
managers. superintendents and works
 and design employes (rather than operatives): draghts-
men and tracers: true 11 ers: and of fice (including
morks office employes. orks office) employees
Operatives include all other clases
broadly speaking, all manual morkers.
Outworkers are persons employed by the firm who work on
naterials supplied by the firm in their onn Wages and salaries include all overtime payments, bonus-
es and comision ions ithout any deductions for income tax, insurances. contributory pensions etc. They exclude
payments to morking proprietors. Capital expenditure includes expenditure on new building
work. and on plant. machinery and vehicles. charged to capitala account durting the year. including any trgasport
and installation costs involved. it includes expenditure in respect of establishments in Great Britain which
had no bequa production he fore the end of the year
(which has not previously been included in the Chensus of Production reports for individual industries)
Symbols used:
for nil or negligible (less than half the final
Where figures are rounded, e.q. given to the near-
$\varepsilon$ thousand. there may be aparent slight discrepanest it thousand, there may be aparent slight discrepan-
cies between the sums of constituent items and the tot alis shown. In some cases. figures have been combined
ith others of a similar nature where publication of separate detais might disclose information relating to
an individual undertaking.

|  | Unit | $\underset{\substack{\text { Great } \\ 1948}}{\text { Britain }}$ | United Kingdom |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1951 | 1954 |
| Firms employing on average more than 10 Persons |  |  |  |  |
| Number of establishments Total value of sales and work | \& ${ }^{\text {Nomo }}$ | ¢ 54.698 | 578 73.621 | ${ }^{520}$ |
|  |  | 54,380 |  | 71,992 |
|  | " | $\begin{array}{r}\text { + } 587 \\ +\quad 4888 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 7, } \\ +\quad 1,672 \\ \hline 7.693\end{array}$ | 71, $+\quad 642$ |
| Gross output (production) (a) |  | 54,966 | 75.293 | 71,881 |
| Purchases of materials and fuel | " | 25,600 | 43.699 | -39.414 |
| Stocks of materials and fuel $\begin{aligned} & \text { at beginning of year } \\ & \text { change during year }\end{aligned}$ | ". | 4.076 $+\quad 3$ | 4.656 $+\quad 239$ | 4,491 $+\quad 663$ |
| Cost of materials and fuel used | " | +25.597 | + 41.460 | +38,751 |
| Payment for work done on materials given out | " | ${ }_{681}$ | 800 | 848 |
| Excise Duty ${ }_{\text {Payment }}^{\text {Por }}$ (ransport (b) | " | 318. | 547 | 610 |
| Net output | " | 28.678 | 32.487 | 31.672 |
| Average number of employees \{operatives | No. | 44.427 |  | 37.054 |
| Total employment (d) ${ }^{\text {d }}$ (others | " |  | 6.783 45.892 | 7.130 44.247 |
| Net output per person employed (d) | $\varepsilon$ | 555 | 708 | 716 |
| Wages and salaries $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { of operatives } \\ \text { of others }\end{array}\right.$ | \&'0.00 | 12,352 3 3 | 12.642 3 | 4.308 4.365 |
| Capital expenditure |  |  |  |  |
| New building work (e) |  | 368 | 427 | ${ }^{631}$ |
| Plant and machinery $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { acquisitions } \\ \text { disposals }\end{array}(e)\right.$ | ". | ${ }^{1.191}$ | 1.003 48 | 1.283 |
| Vehicles $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { disposils } \\ \text { acquisitions } \\ \text { disposalis }\end{array}\right.$ | $\stackrel{\prime}{\prime}$ | 161 | ${ }_{311}^{48}$ | 277 |
| Vehicles ${ }^{\text {a }}$ disposals | " | 32 | 84 | 105 |
| firms employing on average 10 or fewer persons |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns | No. | 240 | 297 | 301 |
| Total employment, including working proprietors | " | 1.444 | 1.779 | 1.786 |

proprietors
(a) For the year 1948 gross output excludes payments for transport services outwards on finished goods sold.
For subsequent years gross output includes payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms own

Payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms ovm separate transport organisations. For the
year 1948 payments cover only transport outwards of finished goods sold. For subsequent years they your parment for transport of both finished goods sold and materials and fuel purchased.
(d) Excluding woutworkers and including working proprietors

| Average number employed ( $\alpha$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Estab- } \\ & \text { lish- } \\ & \text { ments } \end{aligned}$ | Grossoutput output | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { output } \end{gathered}$ | Employees |  | Wages and salaries |  | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \begin{array}{c} \text { Net output } \\ \text { per person } \\ \text { epmloyed } \\ \text { (a) } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Operatives | Others | Operatives | her |  |  |
|  | Number | £ 000 | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | Uumber | Number | £ 000 | £ 000 | £'000 | ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ |
| 11-24 (c) | 171 | 4. 444 | 2.108 <br> 3.103 | 2,392 <br> 4,008 | ${ }_{6}^{491}$ | 971 <br> 1.513 | ${ }_{452}^{310}$ | 85 182 | 725 658 |
| $25-49$ 50 | 131 93 | ${ }_{9}^{6.914}$ | 3.103 4.472 | 5.211 | 1,016 | 2.016 | ${ }_{663}^{452}$ | 195 195 | 717 |
| 100-199 | 67 | 14.151 | 6.342 | 7.695 | 1.369 | 2,837 2 2 | ${ }_{6}^{871} 6$ | 354 470 | ${ }_{719}^{699}$ |
| ${ }_{300}^{200}-{ }^{299}$ | 27 18 | 11.476 10.796 | 4.943 4.595 | 5.027 | 1,117 | 1,983 | 618 | 427 | 748 |
|  |  |  | 2.157 | 1.980 | 581 | 922 | ${ }^{359}$ | ${ }^{239}$ | 882 583 |
| ${ }_{500}^{400}{ }^{-749}$ | 4 | 3,692 | 1.240 | 1.859 | ${ }^{266}$ | 651 | ${ }^{136}$ | ${ }^{83}$ | 583 |
| $750-999$ $1.000-1.499$ | 3 | 6,050 | 2.713 | 3.135 | 475 | 1.207 | 285 | 157 | 752 |
| Total | 520 | 71.881 | 31.672 | 37.054 | 7.130 | 14,308 | 4.365 | 2,191 | 716 |


(c) Including a small number of establishments with fewer than 11 persons employed, particulars of which

TABLE 4 - Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

- specialisation within this industry was distinguished.

Sales of the principal products of the industry, including sales of these products by establishments classified to other industries

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

|  | 1951 |  | 1954 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | value | Quantity | value | Entries |
| Brass and other copper alloys (including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding other nickel alloys <br> Engineers ${ }^{\text {© }}$ and mechanicians' goods (including fittings for water supply) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draw of ftaps and cocks, and valves (other than metal to metal contact valves) and gas cocks | ${ }^{59.2}$ | 1.941 1.029 | 141.0 | 4.551 2.498 | 79 |
| Sanitary, bathroom and other steam and water fittings (except taps, valves and cocks) | 293.8 | ${ }_{2}^{9.7744} \times$ | 156.8 | ${ }_{3}^{4.984}$ | 90 |
| Other kinds of engineers and mechanicians ${ }^{\circ}$ goods | 90.8 | 2.164 1.059 | 75.8 | 2.496 1.182 | 111 |
| Builders and cabinet makers hardware (other than shop and office fittings), not elsewhere specified | 60.5 | ${ }_{\substack{2,780 \\ 368}}^{\text {(b) }}$ | 35.0 | 1.340 884 | 68 |
| Fittings for motor cars and | 72.6 | 2.037 1.121 | 60.4 | 2.085 | 41 |
| Stoves, pressure type, oil burning | 471.7 <br> .7 | 573 131 | $\underset{\substack{\text { Th. } \\ 218.3 \\ .0 .}}{ }$ | ${ }_{173}^{422}$ | 14 |
| Lamps (not electric), other than blow lamps and brazing lamps (c) | 344.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 741 \\ & 302 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{316.9}$ | 645 144 | \} 14 |
| Parts of stoves, pressure type, oil burning, and lamps (not electric), other than blow lamps and brazing lamps (d) | Th. ${ }^{\text {cwt. }}$ 0.8 | ${ }_{321}^{36}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Th. cwt. } \\ 0.3 \end{gathered}$ | 10 482 157 | \} |
| Brass parts of switches, lampholders, cutouts and other accessories for electric lighting | ${ }^{10.0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 426 \\ & 318 \end{aligned}$ | 4. 6 | 157 312 |  |

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TABLE 5 (contd.)

|  | 1951 |  | 1954 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Entries |
| Brass and other copper alloys (including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding other nickel alloys) (contd.) | Th.ewt. | £.000 | Th.ewt. | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | Number |
| Pendants, electroliers, brackets, taps and other fittings for lighting or heating purposes | 50.4 | 1,617 1.245 | 14.0 | ${ }_{8}^{522}$ | \} 35 |
| Name plates, clock and other dials. instruction plates, etc. | 12.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 918 \\ & 285 \end{aligned}$ | 7.2 | ${ }_{636}^{664}$ | \} 36 |
| Bar. brevery and distillery fittings | 3.5 | ${ }_{782}^{184}$ | 1.0 | 29 655 | $\} \quad 23$ |
| Fire extinguishing apparatus | 9.0 | 311 186 | 1.2 | 29 195 | \} 23 |
| Art metal work (including antique reproductions and other ornamental brassware), not elsewhere specified | 18.5 | ${ }_{448}^{901}$ | 20.9 | 741 1.285 | \} 44 |
| Bolts, hasps, blanks and parts therefor | 3.3 | 149 | 1.1 | 70 | \} 15 |
| Hinges, hinge blamks and parts therefor | ${ }^{13.3}$ | ${ }_{91}^{427}$ | $\stackrel{8.6}{ }$ | 372 512 | \} ${ }^{33}$ |
| Partholes. scuttles and similar fittings for ships | 24.1 | 587 65 | 7.7 | ${ }_{491}^{184}$ | \} 29 |
| Propellers and propeller blades for ships | 108.1 | 1.857 | 47.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.097 \\ & 1.478 \end{aligned}$ | \} 12 |
| Rallway and trammay fittings | 10.0 | ${ }_{120}^{170}$ | 7.9 | ${ }_{243}^{136}$ | $\} 120$ |
| Curtain rails and fittings | 3.8 | ${ }_{659}^{137}$ | 3.4 | $\begin{array}{r} 106 \\ 1.055 \end{array}$ | \} 15 |
| Sheet metal stampings and pressings of brass. not elsewhere specified | 96.4 | 2.765 ${ }_{944}$ | 172.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 3.726 \\ & 1.468 \end{aligned}$ | $\} 210$ |
| Hot brass pressings, not elsewhere specified | 350.4 | 6.544 | 309.9 | 5.480 | 37 |
| Castings in the rough (sold as such) | 908.8 | 18.207 | 575.4 | 12,379 | 301 |
| Unclassified brass castings |  |  | 86.3 | 1.688 | 127 |
| Finished goods of brass, not elsewhere specified | $56.0$ | 2.124 | 61.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.135 \\ & 2.288 \end{aligned}$ | \} 114 |
| Unspecified finished brass goods and parts | ${ }^{12.3}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 339 \\ 1.332 \end{array}$ | 84.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,261 \\ & 1.783 \end{aligned}$ | $\} 186$ |
| Coffin furniture of all kinds (including brass) | 19.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 833 \\ & 168 \end{aligned}$ | 3.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 154 \\ & 330 \end{aligned}$ | \} 10 |
| Waste products other than scrap metals | .. | 77 | .. | 87 | 66 |
| Work done for the trade or on comission e.g.. finishing, polishing, lacquering (e) |  | 153 |  | 205 | 40 |
| Repair work (e) |  | 236 |  | 211 | 54 |
| Total |  | 73.408 |  | 70.969 | .. |
| Sales in other industries (see Table 6) Principal products of this industry sold by es tabli shments in the industry |  | 14,680 58.728 |  | 15,391 55.577 | 486 |




(d) So far as reoorded separately.

| TABLE 6 |
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| TABLE 7 |
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Purchases of materials and fuel, 1954 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

|  | Quantity | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Th.tons | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ |
| Materials |  |  |
| Brass and other copper alloys including nickel silver and cupro-nickel but excluding all other nickel alloys |  |  |
| Ingots, blocks, slabs, billets, bars and cast strip | 63.2 | 14.253 |
| Castings in the rough | 2.8 | ${ }_{803}^{963}$ |
| Plates, sheets, strip. discs and circles and foil | $\stackrel{5}{ } .8$ | $\begin{array}{r}1.619 \\ \hline 88\end{array}$ |
|  | 1.1 | 276 |
| Wire |  | 66 |
| Other descriptions, except finished parts and scrap \{ | 12.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.993 \\ & 1.061 \end{aligned}$ |
| Copper |  |  |
| Unwrought: ingots, blocks, slabs, bars, billets, cakes, cathodes and anodes. including rough copper of $94 \%$ content or over | 5.3 | 1.330 |
| Plates, sheets, strip, discs and circles lother than high conductivity) | 0.8 | 232 63 |
| Other descriptions, except finished parts and scrap | 1.5 | 505 |
| Iron and steel |  |  |
| Iron castings in the rough or machined | 2.0 | 143 22 |
| Iron and steel not specified above except finished parts and scrap | 15.2 | 769 139 |
| Aluminium and aluminium alloys in all forms except finished parts and scrap | 4.7 | 887 |
| Zinc and zinc alloys in all forms except finished parts and scrap | $2 . .7$ | ${ }_{109}^{286}$ |
| Scrap metal |  |  |
| Brass and other copper alloys, including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding all other nickel alloys | 12.1 | 2.124 |
| Copper | 1.8 | 394 |
| Purchased componen ts | . | 2.651 |
| Packing materials | Th.owt. |  |
| Cardboard boxes, cartons ànd fibreboard packing cases | 3.0 | 20 124 |
|  | Th. cu.ft. of timber |  |
| Packing cases (wood or mainly of wood) \{ | ${ }^{80.2}$ | 37 111 |
| Other packing materials | $\cdots$ | 131 |
| Replacement parts for firms own machinery, plant and vehicles | .. | 630 |
| Consumable tools bought as replacement including engineers ${ }^{\circ}$ <br> small tools, jigs. fixtures and measuring instruments | .. | 537 |
| All other purchased materials | .. | 2.487 |
| Unclassified matericis | .. | 1.693 |


|  | Quantity | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Coal | 21.1 | 88 |
| Coke | 47. 4 | 11 317 |
| Liquid fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures) |  |  |
| Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Other | 122 | 7 |
| For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc. | 4.773 | 218 |
| Gas purchased Th. therms |  |  |
| From Gas Boards | 6,369 | 338 |
| From other sources, including other departments of the same firms |  |  |
| Electricity purchased (a) Th.kwh. |  |  |
| From other sources, including other departments of |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| All other purchased fuel ${ }_{\text {l }}$ |  |  |
| otal cost |  | 39.414 |
| (a) The total quantity of electricity generated in firms own establishments in this industry in 1954 was1.156 Th.kwh. |  |  |
| Average number of employees, and wages, salaries and superannuation payments (a) |  |  |
| TABLE 10 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom |  |  |
|  | 1951 | 1954 |
|  |  |  |
| Operatives <br> Administrative, technical and clerical employees <br> Total | $\begin{gathered} 38.996 \\ 6,783 \end{gathered}$ | 37.054 7.130 |
|  | 45.779 | 44,184 |
|  |  |  |
| Operatives <br> Administrative, technical and clerical employees <br> Total | $\begin{array}{r} 12,642 \\ 3.666 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14.308 \\ 4.365 \end{array}$ |
|  | 16,308 | 18.673 |
| Wages and salaries per head |  |  |
| ( ${ }_{\text {Operatives }}^{\text {Administrative, technical and clerical employees }}$ | 324 540 | 386 612 |

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| TABLE 10 (contd.) | 1951 | 1954 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Superannuation and other pension funds for employees } \\ \text { ond dependents } \\ \text { Employers' contributions }\end{array}$ | . |  |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Employees covered }\end{array}$ | .. | 1900 |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Pension, etc. payments to former employees and } \\ \text { dependents }\end{array}$ |  | Number |

(a) The following persons, not
industry ( inded above, were also employed by larger establishment
ind

|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number |
| Males Females | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 364 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ 334 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 395 | 353 |
| Other workers Males Females | ${ }_{107}^{118}$ | 86 118 |
| Total | 225 | 204 |
| Total excluded employees | 620 | 557 |


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Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

| TABLE 11 |
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