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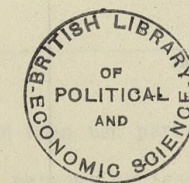
NARROW FABRICS TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Narrow Fabrics Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of braids, webs, ribbons, trimmings and tapes (including those containing elastic), and in the manufacture of woven machinery belting.

Firms mainly engaged in making upholstery trimmings, which are included in this report for 1948 and 1935, were not covered in 1937; in 1935 returns were received from 16 such firms whose net output was about 6 per cent. of the total for all firms.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 121 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Any establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland are excluded in 1948; none was separately distinguished in 1937 or 1935.



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NARROW FABRICS TRADE  
Summary  
Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948	1937	1935
Gross output (production)	£'000 18,042	£'000 5,718	£'000 5,363
Cost of materials and fuel used	9,108	2,841	2,596
Payment for work done on materials given out	581	92	74
Net output	8,354	2,785	2,693
Wages and salaries of persons employed	4,067	..	..
Average number of persons employed (a)	No. 18,153 (b)	No. 17,884	No. 17,680
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 460	£ 156	£ 152
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	1,530	..	..
Materials and fuel	2,235	..	..
Number of establishments	No. 209	No. ..	No. 184

(a) Excluding outworkers.

(b) For 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)	16,834	5,295	4,976
Other output (see Table 10)	808	423	387
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+ 471	..	..
	18,113		
Less payment for transport by other firms	71	5,718	5,363
Gross output (production)	18,042	5,718	5,363
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade			
Purchases (see Table 13)	9,533		
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	- 425	2,841	2,596
Materials and fuel used	9,108	2,841	2,596

## Summary, 1948

## Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	49
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	107
Females	218
Total	325

(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)	18,153
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	325
Average employment in all firms	18,478

(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	
11-24	No. 43	£'000 751	£'000 316	No. 719	£'000 112	£'000 42	£'000 154	£ 440
25-49	65	2,788	1,102	2,398	382	147	529	460
50-99	44	3,063	1,337	3,095	508	133	642	432
100-199	36	5,220	2,389	5,166	898	302	1,200	462
200-299	11	2,291	1,061	2,658	466	137	604	399
300-399	5	1,912	1,122	1,843	299	141	440	609
400 and over	5	2,018	1,026	2,274	367	133	500	451
Total	209	18,042	8,354	18,153	3,031	1,036	4,067	460

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
England	No.	£'000	£'000		No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
Northern; and East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	11	1,046	346	4.1	608	99	36	135
North Midland	68	7,498	3,835	43.5	7,245	1,234	401	1,635
Eastern	5	319	151	1.8	248	52	17	70
London and South Eastern	23	851	342	4.1	702	114	52	166
Southern; and South Western	9	1,075	513	6.1	925	178	60	239
Midland	37	2,768	1,440	17.2	3,828	562	219	781
North Western	48	3,545	1,517	18.2	3,729	650	205	856
Total England	201	17,102	7,945	95.1	17,285	2,891	990	3,880
Wales	3	287	125	1.5	330	50	17	67
Scotland	5	653	283	3.4	538	91	29	120
Great Britain	209	18,042	8,354	100.0	18,153	3,031	1,036	4,067

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	
Specialist producers of	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
Elastic goods	35	5,715	4,369	2,670	5,686	1,049	296	1,345	470
Woven machinery belting	13	1,386	1,198	506	1,166	220	64	285	434
Remainder of trade	161	10,940		5,178	11,301	1,762	676	2,438	458
Total	209	18,042		8,354	18,153	3,031	1,036	4,067	460

Total make of intermediate products  
Larger establishments

TABLE 7

	Returned in this trade (a)	
	1948	
	Quantity	Entries
Woven elastic webs	Th. gross lin. yds.	No.
Up to 2 inches wide	544	21
Over 2 inches wide	56 (b)	17

(a) Particulars of any woven elastic webs made by establishments classified to other trades were not recorded.

(b) On a 6 inch width basis.

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			1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. gross lin.yds.	£'000	No.	Th. gross lin.yds.	£'000	Th. gross lin.yds.	£'000
Elastic goods							
Braid elastics (flat)	1,873	919	19	1,977	414	1,940	432
Braid elastics (round)	204	196	15				
Elastic cords	Th. lbs. 1,440	601	8				
Woven elastic webs							
Up to 2 inches wide	480	1,611	21	370	563	335	498
Over 2 inches wide	38(a)	618	16	54	441	58	432
Knitted elastic webs	38(a)	307	9	..	(b)	..	(b)
Roll-on-blanks	Th. doz. 125	306	..	..	(b)	..	(b)
Other elastic goods, except surgical hosiery and clothing (c)	..	186	6	..	255	..	211(d)
Unclassified	..	361	..	..	-	..	-
	Th. gross lin.yds.			Th. cwts.		Th. cwts.	
Non-elastic goods							
Woven machinery belting (including conveyor and elevator bands and spindle tapes)							
Under 3 inches wide							
Of cotton	113	164	15	45.5	614(e)	38.6	469(e)
	..	56					
Of hair	1	20	..				
Of other materials	1	1	..				
Unclassified	45	77	..				
	..	38					
3 inches wide and over							
Of cotton	16.1	562	15				
Of hair	20.3	844	9				
Of other materials	4.0	148	..				

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 Sales			1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. cwts.	£'000	No.	Th. cwts.	£'000	Th. cwts.	£'000
Non-elastic goods (contd.)							
Heavy webs (over 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width) (f)							
Of jute	8.5	118	12	12.7	54	13.0	53
Of cotton	15.0	558	9	2.4	33(h)	3.5	52(h)
Of other materials, except asbestos (g)	..	60					
	2.7	133	10	..	156	..	49
	Th. gross lin.yds.						
Tapes and light webs (up to 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width)							
Of cotton	6,961	2,328	54	..	(b)	..	(b)
Of other materials, except asbestos (g)	402	222	21				
	..	25		Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.	
Ribbons (i)							
Of cotton (h)	14	7	..	-	-	-	-
Of silk or silk mixtures (if known as silks)	63	74	13	79	149	81	142
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	897	648	33	117	93	93	78
Of rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with other materials	431	336	29	511	165	631	213
				..	27		
Petershams, galloons and bindings							
Of cotton	478	368	28	..	(b)	..	(b)
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	49	64	15				
Of rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with other materials	352	548	30				
Of other materials	8	13	..				
	..	15					
Bias bindings (h)	..	856	15				

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 Sales			1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. gross of single laces	£'000	No.	Th. gross of single laces	£'000	Th. gross of single laces	£'000
Non-elastic goods (contd.)							
Braids (g)							
Boot, shoe, corset and similar laces, finished or not							
Banded, knotted or otherwise joined together in pairs	827	362	23	1,905	357(h)	1,167	208(h)
Other	1,070	446	31				
Insulating sleeving braids	Th. gross lin. yds. 223	97	10	362	25(k)	..	45(k)
Tubular braidings for spindles, etc.	..	121					
Other braids (except wicks and trimmings)	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
Wicks	Th. cwts. 7.4	502	32	..	..	..	..
Woven labels	Th. lin. yds. 13,869	237	11	..	3,018(l)	..	2,746
Trimmings and fringes	..	1,411	94	..	..	..	..
Cords and girdles (h)	..	169	15	..	..	..	..
Other textile smallwares	..	1,936	86	..	..	..	..
Waste products	..	15	54	..	(b)	..	(b)
Work done for the trade or on commission	..	88(m)	20	..	11(m)	..	4(m)
Total		19,251	..		6,380		5,659
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see Table 9)		2,417	..		1,085		683
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		16,834	187		5,295		4,976

(a) On a 6 inch width basis.

(b) Not recorded separately.

(c) For surgical hosiery see the Scientific, Surgical and Photographic Instruments, etc. Trades, and for clothing, the Tailoring, Dressmaking, etc. Trades.

(d) This amount may include some elastic corsets and corset belts.

(e) Recorded as:-

	1937		1935	
	Th. cwts.	£'000	Th. cwts.	£'000
Of cotton	17.9	233	13.2	151
Of woven hair	15.3	241	14.8	221
Of other and unclassified textile materials	12.3	140	10.6	97

(f) Described as "Webbing" in 1937 and 1935.

(g) For asbestos webbing, listing and braiding see the Asbestos Trade.

(h) So far as recorded separately.

(i) Excluding petershams in 1948.

(k) Described as "Tubular braid of cotton".

(l) Firms classified to a trade not covered by the 1937 Inquiry recorded output of trimmings amounting to £244,000 in 1935.

(m) Amount charged in 1948 and 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 Sales			1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. lbs.	£'000	No.	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000
Elastic goods							
Elastic cords	12	5	..	-	-	-	-
Woven elastic webs	Th. gross lin. yds.						
Up to 2 inches wide	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Over 2 inches wide	-	-	-	-	4	-	3
Knitted elastic webs	-	1	..	..	(a)	..	(a)
Roll-on blanks	Th. doz. 1	2	..				
Other elastic goods, except surgical hosiery and clothing	..	176	..	..	34	..	38
Unclassified	..	361	..	..	-	..	-
Non-elastic goods	Th. gross lin. yds.			Th. cwts.		Th. cwts.	
Woven machinery belting (including conveyor and elevator bands and spindle tapes)							
Under 3 inches wide							
Of cotton	..	6	..	..	14.4	202	11.7
Of hair	-	-	-				
Of other materials	-	-	-				
Unclassified	{ 45	77	..	..	14.4	202	11.7
	{ ..	38					
3 inches wide and over	Th. cwts.						
Of cotton	6.4	254	..	..	..	..	..
Of other materials (including hair)	6.2	291	..	..	..	..	..
Heavy webs (over 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width) (b)							
Of jute	1.1	15	..	3.0	10	3.3	12
Of cotton	{ 0.7	31	..	..	156	..	49
	{ ..	49					
Of other materials except asbestos	-	-	-	..	..	..	..

TABLE 9 (contd.)

	1948 Sales			1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. gross lin.yds.	£'000	No.	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Non-elastic goods (contd.)							
Tapes and light webs (up to 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width)							
Of cotton	147	54	6	..	(a)	..	(a)
Of other materials, except asbestos	..	23	..				
Ribbons (c)							
Of cotton	14	7	..	-	-	-	-
Of silk or silk mixtures (if known as silks)	-	-	-	4	10	5	10
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	27	15	..	6	3	16	11
Of rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with other materials	55	30	..	-	-	5	3
	Th. gross of single laces			Th. gross of single laces		Th. gross of single laces	
Brands							
Boot, shoe, corset and similar laces, finished or not							
Other than banded, knotted or otherwise joined together in pairs	81	39	8	989	176	66	10
	..	46				..	24
Insulating sleeving braids and tubular braidings for spindles, etc.	-	-	-	28	6	..	18
				..	5		
Other braids (except wicks and trimmings)	..	63	..				
Wicks	Th. cwts. 0.7	17	..				
	Th. lin.yds..						
Woven labels	298	8	..	..	478	..	355
Trimmings and fringes	..	433	58				
Other textile smallwares	..	372	57				
Work done for the trade		1(d)	..				
Total		2,417	..		1,085		683

(a) Not recorded separately.

(b) Described as "Webbing" in 1937 and 1935.

(c) Excluding petershams in 1948.

(d) Amount charged.

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

TABLE 10

	1948 Sales		1937 Production		1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Braces, suspenders, belts etc. (other than corset belts)	501	239	226	34	207	52
Elastic corsets and corset belts	8	51	8	32		
Manufactures of cotton, other than narrow fabrics	..	69	..	58	..	50
Cordage, cables, ropes and twine	..	13	..	28	..	26
Other goods	..	436	..	271	..	259
Total		808		423		387

## 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	277	1.6
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	237	1.4
Other wholesale or selling organisations	434	2.5
Retail shops, etc.	1	-
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	950	5.4
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	1,887	10.7
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	688	3.9
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	225	1.3
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	5,099	29.0
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	7,827(a)	44.6
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	845	4.8
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	33	0.2
Members of the public, including employees	2	-
Total sales to independent buyers	16,605	94.6
Total	17,555	100.0

(a) Of this total £4,838,000 was recorded as divided between £1,537,000 for export and £3,301,000 for other sales.

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

TABLE 12

		Production (b) (c)	Exports (d)	Retained imports (e)
Elastic braids, webs and cord	{ 1948	£'000 4,613	£'000 937	£'000 41
	{ 1937	1,418	193	101
Non-elastic goods				
Woven machinery belting (f)				
Of cotton	1948	782	193(g)	..
Of hair	1948	864	776(g)	..
Cotton smallwares, including ribbons, trimmings and tape				
Tubular braid	{ 1948	229(h)	..	27
	{ 1937	30	-	25
Other descriptions, except laces	{ 1948	..	1,368	112
	{ 1937	..	287	150
Ribbons (excluding petershams) other than of cotton				
Of silk or silk mixtures (if known as silks) (i)	{ 1948	74	30	24
	{ 1937	149	10	100
Of rayon, nylon, etc. (including mixtures with other materials)	{ 1948	984	351	812(k)
	{ 1937	285	14	313
Boot, shoe, corset and similar laces, finished or not, other than of leather		Th. gross of single laces	Th. gross of single laces	Th. gross of single laces
Banded, knotted or otherwise joined together in pairs	1948	827	78	15
Other	1948	1,250(l)	96	24
Total boot, shoe, corset and similar laces	{ 1948	2,077	174	39
	{ 1937	1,905	47	147
Jute webbing	{ 1948	Th. cwts. 8.5	Th. cwts. 1.3	Th. cwts. 18.8
	{ 1937	12.7	1.0	21.1

(a) Figures of sales (or production) refer only to larger establishments in the relevant years. 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 and 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) The sales figures shown are deficient to the extent of the sales of cotton or hair belting included in the amount of £115,000 recorded for belting, under 3 inches wide, of unclassified materials.

(g) Solid woven machinery belting, unrubberised.

(h) Insulating sleeving braids and tubular braidings for spindles, etc., of all textile materials.

(i) The overseas trade description does not include the qualification "if known as silks".

(k) Excluding ribbons containing staple fibre.

(l) Partly estimated.

Purchased materials and fuel  
Larger establishments

TABLE 13

	1948		1937		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel			
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Materials						
Rubber thread	2,809	943	2,173	300(a)	2,160	298(a)
Cotton yarn	21,136	4,295	20,315	1,246	17,853	1,021
Rayon, nylon, etc. yarn						
Continuous filament	4,439	942	1,213	159	1,101	157
Wholly or partly of staple fibre	425	80	30	6	-	-
Unclassified	-	-	1,577	181	1,341	157
Silk yarn	231	134	25	16	66	29
Woollen and worsted yarn	947	267	468	43	498	43
Jute yarn	933	69	1,432	26	..	(b)
Packing materials	..	215	..	71	..	(b)
Linen yarn	346	100				
Buckles, clips, fasteners, etc.	..	92				
Parts and accessories for machinery	..	116	..	700(c)	..	821(d)
All other purchased materials	..	2,068				
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	33.9	89	31.9	33	30.5	28
Coke	3.1	13	..	(b)	2.2	3
Electricity purchased (e)	Th. B. T. U. (KW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (KW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (KW. hrs.)	
From public supply	12,804	72				
From other sources	153	2	10,526	43	9,157	39
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	27	-				
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel	Th. galls.					
Used for road vehicles	87	9				
Used for other power purposes	40	2				
Other oil fuel (including creosote/ pitch mixtures)	352	13				



TABLE 13 (contd.)

	1948		1937		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel			
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. therms	£'000		£'000		£'000
Fuel and electricity (contd.)						
Gas purchased						(b)
From public supply	285	11	..	17	..	
From other sources	-	-				
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	-				
All other purchased fuel	..	2				
Total		9,533		2,241		2,596

- (a) Described as "Rubber".  
 (b) Not recorded separately.  
 (c) Including some unclassified materials.  
 (d) Including fuel not specified separately and some unclassified materials.  
 (e) The total quantity of electricity consumed in 1948 was 15,576,000 B.T. units, including 2,592,000 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	..	£'000 693	..	£'000 1,039
Work in progress		365	..	491
Total finished products and work in progress		1,058		1,530
Materials and fuel	Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.	
Rubber thread	380	111	350	126
Cotton yarn	5,559	972	6,403	1,231
Rayon, nylon, etc. yarn	1,412	317	1,711	362
Other descriptions	..	409	..	516
Total materials and fuel		1,810		2,235

Employment and remuneration (a)

Larger establishments

TABLE 15

	Average number of operatives			Administrative technical and clerical employees (b)			Total		
	1948	1937(c)	1935	1948	1937(c)	1935	1948	1937(c)	1935
Males									
Under 18	373	653	637	14	52	46	387	705	683
All ages	4,116	3,811	3,880	1,254	951	912	5,370	4,762	4,792
Females									
Under 18	1,811	3,972	3,501	170	160	121	1,981	4,132	3,622
All ages	11,855	12,516	12,305	891	606	583	12,746	13,122	12,888
Total									
Under 18	2,184	4,625	4,138	184	212	167	2,368	4,837	4,305
All ages	15,971	16,327	16,185	2,145(d)	1,557	1,495	18,116 (d) (e) (f)	17,884	17,680
Total remuneration	£'000 3,031	..	..	£'000 1,056	..	..	£'000 4,087	..	..

- (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 4 males 174 females  
 Other workers 56 males 14 females

- (b) Number at September 25, 1948, October 16, 1937, and October 12, 1935.  
 (c) Excluding firms mainly engaged in the manufacture of upholstery trimmings. The 1935 total includes 942 persons employed by such firms.  
 (d) There were in addition 37 working proprietors (36 males and 1 female) in 1948. Working proprietors are included in the 1937 and 1935 figures.  
 (e) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £121,000.  
 (f) 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	24	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	48	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	2	3

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed 1 male and 620 female outworkers in 1948, the amount paid to them being £41,000. Similar information is not available for 1937 and 1935.

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				
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year
	£'000	£'000					
Wages and salaries of							
Operatives	3,031	1,393	23.9	24.7	24.5	27.0	100.0
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	1,036	477	23.2	24.0	24.3	28.4	100.0
Total	4,067	1,871	23.7	24.5	24.4	27.3	100.0

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

Payments for work done on materials  
given out, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 17

Work done	Amount paid
	£'000
Bleaching	60
Dyeing	356
Other finishing processes	58
Other work	107
Total	581

Payments for certain services, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Repair and maintenance	
Of buildings	58
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	144
Unclassified	89
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	35
Advertising and market research	69
Payments made for research work	
To research associations	1
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	-
To other commercial concerns	2
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	56
Commercial insurance premiums	57
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	19

## 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	441	30	5
Vehicles	34	18	10
Total	475	48	15

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)		212
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	3	
Estimated capital value of		
(1i) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	17	
(1ii) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	45	
Total of heading 2		65
Total of headings 1 and 2		277
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		-
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		277

- (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.

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Summary

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TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Gross output (production)	£'000 17,102	£'000 287	£'000 653	£'000 18,042
Cost of materials and fuel used	8,593	160	354	9,108
Payment for work done on materials given out	563	2	15	581
Net output	7,945	125	283	8,354
Wages and salaries of persons employed	3,880	67	120	4,067
Average number of persons employed (a)	No. 17,285	No. 330	No. 538	No. 18,153
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 458	£ 380	£ 527	£ 460
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	1,444	23	62	1,530
Materials and fuel	2,072	32	130	2,235
Number of establishments	No. 201	No. 3	No. 5	No. 209

(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
Output of firms in this trade	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	16,707	292	643	17,642
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 461	- 4	+ 14	+ 471
	17,168	287	658	18,113
Less payment for transport by other firms	66	-	5	71
Gross output (production)	17,102	287	653	18,042
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	8,965	157	411	9,533
Adjustment for changes in stocks	- 372	+ 3	-56	- 425
Materials and fuel used	8,593	160	354	9,108

## Summary

## Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	47	-	2	49
Average number of persons employed (a)				
Males	104	-	3	107
Females	202	-	16	218
Total	306	-	19	325

(a) Including working proprietors.

## TEXTILES COUNTRY TABLES

Sales in the trade  
Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000		£'000	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000
Principal products						
Elastic goods						
Braid elastics (flat)	1,873	919	-	-	1,873	919
Braid elastics (round)	204	196	-	-	204	196
Elastic cords	Th. lbs. 1,427	596	-	-	Th. lbs. 1,427	596
Woven elastic webs	Th. gross lin. yds.				Th. gross lin. yds.	
Up to 2 inches wide	480	1,611	-	-	480	1,611
Over 2 inches wide	..	(a)	..	(a)	38(b)	618
Knitted elastic webs	38(b)	305	-	-	38(b)	305
Roll-on blanks	Th. doz. 124	304	-	-	Th. doz. 124	304
Other elastic goods, except surgical hosiery and clothing	..	10	-	-	..	10
Non-elastic goods	Th. gross lin. yds.				Th. gross lin. yds.	
Woven machinery belting (including conveyor and elevator bands and spindle tapes)						
Under 3 inches wide						
Of cotton	113	164	-	-	113	164
Of hair	1	20	-	-	1	20
Of other materials	1	1	-	-	1	1
3 inches wide and over	Th. cwts.				Th. cwts.	
Of cotton	..	(a)	..	(a)	9.7	307
Of other materials (including hair)	18.1	702	-	-	18.1	702
Heavy webs (over 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width)						
Of jute	7.5	103	-	-	7.5	103
Of cotton	14.2	526	-	-	14.2	526
Of other materials except asbestos	..	10	-	-	..	10
	2.7	133	-	-	2.7	133

## NARROW FABRICS COUNTRY TABLES

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000		£'000	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Non-elastic goods (contd.)						
Tapes and light webs (up to 3½ lbs. per gross yards in 1 inch width)						
Of cotton	..	(a)	..	(a)	6,813	2,272
Of other materials, except asbestos	402	222	-	-	402	222
Ribbons (excluding petershams)	..	2	-	-	..	2
Of silk or silk mixtures (if known as silks)	63	74	-	-	63	74
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	870	633	-	-	870	633
Of rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with other materials	376	306	-	-	376	306
Petershams, galloons and bindings						
Of cotton	478	368	-	-	478	368
Of rayon, nylon, etc.	49	64	-	-	49	64
Of rayon, nylon, etc., mixed with other materials	352	548	-	-	352	548
Of other materials	8	13	-	-	8	13
	..	15	-	-	..	15
Bias bindings (c)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	856
Braids						
Boot, shoe, corset and similar laces, finished or not					Th. gross of single laces	
Banded, knotted or otherwise joined together in pairs	..	(a)	..	(a)	827	362
Other	..	(a)	..	(a)	989	407
					..	30
Insulating sleeving braids	Th. gross lin. yds.				Th. gross lin. yds.	
	..	(a)	..	(a)	223	97
					..	121
Tubular braidings for spindles, etc.	87	11	-	-	87	11

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Principal products (contd.)	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000		£'000	Th. gross lin. yds.	£'000
Non-elastic goods (contd.)						
Braids (contd.)						
Other braids (except wicks and trimmings)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	438
Wicks	Th. lin. yds.				6.8	219
Woven labels	13,570	385	-	-	13,570	385
Trimmings and fringes	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	978
Cords and girdles (c)	..	169	-	-	..	169
Other textile smallwares	..	1,564	-	-	..	1,564
Waste products	..	15	-	-	..	15
Work done for the trade or on commission		(a)		(a)		87(d)
Total principal products		16,268		566		16,834
Other output	Th. doz.				Th. doz.	
Braces, suspenders, belts, etc. (other than corset belts)	501	239	-	-	501	239
Elastic corsets and corset belts	8	51	-	-	8	51
Manufactures of cotton, other than narrow fabrics	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	69
Cordage, cables, ropes and twine	..	13	-	-	..	13
Other goods	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	436
Total		16,999		643		17,642

- (a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars cannot be given.  
 (b) On a 6 inch width basis.  
 (c) So far as recorded separately.  
 (d) Amount charged.

Purchased materials and fuel  
Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Rubber thread	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,809	943
Cotton yarn	20,082	4,108	1,054	186	21,136	4,295
Rayon, nylon, etc., yarn						
Continuous filament	4,346	922	93	20	4,439	942
Wholly or partly of staple fibre	425	80	-	-	425	80
Silk yarn	231	134	-	-	231	134
Woollen and worsted yarn	947	267	-	-	947	267
Jute yarn	933	69	-	-	933	69
Packing materials	..	205	..	10	..	215
Linen yarn	346	100	-	-	346	100
Buckles, clips, fasteners, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	92
Parts and accessories of machinery	..	110	..	6	..	116
All other purchased materials	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	2,068
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	30.7	80	3.2	9	33.9	89
Coke	3.1	13	-	-	3.1	13
Electricity purchased (b)	Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)		Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.)	
Electricity obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	(a)	..	(a)	12,957	74
Motor spirit (petrol) and deriv. fuel	Th. galls.		Th. galls.		Th. galls.	
Used for road vehicles	87	9	-	-	87	9
Used for other power purposes	40	2	-	-	40	2
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	352	13	-	-	352	13
Gas purchased	Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms	
From public supply	284	11	1	-	285	11
From other sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	-	-	-	..	-
All other purchased fuel	..	1	-	-	..	2
Total		9,122		411		9,533

- (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 14,624,000 B.T. units and in Scotland 952,000 B.T. units, including electricity generated in the same works.

## Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments

TABLE 25

	England and Wales			Scotland			Great Britain		
	Average number of operatives	Admin-istrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Admin-istrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Admin-istrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total
Males									
Under 18	367	14	381	6	--	6	373	14	387
All ages	4,002	1,213	5,215	114	41	155	4,116	1,254	5,370
Females									
Under 18	1,750	167	1,917	61	3	64	1,811	170	1,981
All ages	11,491	872	12,363	364	19	383	11,855	891	12,746
Total									
Under 18	2,117	181	2,298	67	3	70	2,184	184	2,368
All ages	15,493	2,085(b)	17,578 (b) (c)	478	60(b)	538 (b) (c)	15,971	2,145(b)	18,116 (b) (c)
Total remuneration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	2,941	1,007	3,947	91	29	120	3,031	1,036	4,067

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 37 working proprietors (36 males and 1 female) in England and Wales; no working proprietors were recorded for 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 £121,000; £117,000 for England and Wales, and £4,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in England and Wales employed 1 male and 820 female outworkers, the amount paid to them being £41,000.

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 (b)		England and Wales (b)
1948		1948	
January	96.9	August	100.4
February	98.0	September	101.4
March	98.8	October	101.5
April	99.3	November	101.9
May	100.2	December	101.4
June	99.9		
July	100.2	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index	45.8(c)

(a) The index numbers are calculated from number of operatives employed for one week in each month returned by larger establishments that made returns for the calendar year 1948.

(b) No larger establishments in Scotland made returns for the calendar year 1948.

(c) For Great Britain the percentage employment in this trade covered by the index is 44.5.

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