

FUR TRADE INTRODUCTORY

This trade comprises firms that were engaged wholly or mainly in the dressing, dyeing, cutting and making-up of furs.

Table VI dealing with average values of goods produced, exported and imported is not included for this trade.

Table I A.—General summary

Particulars	1935	1930	1924
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Value of products (Gross output)	5,484	4,124	5,413
Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used	3,085	2,611	3,401
Amount paid for work given out	149	86	109
Net output	2,250	1,427	1,903
	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers)	7,647	5,895	6,764
	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (excluding outworkers)	294	242	281
	No.	No.	No.
Number of returns	209	170	231
Number of establishments	212	176	*

* Not available.

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

Particulars	1935	1930	1924*
	No.	No.	No.
Number of returns received	608	669	473
Average number of persons employed :—			
Males... ..	1,545	1,722	1,173
Females	1,685	1,964	1,147
Total	3,230	3,686	2,320
Number of firms not making returns	10	101	230

* The above particulars relating to small firms in 1924 include one return made by a firm in Northern Ireland that employed more than ten persons.

In 1924 the value of the gross output of the small firms making returns was 17.5 per cent. of the total, the classes of output affected being:—

Output	Value	Proportion of total
	£'000	Per cent.
Made-up fur goods	869	15.7
Mats and rugs of fur	7	9.3
Alteration and repair work	146	32.7
Cutting and making-up	114	64.4
Fur dressing, dyeing, etc., and other goods made	16	3.0
Total	1,152	17.5

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	107	1,308	481	1,884	255
25-49	74	2,234	762	2,522	302
50-99	23	1,264	511	1,565	326
100 and over	8	678	496	1,676	296
TOTAL	212	5,484	2,250	7,647	294

Table III.—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.	£
1... ..	171	5,012	2,032	6,736	302
2... ..	6	83	28	119	236
3... ..	4	70	42	117	361
5... ..	3	20	11	55	194
7, 8 and 12	5	14	8	73	112
3-12	12	104	61	245	249
14	18	241	102	447	229
15	5	44	27	100	264
TOTAL	212	5,484	2,250	7,647	294
	170	4,124	1,427	5,895	242

* For particulars see page xviii.

† Number of returns for 1930.

Table IV.—Sub-divisions of the industry

Group	Number of establishments*	Gross output	Value of characteristic products	Net output	Average number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)		Net output per person employed
					No.	£	
Manufacturing fur goods ...	1935	4,615	4,330	1,560	4,834	323	
	1930	3,590	3,450	1,007	4,162	242	
Fur dressing and dyeing ... 1935	27	765	715	612	2,353	260	
Re-modelling, alterations and repairs and other work done...1935	21	104	93	78	460	170	
Total—Dressing, dyeing, re-modelling, etc. ...	1935	869	824	690	2,813	245	
	1930	534	516	420	1,733	243	
TOTAL ...	1935	5,484	...	2,250	7,647	294	
	1930	4,124	...	1,427	5,895	242	

* Number of returns for 1930.

PRODUCTION

Table V.—Output of principal products

Kind of output	1935			1930
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Value
Goods made for sale :—	Thous.	£'000	No.	£'000
Made-up fur goods :—				
Wearing apparel of fur, or lined or trimmed with fur ...	...	4,368	189	} 3,582
Other made-up fur goods, except mats and rugs ...	...	37	5	
Mats and rugs of fur ...	...	8	8	19
Fur skins or parts of skins merely sewn together and known as sacks, plates and strips ...	...	63	14	*
		Amount received		Amount received
Work done for the trade or on customers' materials :—				
Fur dressing ...	7,650	203	23	} 206
...	...	95	22	
Fur dyeing ...	9,189	406	21	} 249
...	...	66	20	
Cutting and making-up of furs ...	...	75	26	17
Re-modelling, alterations and repairs of fur goods ...	...	236	99	185
Other work ...	...	19	5	2
TOTAL—PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS ...	...	5,576	...	4,260

* Not recorded separately.

The figures shown in the preceding table include the following output recorded by firms whose returns were made on schedules for other trades and are not, therefore, included in Table I A.

Kind of output	1935		1930
	Value	Entries	Value
Made-up fur goods :—	£'000	No.	£'000
Wearing apparel of fur or lined or trimmed with fur ...	100	24	159
Work done for the trade or on customers' materials:—			
Re-modelling, alterations and repairs of fur goods	—	—	5*
Other work ...	—	—	2*
Total ...	100	...	166

* Amount received.

Table VII.—Volume of Production, 1924-1935

Output	1924	1930	1935
Value of output as returned ...	£'000	£'000	£'000
Estimated value at 1935 prices*	5,609	4,260	5,576
	4,400	3,700	5,576
Volume of production as a percentage of 1935 ...	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
	79	66	100

* In the absence of particulars of quantities, these estimates are based on prices of materials used and other manufacturing costs.

Table VIII.—Production, Exports and Imports

Kind of goods	Pro-duction	Exports	Retained imports
	Value (at factory)	Value (f.o.b.)	Value (c.i.f.)
Wearing apparel of fur or lined or trimmed with fur* ...	£'000	£'000	£'000
... 1935	4,368	71	53
... 1930	3,582†	110	511
Fur skins, merely sewn together and known as strips and plates... 1935	63	12	542
Other made-up fur goods, including mats and rugs of fur ... 1935	45	22	7

* Described for exports and imports as "clothing (including astrachan gloves, gloves wholly of fur, muffs and similar articles)." The oversea trade figures for 1930 exclude gloves of fur.

† Includes other sorts of made-up fur goods (excluding mats and rugs).

Table IX.—Other output of the Fur Trade

The value of the gross output of the firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Fur Trade was £5,484,000 in 1935 and £4,124,000 in 1930, of which £5,476,000 in 1935 and £4,094,000 in 1930 consisted of products included in Table V, the balance, £8,000 in 1935 and £30,000 in 1930, representing other goods made and work done.

MATERIALS AND FUEL

Table X A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used

Kind of materials, etc.	1935		1930
	Quantity	Cost	Cost
Materials used* :—	Th. tons	£'000	£'000
Rabbit skins	100	}
Other skins and furs ... ..	...	2,409
Fuel and electricity used for all purposes :—			} 2,611
Coal	1.6	3	
Coke	1.3	2	
Heavy fuel oil	343	5	
	Th.		
	B.T.U.		
	(Kw.-hrs.)		
Purchased electricity	2,627	19	
All other purchased materials and fuel ... ..	...	457
Unclassified materials and fuel ... ..	...	90
TOTAL	3,085	2,611

* So far as recorded separately.

Table X B.—Consumption of coal, coke and electricity

Kind of fuel	1935	1930
		Th. tons	Th. tons
Coal	1.6	1.1
Coke	1.3	2.4
	Th. B.T.U.	Th. B.T.U.
	(Kw.-hrs.)	(Kw.-hrs.)
Electricity :—		
Generated in same works... ..	25	—
Purchased	2,627	1,683
Total electricity consumed	2,652	1,683

EMPLOYMENT

Table XI A.—Average numbers employed

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
Operatives (average for the year)	466	3,190	519	3,105	985	6,295
Administrative, technical and clerical staff*	378	2,335	483	2,449	861	4,784
	68	833	85	519	153	1,352
	45	681	67	430	112	1,111
TOTAL	534	4,023	604	3,624	1,138	7,647
	423	3,016	550	2,879	973	5,895
Average number of out-workers... ..	90		37		127	
	73		17		90	

* As at 12th October, 1935, and 18th October, 1930.

Table XI B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1930 and 1935 by firms furnishing returns in respect of the twelve months ended December

Mid week of*	Operatives employed		Monthly index†	
	1930	1935	1930	1935
January	2,479	3,692	67.8	89.2
February	2,604	3,805	71.2	91.9
March... ..	2,710	3,881	74.1	93.7
April	2,757	3,841	75.4	92.8
May	2,770	3,901	75.8	94.2
June	2,822	4,080	77.2	98.6
July	2,860	4,274	78.2	103.2
August	2,766	4,373	75.7	105.6
September	2,878	4,554	78.7	110.0
October	2,942	4,656	80.5	112.5
November	2,968	4,427	81.2	106.9
December	2,775	4,196	75.9	101.4
Average for the twelve months	2,778	4,140	76.0	100.0
Proportion of total operatives represented	58.07	65.77	...	...

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

† Based on the estimated average for the year 1935.

Table XI C.—Average numbers employed, 1924-1935

Year	Operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical staff	Total (excluding outworkers)
1924	5,527	1,237	6,764
1930	4,784	1,111	5,895
1935	6,295	1,352	7,647

WAGES

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

The aggregate amount of wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages was £523,000 in 1935 representing 40·8 per cent. of the net output of these firms, the corresponding figures for 1930 being £346,000 and 48·7 per cent. The figures for these firms given below indicate the size of the sample and the extent to which it is representative.

Firms furnishing returns of wages	1935		1930	
	Aggregate	Proportion of trade	Aggregate	Proportion of trade
	£'000	Per cent.	£'000	Per cent.
Gross output... ..	2,796	51·0	2,136	51·8
Net output	1,284	57·1	711	49·8
Operative staff employed :—	No.		No.	
During mid-week of October :—				
Males	2,101	59·1	}	*
Females... ..	1,931	55·8		
Total	4,032	57·5	2,533	51·0
Average for the year	3,650	58·0	2,490	52·0
Administrative, technical and clerical staff	707	52·3	*	*
Number of establishments	87	41·0	...	...

* Not recorded separately.

COUNTRY TABLES (1935)

Note.—The figures given in the following tables relate only to firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Fur Trade. No output was returned by firms in Northern Ireland.

Table I.—General summary

Particulars	Unit	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Value of products (Gross output)	£'000	5,199	285	5,484
Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used	"	2,931	154	3,085
Amount paid for work given out	"	147	2	149
Net output	"	2,121	129	2,250
Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers)	No.	7,100	547	7,647
Net output per person employed (excluding outworkers)	£	299	235	294
Number of returns	No.	186	23	209
Number of establishments	"	189	23	212

Table II.—Output

Kind of output	Unit	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Goods made for sale :—				
Made-up fur goods :—				
Wearing apparel of fur, or lined or trimmed with fur	£'000	4,074	194	4,268
Mats and rugs of fur	£'000	8	—	8
Other made-up fur goods	£'000	*	*	37
Fur skins or parts of skins merely sewn together and known as sacks, plates and strips	£'000	*	*	63
Other goods made	£'000	7	1	8
Work done for the trade or on customers' materials :—				
Fur dressing	Thous. £'000†	*	*	7,650
Fur dyeing	Thous. £'000†	*	*	203
Cutting and making-up of furs	£'000†	*	*	95
Remodelling, alterations and repairs of fur goods	£'000†	*	*	9,189
Other work	£'000†	*	*	406
TOTAL—VALUE OF GOODS MADE AND WORK DONE... ..	£'000	5,199	285	5,484

* Owing to the possible disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot be given.

† Amount received.

Table III A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used

Kind of materials, etc.	Unit	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Materials used* :—				
Rabbit skins	£'000	95	5	100
Other skins	£'000	2,280	129	2,409
Fuel and electricity used for all purposes :—				
Coal	Th. tons	1.5	0.1	1.6
	£'000	3	†	3
Coke	Th. tons	1.3	—	1.3
	£'000	2	—	2
Heavy fuel oil	Th. galls.	343	—	343
	£'000	5	—	5
Purchased electricity	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	2,497	130	2,627
	£'000	18	1	19
All other purchased materials and fuel	£'000	438	19	457
Unclassified materials and fuel	£'000	90	—	90
TOTAL	£'000	2,931	154	3,085

* So far as recorded separately.

† Less than £500.

Table III B.—Consumption of electricity

Electricity consumed	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)
Generated in same works	25	—	25
Purchased	2,497	130	2,627
Total	2,522	130	2,652

Table IV A.—Numbers employed in week ended 12th October, 1935

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
England and Wales :—						
Operatives	482	3,401	525	3,162	1,007	6,563
Administrative, etc.*... ..	50	760	68	450	118	1,210
Total	532	4,161	593	3,612	1,125	7,773
Scotland :—						
Operatives	37	154	54	299	91	453
Administrative, etc.*... ..	18	73	17	69	35	142
Total	55	227	71	368	126	595
Great Britain :—						
Operatives	519	3,555	579	3,461	1,098	7,016
Administrative, etc.*... ..	68	833	85	519	153	1,352
TOTAL	587	4,388	664	3,980	1,251	8,368

* Administrative, technical and clerical staff.

Table IV B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1935

Week ended	Males and females		
	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
January 19	5,400	393	5,793
February 16	5,516	392	5,908
March 16	5,582	385	5,967
April 13	5,493	374	5,867
May 18	5,586	367	5,953
June 15	5,836	381	6,217
July 13	6,076	365	6,441
August 17	6,179	425	6,604
September 14	6,417	433	6,850
October 12	6,563	453	7,016
November 16	6,163	457	6,620
December 14	5,866	433	6,299
Average for the twelve months	5,890	405	6,295

Table IV C.—Numbers of outworkers at two specified periods in 1935

Country	January			July		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
England and Wales	88	35	123	89	39	128
Scotland	—	—	—	2	—	2
Great Britain ...	88	35	123	91	39	130

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

Particulars	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns received	No. 566	No. 42	No. 608
Average number of persons employed :—			
Males... ..	1,469	76	1,545
Females	1,548	137	1,685
Total	3,017	213	3,230