

## APPENDIX.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

*Fruit-preserving and Jam-making.*

| Official statistics year ended 31st March :—          |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
|   | 1930.    | 1931.    | 1932.    |
| Establishments (number) .. ..                         | 7        | 10       | 11       |
| Employees (number) .. ..                              | 298      | 352      | 441      |
| Wages paid .. ..                                      | £54,983  | £63,128  | £59,074  |
| Value of output .. ..                                 | £300,424 | £330,522 | £305,808 |
| Value added by manufacture .. ..                      | £132,204 | £135,762 | £121,228 |
| Imports, calendar years :—                            |          |          |          |
| Jams and preserves (including preserved ginger) .. .. | £ 26,772 | £ 10,411 | £ 7,681  |
| Fruits, bottled and preserved in syrup—               |          |          |          |
| Apricots .. ..  | 22,042   | 16,384   | 13,576   |
| Peaches .. ..   | 58,330   | 43,535   | 26,974   |
| Pears .. ..   | 728      | 1,330    | 650      |
| Fruit-pulp n.e.i. .. ..                               | 5,362    | 1,907    | 1,836    |
| Total .. ..   | £113,234 | £73,567  | £50,717  |

The figures above show substantial decline in output as forecast in the last annual report. A Southern company reports an increased export trade due in some measure to increase in bank exchange. Reports from Northern companies state that turnover in jam will keep at 1932 level for the current year. Canned pears show a decline in quantity.

Tomatoes, peas, beans, and spaghetti which are not included in these statistics, show some improvement in demand.

*Lime and Cement.*

| Official statistics year ended 31st March :— |          |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
|  | 1930.    | 1931.    | 1932.    |
| Establishments (number) .. ..                | 31       | 40       | 43       |
| Employees (number) .. ..                     | 928      | 912      | 794      |
| Wages paid .. ..                             | £222,831 | £205,414 | £164,665 |
| Value of output .. ..                        | £928,200 | £878,732 | £601,849 |
| Value added by manufacture .. ..             | £737,968 | £693,766 | £474,821 |
| Imports, calendar years :—                   |          |          |          |
| Cement, building (cwt.) .. ..                | 34,834   | 7,508    | 4,968    |
| Value .. ..                                  | £8,142   | £2,936   | £2,267   |

With building industry extremely dull, the demand for cement shows a marked decline. One company reports works closed during year for fourteen weeks.

*Engineering.*

| Official statistics year ended 31st March :— |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | 1930.      | 1931.      | 1932.      |
| Establishments (number) .. ..                | 205        | 200        | 198        |
| Employees (number) .. ..                     | 3,890      | 3,455      | 3,691      |
| Wages paid .. ..                             | £809,884   | £725,690   | £513,554   |
| Value of output .. ..                        | £1,982,720 | £1,692,214 | £1,161,974 |
| Value added by manufacture .. ..             | £1,263,454 | £1,115,380 | £748,246   |

The majority of companies reporting state that trade is stagnant, competition for business offering is keen, and prices accordingly unpayable. Some report declines of 25 per cent., others 35 per cent. to 50 per cent. One company reports a slight improvement during the last few months. It is interesting to note that this industry is one of the very few that showed an increase in number of employees.

*Sauce, Pickle, and Vinegar Making.*

| Official statistics, year ended 31st March :— |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
|   | 1930.    | 1931.    | 1932.    |
| Establishments (number) .. ..                 | 23       | 22       | 20       |
| Employees (number) .. ..                      | 262      | 234      | 224      |
| Wages paid .. ..                              | £48,652  | £45,270  | £39,386  |
| Value of output .. ..                         | £218,832 | £203,741 | £187,334 |
| Value added by manufacture .. ..              | £124,222 | £116,610 | £112,255 |
| Imports, calendar years :—                    |          |          |          |
| Pickles (gallons) .. ..                       | 2,746    | 1,244    | 405      |
| Value .. ..                                   | £1,870   | £747     | £295     |
| Sauce and chutney (gallons) .. ..             | 15,327   | 10,046   | 5,964    |
| Value .. ..                                   | £14,889  | £11,273  | £6,504   |
| Vinegar (gallons) .. ..                       | 21,670   | 16,225   | 20,411   |
| Value .. ..                                   | £7,643   | £4,186   | £5,364   |

Competition from overseas is not a serious factor in this industry, but local competition is keener than previous years. Staffs have been maintained with short time. One company reports a slight increase in number of employees.