

Woollen-manufacturing.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	
Establishments (number)	12	10	10	
Employees (number)	2,478	2,237	2,216	
Wages paid	£364,549	£328,826	£300,399	
Value of output	£1,085,279	£896,677	£802,105	
Value added by manufacture ..	£612,793	£571,926	£541,044	

Although the value of output declined by £94,572, value added by manufacture, which is a better indication of the position, declined by £30,882.

Manufacturers have experienced increased competition from overseas as shown by the import figures of piece-goods of various materials. Imports from the United Kingdom in cotton piece-goods increased by £194,572. In silk and artificial silk the increase from the same source was £40,710. From Japan the increase was £60,544. The United Kingdom also obtained a greater share in the market for woollen piece-goods, the relative import figures being: 1931, £361,886; 1932, £401,505—an increase of £39,619. This increase was gained at a loss to European countries.

Piece-goods.				1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
				£	£	£	£
Artificial and pure silk				1,211,335	1,020,019	610,191	677,419
Woollen				742,649	622,256	401,513	425,175
Cotton and linen				1,841,997	1,734,653	1,073,157	1,246,024
Totals				3,795,981	3,376,928	2,084,861	2,348,618

Printing and Publishing.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	
Establishments (number)	350	358	355	
Employees (number)	8,255	8,192	7,610	
Wages paid	£1,859,182	£1,805,620	£1,573,670	
Value of output	£4,772,811	£4,509,786	£3,772,323	
Value added by manufacture ..	£3,569,680	£3,339,487	£2,791,803	

The conditions of this industry are unsatisfactory when compared with previous years. Sales have declined from 10 per cent. to 50 per cent., due to orders for only essential business being placed. Business offering has been secured at very fine margins. It is reported that trade during the last three months shows signs of improvement.

** Brush and Broom Making.*

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	
Establishments (number)	14	15	15	
Employees (number)	239	223	209	
Wages paid	£41,733	£42,415	£31,291	
Value of output	£135,047	£116,107	£102,219	
Value added by manufacture ..	£73,212	£66,479	£57,168	
Imports, calendar years :—				
Brushes, brushware, and brooms ..	£78,003	£38,623	£25,409	

The competition from overseas in this industry shows a substantial decline of 34 per cent. for the past twelve months.

A company in the South Island reports that trade during the first six months of the present year was quiet. The latter part of the year has shown substantial improvement, and full time has been worked. The demand at the present time is for cheaper classes of goods. Competition is keen especially from the smaller factories.

One company has obtained New Zealand rights for the manufacture of "Hairlok" made of teased hair impregnated with rubber, moulded in various shapes, and then vulcanized. It is used in the manufacture of furniture, motor-cars, bedding, &c.

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