

Agricultural and Dairy Machinery and Implement Making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—				1932.	1933.	1934.
Establishments (number)	..	..	..	32	37	37
Employees (number)	..	..	..	505	542	532
Wages paid	..	..	..	£97,761	£97,094	£95,301
Value of output	..	..	..	£280,751	£329,476	£338,049
Value added by manufacture	..	..	..	£147,967	£171,475	£179,032

South Island factories reports for the current year show that sales of agricultural machinery have increased by substantial percentages.

The Auckland manufacturers of dairying machinery state that sales are slightly higher than the previous year.

Woollen-manufacturing.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—				1932.	1933.	1934.
Establishments (number)	..	..	..	10	10	12
Employees (number)	..	..	..	2,216	2,349	2,466
Wages paid	..	..	..	£300,399	£316,352	£326,156
Value of output	..	..	..	£802,105	£888,546	£976,813
Value added by manufacture	..	..	..	£541,044	£564,936	£601,140

South Island mills report a general increase in sales, but competition has kept profits at approximately the same level. One mill reports a substantial increase in the number of persons employed.

The following table shows the imports of materials which compete with the products of New Zealand woollen-mills:—

Piece-goods.				1932.	1933.	1934.
				£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Artificial and pure silk	..	..	..	740,430	725,078	875,714
Woollen	..	..	..	467,340	535,923	654,861
Cotton and linen	..	..	..	1,369,344	1,467,144	1,471,741
Totals	..	..	..	2,577,114	2,728,145	3,002,316

A comparison of this table with woollen-mills production statistics shows that factory production increased by £88,267, but imported woollen piece-goods outdistanced this figure by a recorded increase of £118,938. Artificial and pure silk imports increased in same period by £150,636.

Printing and Publishing.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—				1932.	1933.	1934.
Establishments (number)	..	..	..	355	362	366
Employees (number)	..	..	..	7,610	7,453	7,744
Wages paid	..	..	..	£1,573,670	£1,447,735	£1,444,132
Value of output	..	..	..	£3,772,323	£3,473,987	£3,525,188
Value added by manufacture	..	..	..	£2,791,803	£2,540,824	£2,594,529

The industry generally shows signs of improvement, although competition from price-cutting is preventing a relative increase in profits.

Brush and Broom Making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—				1932.	1933.	1934.
Establishments (number)	..	..	..	15	13	15
Employees (number)	..	..	..	209	219	240
Wages paid	..	..	..	£31,291	£33,987	£34,968
Value of output	..	..	..	£102,219	£97,470	£102,474
Value added by manufacture	..	..	..	£57,168	£54,981	£56,052
Imports, calendar years—						
Brushes, brushware, and brooms	..	..	..	£27,884	£32,341	£38,981

The South Island manufacturers report an increase in the value of sales up to 15 per cent., and also in the number of employees. The statistics above show that the value of output increased by £5,004, and imports by £6,640.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (1,210 copies), £39.

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