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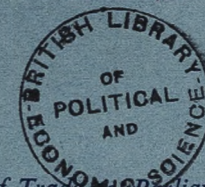
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THIS REPORT on the Timber Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in sawmilling and the manufacture of more finished timber goods (except furniture, wooden containers and shop and office fittings) and of cork products.

This industry corresponds to minimum list headings 170 and 179 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

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The following notes describe terms in general use in the tables of the report. More detailed explanations of the terms used and a description of the scope and method of taking the census are given in the separate booklet entitled 'The Report on the Census of Production for 1954 - Introductory Notes' (price 1s. 6d. net).

Industrial Classification: Establishments are classified to industries according to the nature of their output and, as far as possible, in conformity with the Standard Industrial Classification. Certain products are identified as the principal products of individual industries, the principal products for a given industry being of a similar nature or commonly associated in production. The principle of classification normally followed is that an establishment is classified to an industry if its output of the principal products of that industry accounted for a greater proportion of the value of its output than did its output of the principal products of any other industry.

Specialist producers normally comprise those establishments 50 per cent. or more of whose total output by value is accounted for by the characteristic products of the specialist group.

Intermediate products: For some industries figures are given showing the total quantities made during the year of intermediate products, i.e., products which may be further processed in the establishments in which they are produced.

Larger establishments: The information given in the report relates mainly to 'larger establishments', i.e., establishments of firms employing on the average more than 10 persons. In most cases an establishment comprises the whole of the premises under the same ownership or management at a particular address (e.g., a mine or factory). Offices, warehouses, laboratories and other ancillary places of business situated apart from the producing works are not regarded as separate establishments and are included in the return for the works.

Small firms are those employing on the average 10 or fewer persons.

The estimates for the industry as a whole given in Table 1 are normally obtained by increasing the other items shown in the same proportion as total employment.

Gross output (production) is the total value of goods made and other work done during the year; it is obtained by adjusting the value of sales and work done during the year for changes in the value of stocks of products on hand for sale and work in progress.

Net output is the amount left after deducting from the value of gross output the aggregate of the cost of materials and fuel used, the amount paid for work given out, and, for 1951 and 1954, any transport payments made. This represents the value added to materials by the process of production, and constitutes the fund from which wages, salaries, rents, rates and taxes, advertising and other selling expenses and all other similar charges have to be met, as well as depreciation and profits.

Sales means sales during the year of goods made in the establishment covered by the return or made on commission for it, whether produced in the year or not. The value of sales is the net selling value, i.e., the amount charged to customers, whether on an ex-works or delivered basis, and net of any trade discounts, agents' commissions, allowances for returnable cases, purchase tax, etc. For goods charged on a delivered basis to customers overseas, firms were required to give the f.o.b. value.

Materials and fuel: The total cost of materials and fuel purchased includes all purchases during the year of materials for use in production, and of fuel (includ-

ing oil, gas and electricity) for all purposes; packing materials, including the full cost of returnable cases when first purchased; workshop and office materials; water charges; materials for repairs to buildings, plant and vehicles when carried out by firms' own work-people included in their returns; consumable tools; and parts for machinery purchased as replacements. Purchases of goods for merchandising are excluded. The cost of materials and fuel used, given in Table 2, is obtained by adjusting purchases for changes during the year in the value of stocks.

Stocks: Firms were required to give stocks of materials and fuel, products on hand for sale, and work in progress, at income tax values.

Customs and Excise Duty paid on materials purchased is normally included in the cost of materials. Finished goods are similarly valued as they were sold, duty-paid or duty-free. The net amount of any duty paid is deducted in arriving at net output.

Employment: Total employment includes working proprietors, administrative, technical and clerical employees, and operatives, but excludes outworkers, canteen employees and persons engaged in merchandising or any other activity not covered by a firm's return, who are shown separately as excluded employees. Employees are persons on the pay-roll (i.e., persons whose National Insurance cards were held by employers), whether employed full-time or part-time.

Working proprietors are proprietors of businesses other than limited companies, together with members of their families who worked in the business without receiving fixed wages or salaries. Any persons working less than half the normal hours are excluded. For Northern Ireland directors of limited companies (other than those paid by fee only) are also included.

Administrative, technical and clerical employees include directors, other than those paid by fee only (except in Northern Ireland); managers, superintendents and works foremen; research, experimental, development, technical and design employees (other than operatives); draughtsmen and tracers; travellers; and office (including works office) employees.

Operatives include all other classes of employees, i.e., broadly speaking, all manual workers.

Outworkers are persons employed by the firm who work on materials supplied by the firm in their own homes.

Wages and salaries include all overtime payments, bonuses and commissions without any deductions for income tax insurances, contributory pensions etc. They exclude payments to working proprietors.

Capital expenditure includes expenditure on new building work, and on plant, machinery and vehicles, charged to capital account during the year, including any transport and installation costs involved. It includes expenditure in respect of establishments in Great Britain which had not begun production before the end of the year (which has not previously been included in the Census of Production reports for individual industries).

Symbols used:

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- for nil or negligible (less than half the final digit shown).

Where figures are rounded, e.g., given to the nearest £ thousand, there may be apparent slight discrepancies between the sums of constituent items and the totals shown. In some cases, figures have been combined with others of a similar nature where publication of separate details might disclose information relating to an individual undertaking.

Industry summary

Estimates for the industry as a whole

TABLE 1

	United Kingdom			Scotland 1954	Wales 1954
	1948	1951	1954		
	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
Gross output (production)	146.8	172.8	191.1	23.15	5.92
Net output	62.7	61.5	69.0	8.66	1.88
Total stocks and work in progress					
At beginning of year	26.4	28.8	43.2	7.32	1.08
Change during year	+ 2.7	+ 13.4	+ 2.6	+ 0.19	-
Capital expenditure less disposals (a)	4.6	4.8	4.3	0.46	0.11
Wages and salaries	36.6	37.5	45.3	5.46	1.31
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Total employment (including working proprietors)	122.1	107.4	106.3	13.22	3.27

(a) Capital expenditure on new building work, plant, machinery and vehicles (including (except in 1948) that incurred in Great Britain for establishments not yet in production), less amounts received for plant, machinery and vehicles disposed of.

Summary of returns received

TABLE 2

	Unit	Great Britain 1948	United Kingdom	
			1951	1954
FIRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERAGE MORE THAN 10 PERSONS				
Number of establishments	No.	1,885	1,806	1,657
Total value of sales and work done	£'000	109,930	140,205	149,624
Products on hand for sale	"	5,456	8,029	9,431
and work in progress	"	+ 725	+ 2,807	+ 697
Gross output (production) (a)	"	109,586	143,012	150,321
Purchases of materials and fuel	"	63,386	95,739	92,619
Stocks of materials and fuel	"	14,208	15,832	24,539
Cost of materials and fuel used	"	+ 1,259	+ 8,296	+ 1,386
Payment for work done on materials given out	"	62,127	87,443	91,233
Payment for transport (b)	"	682	691	900
Net output	"	1,069	4,017	3,920
Average number of employees	"	46,778	50,861	54,269
Total employment (d)	No.	78,414	75,861	70,558
Net output per person employed (d)	"	12,191(c)	12,517	12,679
	"	91,132	88,842	83,579
	£	513	572	649
Wages and salaries	"	21,822	24,754	28,162
Capital expenditure	"	5,460	6,244	7,443
New building work (e)	"	683	912	723
Plant and machinery	"	2,055	2,118	1,749
Vehicles	"	226	180	174
	"	1,066	1,260	1,192
	"	147	240	274
FIRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERAGE 10 OR FEWER PERSONS				
Number of returns	No.	5,643	4,306(f)	4,239
Total employment, including working proprietors	"	23,212	15,735(f)	19,191

(a) For the year 1948 gross output excludes payments for transport services outwards on finished goods sold. For subsequent years gross output includes payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms' own separate transport organisations for transport services.

(b) Payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms' own separate transport organisations. For the year 1948 payments cover only transport outwards of finished goods sold. For subsequent years they cover payments for transport of both finished goods sold and materials and fuel purchased.

(c) Number in week ended September 25, 1948.

(d) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.

(e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(f) Excluding Northern Ireland. No information about small firms was collected in Northern Ireland for 1951.

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Analysis by size, 1954

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TABLE 3

Average number employed (a)	Establishments	Gross output	Net output	Employees		Wages and salaries		Capital expenditure (b)	Net output per person employed (a)
				Operatives	Others	Operatives	Others		
	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
11 - 24(c)	674	19,998	7,146	9,121	1,656	3,646	933	494	654
25 - 49	529	34,492	11,910	15,562	2,645	6,076	1,541	858	650
50 - 99	296	37,755	13,221	17,472	2,995	6,827	1,782	890	644
100 - 199	92	21,691	8,328	10,663	1,985	4,306	1,138	506	658
200 - 299	37	15,694	5,759	7,386	1,488	2,970	839	369	648
300 - 399	16	9,464	3,276	4,595	802	1,933	459	289	607
400 - 499	8	5,549	2,362	2,848	568	1,141	370	139	692
500 and over	5	5,677	2,267	2,911	540	1,263	380	119	657
Total	1,657	150,321	54,269	70,558	12,679	28,162	7,443	3,663	649

(a) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.

(b) Capital expenditure on new building work and on acquisition of plant, machinery and vehicles, excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(c) Including a small number of establishments with fewer than 11 persons employed, particulars of which were included with those for larger establishments on a single return.

Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 4

	Unit	Specialist producers of				Remainder of the industry	Total
		Saw mill products	Other woodwork for build-ings (a)	Cork manu-fac-tures	Wood goods for boot and shoe indus-try		
Number of establishments	No.	976	319	28	34	300	1,657
Total value of sales and work done	£'000	91,936	36,736	2,565	1,997	16,390	149,624
Sales of characteristic products	"	78,770(b)	29,638	2,422	1,850		
Products on hand for sale	"	5,222	3,081	190	51	887	9,431
and work in progress	"	+ 247	+ 401	- 12	- 5	+ 67	+ 697
Gross output (production)	"	92,182	37,136	2,553	1,992	16,457	150,321
Purchases of materials and fuel	"	60,137	21,894	1,432	892	8,265	92,619
Stocks of materials	"	15,527	5,348	347	400	2,915	24,539
and fuel	"	+ 944	+ 332	+ 22	+ 5	+ 82	+ 1,386
Cost of materials and fuel used	"	59,192	21,561	1,409	887	8,183	91,233
Payment for work done on materials given out	"	357	459	-	2	80	900
Payment for transport	"	2,900	531	57	28	404	3,920
Net output	"	29,733	14,585	1,087	1,075	7,790	54,269
Average number of employees	No.	37,448	19,753	1,147	1,568	10,642	70,558
Total employment (c)	"	7,000	3,491	295	211	1,682	12,679
Net output per person employed (c)	£	44,652	23,291	1,446	1,784	12,406	83,579
Wages and salaries	£'000	15,044	8,210	396	579	3,933	28,162
Capital expenditure	"	4,056	2,002	197	126	1,061	7,443
New building work (d)	"	418	203	20	7	75	723
Plant and machinery	"	1,095	367	44	23	220	1,749
Vehicles	"	94	30	(e)	2	(e)	174
	"	780	266	18	11	116	1,192
	"	174	59	6	3	31	274

(a) Portable wooden buildings, builders' woodwork, etc.

(b) Including amount charged for sawing, planing, creosoting etc. on timber supplied by other firms or on customers' timber.

(c) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.

(d) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(e) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot be given.

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Sales of the principal products of the industry, including sales of these products by establishments classified to other industries

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 5

	1951		1954		Entries
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Saw mill products	Th.cu.ft.	£'000	Th.cu.ft.	£'000	Number
Sawn hardwoods (other than planed or dressed, or mining timber)					
Ash	1,619	1,268	1,005	764	371
Beech	3,028	1,630	2,536	1,449	356
Elm	4,168	2,273	2,858	1,556	369
Oak	6,907	4,847	5,021	3,474	429
Other sorts	6,526	5,109	5,532	4,131	429
Unclassified	5,564	3,616	3,398	2,115	119
			..	467	
Total sawn hardwoods	27,811	18,743	20,350	13,489	..
			..	467	
Sawn softwoods (other than planed or dressed, or mining timbers), not elsewhere specified	Th.stds.		Th.stds.		
	193.8	19,338	231.4	19,915	598
Planed or dressed woods	Th.cu.ft.		Th.cu.ft.		
Hardwood, other than planed and tongued and grooved flooring blocks or strips	1,977	2,321	1,420	1,690	273
Softwood	Th.stds.		Th.stds.		
Weather boards, flooring and matchings; skirtings; and tongued, grooved, beaded, v-jointed, etc. boards	104.6	12,059	152.0	16,509	420
Other soft planed or dressed timber, not elsewhere specified (excluding boxboards)	34.1	4,312	62.6	6,803	304
Unclassified	10.8	1,222	-	-	-
Planed or dressed woods, unclassified	..	168	-	-	-
Total planed or dressed woods		20,082		25,062	..
Boxboards, of all kinds, sawn or planed, whether or not dovetailed, mortised or tenoned at the ends	12.3	1,381	8.3	779	70
			..	121	
Pit props	Th.cu.ft. (solid wood)		Th.cu.ft. (solid wood)		
	4,648	887	6,796	1,491	95
Sawn mining timber	Th.cu.ft.		Th.cu.ft.		
	9,782	2,919	13,501	3,855	312
Sleepers and crossings of all kinds, including sleeper blocks (whether creosoted or not)	Th.stds.		Th.stds.		
	..	652	7.5	578	91
Flooring and paving blocks and strips	Th.cu.ft.		Th.cu.ft.		
Hardwood flooring blocks and strips and hardwood parquet flooring in sections	1,485	1,958	1,517	1,867	152
			..	561	
Other sorts	121	126	125	87	37
			..	46	
Telegraph poles	Th. 199	Th. 11.5	Th. 185	Th. 11.4	1,523
			35	..	240

TABLE 5 (contd.)

	1951		1954		Entries	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
	Th.sq.ft.	£'000	Th.sq.ft.	Th.cu.ft.	£'000	Number
Saw mill products (contd.)						
Plywood (including laminboard, blockboard and battenboard)						
Faced with alder or birch	..	366	1,920 2,750	26 ..	214 262	46
			..	..	277	
Other sorts (including veneered plywood and metal-faced plywood)	108,485	9,199	55,151 21,662	1,297 ..	3,953 1,519	61
			..	..	1,977	
			Th.sq.ft.			
Panel wood and veneers	168,162	1,936	-	-	-	-
Veneers						
Decorative	-	-	33,778	..	441 276	9
			..	..	276	
Commercial	-	-	60,778	..	412 697	8
			..	..	697	
Saw mill products, not elsewhere specified	..	1,371	..	..	344	43
Total saw mill products		80,098			80,392	..
Manufactures of timber and cork						
Portable wooden buildings (bungalows, poultry houses, garages, etc.)	..	7,286	..	..	6,597	221
Cold room and refrigerator cabinets	..	1,516	..	..	1,175	22
Builders' woodwork						
Doors of a height and width not less than 6 feet and 2 feet respectively	Th.		Th.			
Flush wood doors	884	1,815	2,735	..	4,552	234
	..	275	..	..	606	
Other	2,256	4,179	2,261	..	4,343	281
Unclassified	44	124	-	-	-	-
Doors of a height and width less than 6 feet and 2 feet respectively	264	393	315	..	376	175
Doors unclassified	39	100	-	-	-	-
Window frames, including casement doors and sash windows	496	1,455	804	..	2,503	286
	..	1,018	..	..	1,858	
Other builders' woodwork, excluding flooring blocks	..	6,912	..	..	10,128	305
Unclassified	..	3,957	..	..	4,315	381
Theatrical scenery, etc.	..	173	..	..	98(a)	..
Manufactures of timber for industrial purposes	..	503(b)	..	..	1,569	114
Fences, gates, hurdles, etc.	..	1,182	..	..	1,135	321
Ladders and steps of all kinds	..	860	..	..	954	103
Coffins						
Finished	121	1,047	90	..	776	65
	..	175	..	..	278	
Unfinished	167	557	143	..	512	51
			..	..	144	
Domestic woodware	..	1,142	..	..	1,548	120
Beadings and mouldings	..	2,263	..	..	2,741	274
Wooden goods for the boot and shoe industry	Th.doz.prs.		Th.doz.prs.			
Heels	2,676	1,385	2,791	..	1,410	35
			..	..	154	
Lasts, trees, clog soles, etc.	..	631	..	..	731	19
Tool handles	Th.gross		Th.gross			
	467.1	1,613	222.9	..	1,259	81
			..	..	162	

TABLE 5 (contd.)

	1951		1954		Entries
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
	Th.cwt.	£'000	Th.cwt.	£'000	Number
Manufactures of timber and cork (contd.)					
Parts of brushes and brooms made of wood	..	906	..	854	53
Beehives of wood	..	83	-	-	-
Bobbins and reels not for use with textile machinery	-	-	..	682	24
Wood flour	603.5	427	524.8	426	9
Wood wool and manufactures thereof	692.9	870	872.1	1,154	24
	..	233	..	381	
Rustic and garden furniture	..	206	..	143	46
Other wood goods	..	5,987	..	5,110	331
Manufactures of cork					
Stoppers	9.1	243	6.3	141	13
	..	425	..	452	
Discs of compressed granulated or composition cork	11.2	251	12.4	215	8
	..	40	..	225	
Lifebuoys, lifebelts and lifejackets of cork	..	299	..	62	..
Other sorts	..	1,882	..	1,821	26
Total manufactures of timber and cork		52,464		61,589	..
Firewood, sawdust, millboard material and other waste timber sold (c)	..	1,834	..	1,323	897
Unsaun timber		(d)	..	1,227	38
General and jobbing carpentry work (other than work on buildings and ships) (e)		776		485	99
Work done on commission or 'on hire' on timber supplied by other firms or on customers' timber (e) (f)					
	Th.cu.ft.		Th.cu.ft.		
Kilning and kiln-drying	3,078	388	2,481	315	98
	..	53	..	103	
Sawing and planing timber, deals, etc.	21,069	1,447	17,029	1,133	274
	..	318	..	185	
Planing and moulding	1,637	163	1,169	95	91
	..	72	..	103	
Creosoting	5,569	391	5,258	464	45
Turning, carving, fret cutting, veneer cutting	Th.cwt.		Th.cwt.		
	29.1	41	13.0	31	29
	..	28	..	61	
Other work		991		831	120
Total		139,065		148,337	..
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)		9,532		8,302	..
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry		129,533		140,034	1,420

(a) So far as recorded separately.

(b) Described as 'Manufactures of timber for industrial plant (e.g. grids for gas purification plant), so far as recorded separately'.

(c) Including, for Northern Ireland, wood wool.

(d) Not recorded separately, but included with 'Saw mill products, not elsewhere specified'.

(e) Amount charged.

(f) Quantity kilned, sawn, creosoted, etc.

Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments
classified to other industries

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 6

	1954			Principal industries in which produced (a)
	Quantity	Value	Entries	
	Th.cu.ft.	£'000	Number	
Saw mill products				
Sawn hardwoods (other than planed or dressed, or mining timber)	147 ..	115 64	9	2E, 3M, 10E
Sawn softwoods (other than planed or dressed, or mining timber), not elsewhere specified	Th.stds. 0.4 ..	34 10	5	10E, 12A
Planed or dressed woods	Th.cu.ft.			
Hardwood, other than planed and tongued and grooved flooring blocks or strips	7 ..	11 16	5	10B, 10D, 10E
Softwood (excluding boxboards) and unclassified	..	254	10	3M, 10D, 10E
Total planed or dressed woods	..	280	..	
Boxboards of all kinds, sawn or planed, whether or not dovetailed, mortised or tenoned at the ends	..	117	5	10E
Flooring and paving blocks and strips	..	23	5	12A
Plywood (including laminboard, blockboard, battenboard, veneered plywood and metal-faced plywood) and veneers	..	100	..	3N, 10B
Saw mill products, not elsewhere specified, including sawn mining timber	..	238	12	3C, 3M, 8A, 10E
Total saw mill products		982	..	
Manufactures of timber and cork				
Portable wooden buildings (bungalows, poultry houses, garages, etc.)	..	739	31	1L, 10D, 10E, 12A
Cold room and refrigerator cabinets	..	50	..	10B, 10D, 10E
Builders' woodwork				
Doors	..	41	9	10B, 10D, 12A
Window frames, including casement doors and sash windows	..	38	8	10E, 12A
Other builders' woodwork, excluding flooring blocks	..	676	34	5E, 10E, 11I, 12A
Unclassified	..	1,472	344	10B, 10D, 10E, 12A
Manufactures of timber for industrial purposes	..	282	18	3I, 4F, 10B, 12A
Fences, gates, hurdles, etc.	..	230	17	3N, 10B, 10E, 12A
Ladders and steps of all kinds	..	74	8	3I, 3N, 4I, 12A
Coffins				
Finished	Th. ..	89	15	10B, 12A
Unfinished	2 ..	8 54	10	10E, 11C, 12A
Domestic woodware	..	66	12	3J, 10B, 10C, 10E
Beadings and mouldings	..	38	..	10E
Wooden goods for the boot and shoe industry	..	360	9	5L, 7L, 10B, 11A
Tool handles	Th.gross 4.5 ..	60 7	24	5A
Parts of brushes and brooms made of wood	..	22	..	11C
Wood flour, wood wool and manufactures thereof	Th.cwt. 432.8 ..	498 147	12	1L, 3C, 10E

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TABLE 6 (contd.)

	1954			Principal industries in which produced (a)
	Quantity	Value	Entries	
		£'000	Number	
Manufactures of timber and cork (contd.)				
Rustic and garden furniture	..	34	..	3N, 10B
Other wood goods, including theatrical scenery, etc.	..	965	69	(b)
Manufactures of cork	Th.cwt. 5.6 ..	130 102	5	1H, 5E, 10E
Stoppers	..	199	5	5E, 7A, 7H
Other sorts	..			
Total manufactures of timber and cork		6,382	..	
Firewood, sawdust, millboard material and other waste timber sold	..	640	222	10E, 12C
General and jobbing carpentry work (other than work on buildings and ships) (c)		245	13	10H, 12A, 12C
Work done on commission or 'on hire' on timber supplied by other firms or on customers' timber (c)				
Sawing and planing timber, deals, etc.; planing and moulding; turning, carving, fret cutting, veneer cutting		33	6	11E
Other work, including kilning and kiln-drying		20	..	10D
Total		8,302	..	

(a) The volume number and industry references given are to the industries shown in the list at the back of this report.

(b) Production is widely distributed among other industries.

(c) Amount charged.

Sales in the industry of other than principal products
Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 7

	1954	
	Quantity	Value
	Th.cu.ft.of timber used	£'000
Cases, crates and boxes for packing merchandise	2,086 ..	1,909 690
Other boxes, cases, chests and travelling trunks of wood, except cabinet ware	276 ..	465 123
Staves and other parts of casks, barrels, etc.	Th.cwt. 2.2 ..	7 54
Furniture and cabinet ware of wood (wardrobes, sideboards, chests, tables, etc.)	..	961
Parts of furniture (sofa frames, chair frames, etc.) sold separately	..	373
Exhibition stands	..	36
Built-in wooden furniture and wood fittings, not included elsewhere		
For shops and offices (including banks)	..	318
For other purposes	..	825
Vehicles, not mechanically propelled, complete, including wheelbarrows	..	120
Bodies, wheels, spokes and other wood parts of carriages, wagons, etc.	..	135

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TABLE 7 (contd.)

	1954	
	Quantity	Value
		£'000
Aircraft accessories and parts	..	173
Wood accessories for textile machinery (bobbins, reels, shuttles, etc.)	..	290
Other goods	..	1,396
Work done (a)		
On buildings (fixing roofing, laying flooring, putting in window frames, doors, etc.)		
As main contractors		771
As sub-contractors		848
Other work		95
Total		9,589

(a) Amount charged.

TABLE 8 - Total make of intermediate products

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

Some information was collected in this industry on the quantity of wood sawn in the year by sawmillers, but the results are incomplete because similar particulars are not available in respect of other timber using industries.

Purchases of materials and fuel, 1954

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 9

	Quantity		Cost
	Sawmillers	Firms other than sawmillers	
	Th.cu.ft.	Th.cu.ft.	£'000
Materials			
Unsawn timber			
Home grown			
Hard	22,060	1,271	4,183
	..	..	337
			709
Soft	15,587	274	1,710
	..	..	37
			475
Imported			
Hard	4,331	3,285	2,416
			1,740
Soft	Th.stds. 22.4	Th.stds. 10.2	1,988
	..	..	636
			290
Sawn timber			
Home grown			
Hard	Th.cu.ft. 1,281	Th.cu.ft. 1,435	632
			983
Soft	562	569	216
	..	..	337
			145
Imported			
Hard	3,415	3,918	2,910
	3,546
			904
Soft	Th.stds. 420.6	Th.stds. 231.6	35,287
			10,853

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TABLE 9 (contd.)

	Quantity	Cost
	Th.sq.ft.	£'000
Materials (contd.)		
Veneers for plywood, etc.	161,752	1,599
	..	595
Other wood or timber, including plywood, boxwood, laminboard and battenboard, joinery	..	5,379
	Th.cwt.	
Cork	100.4	404
	..	593
Nails	20.1	62
	..	61
Glue and other adhesives	138.9	631
	..	288
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery, plant and vehicles	..	1,460
Consumable tools (e.g. saws or chisels) bought as replacement	..	659
Packing materials	..	146
Aluminium sheeting	..	99
Other	..	7,060
Fuel and electricity		
	Th.tons	
Coal	73.0	309
	..	51
Coke	12.6	68
	..	18
Liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures)		
For use in internal combustion engines		
	Th.gal.	
Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel	5,413	1,065
	..	315
Other	654	47
	..	48
For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc.	356	17
	..	6
	Th.therms	
Gas purchased	752	51
	..	42
Electricity purchased (a)		
	Th.kWh.	
From Electricity Boards	133,894	768
	..	407
From other sources, including other departments of the same firms	1,111	8
	..	4
All other purchased fuel	..	25
Total cost		92,619

(a) The total quantity of electricity generated in firms' own establishments in this industry in 1954 was 10,115 Th.kWh.

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TIMBER

Average number of employees, and wages, salaries
and superannuation payments (a)

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 10

	1951	1954
	Number	Number
Average number of employees		
Operatives	75,861	70,558
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	12,517	12,679
Total	88,378	83,237
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries paid to		
Operatives	24,754	28,162
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	6,244	7,443
Total	30,999	35,604
	£	£
Wages and salaries per head		
Operatives	326	399
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	499	587
Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents (b)		£'000
Employers' contributions	..	284
Employees covered	..	Number 13,282
Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents (b)		£'000 57

(a) The following persons, not included above, were also employed by larger establishments in this industry ('other workers' includes, for example, employees engaged in merchanting). There are difficulties in distinguishing persons engaged in merchanting from those engaged in manufacturing in this industry, and the figures returned may therefore not be complete.

	1951	1954
	Number	Number
Canteen workers		
Males	38	42
Females	553	463
Total	591	505
Other workers		
Males	7,742	5,838
Females	818	673
Total	8,560	6,511
Total excluded employees	9,151	7,016

(b) The figures given relate to larger establishments in Great Britain only.

Employment in a specified week (a)

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 11

	1951			1954		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Working proprietors	441	23	464	326	16	342
Operatives	68,979	7,738	76,717	63,689	7,503	71,192
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	8,862	3,771	12,633	8,928	3,883	12,811
Total employees	77,841	11,509	89,350	72,617	11,386	84,003

(a) Week ended September 22, 1951, or October 30, 1954.

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