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THIS REPORT on the Fur Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in sorting, dressing and dyeing furs, and in manufacturing fur apparel, fur muffs, fur trimmings, fur mats and rugs and hatters' fur.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 132 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

There were no larger establishments in Northern Ireland in the register for this industry.

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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:

- .. for not available
- 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.

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Industry summary: Estimates for the industry as a whole

TABLE 1

	United Kingdom			Scotland 1954	Wales 1954 (a)
	1948	1951	1954		
Gross output (production)	£ million 14.3	£ million 16.5	£ million 16.0	£ million 0.81	£ million ..
Net output	6.0	6.6	7.0	0.41	..
Total stocks and work in progress					
At beginning of year	4.1	3.8	4.0	0.36	..
Change during year	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.09	..
Capital expenditure less disposals (b)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.01	..
Wages and salaries	3.9	4.0	4.3	0.26	..
Total employment (including working proprietors)	Thousands 11.8	Thousands 11.0	Thousands 9.8	Thousands 0.80	Thousands ..

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

(b) 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.

TABLE 2

Summary of returns received

	Unit	Great Britain	United Kingdom	
		1948	1951	1954
FIRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERAGE MORE THAN 10 PERSONS				
Number of establishments	No.	212	196	169
Total value of sales and work done	£'000	9,129	10,856	9,844
Products on hand for sale	{ at beginning of year change during year	935	1,289	1,484
and work in progress		+ 317	+ 400	+ 193
Gross output (production) (a)	£	9,437	11,256	10,038
Purchases of materials and fuel	£	4,599	6,168	5,100
Stocks of materials and fuel	{ at beginning of year change during year	1,748	1,316	1,049
Cost of materials and fuel used		- 279	+ 7	+ 166
Payment for work done on materials given out	£	4,879	6,162	4,934
Payment for transport (b)	£	592	519	671
Net output	£	8	54	62
Average number of employees	{ operatives others	3,967	4,521	4,371
Total employment (d)		No.	6,496	6,320	5,199
Net output per person employed (d)	£	1,148 (c)	1,108	884
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives of others	7,732	7,508	6,152
Capital expenditure		£	513	602	711
New building work (e)	£'000	1,903	2,104	2,076
Plant and machinery	£	641	639	595
Vehicles	{ acquisitions (e) disposals	35	60	6
		97	52	57
Vehicles	{ acquisitions (e) disposals	2	1	5
		39	62	46
		8	19	15
FIRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERAGE 10 OR FEWER PERSONS				
Number of returns	No.	769	614 (f)	714
Total employment, including working proprietors	£	3,488	3,191 (f)	3,555

(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 approximately 90 small firms engaged in the production of hatters' fur which were not separately distinguished in 1951 and excluding Northern Ireland. No information about small firms was collected in Northern Ireland for 1951.

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Analysis by size, 1954: Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 3

Average number employed (a)	Estab-lish-ments	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	99	2,938	1,126	1,375	259	515	171	26	667
25 - 49	43	3,040	1,203	1,265	241	504	154	25	784
50 - 99	17	1,954	882	1,155	170	467	120	26	665
100 - 499	9	2,105	1,161	1,404	214	590	150	32	717
Total	169	10,038	4,371	5,199	884	2,076	595	109	711

(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.

Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 4

	Unit	Specialist producers of						Re-modelling, alterations, repairs and work done for the trade	Re-mainder of the industry	Total
		Fur dressed only, including work done for the trade	Fur dressed and dyed including work done for the trade	Fur dyed only including work done for the trade	Manu-fac-tured fur goods, including cutting and making-up of furs for the trade	Hatters' fur				
Number of establishments	No.	16	12	7	100	12	18	4	169	
Total value of sales and work done	£'000	657	2,175	419	5,363	852	230	149	9,844	
Sales of characteristic products	"	561	1,736	286	4,841	766	193			
Products on hand for sale and work in progress	{ at beginning of year change during year	16 - 3	330 - 25	10 + 3	831 + 103	253 + 88	14 + 4	51 + 24	1,484 + 193	
Gross output (production)	"	653	2,150	421	5,466	940	234	173	10,038	
Purchases of materials and fuel	"	130	974	121	3,166	573	63	73	5,100	
Stocks of materials and fuel	{ at beginning of year change during year	25 - 1	233 - 9	8 - 1	608 + 183	153 - 9	17 + 3	4 - 1	1,049 + 166	
Cost of materials and fuel used	"	131	982	122	2,982	582	60	74	4,934	
Payment for work done on materials given out	"	(a)	62	(a)	564	9	9	21	671	
Payment for transport	"	(a)	21	(a)	24	9	2	-	62	
Net output	"	517	1,085	293	1,896	340	163	78	4,371	
Average number of employees	{ operatives others	No. " 63	1,216 222	311 44	1,903 423	648 67	269 53	144 12	5,199 884	
Total employment (b)	"	773	1,440	355	2,383	715	330	156	6,152	
Net output per person employed (b)	£	669	753	825	796	476	492	498	711	
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives of others	£'000 " 39	526 139	145 29	775 282	182 64	80 29	46 12	2,076 595	
Capital expenditure	"	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	6	
New building work (c)	"	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	57	
Plant and machinery	{ acquisitions(c) disposals	" 11 " -	26 4	5 -	7 -	4 -	2 -	1 -	5 46	
Vehicles	{ acquisitions(c) disposals	" 6 " 3	1 -	4 -	32 11	1 -	1 -	-	46 15	

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

(b) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.

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

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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	
Manufacture of skins and furs	Th.	£'000	Th.	£'000	Number
Clothing					
Coats (of all lengths)	104	3,279	78	2,253	91
Other fur garments (capotes, stoles, muffs, etc.), except gloves (a)	..	545	..	982	
Unclassified	..	934	..	844	80
Other made up fur goods (b)	..	192	..	60	6
Sacs, strips, plates, etc.	..	289	..	301	26
	..	99	..	438	17
	Th.cwt.		Th.cwt.		
Hatters' fur	6.3	845	5.2	635	11
	..	258	..	131	
	Th.skins		Th.skins		
Skins and fur skins, dressed, etc.					
Dressed only					
Sheep skins	1,025	396	206	206	11
Other skins including lamb and rabbit	..	..	498	129	16
	..	..	..	35	
Dressed and dyed					
Sheep skins	842	916	..	1,065	9
Other skins including lamb and rabbit	..	20	..	102	20
Dyed only					
Sheep skins, lamb and other (except rabbit)	(c)	(c)	..	53	5
Waste products	..	145	..	119	46
		Amount charged		Amount charged	
Work done for the trade or on commission		£'000		£'000	
Skins and fur skins, dressed etc. for the trade					
Dressed only					
Rabbit skins	8,758	336	2,489	89	16
	..	145	..	16	
Sheep skins	6,970	267	141	47	7
	..	380	..	27	
Other skins including lamb	..	..	5,711	321	22
	..	..	..	96	
Dressed and dyed					
Sheep skins	532	189	..	192	5
Other skins including lamb and rabbit	..	538	..	655	14
Dyed only					
Rabbit skins	(c)	(c)	..	98	6
Sheep skins	(c)	(c)	..	8	6
Other skins including lamb	(c)	(c)	..	246	12

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TABLE 5 (contd.)

	1951		1954		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Entries
	Th.skins	£'000	Th.skins	£'000	Number
Work done for the trade or on commission (contd.)					
Cutting and making up of furs for the trade		181		216	32
Remodelling, alteration and repair of fur goods		749		532	78
Other work		170		103	22
Total		10,874		9,998	..
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)		201		296	..
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry		10,673		9,702	159

(a) For gloves see the Glove Industry (Volume 7, Industry J).

(b) For rugs and mats of sheep or lamb skin recorded separately, see the Fellmongery Industry (Volume 7, Industry E).

(c) Not separately recorded.

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	
		£'000	Number	
Clothing, wholly or mainly of fur, unclassified	..	60	6	7H
Other fur garments and made up fur goods (except gloves)	..	10	..	6C
Skins and fur skins, dressed, other than rabbit skins	Th.skins 194	183	10	7E
	..	32		
Work done for the trade or on commission (b)		11		7E
Total		296	..	

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

(b) Amount charged.

TABLE 7 - Sales in the industry of other than principal products

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

The total value of sales in 1954 of other than principal products amounted to £142,016.

TABLE 8 - Total make of intermediate products

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

Particulars for this table cannot be given as the details of quantity recorded for 1954 for skins and furs, dressed, are incomplete.

Purchases of materials and fuel, 1954
Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 9

	Quantity	Cost
	Th.skins	£'000
Materials		
Wool skins and fur skins		
Rabbit skins		
Raw or undressed	12,705	468
Dressed or dressed and dyed	..	97
Dressed or dressed and dyed	370	65
Dressed or dressed and dyed	..	8
Sheep skins		
Raw or undressed	539	446
Dressed or dressed and dyed	..	163
Dressed or dressed and dyed	128	276
Dressed or dressed and dyed	..	126
Other skins and furs (including lambskins)		
Raw or undressed	..	1,143
Dressed, not dyed	..	371
Dressed and dyed	..	946
Dressed and dyed	..	99
Dressed and dyed	..	99
Woven piece goods	Th.sq.yds.	
Of silk and of rayon, nylon, etc. or mainly of these materials	488	102
Of silk and of rayon, nylon, etc. or mainly of these materials	..	28
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	223	18
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	..	9
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	Th.cwt.	
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	11	45
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	..	84
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	..	19
Of cotton or mainly of cotton	..	431
Fuel and electricity	Th.tons	
Coal	6	26
Coke	..	7
Coke	2	13
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	77	14
Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel	..	5
Other	5	1
Other	34	2
Other	..	7
Gas purchased	Th.therms	
From Gas Boards	143	11
From Gas Boards	..	4
From other sources, including other departments of the same firms	..	2
Electricity purchased	Th.kWh.	
From Electricity Boards	5,575	40
From Electricity Boards	..	18
From other sources, including other departments of the same firms	142	1
All other purchased fuel		2
Total cost		5,100

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	6,320	5,199
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	1,108	884
Total	7,428	6,083
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries paid to		
Operatives	2,104	2,076
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	639	595
Total	2,742	2,671
	£	£
Wages and salaries per head		
Operatives	333	399
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	577	673
		£'000
Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents		
Employers' contributions	..	18
		Number
Employees covered	..	463
		£'000
Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents	..	8

(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):

	1951	1954
	Number	Number
Canteen workers		
Male	2	4
Female	50	54
Total	52	58
Other workers		
Male	8	33
Female	21	27
Total	29	60
Total excluded employees	81	118
Outworkers		
Male	22	58
Female	60	76
Total	82	134
	£'000	£'000
Payments to outworkers	19	41

Employment in a specified week (a)

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 11

	1951			1954		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Working proprietors	75	5	80	65	4	69
Operatives	3,220	3,238	6,458	2,711	2,438	5,149
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	675	426	1,101	576	323	899
Total employees	3,895	3,664	7,559	3,287	2,761	6,048

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

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