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WOODEN CONTAINERS AND BASKETS TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Wooden Containers and Baskets Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of cooperage products and parts, of wooden boxes, packing cases and similar containers, in preparing canes and osiers, and in manufacturing baskets, hampers, punnets, etc.

This trade corresponds to minimum list heading 173 in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Philanthropic institutions that produced basketware are included in this report for 1948; they were not required to make returns for 1935.

Establishments in this trade in Northern Ireland are excluded in 1948 and 1935, particulars of the very small production there for 1935 being included in the report on the Timber Trade (Volume 10, Trade A).

MANUFACTURES OF WOOD AND CORK  
WOODEN CONTAINERS AND BASKETS TRADE

Summary  
Larger establishments

TABLE 1

	1948	1935
	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	25,704	6,423
Cost of materials and fuel used	14,317	3,498
Payment for work done on materials given out	93	14
Net output	11,295	2,911
Wages and salaries of persons employed	6,256	..
Average number of persons employed (a)	22,657 (b)	16,051
Net output per person employed (a)	£ 499	£ 181
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000
Finished products and work in progress	569	..
Materials and fuel	2,644	..
Number of establishments	No. 475	No. 360

(a) Excluding outworkers.

(b) For an estimate of the total number of persons employed in this trade see Table 3.

The values of gross output and of materials and fuel used are derived in the following way:-

	1948	1935
	£'000	£'000
Output of firms in this trade		
Total value of sales (1948) or production (1935)		
Principal products (see Table 8)	22,921	5,710
Other output (see Table 10)	2,956	713
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14)	+ 10	
Less payment for transport by other firms	25,886 182	6,423
Gross output (production)	25,704	6,423
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade		
Purchases (see Table 13)	14,503	3,498
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	- 186	
Materials and fuel used	14,317	3,498

## Summary, 1948

## Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

Number of returns	602
Average number of persons employed (a)	
Males	2,826
Females	265
Total	3,091

(a) Including working proprietors.

## Estimated average employment, 1948

## All firms in Great Britain

TABLE 3

As returned by firms	
Employing on average more than ten persons (a)	22,657
Employing on average ten persons or less (b)	3,091
	25,748
Estimated average employment in firms not making satisfactory returns	860
Estimated average employment in all firms	26,608

(a) See Tables 1 and 15.

(b) See Table 2.

## Analysis by size, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 4

Average number employed	Establishments	Gross output	Net output	Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
					Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
11-24	194	3,991	1,837	3,255	753	175	928	564
25-49	139	5,528	2,387	4,699	1,053	275	1,328	508
50-99	91	8,351	3,443	6,433	1,476	332	1,808	535
100-199	37	4,698	1,987	4,721	1,061	215	1,275	421
200 and over	14	3,136	1,641	3,549	791	127	918	462
Total	475	25,704	11,295	22,657	5,133	1,123	6,256	499

Analysis by standard region, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 5

Region	Establishments	Gross output	Net output		Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
			Value	Percentage of total		Wages	Salaries	Total	
England	No.	£'000	£'000		No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Northern	6	108	57	0.5	122	25	2	27	
East and West Ridings of Yorkshire	57	3,114	1,254	11.1	3,018	636	113	749	
North Midland	20	698	349	3.1	815	167	32	199	
Eastern	20	901	386	3.4	915	175	39	215	
London and South Eastern	144	7,833	3,696	32.7	6,594	1,650	398	2,049	
Southern	10	849	311	2.8	628	137	29	166	
South Western	20	668	340	3.0	916	194	36	230	
Midland	47	2,331	919	8.1	1,811	407	122	529	
North Western	87	5,390	2,330	20.6	4,468	1,027	201	1,228	
Total England	411	21,892	9,842	85.4	19,287	4,418	972	5,391	
Wales	7	233	124	1.1	154	33	7	40	
Scotland	57	3,579	1,528	13.5	3,216	682	144	826	
Great Britain	475	25,704	11,295	100.0	22,657	5,133	1,123	6,256	

Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 6

	Establishments	Gross output	Sales of characteristic products	Net output	Persons employed	Remuneration			Net output per person employed
						Wages	Salaries	Total	
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
Specialist producers of									
Cooperage products and parts	68	3,516	3,159	1,449	1,957	551	135	686	740
Wooden boxes, packing cases and similar containers	315	19,544	17,453	8,505	17,061	3,843	837	4,680	499
Baskets, hampers, punnets, etc.	57	1,189	1,079	665	2,278	413	60	472	292
Remainder of the trade	35	1,475		676	1,361	326	91	418	496
Total	475	25,704		11,295	22,657	5,133	1,123	6,256	499

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products : Larger establishments

This table is not applicable to the trade.

Sales (or production) of the principal products of the trade, including sales (or production) of these products by establishments classified to other trades

## Larger establishments

TABLE 8

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
Wet or tight coopering	Hundreds	£'000	No.	Hundreds	£'000
Machine-made casks for breweries, distilleries and spirit rectifiers	507	683	14	1,506	267
Hand-made casks for breweries, distilleries and spirit rectifiers	130	87	10	270	32
Herring pickle barrels	836	80	5	5,244	121
Other casks	..	11			
Other casks	470	79	15	2,079	134
Total wet or tight coopering	1,943	929	..	9,099	554
	..	11			
Dry coopering					
Machine-made casks and kegs	2,648	173	9	7,635	100
	..	25			
Hand-made casks and kegs	1,243	126	17	2,271	36
				..	17
Total dry coopering	3,891	300	..	9,906	136
	..	25		..	17
"White" coopering					
Churns, tubs, buckets, etc.	102	24	11	453	32
	..	7			
	No.		No.		
	844				
Vats, backs and other wooden vessels for storage	Th. galls. capacity	127	23	15,000	59
	1,239	33			
	..			..	-
	Th. cwts.				
Staves, sold separately, including cases of staves	69.7	296	52	..	185
	..	36			
Other parts of casks, barrels, etc. (including barrel ends), sold separately	..	667	60		
Casks re-made, re-conditioned, etc., and sold	8,970	1,012	56	22,326	674
	..	197			
	Th. cu. ft. of timber used				
Cases, crates and boxes for packing merchandise (a)	21,030	15,601	524	..	3,999
	..	6,013			
Chests (including metal-lined tea chests, complete or unassembled) and travelling trunks of wood	285	196	16	..	222
	..	27			

TABLE 8 (contd.)

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. cu. ft. of timber used	£'000	No.		£'000
Other boxes, cases, etc., of wood, except cabinet ware	849	701	153	..	371
	..	997			
Re-conditioned cases, crates and boxes (b)	..	240	12	-	-
Unclassified casks, barrels, boxes, cases, etc.	..	702	173	..	560(c)
Baskets and basketware manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker	Th. doz.				
Baskets (d)					
Industrial (warehouse, factory, bakers', laundry, etc.)	13.6	247	52	..	201(e)
	..	118			
Domestic (e.g., waste paper, shopping, cycle, but excluding linen baskets), fitted or not fitted	60.3	249	58	..	201(e)
	..	67			
Agricultural	4.9	20	28	..	189(f)
	..	15			
Other descriptions (except furniture)					
Chip basketware (punnets, etc.)	4,305.0	481	19	..	189(f)
	..	154			
Other	203.5	15	12	..	189(f)
	..	20			
Basketware of woven fibre, except furniture	..	29	8		
Waste products sold, other than waste timber and scrap metal	..	2	10	..	(g)
Repair work for customers (b) (h)		409	84		75
Work done for the trade or on commission (h)		173	22		3(b)
Total		30,141	..		7,284
Less sales (or production) in other trades (see Table 9)		7,221	..		1,574
Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade		22,921	460		5,710

- (a) Including cable drums, rolling boards for cloth pieces, tinsplate boxes, confectionery and cigar boxes, etc.
- (b) So far as recorded separately.
- (c) Including the value of casks, boxes, etc. made and repaired for their own use by firms in the Brewing and Malting and Fish Curing Trades, but not including those used in the year by such firms as non-returnable packing material.
- (d) The figures shown for 1948 include sales by philanthropic institutions, the total value so included being £92,000. Philanthropic institutions that produced basketware were not required to make returns for 1935.
- (e) Recorded as:-  
Baskets manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker £'000  
(including hampers, skips, etc.) 97  
Fitted, including cost of fittings 104  
Not fitted
- (f) Including cane parts and prepared willows.
- (g) Not recorded separately.
- (h) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

Sales (or production) of principal products of the trade by establishments classified to other trades

Larger establishments

TABLE 9

	1948 Sales			1935 Production	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
		£'000	No.		£'000
Vats, backs and other wooden vessels for storage	..	30	..	..	3
Staves, sold separately, including cases of staves	Th. cwts. 48.4 ..	69 14	30	..	64 (a)
Other parts of casks, barrels, etc. (including barrel ends), sold separately; and casks re-made, re-conditioned, etc., and sold	..	278	22	..	..
Cases, crates and boxes for packing merchandise	Th. cu. ft. of timber used 2,702 ..	1,967 2,942	220	..	744
Chests (including metal-lined tea chests, complete or unassembled) and travelling trunks of wood	264 ..	176 5	11	..	80
Other boxes, cases, etc., of wood, except cabinet ware	139 ..	98 482	110	..	..
Re-conditioned cases, crates and boxes (b)	..	165	7	-	-
Unclassified casks, barrels, boxes, cases, etc.	..	628	..	..	575
Baskets and basketware manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker					
Baskets	Th. doz.				
Industrial (warehouse, factory, bakers', laundry, etc.)	2.6 ..	68 3	15	..	..
Domestic (e.g., waste paper, shopping, cycle, but excluding linen baskets), fitted or not fitted	8.6 ..	36 29	23	..	65
Agricultural	3.1	11	9	..	..
Other descriptions, (except furniture)	..	181	14	..	30
Basketware of woven fibre, except furniture	..	181	14	..	30
Repair work for customers (c)	..	1	..	..	13
Work done for the trade or on commission (c)	..	38	6	..	-
Total		7,221	..		1,574

(a) Staves, barrel ends and other parts of barrels, casks, etc., only.

(b) So far as recorded separately.

(c) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

Sales (or production) in the trade of other than principal products

Larger establishments

TABLE 10

	1948 Sales		1935 Production
	Quantity	Value	Value
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	£'000
Saw-mill products			
Sawn hardwoods	220	116	28
Sawn softwoods	Standards 7,834	627	75
Planed or dressed woods	Th. cu. ft.		
Hardwood	9	7	..
Softwood	Standards		85
Weatherboards, floorings and matchings; skirtings; and tongued, grooved, beaded, v-jointed, etc., boards	2,838	240	..
Other (excluding boxboards)	1,260	130	..
Boxboards, softwood, sawn or planed, not dovetailed, mortised or tenoned at the ends	3,829	378	140
Other saw-mill products, not elsewhere specified	..	92	5
Builders' woodwork (window frames, doors, etc.)	..	145	106
Wood wool and wood flour	..	46	20
Furniture and cabinetware of wood	..	176	48
Portable wooden buildings	..	104	-
Other manufactures of wood	..	194	80
Firewood, sawdust, and other waste timber sold	..	85	34
Basketware furniture manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker, or woven fibre	..	24	26 (a)
Other goods	..	266	28
Work done (b)	Th. cu. ft.		
Sawing and planing timber, deals, etc.	457 ..	34 40	8
Work done on buildings	..	74	..
General and jobbing carpentry, other than work on buildings and ships	..	169	30
Other work	..	8	..
Total		2,956	713

(a) Described as "Furniture of basketware and imitation basketware".

(b) Amount charged in 1948 and amount received in 1935.

## Analysis of sales, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 11

	Sales	Percentage of total sales
	£'000	
Sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control		
Productive works	1,181	4.7
Export sales organisations (including branches abroad)	73	0.3
Other wholesale or selling organisations	437	1.9
Retail shops, etc.	65	0.3
Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control	1,785	7.1
Sales to independent buyers		
Exports invoiced directly overseas	410	1.6
Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad	647	2.6
His Majesty's Government and Local Authorities (other than productive establishments)	447	1.8
Manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings	10,563	42.2
Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale	8,158(a)	32.6
Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale	540	2.2
Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds	2,350	9.4
Members of the public, including employees	109	0.4
Total sales to independent buyers	23,223	92.9
Total	25,008	100.0

(a) Of this total £8,522,000 was recorded as divided between £4,704,000 for export and £1,818,000 for other sales.

## Production, exports and imports of certain principal products (a)

TABLE 12

	Production (b) (c)	Exports (d)	Retained imports (e)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Wooden containers (including barrels, etc., but excluding cabinet ware) 1948	27,143	130	200
Baskets and basketware			
Baskets manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker	{ 1948 716 1935 201(f)}	{ 22 5}	{ 84 184}
Other descriptions, except furniture	{ 1948 699 1935 189(g)}	{ 20 4}	{ 3 7}

(a) Figures of sales (or production) refer only to larger establishments in Great Britain in the relevant years. All recorded exports from and imports into the United Kingdom are given in the table. The figures, therefore, are not strictly comparable.

(b) Sales in 1948 and production for sale in 1935.

(c) Including sales (or production) by establishments classified to other trades.

(d) Valued f.o.b.

(e) Valued c.i.f.

(f) Excluding output by philanthropic institutions.

(g) Including cane parts and prepared willows.

MANUFACTURES OF WOOD AND CORK  
Employment and remuneration (a)  
Larger establishments

TABLE 15

	Average number of Operatives		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b)		Total	
	1948	1935	1948	1935	1948	1935
Males						
Under 18	2,461	3,205	69	50	2,550	3,261
All ages	15,827	12,553	1,557	1,099	17,334	13,652
Females						
Under 18	516	756	117	50	633	812
All ages	4,385	2,086	750	313	5,135	2,399
Total						
Under 18	2,977	3,961	186	112	3,163	4,073
All ages	20,212	14,639	2,307 (c)	1,412	22,519 (c) (d) (e)	16,051
	£'000		£'000		£'000	
Total remuneration	5,133	..	1,123	..	6,256	..

(a) Excluded employees. The following numbers were employed at establishments in this trade but are not included in the table or in any other report (e.g., employees in a separate selling or transport organisation for which separate accounts are kept):-

Canteen workers	3 males	127 females
Other workers	197 males	18 females

(b) Number at September 25, 1948, and October 12, 1935.

(c) There were, in addition, 138 working proprietors (134 males and 4 females) in 1948. Working proprietors are included in the 1935 figures.

(d) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £179,000.

(e) The following persons (included in this total) were employed on special work by establishments employing 100 or more persons:-

	Operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees
Transport of goods outside the premises	230	
Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant	45	
Research work not directly connected with current production however charged	-	*

\* Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms this figure cannot be given.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose number (and remuneration in 1948) are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers
	Males	Females	Total	
1948	6	11	17	£'000
1935	14	9	23	3
				..

Wages and salaries paid, 1948 (a)  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 16

	Amount paid by all establishments	Establishments making returns for the calendar year						
		Amount paid	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in					
			First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year	
Wages and salaries of Operatives	£'000	£'000						
	5,133	2,243	23.8	24.8	24.6	26.8	100.0	
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	1,123	499	23.0	24.4	25.0	27.6	100.0	
Total	6,256	2,742	23.6	24.7	24.7	27.0	100.0	

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

TABLE 17 - Payments for work done on materials given out, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

The total amount paid for work done on materials given out was £93,000.



## Purchased materials and fuel

## Larger establishments

TABLE 13

	1948		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000		£'000
Materials				
Timber				
Hardwood	3,288	1,287		
Softwood	4,023 Standards 111,104 ..	1,286 7,172 219		
Staves	Th. tons 10.5	894		
Casks, second-hand	Thous. 762 ..	493 110		
Hoop and strip of iron or steel (a)	Th. tons 3.3	75		
Nails (a)	Th. cwts. 87.2 ..	157 55	..	3,429(b)
Willows				
Imported	3.7 ..	22 23		
Home grown	15.4 ..	33 27		
Canes and rattans	10.3 ..	55 19		
Replacement parts for firms' machinery (a)	..	63		
Consumable tools bought as replacement (a)	..	51		
Packing materials	..	211		
All other purchased materials	..	2,014		

TABLE 13 (Contd.)

	1948		1935	
	Materials and fuel purchased		Usage of purchased materials and fuel	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. tons	£'000	Th. tons	£'000
Fuel and electricity				
Coal	11.0	33	14.1	14
Coke	4.1	17	1.7	2
Electricity purchased from public supply (c)	Th. B. T. U. (kW. hrs.) 15,240	90	12,462	53
Electricity purchased from other sources and electricity generated in other works under the same ownership	..	24		
Motor spirit (petrol) and derv. fuel	Th. galls. 796 ..	77 10		
Used for road vehicles	43	3		
Used for other power purposes	83	4		
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	Th. therms 262 ..	13 2	..	(d)
Gas purchased and gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	..	1		
All other purchased fuel	..	1		
Total		14,503		3,498

(a) So far as recorded separately.

(b) Including fuel not specified separately.

(c) The quantity of electricity generated and consumed in the same works in 1948 was 1,447,000 B.T. units.

(d) Not recorded separately.

## Stocks of finished products and work in progress and stocks of materials and fuel, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 14

	At beginning of year	At end of year
	£'000	£'000
Finished products	306	305
Work in progress	253	264
Total finished products and work in progress	559	569
Materials and fuel	2,458	2,644

## Payments for certain services, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

	Amount paid
	£'000
Repair and maintenance	
Of buildings	76
Of plant, machinery and vehicles	164
Unclassified	75
Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles	80
Advertising and market research	
Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals	15
Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research	4
Unclassified	113
Payments made for research work	
To research associations	2
To universities, institutions, academic bodies and similar agencies	-
To other commercial concerns	1
Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables	58
Commercial insurance premiums	163
Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year	40

## Plant, machinery and vehicles acquired and disposed of, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 19

	Acquisitions		Disposals
	New	Second-hand	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Plant and machinery	221	32	24
Vehicles	121	41	24
Total	342	72	48

## Capital expenditure on building work and changes in occupation of buildings and land, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

	£'000	£'000
1. Capital expenditure on building work (a)		74
2. Existing buildings and land (b)		
(1) Capital cost of freeholds bought	76	
Estimated capital value of		
(11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)	152	
(111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year	338	
Total of headings 2		566
Total of headings 1 and 2		640
3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)		
(1) Selling value of freeholds sold	3	
(11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished	16	
Total of heading 3		18
4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3		622

(a) Excluding site value which, where appropriate, is included in heading 2 (1).

(b) The figures do not reflect changes in ownership of previously occupied land and buildings.

(c) Property which is occupied under an agreement for the payment of rent without the purchase of a lease or the payment of a premium.

(d) Including property destroyed or abandoned.

## WOODEN CONTAINERS AND BASKETS TRADE

1948

## Summary

## Larger establishments

TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross output (production)	21,892	233	3,579	25,704
Cost of materials and fuel used	12,159	109	2,050	14,317
Payment for work done on materials given out	92	-	1	93
Net output	9,642	124	1,528	11,295
Wages and salaries of persons employed	5,391	40	828	6,259
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (a)	19,287	154	3,216	22,657
	£	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (a)	500	806	475	499
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Stocks at end of year				
Finished products and work in progress	425	-	143	569
Materials and fuel	2,032	8	604	2,644
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of establishments	411	7	57	475

(a) Excluding outworkers.

The values of gross output and of materials and fuel used are derived in the following way:-

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Output of firms in this trade				
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	22,034	235	3,608	25,877
Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress	+ 8	-	+ 2	+ 10
	22,042	235	3,610	25,887
Less payment for transport by other firms	149	2	30	182
Gross output (production)	21,892	233	3,579	25,704
Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	12,174	110	2,219	14,503
Adjustment for changes in stocks	- 15	- 2	- 169	- 186
Materials and fuel used	12,159	109	2,050	14,317

## Summary

## Small firms

TABLE 22

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Number of returns	541	8	53	602
Average number of persons employed (a)				
Males	2,528	33	265	2,826
Females	249	1	15	265
Total	2,777	34	280	3,091

(a) Including working proprietors.

Sales in the trade  
Larger establishments

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Hundreds	£'000	Hundreds	£'000	Hundreds	£'000
Principal products						
Wet or tight coopering						
Machine-made casks for breweries, distilleries and spirit rectifiers	246	301	261	382	507	683
Hand-made casks for breweries, distilleries and spirit rectifiers	..	(a)	..	(a)	130	87
Herring pickle barrels	..	(a)	..	(a)	836 ..	80 11
Other casks	345	49	125	29	470	79
Total wet or tight coopering	1,182	479	761 ..	450 11	1,943 ..	929 11
Dry coopering						
Machine-made casks and kegs	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,648 ..	173 25
Hand-made casks and kegs	..	(a)	..	(a)	1,243	126
Total dry coopering	..	(a)	..	(a)	3,891 ..	300 25
"White" coopering						
Churns, tubs, buckets, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	102 ..	24 7
Vats, backs and other wooden vessels for storage	No. 801 Th. galls. capacity 1,132 ..	122 3	No. 43 Th. galls. capacity 107 -	5 -	No. 844 Th. galls. capacity 1,239 ..	127 3
Staves, sold separately, including cases of staves	Th. cwts. 8.4 ..	90 20	Th. cwts. 12.9 ..	136 2	Th. cwts. 21.3 ..	227 22
Other parts of casks, barrels, etc. (including barrel ends), sold separately; and casks re-made, re-conditioned, etc., and sold	..	1,316	..	282	..	1,598

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. cu. ft. of timber used	£'000	Th. cu. ft. of timber used	£'000	Th. cu. ft. of timber used	£'000
Principal products (contd.)						
Cases, crates and boxes for packing merchandise (b)	16,742 ..	12,391 2,633	1,586 ..	1,243 438	18,328 ..	13,634 3,071
Chests (including metal-lined tea chests, complete or unassembled) and travelling trunks of wood	21 ..	20 22	-	-	21 ..	20 22
Other boxes, cases, etc., of wood, except cabinet ware	468 ..	389 488	242 ..	214 27	710 ..	603 515
Re-conditioned cases, crates and boxes (c)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	75
Unclassified casks, barrels, boxes, cases, etc.	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	76
Baskets and basketware manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker						
Baskets	Th. doz.				Th. doz.	
Industrial (warehouse, factory, bakers', laundry, etc.)	11.0 ..	180 114	-	-	11.0 ..	180 114
Domestic (e.g., waste paper, shopping, cycle, but excluding linen baskets), fitted or not fitted	51.8 ..	213 38	-	-	51.8 ..	213 38
Agricultural	1.7 ..	9 15	-	-	1.7 ..	9 15
Other descriptions, (except furniture)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	518
Basketware of woven fibre, except furniture	..	1	..	1	..	2
Waste products sold, other than waste timber and scrap metal	..	279	..	130	..	408
Repair work for customers (d)	..	126	..	10	..	135
Work done for the trade or on commission (d)	..	126	..	10	..	135
Total principal products		19,751		3,170		22,921

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000		£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000
Other output						
Saw-mill products						
Sawn hardwoods	220	116	-	-	220	116
	Standards		Standards		Standards	
Sawn softwoods	7,170	580	664	47	7,834	627
Planned or dressed woods	Th. cu. ft.				Th. cu. ft.	
Hardwood	9	7	-	-	9	7
Softwood	Standards				Standards	
Weatherboards, floorings and matchings; skirtings; and tongued, grooved, beaded, V-jointed, etc., boards	..	(a)	..	(a)	2,838	240
Other (excluding boxboards)	1,260	130	-	-	1,260	130
Boxboards, softwood, sawn or planed, not dovetailed, mortised or tenoned at the ends	2,636	256	1,193	122	3,829	378
Other saw-mill products, not elsewhere specified	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	92
Builders' woodwork (window frames, doors, etc.)	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	145
Wood wool and wood flour	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	46
Furniture and cabinetware of wood	..	126	..	50	..	176
Portable wooden buildings	..	(a)	..	(a)	..	104
Other manufactures of wood	..	182	..	12	..	194
Firewood, sawdust, and other waste timber sold	..	53	..	32	..	85
Basketware furniture manufactured wholly or partly of willow, cane or wicker, or woven fibre	..	24	-	-	..	24
Other goods	..	196	..	70	..	266

TABLE 23 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000		£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000
Other output (contd.)						
Work done (d)						
Sawing and planing timber, deals, etc.	457 ..	34 40	-	-	457 ..	34 40
Work done on buildings		(a)		(a)		74
General and jobbing carpentry, other than work on buildings and ships		163		6		169
Other work		(a)		(a)		8
Total		22,269		3,608		25,876

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

(b) Including cable drums, rolling boards for cloth pieces, tinsplate boxes, confectionery and cigar boxes, etc.

(c) So far as recorded separately.

(d) Amount charged.

## Purchased materials and fuel

## Larger establishments

TABLE 24

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000	Th. cu. ft.	£'000
Materials						
Timber						
Hardwood	3,185	1,227	103	40	3,288	1,287
Softwood	2,094 Standards 101,012 ..	735 6,597 213	1,929 Standards 10,092 ..	531 574 6	4,023 Standards 111,104 ..	1,266 7,172 219
Staves	Th. tons 5.1	383	Th. tons 5.4	511	Th. tons 10.5	894
Casks, second-hand	Thous. 638 ..	343 94	Thous. 124 ..	150 16	Thous. 782 ..	493 110
Hoop and strip of iron or steel (a)	Th. tons 2.4	53	Th. tons 0.9	21	Th. tons 3.3	75
Nails (a)	Th. cwts. 74.3 ..	133 48	Th. cwts. 12.9 ..	24 7	Th. cwts. 87.2 ..	157 55
Willows						
Imported	3.7 ..	22 23	- -	- -	3.7 ..	22 23
Home grown	15.4 ..	33 27	- -	- -	15.4 ..	33 27
Canes and rattans	10.3 ..	55 19	- -	- -	10.3 ..	55 19
Replacement parts for firms' machinery (a)	..	52	..	10	..	63
Consumable tools bought as replacement (a)	..	45	..	6	..	51
Packing materials	..	207	..	4	..	211
All other purchased materials	..	1,734	..	280	..	2,014
Fuel and electricity	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coal	6.4	21	4.7	12	11.0	33
Coke	4.0	17	0.1	-	4.1	17

TABLE 24 (contd.)

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000	Th. B.T.U. (kW. hrs.)	£'000
Fuel and electricity (contd.)						
Electricity purchased from public supply (b)	12,006 ..	76 23	3,234 ..	14 1	15,240 ..	90 24
Electricity purchased from other sources and electricity generated in other works under the same ownership	112 ..	1 3	- -	- -	112 ..	1 3
Motor spirit (petrol) and deriv. fuel	Th. galls.		Th. galls.		Th. galls.	
Used for road vehicles	719 ..	70 9	76 ..	7 1	796 ..	77 10
Used for other power purposes	31	2	12	1	43	3
Other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	82	4	1	-	83	4
Gas purchased and gas obtained from other works under the same ownership	Th. therms 231 ..	12 2	Th. therms 31	1	Th. therms 262 ..	13 2
All other purchased fuel	..	1	..	1	..	1
Total		12,284		2,219		14,503

(a) So far as recorded separately.

(b) The quantity of electricity generated and consumed in the same works was 1,447,000 B.T. units in Great Britain; 1,363,000 in England and Wales, and 84,000 in Scotland.

## Employment and remuneration

## Larger establishments

TABLE 25

	England and Wales			Scotland			Great Britain		
	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total	Average number of operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	Total
Males									
Under 18	1,982	66	2,048	479	3	482	2,461	69	2,530
All ages	13,493	1,388	14,881	2,334	169	2,503	15,827	1,557	17,384
Females									
Under 18	429	100	529	87	17	104	516	117	633
All ages	3,830	613	4,443	555	137	692	4,385	750	5,135
Total									
Under 18	2,411	166	2,577	566	20	586	2,977	186	3,163
All ages	17,323	2,001(b)	19,324 (b) (c)	2,889	306(b)	3,195 (b) (c)	20,212	2,307(b)	22,519 (b) (c)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total remuneration	4,451	979	5,430	662	144	826	5,133	1,123	6,256

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) There were, in addition, 138 working proprietors (134 males and 4 females) in Great Britain; 114 males and 3 females in England and Wales, and 20 males and 1 female in Scotland.

(c) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to a total of £179,000; £154,000 for England and Wales, and £25,000 for Scotland.

In addition to the employees in the above table the firms in this trade employed outworkers whose numbers and remuneration are set out below.

	Average number of outworkers employed			Total amount paid to outworkers £'000
	Males	Females	Total	
England and Wales	6	11	17	5
Scotland	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	6	11	17	5

Monthly index of employment of operatives: Larger establishments  
(average employment in 1948 = 100)

TABLE 26

Month	Monthly index (a)			Month	Monthly index (a)		
	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain		England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
1948				1948			
January	98.6	97.4	98.4	August	101.9	98.7	101.5
February	98.6	98.7	98.6	September	101.4	100.6	101.3
March	99.1	97.9	99.0	October	100.5	102.6	100.8
April	99.7	98.9	99.6	November	100.9	104.4	101.4
May	98.9	98.8	98.9	December	100.0	103.9	100.5
June	99.3	99.7	99.3	Percentage employment in this trade covered by the index			
July	101.0	98.2	100.7		46.0	41.9	45.4

(a) The index numbers are calculated from the number of operatives employed in one week in each month returned by larger establishments that made returns for the calendar year 1948.

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