

Brush and Broom Making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March:—

	1926.	1927.	1928.
Establishments (number)	11	12	9
Employees (number)	249	238	223
Wages paid	£39,103	£42,571	£38,192
Value of output	£120,675	£130,287	£120,130
Value added by manufacture ..	£69,826	£74,777	£65,046
Imports, calendar years:—			
Brushes, brushware, and brooms ..	£83,779	£64,723	£76,291

While the value of output decreased by £10,000, imports increased by £12,000. Increased competition was felt from the United Kingdom, from which country £7,700 more worth of goods were imported than in the previous year, £2,000 more from Germany, and £1,000 more from Sweden. Competition from overseas is generally very keen, and the business obtained by New Zealand manufacturers is secured under somewhat difficult conditions.

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