

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

NEW ZEALAND BOOT AND SHOE FACTORIES: PRODUCTION STATISTICS.

	Years ended 31st March,					
	1911.	1916.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Number of establishments	74	166*	81	81	81	81
Number of employees	2,072	2,257	2,475	2,541	2,376	2,338
Salaries and wages paid .. £	197,793	238,831	408,422	428,940	412,979	405,443
Materials used—						
Leather manufactured in Dominion £	334,880	441,292	309,414	306,246	291,776	311,850
Leather imported .. £			209,100	186,164	174,487	169,853
Other articles purchased .. £			78,858	97,504	100,235	83,547
Total cost of materials used £	334,880	441,292	597,372	589,914	566,498	565,250
<i>Products.</i>						
Boots and shoes—						
Pairs	1,324,477	1,332,929	1,372,777	1,363,690	1,317,362	1,311,665
Value £	571,640	714,607	1,181,122	1,149,191	1,100,963	1,065,830†
Slippers—						
Pairs	68,040	58,560	18,965	14,850	8,659	7,922
Value £	14,769	13,278	6,138	5,442	3,276	2,864
Shoettes—						
Pairs	98,644	79,977	34,085	42,833	79,811	134,351
Value £	11,538	15,265	9,275	11,808	36,670	66,960
Uppers for sale—						
Pairs	17,464	7,400	1,934	1,928	1,896	2,155
Value £	6,925	3,936	1,381	1,330	1,141	1,514
Leggings—						
Pairs	2,279	425	158	225	26,264	31,069
Value £	777	144	239	171		
Other products—Value .. £	14,224	54,342	27,543	29,843		
Totals, all products—Value £	619,873	801,572	1,225,698	1,197,785	1,168,314	1,168,737

* 111 individual.

† 16s. 3d. per pair.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON MANUFACTURING CONDITIONS.

(Return prepared by E. T. SPIDY.)

The investigation made into the cost of manufacturing footwear in New Zealand shows that there is a marked difference in the conditions under which manufacturing is carried on in New Zealand as compared with that obtaining in England, both in regard to the classification of the labour employed and the wages paid, which operate in favour of the English manufacturer.

In order to show the differences the following statement has been prepared. Owing to the fact that no official Year-book was available showing English working-conditions, some difficulty has been experienced in drawing up the statement. Information has, however, been obtained from members in the trade who have worked in English factories, and from checks made I am satisfied the information shown is reliable.

*Comparisons between New Zealand and English Conditions.*1. *Weekly Hours.*—

New Zealand: The regular hours for all employees are forty-four per week.

England: Forty-eight hours per week.

2. *Weekly Wages.*—

New Zealand: The rates of wages are fixed by the Arbitration Court, and apply to all factories. The minimum weekly rates are £4 8s. 11d. for journeymen and £2 10s. for journeywomen.

England: Weekly-wage rates are not uniform throughout England. District agreements are arranged between the Manufacturers' Federation and the employee unions. Many of the manufacturers outside the cities are not in the federation, and they make their own wage agreements with their employees. Rates paid to adults in the cities are as follows: Males, £2 12s. 6d. minimum; females, £1 12s. 6d. minimum.