

APPENDIX.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Fruit-preserving and Jam-making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—		1929.	1930.	1931.
Establishments (number)		9	7	10
Employees (number)		325	298	352
Wages paid		£56,862	£54,983	£63,128
Value of output		£327,722	£300,424	£330,522
Value added by manufacture		£132,433	£132,204	£135,762
Imports, calendar years :—				
Jams and preserves (including preserved ginger)		£ 44,959	£ 26,772	£ 10,411
Fruits, bottled and preserved in syrup—				
Apricots		28,980	22,042	16,384
Peaches		65,803	58,330	43,535
Pears		2,024	728	1,330
Fruit-pulp, n.e.i.		4,257	5,362	1,907
Total		£146,023	£113,234	£73,567

The statistics for 1931 show substantial increases over those of 1930 in regard to number of employees, wages paid, and value of output. Import figures for 1931 show a further decline of £39,667 when compared with the previous year. Reports for the current year received by the Department indicate that the trade in jams and fruit-preserving will show a decline for 1932. The sales of candied peel remain steady, one district using exclusively locally grown lemons.

Lime and Cement.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—		1929.	1930.	1931.
Establishments (number)		29	31	40
Employees (number)		875	928	912
Wages paid		£223,219	£222,831	£205,414
Value of output		£914,232	£928,200	£878,732
Value added by manufacture		£721,518	£737,968	£693,766
Imports, calendar years :—				
Cement, building (cwt.)		29,558	34,834	7,508
Value		£8,973	£8,142	£2,936

The figures reflect to some extent the decline in building activity, and reports indicate a further decline for the 1932 period. The rebuilding activity in Napier and Hastings following the earthquake disaster of February, 1931, is responsible for the abnormal use of cement in those districts at the present time.

Engineering.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—		1929.	1930.	1931.
Establishments (number)		205	205	200
Employees (number)		3,741	3,890	3,455
Wages paid		£803,273	£809,884	£725,690
Value of output		£2,005,978	£1,982,720	£1,692,214
Value added by manufacture		£1,276,017	£1,263,454	£1,115,380

The reports for the current year are not reassuring, several of the larger units in the industry advising a reduction in turnover of 33 to 50 per cent. compared with 1931. A greater proportion of the work offering is for repairs, for which there is keen competition. The manufacture of lawnmowers under present conditions continues to progress, two companies in New Zealand now making this class of machine. One company reports several new lines, such as automatic stokers, gas-meter castings, grinding-mills, bakelite mouldings.

Sauce, Pickle, and Vinegar making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March :—		1929.	1930.	1931.
Establishments (number)		24	23	22
Employees (number)		283	262	234
Wages paid		£50,577	£48,652	£45,270
Value of output		£230,769	£218,832	£203,741
Value added by manufacture		£126,771	£124,222	£116,610
Imports, calendar years :—				
Pickles (gallons)		4,249	2,746	1,244
Value		£2,593	£1,870	£747
Sauce and chutney (gallons)		17,035	15,327	10,046
Value		£17,417	£14,889	£11,273
Vinegar (gallons)		32,657	21,670	16,225
Value		£8,864	£7,643	£4,186

The production figures under present conditions compare fairly favourably with those of 1930. No improvement in the current year is reported, and trade generally is for the cheaper line of goods offering.