

The following table shows the imports of materials which compete with the products of New Zealand woollen-mills :—

Piece-goods.	1933.	1934.	1935.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Artificial and pure silk.	725,078	875,714	879,544
Woollen	535,923	654,861	638,561
Cotton and linen	1,467,144	1,471,741	1,501,754
Totals	2,728,145	3,002,316	3,019,859

Printing and Publishing.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—	1933.	1934.	1935.
Establishments (number)	362	366	373
Employees (number)	7,453	7,744	8,079
Wages paid	£1,447,735	£1,444,132	£1,513,478
Value of output	£3,473,987	£3,525,188	£3,758,937
Value added by manufacture	£2,540,824	£2,594,529	£2,795,309

Considerable improvement has been shown during the year, and prospects for the future are considered good.

Brush and Broom Making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—	1933.	1934.	1935.
Establishments (number)	13	15	15
Employees (number)	219	240	253
Wages paid	£33,987	£34,678	£37,008
Value of output	£97,470	£102,474	£118,251
Value added by manufacture	£54,981	£56,052	£61,910
Imports, calendar years—			
Brushes, brushware, and brooms	£32,341	£38,981	£54,242

South Island manufacturers report a generally busy year, but competition from overseas has affected some items. Sales, however, have increased materially, in some cases from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. Employment has also increased, quite appreciably in some instances.

The statistics show that the value of output increased by £15,777 and imports by £15,261.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given ; printing (1,244 copies), £46 10s.