

Range-making.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—	1935.	1936.	1937.
Establishments (number)	11	8	11
Employees (number)	408	436	683
Salaries and wages paid	£69,748	£74,650	£125,517
Value of output	£199,920	£206,527	£319,650
Value added by manufacture ..	£136,511	£148,044	£219,759

In connection with the manufacture of gas-ranges, conditions have been stated to be difficult owing to the increasing use of electric ranges and to overseas competition. In regard to the manufacture of electric ranges, a much healthier state of affairs has prevailed and production and sales have shown considerable expansion, with a corresponding increase in employment. Competition is, however, keen.

Wireworking.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—	1935.	1936.	1937.
Establishments (number)	19	20	23
Employees (number)	160	195	231
Salaries and wages paid	£26,993	£34,235	£50,104
Value of output	£125,618	£154,868	£227,411
Value added by manufacture ..	£68,152	£79,788	£107,305

The year has been a fluctuating one for manufacturers, considerable difficulty having been experienced in procuring raw materials from overseas.

Tanneries.

Official statistics, year ended 31st March—	1935.	1936.	1937.
Establishments (number)	15	16	14
Employees (number)	531	543	571
Salaries and wages paid	£100,668	£104,888	£117,755
Value of output	£492,604	£519,157	£614,113
Value added by manufacture ..	£198,454	£210,692	£217,565

This industry has felt the effects of the slackness which obtained for some time in the boot and shoe industry, but it is hoped that conditions will improve as the result of the recent tariff changes.

Manufacture of Baths, Basins, Sinks.

Conditions appear favourable, and the recent tariff adjustment against Australian porcelain enamelled baths is of substantial benefit to this industry.

Manufacturing Chemists.

Reports indicate an improvement in conditions, and indications appear to point to a continuance of steady business for some time to come.

Ice-cream Manufacture.

An excellent year is reported, with sales showing substantial increases, and employment also increasing.

Canvas-goods and Tent Manufacture.

General business conditions were good, with some increase in sales. Employment has been steady throughout. Prospects are considered bright.

Manufacture of Matches.

Demand was steady throughout the year, and trading conditions were satisfactory.

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