

8.—Principal Statistics of the Fur-Dressing Industry, 1945-47

Item	1945	1946	1947
Establishments.....No	20	24	24
Employees on Salaries—			
Male.....No.	116	143	140
Female.....“	44	39	37
Employees on Wages—			
Male.....No.	897	1,126	920
Female.....“	360	343	262
Salaries paid.....\$	408,762	444,879	528,559
Wages paid.....\$	1,705,788	2,031,055	1,825,392
Cost of materials used (dyes, chemicals, etc.).....\$	792,455	1,026,978	781,590
Pelts treated.....No.	11,079,292	12,875,683	10,652,179
Amount received for treatment of furs.....\$	3,740,854	5,010,539	4,530,478

Statistics for the fur-goods industry, on a comparable basis, are available from 1921, when 219 establishments reported a gross value of production of \$13,639,609, employees numbering 2,682 who received \$3,037,605 in salaries and wages. Cost of materials used in the manufacturing process totalled \$8,118,833. Principal statistics for the industry for the years 1945, 1946 and 1947 are given in Table 9.

9.—Principal Statistics of the Fur-Goods Industry, 1945-47

Item	1945	1946	1947
Establishments.....No.	571	593	616
Employees on Salary—			
Male.....No.	1,112	1,162	1,193
Female.....“	371	370	377
Employees on Wages—			
Male.....No.	2,190	2,518	2,450
Female.....“	2,109	2,214	2,074
Salaries paid.....\$	3,159,814	3,380,782	3,749,915
Wages paid.....\$	6,029,158	7,131,892	7,665,649
Cost of materials used.....\$	35,488,515	39,394,072	36,912,929
Value of products.....\$	51,032,829	57,737,516	57,541,628

Changes in living habits and standards that have taken place in the past quarter-century are reflected in the type of goods produced by the fur-goods industry. For example, in 1921 there were 31,604 ladies' fur coats and jackets produced whereas in 1947 the industry turned out 213,711 garments of this type. On the other hand there were 4,655 men's fur coats and 1,037 men's fur-lined coats manufactured in 1921 but only 2,102 such coats in 1947. In 1921 horse-drawn sleighs were still reasonably plentiful and 4,461 fur robes were produced but by 1947 production had dropped to 58.