

9.—Principal Statistics of the Fur-Goods Industry, 1948-50

Item		1948	1949	1950
Establishments.....	No.	615	642	609
Employees on Salaries—				
Male.....	No.	1,193	1,305	1,250
Female.....	"	340	387	359
Employees on Wages—				
Male.....	No.	2,747	2,816	2,728
Female.....	"	2,163	2,192	1,992
Salaries paid.....	\$	4,154,725	4,718,648	4,755,675
Wages paid.....	\$	9,327,690	9,801,931	9,841,027
Cost of materials used.....	\$	43,938,122	37,260,284	38,309,241
Value of products.....	\$	66,381,085	60,955,010	61,930,099

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 1948, there were 225,711 ladies' fur coats made; the number dropped to 207,816 in 1949, and to 191,915 in 1950. The manufacture of men's fur coats, however, showed a decided reversal in the market as there were 4,655 men's fur coats and 1,037 men's fur-lined coats manufactured in 1921 but a total of only 329 such coats in 1950. In 1921 horse-drawn sleighs were still reasonably plentiful and 4,461 fur robes were produced but, by 1950, production had dropped to virtually none.