

other materials used, and expenditures of \$561,233 on salaries and wages to 539 employees. Of the 3,473,909 skins treated in that year muskrat pelts made up 47 p.c., rabbit 19 p.c. and squirrel 10 p.c.

The greatest number of skins treated was reported in 1941 when 14,592,079 were handled, but almost 53 p.c. of those were rabbit skins so that the revenue for that year was only \$2,476,289. The record revenue reported was that for 1949 when \$6,691,418 was received and rabbit skins constituted 38 p.c. of the total processed.

In 1954 the number of skins treated was 9,279,897, of which muskrat comprised 48 p.c., squirrel 16 p.c., Persian and other types of lamb 13 p.c., rabbit 8 p.c. and mink 8 p.c.

8.—Principal Statistics of the Fur Dressing Industry 1951-54

Item		1951	1952	1953	1954
Establishments.....	No.	20	17	16	17
Employees on Salaries—					
Male.....	No.	100	82	74	84
Female.....	"	37	30	24	19
Employees on Wages—					
Male.....	No.	940	942	900	859
Female.....	"	228	226	216	180
Salaries paid.....	\$	600,593	460,998	440,036	437,131
Wages paid.....	\$	2,538,783	2,865,534	2,749,531	2,562,980
Cost of materials used (dyes, chemicals, etc.).....	\$	1,076,825	1,177,345	1,026,173	963,538
Pelts treated.....	No.	9,768,616	12,085,066	11,001,366	9,279,897
Amount received for treatment of furs.....	\$	5,302,761	6,061,850	5,920,014	5,634,991

Statistics on a comparable basis for the fur goods industry are available from 1921, when 219 establishments reported a gross value of production of \$13,639,609, employees numbered 2,621 and salaries and wages amounted to \$3,013,706. Cost of materials used in the manufacturing process totalled \$8,118,833. Principal statistics of the industry for the years 1951 to 1954 are given in Table 9.

9.—Principal Statistics of the Fur Goods Industry 1951-54

Item		1951	1952	1953	1954
Establishments.....	No.	612	596	600	581
Employees on Salaries—					
Male.....	No.	1,203	1,220	1,122	1,083
Female.....	"	349	355	314	282
Employees on Wages—					
Male.....	No.	2,625	2,629	2,745	2,435
Female.....	"	1,907	1,765	1,764	1,489
Salaries paid.....	\$	4,755,383	5,033,155	4,743,807	4,531,941
Wages paid.....	\$	9,657,070	10,388,597	11,103,947	9,816,442
Cost of materials used.....	\$	38,100,218	41,909,453	39,639,350	36,053,592
Value of products.....	\$	61,209,546	66,245,562 ¹	63,991,716 ¹	58,464,790 ¹

¹ Value of factory shipments. See text pp. 624-625.

Changes in living habits and standards 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 1954 the number was 208,195. The manufacture of men's fur coats showed a decided reversal in the market; there were 5,692 men's fur or fur lined coats manufactured in 1921 but only 71 in 1954.