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Switzerland's foreign trade and textiles in 1952

Although last year proved rather disappointing in certain sectors of the textile industry in Switzerland, the situation of the industry as a whole is far from giving cause for anxiety and can even be considered as favourable. In fact, industrial output, calculated according to the number of man-hours, although not quite coming up to the maximum level recorded in 1951 was not below that of 1948, a year of great prosperity. There was even a slight increase between the first and the second quarter of 1952. Figures for overtime show a degree of employment still appreciably above normal. However, the volume of work in the industry varies quite considerably from one branch to the next.

At right, we are quoting some figures from Switzerland's balance of trade for the past two years, compared with those of 1948, a year of great activity, and 1938, the last year before the war, together with the figures for exports of Swiss textile products.

Total exports

	in millions of Swiss Francs		
1938	1948	1951	1952
1316.6	3434.5	4690.9	4748.9

Total imports

	in millions of Swiss Francs		
1938	1948	1951	1952
1606.9	4998.9	5915.5	5205.7

SWISS EXPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS

	in millions of Swiss Francs		
	1938	1951	1952
Cotton yarns	23.6	62.4	70.2
Cotton fabrics	58.9	138.2	113.4
Embroideries	26.1	95.2	89.7
Spun silk yarn	4.1	3.5	6.3
Rayon and staple fibre yarns	20.2	62.1	70.1
Pure and artificial silk fabrics	30.7	106.0	94.1
Pure and artificial silk ribbons	5.8	11.9	9.9
Worsted yarns	2.0	12.6	15.4
Woollen fabrics	3.2	20.1	19.3
Hosiery, knitted wear	8.0	35.8	35.6
Clothing	11.7	40.1	42.7
Straw-braid for hats	13.6	29.3	34.6
Total	207.9	617.2	601.3

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