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## A GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY OF THE NEW ZEALAND TEXTILE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE WELLINGTON REGION

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## ABSTRACT

This thesis is a study of the New Zealand textile manufacturing industry and its components. investigates the nature of location patterns, the changes within the components of the industry and the changes in industrial organisation which have occurred since 1950. The location of factories engaged in manufacturing textiles is detailed, shifts in components of the industry are analysed and early location factors in the industry are discussed. It is argued that technological advances in various facets of the industry have been influential in determining the present day location of the factories The impact of technology and its in the industry. requirements within the industry are examined specifically in terms of process product and organisational adjustments. The resulting developments, particularly the form of intra- and interindustry linkages are outlined. In addition the form of industry intra-urban linkages are explored with particular reference to the Wellington Region.

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