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Sommario/riassunto	The domestic linen industry left an indelible imprint on Ulster history. It was introduced by colonists from the north of England in the

seventeenth century, before the arrival of the Huguenots, and encouraged by the landlords to improve their rentals. Earnings from raising flax, spinning yarn and weaving cloth, provided farming families with regular incomes that enabled them to lease small farms and improve marginal land. Continual improvements by Ulster bleachers in the finishing of linens secured for them control of the industry, focussing its development. Exports to Britain
