(1) The Period from 1901 to 1931

The following table gives a picture of the development of secondary industries between 1901 and 1931, classified as between those that were relatively stable in the number of their employees, those that were expanding, and those that were contracting. This table is self-explanatory:—

Table No. 98.—Table showing the Number of Employees engaged in Secondary Industries 1900–01, 1920–21, 1930–31, differentiating between Stable, Expanding, and Contracting Industries

	1900-01.	1920–21.	1930-31.
(1) Relatively Stable Industries			
Drinks, narcotics, and stimulants—			
Brewing and malting	827	927	952
Processes relating to stone, glass, clay, &c.—			
Brick, tile, and pottery making	838	1,054	946
Ships, boats, and their equipment—			
Sail, tent, and oilskin making	231	272	212
Apparel—	2 000		
Boot and shoe making	2,696	2,103	2,364
(2) Expanding Industries			
Vegetable food—	0=0		
Biscuit and confectionery making	972	1,529	2,716
Fruit preserving and jam making	172	280	352
Concentrated foods and essences manu-	29	Not available	149
facture (baking-powder manufacture prior		1	
to 1930)			
Drinks, narcotics, and stimulants—	452	404	601
Aerated water and cordial manufacture Ice-cream making	5	Not available	$\frac{601}{157}$
Ice-cream making Coffee and spice grading and preparing	78	51	97
Tobacco preparing and cigarette making	38	Not available	Not available
Sauce, pickle, and vinegar making	151	198	234
Animal matters (not otherwise classified)—		100	201
Soap and candle making	232	314	438
Sausage-casing manufacture	98	359	406
Boiling-down, glue and manure manufacture	113	578	276
Working in wood—			
Coopering and casemaking	138	234	415
Woodware and turnery manufacture	156	891	880
Paper-manufactures—			
Paper bag and box making	81	175	378
Heat, light, and power—			
Gas making and supply	572	966	1,778
Electricity generation and supply	52	457	2,716
Electric tramways	• •	1,080	2,915
(Note.—Not now shown under Factory Production Returns.)			
Processes relating to stone, glass, clay, &c.—			
Lime crushing or burning and cement	184	715	912
making	104	11.)	912
Lead-light making and glass bevelling	16	143	357
Electro-plating	11	67	76
('oncrete block or pipe and fibrous plaster	Included in	203	664
making	" Miscellaneous "		
Metals, other than gold or silver—			
Tinned-plate and sheet-metal working	598	808	1,448
Engineering, iron and brass founding, boiler-	3,397	3,774	4,226
making, &c.			•
Electrical engineering	Not available	255	265
Range-making	193	254	332
Wire-working	Included in	122	171
	" Miscellaneous "		