

TABLE VII.—ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES, 1946, BY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT*

Cause.	Number of Accidents.		Percentage Change.
	1945.	1946.	
Fixed machinery	970	1,161	+19·7
Vehicles	60	54	—10·0
Explosions and fires	175	190	+ 8·6
Poisonous and corrosive substances	157	170	+ 8·3
Electricity	10	12	+20·0
Falls of persons	507	460	— 9·3
Stepping on or striking against fixed objects	331	319	+ 3·6
Falling, or otherwise moving objects	147	168	+13·6
Falls of earth	2	2	..
Handling of objects	2,184	2,203	+ 0·9
Hand-tools	1,247	1,353	+ 8·5
Miscellaneous	353	296	—16·1
Totals	6,143	6,388	+ 2·4

* These are preliminary figures only.

TABLE VIII.—MINIMUM WAGE-RATES IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES (31ST MARCH, 1947)

Industry.	Rate.	Weekly Hours.
Bacon-workers	2s. 11½d. to 3s. 3½d. per hour	40
Bakers	£6 6s. 8d. per week	40
Biscuit and confectionery workers—		
Male	£5 5s. to £6 6s. 8d. per week	40
Female	£3 3s. per week	40
Boot operatives—		
Male	3s. per hour	40
Female	£3 10s. per week	40
Bricklayers	3s. 3d. per hour	40
Brick, tile, and pottery workers—		
Male	2s. 8½d. to 3s. 0½d. per hour	40
Female	£3 5s. per week, Dunedin	40
Butchers (retail shops)	£6 2s. 10d. to £7 2s. 10d. per week	40
Canister workers—		
Male	2s. 10½d. to 2s. 11d. per hour	40
Female	£3 5s. per week	40
Carpenters and joiners	3s. 0½d. per hour	40
Cleaners and caretakers—		
Male	£5 to £5 10s. per week	40
Female	£3 5s. per week	40
Clerical workers—		
Male	£6 5s. per week	40
Female	£3 17s. 6d. per week	40
Clothing-trade employees—		
Male	£6 per week	40
Female	£3 10s. per week	40
Coachworkers	3s. 0½d. per hour	40
Cheese- and butter-factory employees	£5 1s. 8d. to £6 5s. 8d. per week	40
Drivers—		
(a) Motor	£5 13s. 8d. to £6 5s. 8d. per week	40
(b) Horse	£5 10s. 8d. per week for one horse, £5 13s. 8d. per week for two horses, and 6d. per day or 2s. 6d. per week extra for each horse above two	40
(c) Passenger transport	£6 1s. 8d. per week	40