

DEVELOPMENT OF APPRENTICE TRAINING

Dominion apprenticeship orders have now been made in the following additional trades and occupations :—

Bespoke tailoring, glove-making, &c.
 Bricklaying, masonry, and plastering.
 Carpentry and joinery.
 Coopering.
 Electrical.

Reference is made to daylight training in the bricklaying, carpentry, and electrical trades orders, and instruction will commence when accommodation can be made available. Further progress has been made in the conducting of classes for apprentices in the motor engineering and plumbing trades, seventeen schools conducting daylight classes in plumbing and gas-fitting and ten schools in motor engineering.

The recent order requiring Saturday morning attendance at classes for electrical apprentices will necessitate the installation of new equipment in a number of the technical schools, and lists of requirements are being prepared. In three schools this Saturday morning training has already commenced, and in seven others it will be commenced as soon as instructors can be appointed.

The first apprenticeship classes in the baking trade at the Wheat Research Institute, Christchurch, were completed at the end of 1949, and new classes will commence in March, 1950.

The following summarizes the position :—

Number of Dominion apprenticeship orders	..	..	21
Number making reference to daylight training	..	..	16
Daylight training commenced—			
Motor engineering	..	..	10 centres.
Plumbing	..	..	17 „
Baking	..	..	1 „
Compulsory evening classes only—			
Motor engineering	..	..	31 centres.
Painting and decorating	..	..	3 „

Apprentices who are unable to attend a class may be required to enrol with the Technical Correspondence School. The numbers so instructed are as follows :—

Motor engineering	..	..	..	169
Electrical wiring	..	..	..	21
Carpentry and joinery	..	..	..	29