

Zealand), while Table III will show the results divided into the trades upon which the workers were engaged, whether in the same industries or not (for example, the whole of the engine-drivers employed in New Zealand). While in past years the Department has been enabled to publish figures relating to a certain day in each year only, in these appendices employment in the whole of the trades has been covered for the full twelve months, and by this means important data has been obtained as to the duration of employment. The wages are shown separately for each industry and trade according to age and sex.

Further tables arising out of these returns will probably be published during the current year.

Dealing with the number of factories registered and the employees engaged therein during the year ending the 31st March, 1913, it is cause for satisfaction to note that there have been undoubted signs of healthy development. As compared with the year ending 31st March, 1912, there is an increase of 428 factories. The following table shows the number of factories and workers employed therein registered from 1895 to 1913 :—

Year.	Factories.	Increase.	Factory-workers.	Increase.
1895	4,109	...	29,879	...
1896	4,647	538	32,387	2,508
1897	5,177	530	36,918	4,531
1898	5,601	424	39,672	2,754
1899	6,286	685	45,305	5,633
1900	6,438	152	48,938	3,633
1901	6,744	306	53,460	4,522
1902	7,203	459	55,395	1,935
1903	7,675	472	59,047	3,652
1904	8,373	698	63,968	4,921
1905	9,123	750	67,713	3,745
1906	9,881	758	70,403	2,690
1907	10,788	907	75,310	4,907
1908	11,586	798	78,625	3,315
1909	12,040	454	78,848	223
1910	12,302	262	77,806	Decrease. 1,042
1911	12,768	466	78,790	Increase. 984
1912	12,847	79	*	*
1913	13,375	428	86,598	7,808

* Not ascertained.

The following table shows how the wages were distributed amongst the leading trades :—

Class.	Wages paid during the Years		Increase (Amount).	Increase (Percentage).
	1911-12.	1909-10.		
	£	£	£	
Food trades	1,355,417	1,226,817	128,600	11·72
Iron and metal trades	1,206,681	1,005,444	201,237	20·01
Woodworking trades	1,185,996	958,902	227,094	23·68
Clothing trades	967,219	847,688	119,531	14·10
Printing and stationery trades	435,142	379,434	55,708	14·68
Stone, clay, and mineral trades	275,858	214,543	61,315	28·60
Chemical and by-product trades	115,672	100,680	14,992	14·89
Watch and jewellery trades	51,541	49,469	2,072	4·19
			Decrease.	
Miscellaneous trades	501,636	516,204	14,568	..
Leather-working trades	361,449	363,754	2,305	..
Light, heat, and power trades	161,494	163,315	1,821	..
Flaxmilling	125,750	154,820	29,070	..
Totals	6,713,855	5,981,070	Total net increase. 732,785	..

NOTE.—The total wages paid in factories as shown in the various tables in this report are for the twelve months ending the 31st March, 1912 (not 1913). The figures for 1912-13 not being obtainable from the employers until after the 31st March, 1913, cannot be published until next year.