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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

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REPORT.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Department of Labour, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LABOUR.

Department of Labour, Wellington, 29th June, 1935.

SIR,—

I have the honour to present herewith the forty-fourth annual report of this Department for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, and to be laid before Parliament, in compliance with the Labour Department Act, 1908, and the Factories Act, 1921–22. The report covers the financial year 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1935.

I have, &c.,

HENRY E. MOSTON,

Acting-Secretary of Labour.

The Hon. the Minister of Labour.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

The activities of this Department, so far as unemployment is concerned, are mainly restricted to the registration of unemployed men and the placing of such men in employment, such employment being principally under the various schemes of the Unemployment Board. Details as to the persons registered and the total number of men employed under the various schemes of the Unemployment Board or being assisted from the Unemployment Fund and other information on the question of unemployment may be obtained from the annual report of the Commissioner of Unemployment.

FACTORIES ACT.

Year.				Number of Factories registered.	Movement.	Number of Factory Workers.	Movement.
1916–17	..	..	..	12,455	759 (decrease)	78,188	4,823 (decrease).
1926–27	..	..	..	16,619	308 (increase)	103,404	1,083 (increase).
1927–28	..	..	..	16,782	163 „	102,622	782 (decrease).
1928–29	..	..	..	16,677	105 (decrease)	102,795	173 (increase).
1929–30	..	..	..	17,082	405 (increase)	104,448	1,653 „
1930–31	..	..	..	17,019	63 (decrease)	104,377	71 (decrease).
1931–32	..	..	..	16,253	766 „	89,932	14,445 „
1932–33	..	..	..	16,176	77 „	86,222	3,710 „
1933–34	..	..	..	15,598	578 „	85,968	254 „
1934–35	..	..	..	15,900	302 (increase)	93,592	7,624 (increase).

The figures as to the number of factories and workers employed therein do not purport to coincide with those of the Government Statistician (annual statistics of factory production), as his returns, which are drawn up purely for statistical purposes, do not cover various small establishments that are included as factories under the Factories Act.

It might be explained that the above figures are those ascertained at registration-time (April in each year), except that in order to include factories in seasonal industries which might be closed in April any new establishments opened during the year are added. The figures shown for 1934–35, therefore, chiefly represent the numbers in April, 1934.