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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

REPORT.

The SECRETARY, Department of Labour, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LABOUR.
SIR,—
Department of Labour, Wellington, 1st August, 1937.
I have the honour to present herewith the forty-sixth 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, 1936, to 31st March, 1937.
I have, &c.,
J. S. HUNTER,
Secretary of Labour.
The Hon. the Minister of Labour.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Several sections of this report furnish evidence of vastly improved conditions in industry. Greater employment is indicated by the tables relating to the number of factory workers, certificates of fitness for young persons to be employed in factories, and the number of apprentices in the various skilled trades. The matter is dealt with fully in a separate document which it is intended to table by leave of the House concerning relief of unemployment and measures to promote employment, and generally the activities in connection with the Employment Promotion Fund.

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).
1935-36	..	..	..	16,434	534 "	102,275	8,683 "
1936-37	..	..	..	17,126	692 "	111,041	8,766 "