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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.

Department of Labour, Wellington, 1st June, 1938.

SIR,—

I have the honour to present herewith the forty-seventh 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, 1937, to 31st March, 1938. A separate report will be submitted regarding the Employment Division of the Department.

I have, &c.,
J. S. HUNTER,
Secretary of Labour.

The Hon. the Minister of Labour.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

A separate report is submitted concerning activities in connection with the Employment Promotion Fund. Increased employment is reflected in several of the tables embodied in this report, notably in those relating to the number of factory workers and the number of apprentices employed. As mentioned in the section relating to shops, the figures given relating to the number of shops and the assistants employed are merely estimates, and regard should be had to this when considering the increases shown.

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	..	..	..	17,011	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 "
1937-38	..	..	..	17,559	433 "	123,551	12,510 "