

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE  
Department of Industry and Commerce.

2. In pursuance of section 115 (7) of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, such Annual Report of the proceedings of Inspectors of factories, as the Minister for Industry and Commerce may direct, should be laid before both Houses.

3. Since 1932 a formal report has been prepared each year indicating the number of premises on the Register of Factories and Workshops and the percentage inspected, the number of young persons examined by certifying surgeons with a view to the issue of certificates of fitness for employment in factories, the number of accidents classified according to industry, age, sex and education, the number of prosecutions, the number of premises under special Regulations for dangerous or unhealthy trades, together with a list of the Acts relating to conditions of work in factories and workshops.

4. The report for 1945 has been printed in page proof form and copies (P.No.7767) are attached.

(b) The following summary shows the position in 1945 as compared with 1944:-

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>
Percentage of premises on Register inspected	39.5	53.5
Prosecutions ... ..	4	5
Accidents: Total No. reported .. .. .	1169	1343
No. fatal .. .. .	5	11
Cases of injury .. .. .	121	76
Dangerous Occurrences: Fires ... .. .	9	7
Collapse of lifting Appliance ... .. .	1	1
Certifying Surgeons: New Appointments .. .. .	17	15
No. of young persons examined ...	3382	4245
No. rejected as unfit:		
(a) girls .. .. .	126	106
(b) boys ... .. .	46	44

5. The Minister recommends and seeks the sanction of the Government for the presentation to the Director of this Report and for its publication and placing on sale.