

MEMORANDUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Department of Industry and Commerce

1. 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.

2. Since 1922 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.

3. (a) The report for 1947 has been printed and 20 copies (P.No.8912) are attached.

(b) The following summary shows the position in 1947 as compared with 1946:-

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Percentage of premises on Register inspected	41.4	61.6
Prosecutions ... ..	11	11
Accidents: Total No. reported . . . . .	1397	1389
No. fatal ... ..	8	13
Cases of injury .. . . .	87	94
Dangerous Occurrences: Fires . . . . .	11	9
Collapse of lifting Appliances ... ..	2	-
Certifying surgeons: New appointments ..	15	11
No. of young persons examined ...	5275	5611
No. rejected as unfit:		
(a) girls ..	96	104
(b) boys ...	65	87

4. The Minister recommends and asks the sanction of the Government for the presentation to the Director-General of this Report and for its publication and printing on sale.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 22 FEBRUARY 1948.

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