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Department of Industry and Commerce.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Report for 1948 under the Factory and Workshop Acts 1901-1926.

1. An Annual Report of the proceedings of Inspectors of Factories, in such form as the Minister for Industry and Commerce may direct, is required to be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas under Section 115 (7) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.

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 causation, 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 1948 has been printed and 21 copies (P.No.9613) are attached.

Owing to a mishap in the printing of the Report, its preparation has been very considerably delayed.

(b) The following summary shows the position in 1948 as compared with 1947:-

| | <u>1947</u> | <u>1948</u> |
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| Percentage of premises on Register inspected | 61.6 | 53.8 |
| Number of visits made to Premises. | 9,556 | 8,662 |
| Prosecutions | 11 | 23 |
| Accidents: Total No. reported. | 1,389 | 1,370 |
| No. fatal | 13 | 11 |
| Cases of deaths | 94 | 51 |
| Dangerous Occurrences: Fires | 9 | 9 |
| Collapse of Lifting Appliance. | - | - |
| Certifying Surgeons: New appointments | 11 | - |
| No. of young persons examined | 5,611 | 5,730 |
| No. rejected as unfit | | |
| (a) girls | 164 | 130 |
| (b) Boys | 87 | 76 |

4. The Minister now seeks the sanction of the Government for the presentation to the Oireachtas of this Report.

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