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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1938.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 118 (7) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, the Annual Report for the year 1938 of proceedings in connection with the administration of the Factory and Workshop Acts is submitted herewith.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

The number of premises visited during the year was 10,988 and the number of establishments on the register was 11,233 (Table I). The percentage of premises on the register visited during the year was 97.8. The corresponding figures for earlier years are as follows:—95.9 per cent. in 1937, 64.4 per cent. in 1936, 67.2 per cent. in 1935, 38.8 per cent. in 1934, 47.8 per cent. in 1933, 46.0 per cent. in 1932, 83.4 per cent. in 1931, 86.2 per cent. in 1930, 86.8 per cent. in 1929, 76.4 per cent. in 1928, 85 per cent. in 1927, 82 per cent. in 1926, 63 per cent. in 1925, 52 per cent. in 1924, and 25 per cent. in 1923.

The actual number of visits made during the year was larger than is shown in the Table, as many of the premises were visited more than once for the purpose of investigating accidents or where earlier visits revealed serious contraventions.

PROSECUTIONS.

Legal proceedings were instituted in the following cases against 139 occupiers of factories or workshops that failed to comply with the statutory requirements of the Acts or Regulations:—

Case No. 1.

Against the occupier of an Electricity Generating premises for the following breaches of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901:—

- (1) Section 129 (1). Failure to keep in the factory the prescribed General Register, Form F.A. 97, or alternatively,
- Section 119 (1) (c) and (3). Failure to produce on the 13th day in July, 1937, to Inspector of Factories, the prescribed General Register, Form F.A. 97.

*Adding out of inspections in 1938 legal proceedings against a number of occupiers are still pending, the results of which will be recorded in the Report for the Year 1939.

- (4) Section 10 (1) (b).—Failure constantly to maintain in position fencing on underbench shafting of linking up machines whilst machines were in motion.
- (5) Section 10 (1) (c).—Failure to fence securely gauge glass of water gauge of steam boiler.
- (6) Section 9 (1) and (2). Sanitary Accommodation Order dated 4th February, 1933.—Failure to sufficiently light women's sanitary accommodation.
- (7) Section 80 (2).—Failure to keep posted up in the factory in which electricity is used the Electricity Regulations, 1932, in the prescribed Form F.I. 364.
- (8) Section 85 (1). Electricity Regulations, 1932. Regulation 29.—Failure to affix in the factory in which electricity is used a copy of the instructions in the prescribed Form F.I. 364A, as to the treatment of persons suffering from electric shock.

The Defendants were convicted but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. A sum of £1 10s. 9d. Witnesses' expenses was allowed.

Case No. 28.

Against the Occupier of a Steam Laundry for the following breaches of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901:—

- (1) Section 86 (2).—Failure to keep posted up in the factory in which electricity is used a copy of the Electricity Regulations in the prescribed Form F.I. 364.
- (2) Section 85 (1). Electricity Regulations, 1932. Regulation 29.—Failure to affix in the factory in which electricity is used instructions in the prescribed Form F.I. 364A, as to the treatment of persons suffering from electric shock.
- (3) Section 129 (1).—Failure to keep in the factory the General Register in the prescribed Form F.I. 37, or alternatively, Section 119 (1) (b) and (3).—Failure to produce when required to do so the prescribed General Register Form F.I. 37.
- (4) Section 16 (1) (a).—Failure to fence securely flywheels of oil engine, flywheels directly connected with mechanical power.

Against the Occupier of a Steam Laundry for the following breaches of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901:—

- (1) Section 86 (2).—Failure to keep posted up in the factory in which electricity is used a copy of the Electricity Regulations in the prescribed Form F.I. 954.
- (2) Section 85 (1). Electricity Regulations, 1932. *Regulation 29.*—Failure to affix in the factory in which electricity is used instructions in the prescribed Form F.I. 954A, as to the treatment of persons suffering from electric shock.
- (3) Section 129 (1).—Failure to keep in the factory the General Register in the prescribed Form F.I. 37, or alternatively.
- Section 119 (1) (c) and (3).—Failure to produce when required to do so the prescribed General Register Form F.I. 37.
- (4) Section 10 (1) (a).—Failure to fence securely flywheels of oil engine, flywheels directly connected with mechanical power.

- (5) Section 10 (1) (c).—Failure to fence securely main drive pulley and belt of engine, dangerous parts of a machine not in such positions or of such construction as to be equally safe to every person employed or working in the factory as they would be if they were securely fenced.
- (6) Section 10 (1) (c).—Failure to fence securely pulley and "V" flat belt drive to dynamo, dangerous parts of a machine not in such position or of such construction as to be equally safe to every person employed or working in the factory as they would be if they were securely fenced.
- (7) Section 10 (1) (c).—Failure to fence securely gauge glass of water gauge of boiler.
- (8) Section 10 (1) (c).—Failure to fence securely the intake of roller on collar blocking machine thereby failing to fence dangerous part of the machine not in such position or of such construction as to be equally safe to every person employed or working in the factory as it would be if it were securely fenced.
- (9) Section 11 (3).—Failure to enter into or attach to the General Register of the Factory the report in the prescribed form of the result of the last thorough examination of the steam boiler in use in the factory or alternatively,
- Section 119 (1) (c) and (3).—Failure to produce the report in the prescribed Form F.L. 55 of the last thorough examination of the steam boiler.
- (10) Section 9 (1).—Failure to provide for the use of persons of both sexes employed proper separate sanitary accommodation.

POLICE, FACTORIES, ETC. (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1916.

- (11) Section 7, Welfare Order dated April 23rd, 1920, for securing the health of the workers employed in laundries.

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- (7) Section 40 (1) (e). Failure to fence securely part of shafting driving Autoswift machines, part of the mill gearing not in such position or of such construction as to be equally safe to every person employed or working in the business as it would be if it were securely fenced.

The Defendants were convicted but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. A sum of £25s. 0d. was allowed for Witnesses expenses.

Case No. 47.

Against a Laundry Company for the following breaches of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901:—

- (1) Section 85 (1). Electricity Regulations, 1932. Regulation 29. Failure to affix in the laundry in which electricity is used instructions in the prescribed Form F.L. 954A as to the treatment of persons suffering from electric shock.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1907.

- (2) Section 3 (a) and (e). Failure to provide, maintain and use in the laundry in which mechanical power is used a fan or other efficient means to regulate the temperature in the ironing room and to carry away the steam in the wash-house and to keep the floors in good condition and drained in such manner as will allow water to flow off freely.

The Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916. Section 7 (1).

Welfare Order dated April 23rd, 1929, for securing the welfare of the workers employed in laundries.

- (3) Paragraph 3. Failure to provide and maintain for use of all persons employed and remaining on the premises during the meal intervals a suitable mess-room furnished with sufficient chairs or benches with back rests and to provide adequate means of warming food and boiling water.
- (4) Paragraph 6. Failure to provide for all female workers whose work is done standing facilities for sitting so as to enable them to take advantage of any opportunities for resting which may occur in the course of their employment.
- (5) Paragraph 7. Failure to provide and maintain at least one suitable cup or drinking vessel at the point of supply of drinking water and failure to mark clearly the drinking water supply. Drinking Water

The Defendants were convicted and fined 5/- in respect of each count.

Act was applied. A sum of £2 5s. 6d. was allowed for Witnesses expenses.

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Against a Laundry Company for the following breaches of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1907:—

- (1) Section 85 (1), Electricity Regulations, 1932.
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The Defendants were convicted and fined 5/- in respect of each count.