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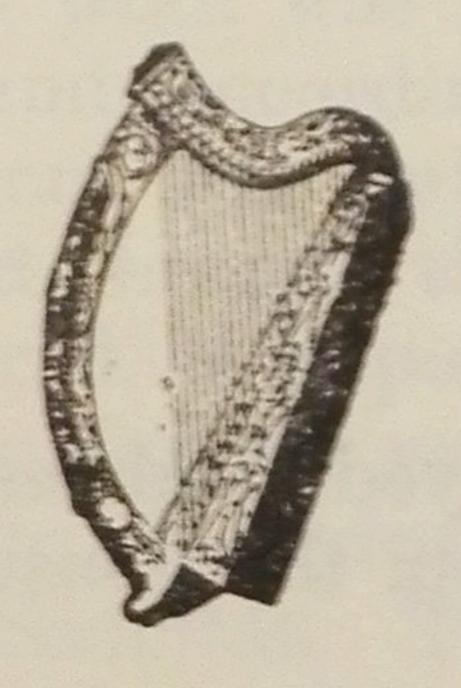
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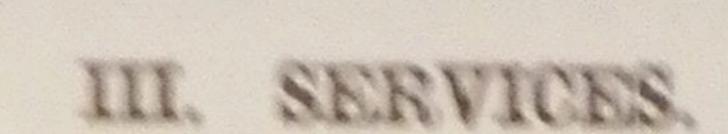
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(28) LAUNDRY, DYEING AND CLEANING TRADES.

When taking the Census for these Trades it was decided that returns should not be required from the following types of establishments, and, accordingly, this Report does not include the value of laundry, etc., work performed by them.

- (a) Convents, Penitentiaries, Industrial Schools, etc., which, as well as executing laundry work for their own inmates and staffs, did work on a commercial basis for outside customers.
- (b) Private Laundries attached to Hospitals, Asylums, Hotels, Boarding Schools, etc., which did not earry out work for the general public.

A small amount of hand laundry work, for customers, is still earried on throughout the country; it is impossible to ascertain particulars of this kind of work, which is mostly done by individuals working on their own account or with, perhaps, one or two helpers. With these exceptions it may be taken that the figures in this Report cover practically the whole of the Laundry. Dyeing and Cleaning Trades in the Saorstat.

Returns were received relating to the operations of 42 establishments in the year 1926 and 38 establishments in the year 1929 engaged in the Laundry, Dyeing and Cleaning Trades.

Practically all the establishments were working continuously throughout both years, only six in 1926 and three in 1929 working less than 250 days. A few establishments reported that they had workers on short time, owing to slackness of business. The normal hours per week worked by wage earners ranged from 44 to 48 in the majority of the establishments.

Gross Output.

The following Table shows the value of the work done in the establishments, in each of the years 1926 and 1929.

	Value of Work done				
Kind of Worl	1926	1929			
Laundry Work: (a) Fully finished (b) Semi-finished (c) Wet wash				341,792	351,353
Dry Cleaning or Dycing				94,617	108,403
Other Work	***	***		5,176	4,644
TOTAL VALUE OF	WORK D	NN NO		469,675	409'333

Materials Used.

The costs of materials, fuel, purchased electricity, purchased bags, cases, etc., used in the Laundry, Dyeing and Cleaning Trades, and the amounts paid to other firms for work given out to them are shown in the next tables.

A.—Materials used in the work done as shown in the previous table.

Description	Cos	it
	1926	1929
Water purchased	£ 4,665 9,653 15,483 7,582	$\begin{array}{c} £ \\ 5,276 \\ 6,423 \\ 16,694 \\ 6,684 \end{array}$
TOTAL COST OF (A)—MATERIALS	 37,383	35,077

B.—Fuel, purchased Electricity, Gas, Oil, etc., used in production, transport, etc.

Description	Qua	ntity	Cost		
	1926 1929		1926 1929		
Coal and Coke Tons Lubricating and Other Heavy Oils Galls. Petrol and Other Light Oils Purchased Electricity Units Purchased Gas Other Fuel	13,177 16,358 38,661 192,521 (Cost (,,	13,817 7,403 47,643 252,128 only)	£ 28,183 1,288 2,582 2,078 3,137 597	$ \begin{array}{r} 1929 \\ \hline £ \\ 17,829 \\ 1,053 \\ 2,684 \\ 2,481 \\ 3,101 \\ 66 \\ \hline 27,214 \end{array} $	

C.—The estimated cost of purchased bags, wrapping paper, etc., the cost of replacing tools and the cost of materials used by the firms' own workpeople in the execution of repairs to the firms' buildings or plant amounted to £11,168 in 1926 and £9,593 in 1929.

D.—The total amounts paid to other firms for work given out to them amounted to £5,559 in 1926 and £3,322 in 1929.

Net Output.

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The net output or the "value added by industrial processes" is arrived at by deducting from the total value of the work done by the establishments the aggregate cost of materials, etc., used in the respective years.

		1926	1929		centage of Output
				1926	1929
I.—Gross Output II.—A. Cost of Materi		£ 469,675	£ 499,332	100.0	100.0
D. Amounts paid	Paper, etc to other Firms for work	37,383 37,865 11,168	35,077 27,214 9,593	$ \begin{array}{r} 7 \cdot 9 \\ 8 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot 4 \end{array} $	7·0 5·5 1·9
		5,559	3,322	1.2	0.7
NET OUTPUT		377,700	424,126	80.4	84.9

The Net Output per person engaged in the Trades in 1926 was £143, compared with £152 in 1929.

Persons Engaged.

The numbers of persons engaged in the Trades during the week ended nearest to the 15th October in each of the years 1926 and 1929 were:—

Description	Year	MA	LES	FEMA		
		Under 18	Over 18	Under 18	Over 18	Total
Administrative, Clerical and Technical Staff— (a) Proprietors working in the business (b) All salaried employees (including managing directors, managers, clerks, store book-	1926		9	1	9 7	18 21
keepers, travelling agents, etc.)	1926		57 52	18 17	245 239	320
Total (a) and (b)	1926		66 65	18 18	254 246	338
Wage Earners— (c) Industrial workers at the laundries, works, etc (d) Storekeepers, packers, messengers, porters, carters, etc	1926	13 10 121 127	$ \begin{array}{r} 163 \\ 171 \\ \hline 191 \\ 205 \\ \hline 354 \\ \end{array} $	192 310 52 36	1,417 1,530 166 88	1,785 2,021 530 456
	1929	137	376		1,583	2,315
TOTAL (a) , (b) , (c) AND (d)	1926	134	420 441	262 364	1,837	2,653 2,806

The following were the numbers of Wage Earners (corresponding to (c) and (d) in the previous table) employed at the establishments covered by this Report. At the 1929 Census particulars were requested only for those months for which numbers are shown below for that year.

	37				AT 15T	H OF N	IONTH (OR NEA	REST R	EPRESE	NTATIVI	E DATE		
	Year		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1926		•••	2,232	2,228	2,258	2,319	2,340	2,332	2,273	2,342	2,319	2,315	2,296	2,287
1929	***	•••		2,437			2,468		-	2,469		2,477	2,462	

Salaries and Wages.

The amounts paid in (a) Salaries and (b) Wages and Earnings during each of the years 1926 and 1929 were as follows:—

	Amounts	Paid In	As Percentage of Net Output		
-	1926	1929	1926	1929	
	£ 48,641	£ 44,753	12.9	10.6	
	192,449	211,419	50.9	49.8	
	241,090	256,172	63.8	60.4	
	136,610	167,954	36.2	39.6	
	-	424,126	100.0	100.0	
		1926 $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	

Capacity of Engines.

The particulars given in this Section refer only to the year 1929 (see General Explanations, page V). They include engines in use and in reserve.

Steam Engines and Steam Turbines Internal Combustion Engines Water Wheels, Water Turbines and Windmills	Number. 32 7 4	Horse-power, 957 240 106
Electric Motors (exclusive of Converters or Transformers):		
Driven by purchased electricity	90	393
Driven by electricity generated in the laundries, etc.	6.5	98
Electric Generators:		Kilowatts.
Driven by Steam Engines and Steam Turbines	7	72
Driven by Internal Combustion Engines	2	11
Driven by Water Wheels, Water Turbines, etc	2	35

Location of the Industry.

The following table shows in respect of the year 1929 the division of the principal figures according to the County, Province, etc., in which the Laundry, Dyeing and Cleaning Trades were carried on. In order not to disclose the business of any individual concern, figures are shown separately only for those Counties, etc., in which at least three establishments were engaged in production.

City, County, etc.		Number of Establish- ments	Value of Work Done	Net Output (Value added by Industrial Process)	Total Number of Persons engaged Mid-October	
Co. Dublin Rest of Leinster		21	£ 376,883 16,411	£ 324,335 13,435	2,119	
Cork City Rest of Munster		5	71,348 26,124	59,744 20,987	352 177	
Connacht and Ulster (3 Counties)	 ***	3	8,566	5,625	51	
TOTAL		38	499,332	424,126	2,806	

(29) GAS WORKS UNDERTAKINGS.

Returns were received relating to the operations in the year 1926 of 59 Gas Works Undertakings, and, in the year 1929, of 56 such undertakings, which carried on work in the Saorstát. The Returns furnished showed particulars relating to the products (and by-products) made for sale only, and, accordingly, gas and coke used in the Works in which they were made were not included as part of the Output of those Works.

With the exception of one Undertaking, which closed down during the Summer years. The number of hours pormelled working continuously during both

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