

MEMORANDUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Department of Industry and Commerce.

1. In pursuance of section 118 (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 causation, the number of prosecutions, the number of premises under special Regulations for dangerous or unhealthy trades, together with a list of the same relative to conditions of work in factories and workshops.

3. (a) The report for 1944 has been printed and copies (P.No. 7075) are attached.

(b) The following summary shows the position in 1944 as compared with 1943:-

	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
Percentage of premises on Register inspected	30	38.6
Prosecutions	4	4
Accidents: Total No. reported	1204	1169
No. fatal	13	5
Cases of repair	104	121
Dangerous Occurrences: Fires	7	
Collapse of lifting Appliance	1	1
Certifying Surgeons: New appointments	18	17
No. of young persons examined	2878	3382
No. rejected as unfit:		
(a) girls	59	120
(b) boys	56	48

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

20th August, 1944.