

The Child Labor Law applies to all children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years, who must pass an educational test and also a physical examination made by the physicians connected with the Bureau, before receiving employment certificates.

Under the Child Labor Law, Acts 1912, Chapter 731, the total number of applications made at the Baltimore office for all classes of permits was 10,210 in 1921, compared with 17,894 in 1920. The number of inspections made under this act in 1921 was 330, compared with 599 in 1920, and the number found employed was 3,082 in 1921, compared with 3,621 in 1920. This decrease in number of inspections and number found employed was due to the fact that an inspection under the Act is only recorded when a child under 16 years is found, and as it was easy to secure the employment of children over 16 years last year they were substituted for those under 16, who come under the Child Labor Inspection and are restricted to an eight-hour day. The average wage which children between 14 and 16 years received in 1921 was \$7.20, compared with \$8.63 in 1920.

Under the Hours of Employment for Females, Acts 1916, Chap. 147, the number of establishments inspected in the City of Baltimore in 1921 was 2,374, compared with 1,938 in 1920, and the number found employed in 1921 was 39,615, compared with 41,834 in 1920. Thus it will be seen that while there were 436 more inspections made in 1921 than in 1920, there were 2,219 less women found employed.

Under the Factory Inspection Law or "Workshops and Factories," Code 1904, Acts 27, Sec. 243, the number of inspections made in the City of Baltimore in 1921 was 1,666, compared with 1,426 in 1920; 24,923 persons were found employed in 1921, compared with 27,002 in 1920.

Under the Boiler Inspection Law, Article IV, Public Laws of Maryland, "Baltimore City Code," pages 196 to 203, which applies only to Baltimore City, there were 92 inspections made of boilers for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1921, that do not carry insurance. Under the Board of Boiler Rules, Chap. No. 676, 1920 Session of the General Assembly, there were 166 inspections made during the same period, 74 of which were in Baltimore City and 92 were in the counties. The total receipts from inspections under both laws was \$1,617.00, compared with \$276.00 in 1920, and the total amount received from insurance companies under the Boiler Inspection Law was \$1,303.00 in 1921, compared with \$1,417.00 in 1920.

Under the Mining Inspection Law 1902, Chap. 124, the total tonnage of coal and clay mined in the State for fiscal year ending May 1st, 1921, was 3,479,153, compared with 3,016,027 in 1920.

There were 7 fatal and 280 non-fatal accidents in the mines during 1921, compared with 6 fatal and 207 non-fatal in 1920.

The number of strikes during the calendar year 1921 was 11, compared with 21 in 1920; 22 in 1919 and 37 in 1918.

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