

the counties the increase was 206%. Five hundred and seven out of 5,108 children or about 10% were found working in violations of the law, these being employed in 353 establishments.

The Bureau, including Baltimore City and the counties, handled 16,471 cases, consisting of the various kinds of permits, over 16 state-ments, newsboys' badges and permit and badges refused. The average wage received by children was \$7.66 a week compared with \$7.52 in 1923.

Ten-Hour Law Department

Under the Hours of Employment for Females, the number of establishments visited in Baltimore City and the counties was 3,492, in which 48,251 women were found employed.

Summing up the result of the various inspections it was found that a total of 14,844 inspections were made and 10,520 establishments were visited. These included 2,214 factory inspections; 3,492 Ten-Hour Law Inspections; 1,488 Child Labor Inspections, and 7,650 General Inspections, in which no women or children were found working, excepting in the canneries and other places which are exempt from the Ten-Hour Law for Women. In these establishments 206,466 people were found employed.

These inspections do not include the Boiler Department in which 120 boilers were inspected. Two boilers were condemned and one man arrested for violation of the law.

Under the jurisdiction of this Bureau also comes the registration of firms employing more than 5 people. A total of 2,735 firms registered in 1924, employing 138,695 people.

There were but eight minor strikes involving less than 1,500 workers in Maryland during 1924. The strikes were "job strikes," where workmen objected to non-union men and averaged 60 persons to a strike. No serious loss was caused to builders or manufacturers, it is said, but the loss of wages during the year through strikes totaled approximately \$150,000 in Maryland and Baltimore during 1924.

BOARD OF BOILER RULES.

This Board for 1924-27 consists of:

Chairman:

Dr. J. Knox Insley, Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, St. Paul and Saratoga Streets, Baltimore.

Robert H. Carr, Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Com-
Thomas H. Robinson, Attorney-General, Title Building, Baltimore.

By the Act of 1920, Chapter 676, a Board of Boiler Rules was created consisting of the Chairman of the State Bureau of Labor and Statistics, who shall be Chairman; the Attorney-General and the Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

This Board is created for and charged with the duty of formulating rules and regulations governing the proper construction and installation of boilers of over fifteen pounds to the square inch, for sale or use in this State and to enforce such rules and regulations and the continued maintenance of them on a basis of proper safety.