

(5) To keep a bureau of general information and to this end all offices and institutions of the State, including offices of the General Assembly, are directed to transmit to the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, all reports as soon as possible.

(6) To classify and arrange the information and data so obtained, and as soon as practicable after entering upon the duties of its office, publish the same in substantial book form and annually thereafter revise and republish same.

It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to organize, establish and conduct free employment agencies in such parts of the State as the said Commissioner may deem advisable for the free use of citizens of the State for the purpose of securing employment for the unemployed and for the purpose of securing help or labor for persons applying for such.

To arbitrate all disputes between employer and employee. To enforce the hours of labor for females; to enforce the Factory Inspection and Child Labor Laws; the Steam Boiler Inspection and the State Mine Inspection Laws.

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.

BOARD OF BOILER RULES.

This Board for 1924-28 consists of.

Chairman:

Dr. J. Knox Insley, Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, 16 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore.

Members:

Robert H. Carr, Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

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 Commissioner 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.

Inspections.

Number of inspections made in the different divisions coming under the supervision of this department in 1927 were 9,245. Of this number 1,622 were Child Labor Inspections; 2,504 Factory Inspections; 4,936 Ten-Hour-Law Inspections for Women, and 183 Boiler Inspections. There were also 18,266 General Inspections: these were establishments visited where no women or children were found employed, and canning and other establishments to which the Ten-Hour Law does not apply. The total number of people employed under the various inspections was 237,704.

Under the Child Labor Law our inspectors found 5,367 children working. The permit department handled 14,864 cases. This does not include county cases.

Each year during the canning season the Bureau concentrates its efforts to inspections in the counties, with very satisfactory results.