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EMPLOYMENT, WAGES, COST OF LIVING, AND TRADE DISPUTES IN JULY.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

EMPLOYMENT at 26th July remained at about the same general level as at 21st June.

Insured Persons in work.—It is estimated that at 26th July, 1937, the number of insured persons, aged 16–64, in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, was approximately 11,517,000. This was the same as at 21st June, 1937, but 511,000 more than at 20th July, 1936.

Numbers Unemployed (excluding Persons normally in Casual Employment).—At 26th July, 1937, there were 1,069,180 persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain who were out of a situation. This was 19,686 less than at 21st June, 1937, and 216,625 less than at 20th July, 1936. The total on 26th July, 1937, was made up of 852,498 men, 35,361 boys, 144,363 women, and 36,958 girls. The number of boys and girls registered as wholly unemployed at 26th July was 17,607 greater than at 21st June, mainly owing to the registration of juveniles who had left school at the end of the summer term.

Numbers Temporarily stopped.—At 26th July, 1937, there were registered as unemployed in Great Britain 160,220 men, 4,916 boys, 75,248 women, and 6,231 girls who were on short time or otherwise temporarily suspended from work. The total of 246,615 was 46,815 more than at 21st June, 1937, but 49,392 less than at 20th July, 1936.

Numbers unemployed normally in Casual Employment.—At 26th July, 1937, there were on the registers in Great Britain 61,756 men, 115 boys, 1,789 women, and 4 girls who normally seek a livelihood by means of jobs of short duration. The total of 63,664 was 4,268 less than at 21st June, 1937, and 6,596 less than at 20th July, 1936.

Applicants for Benefit or Allowances.—The total of 1,379,459 persons on the registers at 26th July, 1937, included 622,151 persons with claims admitted for insurance benefit (of whom 3,109 had applications authorised for payment of unemployment allowances in supplementation of benefit), 46,512 claimants whose position under the conditions relating to contributions paid and benefit received had not been determined, and 4,643 persons who had been disqualified for short periods from receiving benefit (of whom 1,631 had applications authorised for payment of unemployment allowances). There were also 552,022 persons (not included in any of the foregoing classes) with applications authorised for unemployment allowances, 846 persons with applications for unemployment allowances under consideration, and 153,285 other persons, of whom 41,690 were under 16 years of age.

Percentages Unemployed.—Among insured workpeople, aged 16–64 (excluding persons within the agricultural scheme), the percentage unemployed, including those temporarily stopped, in Great Britain and Northern

Ireland was 10·4 at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 10·3 at 21st June, 1937, and 12·4 at 20th July, 1936.

Industries in which the Principal Variations occurred.—There was an improvement in employment, between 21st June and 26th July, in the distributive trades, and in the hotel and boarding house, road transport and shipping services. There was also a reduction in the numbers recorded as unemployed in the coal mining industry, the figures for which at 21st June were increased by stoppages in connection with the Yorkshire Mine Workers' Demonstration. On the other hand, employment declined in building and public works contracting, in the pottery, general engineering, motor vehicle, wool textile, clothing, and boot and shoe industries, and in textile bleaching, dyeing, finishing, etc. Owing to local holidays there was a marked increase in the numbers temporarily stopped in the jute industry, and a slight increase in recorded unemployment in iron and steel manufacture. There was an increase in the numbers recorded as unemployed in agriculture.

WAGES.

The changes in rates of wages reported to have come into operation in July resulted in an increase of about £44,500 in the weekly full-time wages of nearly 452,000 workpeople, and in a decrease of £39,650 in those of nearly 354,000 workpeople.

The principal classes of workpeople affected by increases were coal miners in certain districts; men employed in shipbuilding and ship-repairing centres in Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and workpeople engaged in textile bleaching, dyeing, printing and finishing, and in hosiery manufacture. The decrease affected coal miners in Yorkshire (except lower-paid day-wage workers), Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, North Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, and Scotland.

The changes so far reported in the first seven months of 1937 are estimated to have resulted in a net increase of £413,600 per week in the full time rates of wages of 3,208,000 workpeople.

COST OF LIVING.

At 31st July the average level of retail prices of the commodities taken into account in the statistics compiled by the Ministry of Labour (including food, rent, clothing, fuel and light, and miscellaneous items) was approximately 55 per cent. above the level of July, 1914: for food only the average percentage increase was 40. These percentages were the same as at 1st July; at 1st August, 1936, the corresponding figures were 46 per cent. for all items and 29 per cent. for food only.

TRADE DISPUTES.

The number of trade disputes involving stoppages of work reported to the Department as beginning in July was 64. In addition 26 disputes which began before July were still in progress at the beginning of the month. The number of workpeople involved in the disputes, including workpeople thrown out of work at the establishments where the disputes occurred, was about 123,000, and the aggregate duration of the disputes in July is estimated at about 512,000 working days.

PROFIT-SHARING AND CO-PARTNERSHIP IN 1936.

THE following article is based on enquiries made by the Department, in continuation of similar enquiries made in previous years, as to the operation in 1936 of schemes of profit-sharing and co-partnership. Statistics are also given for previous years, these having been revised where necessary in accordance with further information now available. The figures throughout relate only to definite schemes under which employees participate, on some pre-arranged basis, in the profits of the particular undertaking or business in which they are employed.* Arrangements for giving bonuses or gratuities at the discretion of the shareholders or management without any specified basis, and schemes providing for bonuses which depend on output, sales, etc., and not on profits, are outside the scope of the statistics.

I.—ALL SCHEMES IN OPERATION.

According to the latest available information, the total number of undertakings in Great Britain and Northern Ireland practising profit-sharing at the end of 1936 was 412. Six firms had each two separate schemes in operation, so that the total number of schemes was 418, as compared with 426 at the end of 1935. About 413,000 workpeople were employed in the 412 businesses concerned, of whom about 260,000 were entitled to participate in the benefits of the schemes.

The following Table gives comparative figures for the ten years 1927–36, showing the number of schemes in operation, the number of employees covered, and also, so far as the information is available, the bonuses paid under these schemes :—

Year.	Number of undertakings practising profit-sharing (end of year).	Number of schemes in operation (end of year).	Approximate number of employees entitled to participate.	Bonuses paid under schemes for which details are available.†		
				Number of schemes.	Average amount per head.	Average percentage addition to earnings.
1927	507	516	242,000	380	£ s. d. 8 11 11	4.0
1928	503	513	259,000	414	8 17 9	4.4
1929	512	521	266,000	419	9 9 11	4.8
1930	503	512	246,000	427	10 2 11	5.7
1931	487	496	240,000	414	10 6 7	5.4
1932	466	474	226,000	390	9 10 5	5.2
1933	448	456	223,000	382	10 18 8	5.6
1934	428	435	223,000	367	10 12 3	5.7
1935	420	426	234,000	352	10 14 6	5.8
1936	412	418	260,000	363	11 6 2	6.1

The number of schemes in operation increased from 516 at the end of 1927 to 521 at the end of 1929, but there has been a continuous decline since the latter year, leaving the number of schemes in operation considerably less at the end of 1936 than in 1927.

The figures in the above Table include schemes in co-operative societies as well as those in other businesses. Detailed particulars for each of these two groups are given below.

II.—SCHEMES OTHER THAN THOSE IN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

Number of Schemes.

According to the Department's information, there were 260 firms with profit-sharing or co-partnership schemes at the end of 1936; six of these firms had each two separate schemes, so that the number of schemes in operation was 266, compared with 274 at the end of 1935. The reduction as compared with 1935 was largely due to a holding company having acquired six undertakings, each of which formerly had a separate scheme in force.

The following Table analyses, according to the industry or business concerned, the total number of schemes known to have been started up to the end of 1936, the number which have been discontinued, and the number still operating at the end of 1936 :—

Industry or Business.	Total number of schemes known to have been started up to end of 1936.	Number of schemes discontinued by end of 1936.	Number of schemes still in operation at end of 1936.
Agriculture	32	29	3
Brick, Pottery, Glass, Chemical, etc. ...	39	19	16
Metal, Engineering, and Shipbuilding ...	96	63	33
Textile	42	23	19
Food and Drink ...	62	35	27
Paper, Printing, etc. ...	71	46	25
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply ...	96	15	68
Merchants, Warehousemen and Retail Traders ...	111	75	35
Banking, Insurance and Finance	15	3	12
Other Businesses ...	115	87	28
Total	679	395†	266

For those firms whose schemes were in operation at the end of 1936, particulars are given in the following Table as to the number of persons employed and the number of these employees entitled to participate in the schemes :—

* See page 297 for arrangements in the coal-mining industry.

† Including schemes under which no bonus was earned. (See * note in second column on page 295).

‡ In addition to the 395 schemes shown as discontinued, 18 have ceased to count as separate schemes owing to an amalgamation of schemes, following the merging of undertakings which formerly had separate schemes.

Industry or Business.	Schemes in operation at end of 1936.			
	Number of firms.	Number of schemes.	Total number of employees.	Approx. number of employees entitled to participate.
Agriculture	3	3	200	100
Brick, Chemical, etc. ...	15	16	21,500	16,300
Metal, Engineering, etc. ...	31	33	88,400	45,900
Textile	19	19	25,600	15,600
Food and Drink	26	27	41,300	24,500
Paper, Printing, etc. ...	25	25	15,700	7,300
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply	68	68	65,300	54,100
Merchants, Warehousemen and Retail Traders ...	34	35	49,900	13,200
Banking, Insurance and Finance	12	12	40,000	28,900
Other Businesses	27	28	23,300	14,600
Total	260	266	371,200	220,500

From the first of these two Tables it will be seen that profit-sharing has been tried in a wide variety of industries; in nearly every industry, however, the number of schemes known to have been started is very small in comparison with the total number of firms engaged in the industry; and, in all industries taken together, nearly 60 per cent. of the schemes started have come to an end. In the gas industry, however, which accounts for 60 of the 68 schemes in the gas, water and electricity supply group which were still operating at the end of 1936, a considerable proportion of the principal company-owned undertakings have introduced schemes. Comparatively few of these schemes have been discontinued, and a number have been in operation for more than twenty-five years.

From the second of the above Tables it will be seen that the number of persons employed by firms with schemes in operation at the end of 1936 was approximately 371,000, of whom about 220,000 were eligible to participate in the benefits conferred by the schemes. At the end of the previous year (when there were 268 firms operating 274 schemes), the number of employees entitled to participate in the schemes then in operation was approximately 197,000, out of a total of about 351,000 persons employed.

The substantial extent to which employees of the firms concerned did not come within the profit-sharing arrangements is in part due to the fact that participation in many schemes rests upon certain qualifications, such as the attainment of a certain age, or employment with the firm for a minimum number of years. To a much greater degree, however, it results from the fact that the figures given include a considerable number of schemes which admit employees to participation in the profits only if they are able and willing to deposit savings with the firm, or to purchase shares in the undertaking; under schemes other than those of this type, over 80 per cent. of the employees are entitled to participate.

Types of Schemes.

The following Table summarises particulars for schemes of various types in operation at the end of 1936 :—

Type of scheme.*	Schemes in operation at end of 1936.			Number of schemes discontinued by end of 1936.
	Number of schemes.	Total number of employees.	Approx. number of employees entitled to participate.	
"Share Issue" schemes, i.e., schemes consisting in the issue to employees of share capital, either free, or on specially favourable terms	46	102,800	21,700	46
"Deposit" schemes, i.e., schemes under which interest, varying with the profits, is allowed on deposits made by employees	18	34,600	6,500	19
Other schemes,† analysed by methods of paying bonus : (a) Bonus paid in shares or invested in capital of the undertaking†... ..	32	34,900	27,300	20
(b) Bonus retained in a provident, superannuation, or other similar fund	13	15,500	14,800	16
(c) Bonus paid in cash, or credited to a savings or deposit account ...	95	115,500	94,900	242
(d) Bonus paid in other ways; combinations of above systems; or method of payment unknown ...	62	67,900	55,300	52
Total	266	371,200	220,500	395

* Where a scheme has been modified since its introduction, it has been classified according to its latest form.

† For the majority of schemes in this group the bonus is a definite proportion of profits or a sum determined by the rate of dividend paid to shareholders.

‡ In some of these schemes employees may receive part or the whole of their subsequent bonuses in cash, etc. after a given period, or after they have accumulated a given amount of capital.

Particulars of the duration of schemes of the various types operative at the end of 1936 are shown below (the duration of discontinued schemes is analysed in a later section of this article):—

Type of scheme.	Total number of schemes in operation at end of 1936.	Number of existing schemes which were started—					
		Before 1901.	1901 to 1910.	1911 to 1918.	1919 and 1920.	1921 to 1930.	1931 to 1936.
"Share issue" schemes	46	2	5	8	12	19	...
"Deposit" schemes ...	18	2	1	4	5	6	...
Other schemes:—							
(a) Bonus paid in shares or invested in capital of the undertaking ...	32	...	6	5	6	13	2
(b) Bonus retained in a provident, superannuation, or other similar fund ...	13	2	...	...	5	6	...
(c) Bonus paid in cash, or credited to a savings or deposit account ...	95	7	10	15	21	31	11
(d) Bonus paid in other ways; combinations of above systems; or method of payment unknown	62	6	9	8	9	26	4
Total ...	266	19	31	40	58	101	17

It may be noted that, of the 266 schemes in operation at the end of 1936, only 50 were started before the year 1911; and that 176 of the schemes are of post-war origin.

Share-Issue and Deposit Schemes.—In the case of the "share issue" schemes, the employee is usually offered shares on terms more favourable than those open to the ordinary investor. The mere holding of shares by an employee is not in itself regarded, for the purpose of the Department's statistics, as an example of profit-sharing, since the shares may have been purchased in the open market, on the same terms as by the ordinary investor, and in that case the dividends on the shares have no element of special advantage to the employee, as such. But where specially favourable terms are accorded to the employee-investor, and it is, moreover, apparent that the object of the scheme is to enlist and retain the interest of employees in their employer's business,* the scheme is included in the statistics as being an example of profit-sharing, although of a rather special and limited kind. Similarly those schemes which give to employees who deposit money with the firm a guaranteed minimum rate of interest, together with a further dividend varying with profits, are treated as examples of profit-sharing, although not of the normal type. These two special types of arrangement account for 64 of the existing schemes included in the Table, and for 65 of the discontinued schemes.

Co-partnership Provisions in Schemes.—Schemes which encourage employees to acquire shares or other capital in the undertakings with which they are connected, and in this and in other ways to obtain some share in the control of the business, are frequently referred to under the description "co-partnership." Among the 266 schemes in operation there were 114 which provided for some form of shareholding by employees, while 82 of the discontinued schemes provided such arrangements.

One form of shareholding has already been mentioned, viz., that in which shares are issued to employees on specially advantageous terms. Ninety-six such schemes are known to have been introduced, of which 46 were still in force at the end of 1936. Although the firms operating these 46 schemes have about 103,000 employees, only about 22,000 of the latter actually hold shares under the schemes. The smallness of the proportion of participants to all employees is mainly due to the fact that in many firms only a minority of the employees have been able, or have wished, to take advantage of the facilities offered.

An entirely different type of shareholding scheme, and one in which a substantial majority of the workers employed normally participate, is that in which a share of profits is set aside for the employees, but is retained for investment on their behalf in the firm's capital, or is so retained for a prescribed period or until the employee has acquired a prescribed amount of capital. Of such schemes 58 are known to have been started, 32 of which were still in operation at the end of 1936, including 11 started before the war. Gas companies provide much the largest section of these bonus-capitalisation schemes, accounting for 26 out of the 32 schemes of this type in operation; practically all the earlier schemes of this type were introduced by gas companies.

In addition to the above schemes, a further 52 schemes are known to have been started in which some definite part (usually one-half) of the bonus is capitalised, the other part being paid in cash, or retained in a provident fund, etc. Of these 52 schemes, 36 were still in operation at the end of 1936; 27 of the 36 schemes are operated by gas companies.

Other Schemes.—Under the remaining schemes a bonus is usually allotted to employees in the form of a definite proportion of the firm's profits, or a bonus on wages is provided at a rate determined by the rate of dividend paid on the firm's capital. A few of these schemes provide for the whole or part of the employees' bonus to be placed in a provident, superannuation, or similar fund. Most of such schemes, however, provide for the payment of bonuses in cash or in credits to a savings-bank account from which the employee may freely withdraw; these "cash bonus" schemes represent about 36 per cent. of all existing schemes and about 60 per cent. of the discontinued schemes.

* A single issue of shares to employees, particularly if there were no restrictions on the subsequent sale of the shares to persons outside the business, would not usually come within the scope of the statistics.

Bonuses Paid.

In the case of 211 schemes in operation at the end of 1936, particulars are available as to the bonuses paid or credited to employees in that year, and are summarised in the following Tables. A few firms were unable to supply particulars of bonuses paid or credited, and some schemes—particularly of the share-issue type—do not lend themselves to calculation in this respect. Further, there is a group of schemes—those described as "deposit" schemes—for which the profit-sharing bonus can usually be stated, but is of a character different from that in other types of schemes, since it is paid only to those employees who have deposited sums with the firm, and its amount depends in part on the amounts deposited. In these cases there is a guaranteed minimum interest on sums left on deposit with the employing firm, which is not regulated by profits, and a supplementary interest which varies with the profits; the latter only is regarded as the profit-sharing bonus for the purpose of these statistics, and is included in the figures given below. Where such cases occur a second series of figures is given, in *italics*, in the two Tables below, in order to show the effect of excluding these "deposit" schemes from the statistics.

Industry or Business.	Number of schemes to which particulars relate.*	Number of employees entitled to participate.*	Average amount of bonus per head in 1936.*	Average percentage addition to earnings in 1936.*
Agriculture ...	2	100	£ s. d. 4 0 0	Per cent. 4.9
Brick, Chemical, etc. ...	12	15,500	14 8 5	9.8
Metal, Engineering, etc. ...	21	25,200	6 14 2	5.4
Textile ...	18	23,400	6 7 8	5.4
Food and Drink ...	18	12,100	3 17 8	3.4
Paper, Printing, etc. ...	16	11,600	3 11 8	3.4
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply ...	24	24,100	8 9 9	4.8
Merchants, Warehousemen and Retail Traders	21	22,800	8 15 9	4.8
Banking, Insurance and Finance ...	20	5,100	10 19 10	7.0
Other Businesses ...	19	4,900	11 9 11	7.0
Total ...	211	178,300	12 9 11	6.3
	<i>199</i>	<i>173,600</i>	<i>12 13 2</i>	<i>6.4</i>

A further analysis of the extent to which earnings were supplemented by bonuses in 1936 is shown in the following Table:—

Percentage addition made by bonus to earnings.	Number of schemes to which particulars relate.	Total number of employees.	Number of employees entitled to participate.	Amount of bonus paid (or credited) in 1936.
Nil ...	31	27,900	19,200	£ Nil
Under 2 per cent. ...	29	25,900	18,600	Nil
2 and under 4 per cent. ...	12	5,700	3,500	6,400
4 " " 6 " " ...	10	2,700	2,700	4,400
6 " " 8 " " ...	26	46,500	41,700	236,900
8 " " 10 " " ...	25	46,300	41,600	236,200
10 " " 12 " " ...	44	41,500	32,100	243,700
12 " " 14 " " ...	28	29,900	17,900	214,900
14 " " 16 " " ...	26	21,500	16,400	195,300
16 " " 18 " " ...	19	17,100	12,900	207,700
18 " " 20 " " ...	8	14,600	10,700	250,300
20 per cent. or over ...	10	21,400	21,100	827,300
Percentage not stated ...	5	1,600	1,400	50,700
	9	3,100	2,700	116,900
	19	28,100	15,100	73,500
Total ...	211	237,400	178,300	2,228,300
	<i>199</i>	<i>212,900</i>	<i>173,600</i>	<i>2,197,700</i>

The average amount of bonus per head in 1936 was £12 9s. 11d., a small increase over the corresponding figure for 1935. Expressed as a percentage addition to earnings, the average rate of bonus was 6.3 in 1936, as compared with 6.0 in 1935. Excluding "deposit" schemes the percentages were 6.4 in 1936 and 6.1 in 1935. Owing to insufficient profits about one-seventh of the schemes yielded no bonus in 1936.

As was the case in 1935, the highest amount of bonus per head in 1936 was in the relatively small group of banking, insurance, and finance businesses, the bonuses averaging £39 17s. 10d. per head in 1936 and £45 3s. 6d. in 1935; the reduction in the rate per head was due to the inclusion of additional schemes in the statistics for 1936. A high rate of bonus was paid in the brick, chemical, etc., group, the average amount per head in 1936 being £14 8s. 5d., as compared with £14 14s. 6d. in 1935; and also in the merchants, warehousemen and retail traders group, for which the corresponding figures were £12 13s. 0d. and £11 3s. 2d. In the paper, printing, etc., group the average bonus per head rose from £8 19s. 5d. in 1935 to £10 19s. 10d. in 1936; while in the metal, engineering, etc., group, the average increased from £3 11s. 5d. in 1935 to £6 14s. 2d. in 1936. In the remaining groups the changes were relatively small.

The average rate of bonus—taking all industries together, and all types of schemes for which this figure can be given—shows

* Including schemes under which no bonus was earned. It should be noted that the figures showing the average amounts of bonus are not strictly comparable with those representing the average percentage additions to earnings, because some firms were able to give the amount, but not the rate of bonus.

comparatively little variation from year to year. In the twenty-seven years from 1910 to 1936 inclusive, a period which covers years both of prosperity and of severe depression, the average rate has never fallen below 3·6 per cent. (1921) and has never risen above 6·7 per cent. (1914). In eighteen out of the twenty-seven years the rate has varied only between 4·5 and 5·9, and the average rate for the whole period has been 5·3 per cent.

New Schemes.

Five schemes, summarised below, have come to the notice of the Department as having been introduced in 1936 :—

Industry or Business.	Approximate number of employees covered by the scheme.	Brief outline of scheme.
Motor car manufacture.	18,000	Dividends on a block of shares, held in trust for the employees, are distributed according to age and length of service.
Safety glass manufacture.	575	After deduction of a sum equal to 10 per cent. on capital, 12½ per cent. of the remainder of the net profits is distributed in cash as a bonus on wages.
Gas manufacture and distribution.	340	One-sixth of the difference between the total amount paid for gas by consumers and amount that would have been payable, had the "basic" price been charged, is allocated to employees, one-half being placed to the employees' cash accounts and one-half placed in "trust" accounts for investment in the Company's stock.
Gas manufacture and distribution.	75	Bonus on wages varying inversely with price of gas, with a minimum rate of 5 per cent. ; bonus partly used to pay employees' contributions to pension fund and partly distributed in cash and to deposit accounts.
Book publishing.	12	10 per cent. of each quarter's net profits distributed to employees, according to salary and position.

Discontinued Schemes.

Eight profit-sharing schemes, which had been in force from various dates ranging from 1914 to 1929, ceased to operate in 1936. The total number of employees who were covered by these arrangements, at the latest dates for which particulars are available, was about 1,450. The industries in which the firms concerned were engaged included mining; engineering and metal founding; textile manufacture; printing and bookbinding; chocolate, cake, etc., manufacture; and gas manufacture and distribution. With two of these firms profit-sharing was reported as discontinued as a result of diminished profits or of insufficient profits to permit of bonuses, and with one firm the scheme was reported as abandoned because it failed to fulfil the objects for which it was established. Of the remaining schemes, three were dropped in consequence of the transfer of, or changes in, the businesses concerned; while in two cases arrangements which had formerly existed for issuing shares to employees on specially favourable terms, were no longer in operation.

The following Table analyses, by cause of discontinuance, and by duration, the schemes known to the Department to have been discontinued :—

Cause of discontinuance.	Number of schemes which lasted—							Total number of schemes discontinued by end of 1936.
	Under 2 years.	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 10 years.	10 and under 15 years.	15 and under 20 years.	20 years or over.	Period not known.	
Apathy of employees, or dissatisfaction of employers with results ...	9	26	24	12	6	7	3	87
Dissatisfaction of employees ...	2	4	3	3	2	2	...	16
Diminution of profits, losses or want of success	6	22	19	26	14	16	1	104
Enterprise abandoned; death of employer; liquidation or dissolution of business, etc. ...	9	12	4	9	8	6	1	49
Changes in, or transfer of business ...	2	7	15	10	6	12	...	52
Substitution of increased wages, or shorter hours, or other benefits ...	...	12	16	8	2	5	...	43
Other causes, cause not stated, or indefinite ...	6	5	13	6	6	2	6	44
Total ...	34	88	94	74	44	50	11	395

Progress of Profit-Sharing.

While during the years 1910 to 1929 the number of profit-sharing schemes operating at the end of each year showed an almost continuous increase, since 1929 the number of schemes in operation has shown a continuous decline. The years of greatest progress in the establishment of new schemes during the period were 1919 and 1920, when there was a net addition of 100 schemes and of 33,000 participating employees. The following Table shows the general position of profit-sharing schemes in the years 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1936 :—

	1910.	1920.	1930.	1936.
Schemes in operation ...	124	276	337	266
Approximate number of employees entitled to participate ...	57,000	137,000	213,000	220,000
Schemes for which particulars are available as to bonuses paid or credited* :—				
Number of schemes ...	76	158	256	211
Number of employees entitled to participate ...	52,000	112,000	176,000	178,000
Average amount of bonus per head ...	†	£9 18s. 3d.	£10 19s. 5d.	£12 9s. 11d.
Average percentage addition to earnings ...	5·0	6·4	6·0	6·3

III.—SCHEMES IN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

THE number of co-operative societies known to the Department to have had in operation definite profit-sharing schemes at the end of 1936 was 152, the same number as at the end of 1935. The employees of the 152 societies in 1936 totalled over 42,000, of whom nearly 40,000 were entitled to participate under the schemes. Many other societies are understood to pay to their employees additional remuneration in the form of bonuses on output, commission on sales, etc., but such arrangements are not regarded as coming within the scope of the Department's statistics of profit-sharing, and are accordingly excluded from the figures given below.

The following Table gives particulars of the schemes in operation at the end of 1936, showing separately the figures for the different types of societies :—

	Agricultural Societies.	Industrial Productive Societies.	Retail Distributive Societies.	All Societies.
Schemes in operation at end of 1936 ...	59	45	48	152
Approximate number of employees entitled to participate	1,200	11,000	27,500	39,700
Bonuses paid or credited during 1936† :—				
Average amount of bonus per head ...	£7 13s. 9d.	£6 5s. 6d.	£5 15s. 4d.	£5 19s. 3d.
Average percentage addition to earnings ...	6·2	5·6	4·6	4·9

Agricultural Societies.—The schemes in force with all of these societies provide for a bonus to employees consisting of a fixed proportion of the net profits; in all cases the bonus is paid in cash. The average rate of bonus in 1936 was 6·2 per cent. on earnings, as compared with 5·5 per cent. in 1935. The rates of bonus paid in earlier years amounted to less than 2 per cent. on earnings in each of the years 1927 to 1929; 2·1 in 1930; 2·3 in 1931; 3·2 in 1932; 3·0 in 1933; and 5·0 per cent. in 1934. Six of the agricultural societies paid no bonus in 1936, compared with eight in 1935.

Industrial Productive Societies.—The schemes adopted by the majority of productive societies provide for a specified proportion of the profits to be set aside for the workers; but in a number of cases the employees receive a bonus on wages at a rate which varies with the rate of dividend declared upon customers' purchases. A large proportion of the schemes in the productive societies are of the co-partnership type; of the 45 schemes, five provide that the employees' bonuses are to be wholly retained for investment in the society's share capital, while 24 schemes provide for the whole bonus to be so retained until the employee has a stated amount of capital to his credit. In the case of five other societies some part of the bonus is retained for investment, and in three other cases the whole or part of the bonus is used for provident, etc., purposes. In only eight of the 45 societies is the bonus paid out wholly in cash.

The productive societies are mainly engaged in the printing, boot and shoe, other clothing, and textile industries. The following Table shows the number of societies in these industry groups at the end of 1936, together with particulars of the bonuses paid in each group during that year :—

Industry.	Number of schemes in operation.	Approximate number of employees entitled to participate.	Bonuses paid or credited in 1936.†	
			Average amount per head.	Average percentage addition to earnings.
Textile ...	4	900	£ s. d. 4 7 0	Per cent. 3·8
Boot and Shoe ...	14	1,600	4 11 1	3·8
Other Clothing ...	4	4,800	4 11 9	5·9
Printing, Bookbinding, etc. ...	14	1,100	3 9 9	2·1
Other Industries ...	9	2,600	12 4 2	8·3
Total ...	45	11,000	6 5 6	5·6

No bonuses were available under 19 of the 45 schemes in 1936; in seven of these societies no bonus has been paid or credited during the period 1927 to 1936.

Retail Distributive Societies.—The type of scheme which is most common among these societies consists in paying the employees, out of such profits as may remain after meeting various specified charges, "not less than ½d. in the £ on gross sales and ½d. in the £

* See footnote * in second column on previous page.

† Figures not available

‡ See footnote * in first column on page 297.

on net profits"; but a number of societies pay a bonus on wages at a rate which is regulated by the rate of dividend declared upon customers' purchases, and a smaller number pay a bonus which is based on a fixed proportion of the net profits. Where the first arrangement is in force, it will be obvious that a part—and usually by far the larger part—of the supplementary payment is a collective commission on sales, and is therefore outside the scope of these statistics: in such cases only that part of the bonus which is regulated by the amount of profits is included in the figures shown in this article.

The average rate of bonus in this group has shown little change during the period 1927 to 1936, the percentage addition to earnings in recent years being 4.3 in 1933, 4.4 in 1934, 4.5 in 1935, and 4.6 in 1936. Six of these societies paid no bonus in 1936.

All Societies.

Statistics are given in the following Table relating to all schemes in operation with co-operative societies in each of the years 1927 to 1936:—

Year.	Number of schemes in operation at end of year.	Approximate number of employees entitled to participate.	Bonuses under schemes for which details are available.*			
			Number of schemes to which particulars relate.	Number of employees entitled to participate.	Average amount of bonus per head.	Average percentage addition to earnings.
1927	180	26,500	155	26,200	£ s. d. 4 16 9	4.2
1928	181	29,500	162	28,800	5 8 9	4.6
1929	180	30,800	164	30,600	5 10 3	4.4
1930	175	33,000	171	32,900	5 14 11	4.6
1931	174	34,000	169	34,000	5 11 5	4.7
1932	174	35,100	164	34,000	5 10 1	4.7
1933	168	34,800	161	34,700	5 14 11	4.6
1934	159	36,000	157	35,900	5 14 1	4.7
1935	152	37,200	148	37,100	6 0 0	4.9
1936	152	39,700	152	39,700	5 19 3	4.9

IV.—ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY.

Arrangements have existed in the above industry since 1921 whereby the district rates of wages are periodically adjusted in accordance with the proceeds of the industry, and agreements embodying this principle are in force in all the large coalfields. The agreements, which vary in detail in the different districts, provide for ascertainment to be made at regular intervals (usually one, two, or three months) of the total proceeds derived from coal mining in each district (e.g., South Wales and Monmouthshire, Durham, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire). The amount to be allocated to wages in the districts during the ensuing period is then usually determined by deducting from the total ascertained proceeds the costs of production other than wages, and taking for wages a fixed percentage (generally 85 or 87) of the amount remaining, the balance being allocated to "profits." The wage payable to an individual worker is expressed in the form of a basis rate plus a percentage. The basis rate varies from pit to pit and from grade to grade, but the percentage is determined not for individual mines but for the whole of the district, and fluctuates with the prosperity of the district, subject to a minimum below which it may not fall. When the sum allocated to wages is not sufficient to meet the cost of wages at the minimum percentage, the deficit must be made up by the owners to ensure payment of the minimum, any extra payments by the owners on this account being recoverable (within defined limits in some districts) from subsequent surpluses.

Although the foregoing arrangements contain an element of profit-sharing, inasmuch as the employees collectively in each district stand to gain with the employers when the district proceeds increase, it will be seen from the definition given in the first paragraph of this article that they are essentially different from the arrangements covered by the above statistics, under which the employees share, on a pre-arranged basis, in the profits of the particular firm or undertaking in which they are employed.

ENQUIRY INTO THE WORKING OF THE FAIR WAGES CLAUSE.

The Minister of Labour has appointed a Committee, consisting of representatives of Government departments, trade unions, and employers' organisations, with an independent chairman, to consider the working of the Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons of 10th March, 1909, as embodied in Government contracts, and to advise whether any changes are desirable and practicable.

The Committee consists of Dr. W. D. Ross, O.B.E., LL.D., P.B.A. (Chairman); Brig.-General A. C. Baylay, D.S.O.; Mr. H. Berry; Mr. J. S. Boyd; Mr. P. Dale Bussell, O.B.E.; Mr. A. Conley; Mr. C. Dukes, J.P.; Mr. J. A. Gregorson; Mr. G. Hicks, M.P.; Mr. H. Kay, C.B.E., F.C.I.S.; Mr. E. D. Macgregor; Mr. H. W. Moggridge, C.M.G.; Mr. P. J. Oldfield; Mr. H. V. Tewson, M.C.; Mr. A. G. Tydeman, C.B.E.; Sir Jonah Walker-Smith, M.P., M.Inst.C.E.; and Mr. A. P. Waterfield, C.B. The Secretary is Mr. M. A. Bevan, M.B.E., of the Ministry of Labour, to whom all communications should be addressed at Montagu House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

* Including schemes in operation under which no bonus was earned. It should be noted that the figures showing the average amounts of bonus are not strictly comparable with those representing the average percentage additions to earnings, because some societies were able to give the amount, but not the rate, of bonus.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937.

The Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Act,* which received the Royal Assent on 20th July, introduces into Scotland a system of wage regulation for agricultural workers, in accordance with the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Farm Workers in Scotland.† The Act follows the general lines of the corresponding Act for England and Wales, the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924.

The Act authorises the Department of Agriculture for Scotland to divide Scotland into districts, for each of which an Agricultural Wages Committee will be appointed, charged with the duty of fixing minimum rates of wages for agricultural workers. Each Committee will consist of an equal number of members representative of employers and of workers, two independent members appointed by the Department, and a chairman, to be chosen, if possible, by the Committee, or, failing that, by the Department. There will also be an Agricultural Wages Board, whose main duties will be, as in England, to give effect to the decisions of the Committees, and to assume the functions of a Committee in any case where the Committee, for any reason, fails to act. The Board will comprise representative members in equal numbers, together with three independent members to be appointed by the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, who will nominate as chairman one of the three independent members.

EMPLOYMENT OF BOYS IN COAL MINES.

THE Coal Mines (Employment of Boys) Act, 1937,‡ which received the Royal Assent on 30th July, provides that there shall be specified at every coal mine a period of at least seven consecutive hours falling between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., and during that specified period no boy shall be employed in, or allowed to be for the purpose of employment in, that coal mine below ground. The prohibition, however, does not apply to any boy who has been lawfully employed in any coal mine below ground before the passing of the Act.

OUTPUT, COSTS, PROCEEDS AND WAGES IN THE COAL-MINING INDUSTRY.

A STATISTICAL summary§ of the output, costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal-mining industry for the quarter ended 31st March, 1937,|| prepared by the Mines Department, has recently been published.

The return relates to undertakings which produced 58,499,743 tons of saleable coal, or about 97 per cent. of the total quantity raised in the quarter, of which 54,341,055 tons were disposable commercially, the balance being used for mine consumption or miners' coal.

The net costs, after deducting the proceeds of miners' coal, amounted to £37,385,318, equivalent to 13s. 9.12d. per ton, of which 9s. 3.38d. per ton represented wages costs. The proceeds of commercial disposals amounted to £42,236,298, equivalent to 15s. 6.54d. per ton. There was thus a credit balance of £4,849,980, or 1s. 9.42d. per ton.

The average number of workpeople employed was 725,392, and the number of man-shifts worked was 48,743,164. The average output per man-shift worked was 24.00 cwt., and the average earnings per man-shift worked were 10s. 4.18d. The average value of allowances in kind was 4.95d. per shift.

The following Table shows the average earnings in each of the principal districts, together with the value of allowances in kind. The corresponding figures for the first quarter of 1936 are given for comparison:—

District.	Jan.-March, 1937.		Jan.-March, 1936.	
	Average earnings per shift.	Value of allowances in kind per shift.	Average earnings per shift.	Value of allowances in kind per shift.
Scotland	s. d. 10 1.16	d. 0.58	s. d. 9 6.16	d. 0.57
Northumberland	8 8.29	13.18	8 4.58	11.88
Durham	8 7.89	14.38	8 6.61	13.63
South Wales and Mon.†	9 10.71	3.03	9 6.99	3.02
Yorkshire	11 5.81	3.84	11 2.55	3.61
North Derbyshire and Notts.	12 1.58	3.86	11 3.30	3.96
South Derbyshire, Leicester-shire, Cannock Chase and Warwickshire	11 3.70	4.46	10 9.36	4.33
Lancashire, Cheshire and North Staffs.	10 6.43	0.43	10 3.40	0.41
Cumberland, North Wales, South Staffs., Shropshire, Bristol, Forest of Dean, Somerset and Kent ...	9 9.38	2.98	9 6.79	2.71
All Districts	10 4.18	4.95	9 11.86	4.75

* 1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6, ch. 53. H.M. Stationery Office; price 3d. net (3½d., post-free).

† Cmd. 5217. H.M. Stationery Office; price 9d. net (10d., post-free). See the issue of this GAZETTE for August, 1936, page 280.

‡ 1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6, ch. 62. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1d. net (1½d. post-free).

§ Cmd. 5508. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1d. net (1½d. post free).

|| In the case of South Wales and Monmouthshire the period covered is the quarter ended 30th April.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD: REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1936.

THE Report of the Unemployment Assistance Board for the year 1936 has been published.*

In an introductory note, Lord Rushcliffe, the Chairman, refers to the coming into force of the revised Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations, 1936†; to the termination of the Unemployment Assistance (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1935 (the "Standstill" Act)‡; and to the appointment of the Advisory Committees.

The revised Unemployment Assistance Regulations came into force on 16th November, 1936, the day after the "Standstill" Act was terminated by an Order of the Minister of Labour. More than one third of the Board's applicants received increased allowances under the new Regulations as compared with what they were receiving either under the previous Regulations or under the "standstill" arrangements; and the average allowance at the end of the year was 24s. 8d., as compared with 23s. 9d. immediately before the coming into force of the revised Regulations.

The Advisory Committees, which were set up under section 35 (3) of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, have certain specific duties in connection with the adjustment of allowances and so on; but the intention of the Unemployment Assistance Board has always been to use the local knowledge and experience of the Advisory Committees over a wide field, for promoting the general welfare of the Board's applicants. The Board "have set out with the intention of combining the benefits of a centralized administration through a Government Department with the local knowledge and personal touch that local people can bring to bear upon the service." The reports of the Regional Officers of the Board contain many references to the valuable services of the Advisory Committees, and it is considered that the success of the experiment is assured.

The number of applicants to the Board fell from 720,944 in December, 1935, to 603,734 in December, 1936, a fall of 16·3 per cent., as compared with a total fall of 12·6 per cent. for all unemployed insured adults. Although the applicants to the Board do not, in the Chairman's words, "form a segregated class of persons of low employment value" there is nevertheless among them a problem of long-continued unemployment; and particular attention is drawn, in this connection, to two classes of the Board's applicants: the young applicants, and those over 45.

As regards the former, the Chairman observes that "there are still numbers of young applicants to the Board who have been unemployed for considerable periods, and are losing the appreciation of the difference that would be made in their lives if they could secure employment. During the period under review there have been difficulties in obtaining applicants for the training schemes conducted by the Ministry of Labour, despite the increased opportunities of employment that those schemes have demonstrably provided. A course of training at one of the Government Training Centres is followed, with the improvement in the employment market, by a job at the end of the course in practically every case. Placing in employment at the end of the courses at the Instructional Centres is not so easy, but the number of persons placed has shown a steady increase over the year." He adds that measures are being taken which it is hoped will lead to more men taking advantage of the opportunities offered.

As regards the older men, the Chairman states that 45 per cent. of the Board's applicants between the ages of 18 and 64 are 45 years of age and over, as compared with 27 per cent. of claimants to unemployment insurance benefit. He refers to the difficulties that will be caused over the coming years by the general changes in the age-distribution of the population, and observes that "industry will have to accustom itself to the fact that it cannot continuously find a supply of juvenile and young labour; it must be prepared to engage and retain older men, and if, under present conditions, some of these older men have been unemployed for long periods, opportunity will have to be given to them to adapt themselves once more to the physical requirements of employment." He adds that in some parts of the country these workers are congregated in localities which offer few chances of local re-employment at present.

In conclusion, the Chairman draws attention to the fact that a certain number of the Board's applicants are handicapped in their attempts to regain employment by minor deficiencies of health which may be remediable; and he hopes that, with the extension of co-operation with other statutory services, and through the help of the Advisory Committees, it will be found possible to take steps to re-establish the physical condition of such applicants, so that they may improve their chances of securing employment.

Three chapters in the Report deal with the general administration of the unemployment assistance scheme, and with the changes necessitated by the coming into force of the revised Regulations; with the setting up of the Advisory Committees, and with their constitution and functions, the references to them for advice and their recommendations.

Another chapter deals with the Appeal Tribunals, which numbered 139 at the end of the year 1936. The number of appeals lodged

during the year was 15,031, of which 14,485 were appeals against ordinary determinations of the Board's officers, 24 were appeals against determinations to which conditions were attached under section 40 of the Act, and 522 were appeals against decisions that the applicants were not persons to whom the Act applies. The total number of cases dealt with by the Tribunals was 13,571. In 10,168 cases the weekly rates of allowances, as determined by the Board's officers, were confirmed: this, however, included 342 cases in which determinations were increased by the amount of a non-recurring payment to meet exceptional need. In 3,355 cases the weekly rates were increased, in 41 cases they were reduced, and in seven cases the weekly rates were varied for different weeks.

In another chapter, the various schemes of training and transference carried on in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour are described. It is stated that about 60 per cent. of the trainees in the Government Training Centres, and 75 per cent. in the Instructional Centres, are applicants to the Board. The field of recruitment at both classes of centres was extended, to keep pace with requirements and fill the places available at the centres.

A new type of local training centre in the Special Areas was in process of establishment by the Ministry of Labour towards the end of the year, where men who dislike the idea of leaving home for training may attend for a short period to accustom themselves to training conditions; it is hoped that at the end of that time they may go on to a Training or Instructional Centre. It will also be possible at these local centres to attend to remediable physical defects (of teeth or eyes) which have caused the rejection of an appreciable number of willing candidates for training.

The number of persons transferred by the Ministry of Labour during the year was 44,449, as compared with 30,559 in 1935. Of those transferred last year 21,805 were men, 8,008 women, 8,699 boys (under 18), and 5,937 girls (under 18). No precise figures are available, but it is stated in the Report that a substantial proportion of these persons would be applicants to the Unemployment Assistance Board. The Report states that, whereas previously a considerable number of transferees returned home discouraged when they fell out of employment, under the current scheme of financial assistance the great majority of transferees were enabled to remain in the new locality during temporary spells of unemployment. The Board are, in general, prepared to authorise allowances in such cases to enable the transferred man to remain in his lodgings and remit sums home to his dependants (if any). Similarly, when a man who has apparently established himself in a new neighbourhood, and has been joined by his family, falls out of employment, special consideration is given to his needs.

The average number of applicants to the Board, during the year 1936 was 654,761, as compared with an average of 749,105 in 1935. The actual number on 14th December, 1936, was 603,734, as compared with 720,944 a year earlier. Of the 603,734 applicants on 14th December, 1936, nearly 80 per cent. (479,214) were unable to satisfy the first statutory condition for insurance benefit (30 contributions in the preceding two years); 10 per cent. satisfied the first statutory condition, but had exhausted their twenty-six weeks of benefit and any additional benefit to which their record might entitle them in their current benefit year; and 10 per cent. had exhausted their benefit in their *preceding* benefit year and had not had the necessary ten re-qualifying contributions. The reduction as compared with 1935 was between 26 and 27 per cent. in the two smaller classes; in the main class (*i.e.*, those unable to satisfy the first statutory condition) it was only 13 per cent.: this class includes those with the longest periods of unemployment.

Of the 603,734 applicants on 14th December, 398,465 (or 66 per cent.) were in England, 100,897 (or 16·7 per cent.) were in Wales, and 104,372 (or 17·3 per cent.) were in Scotland. The reduction as compared with 1935 was 18·3 per cent. in England, 14·2 per cent. in Scotland, and 9·6 per cent. in Wales.

The following table analyses the numbers of applicants for dates in the middle of the years 1935 and 1936, according to the length of their current spell of unemployment:—

Current Spell of Unemployment.		8th June, 1936.	27th May 1935.
Less than three months (including temporarily stopped and casually employed applicants)		139,251	144,391
3 months but less than 6 months	...	70,470	83,420
6 " " 9 " "	...	64,562	81,459
9 " " 12 " "	...	57,258	65,330
12 months and over	...	324,340	345,147
Total	...	655,881	719,747

An estimate made on the basis of a 5 per cent. sample of the cases that came up for re-assessment during the four weeks following 16th November, 1936, shows the composition of the applicants according to their family responsibilities. About 18½ per cent. of the applicants were living alone in lodgings; nearly 18 per cent. were in households of two persons; 17½ per cent. were in households of three or more *without* children under 14 years of age; and 46 per cent. were in households of three or more *including* children under 14 years of age.

A survey of the more local aspects of the Board's work is given in the Reports of the six Regional Officers in chapter VII.

* Cmd. 5526. H.M. Stationery Office; price 3s. net (3s. 3d., post-free).

† *Statutory Rules and Orders*, 1936, No. 776. H.M. Stationery Office; price 2d. net (2½d., post-free). See the issues of this GAZETTE for July and August, 1936 (pages 238 and 310).

‡ *Geo. 5, ch. 6*. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1d. net (1½d., post-free). See the issues of this GAZETTE for February, 1935 (page 46); and for July and August, 1936 (pages 238 and 310).

WAGES IN THE RAILWAY SERVICE.

DECISION OF NATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

THE Railway Staff National Tribunal, which forms part of the machinery of negotiation* established by agreement between the four main line railway companies, the National Union of Railwaymen, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the Railway Clerks' Association, has recently issued its decision on claims presented by the unions to the companies for the termination of the existing $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. deduction from earnings, for the restoration (so far as the first two unions were concerned) of the standard rates of payment in operation prior to National Wages Board Decision No. 119, dated 5th March, 1931, in respect of night overtime, night duty, and Sunday duty, and for other improvements in conditions of employment. The Tribunal heard the parties on 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 28th July.

The staff coming within the scope of the machinery of negotiation includes: (a) the "conciliation" grades, including the locomotive drivers, firemen, cleaners and certain locomotive shed grades, all the traffic grades, dock porters and crane-men and certain staff afloat, permanent way men, signal and telegraph staff, and staff employed on canals; and (b) the salaried grades, including station masters, agents, yard masters, controllers and inspectors, and clerical staff.

The decision of the Tribunal provides for the termination of the existing percentage deduction from earnings, and for the restoration of the standard rates of payment for overtime, night duty and Sunday duty. These rates will thus be as follows:—

(a) *Overtime*:—

(i) Day: time-and-a-quarter.†

(ii) Night: time-and-a-half.

(b) *Night Duty*:—

Time-and-a-quarter.

(c) *Duty performed on Sunday, also on Good Friday and Christmas Day (England and Wales), January 1st and 2nd (Scotland)*:—

Time-and-a-half.

In cases where double time was paid before decision No. 119 and was reduced by that decision to time-and-two-thirds, the rate will again be double time.

The decision also provides that all adult male and female staff in the conciliation grades whose base rate is now less than 45s. per week shall receive an addition to their base and current rates of 1s. per week, and those whose base rate is 45s. shall receive an addition to their base and current rates of 6d. per week. As regards the few adult males now in receipt of a base rate of less than 40s. per week, the base rate shall be brought up to 40s., plus 1s., together with any further additions to which they may be entitled under the cost-of-living sliding scale. The provision in decision No. 41 of the National Wages Board of 9th December, 1925, whereby new entrants into adult conciliation grades in the permanent service on and after 1st February, 1926, are paid at "B" or minimum rates, is cancelled, and such workers in future will be entitled to the benefits of increases under the cost-of-living sliding scale. All staff, whether in the conciliation or the salaried grades, who are required to work on Whit-Monday or August Bank Holiday (or in Scotland two other days as may be agreed between the companies and the unions), shall receive a day off with pay at ordinary rate in lieu of each day so worked, at a time to be chosen, within the customary railway staff holiday season, by the companies. Clerks who are required to work throughout the night hours 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. in alternate weeks or for one week in three, shall be relieved where possible one turn of duty in every 15 turns of such night duty; if it is not possible so to relieve them they shall be granted one day's pay at ordinary rate in lieu thereof.

It is provided that the decision shall be operative as from 16th August, 1937 (except that it shall not apply to turns of duty commencing before that date) to 15th August, 1938, and shall continue thereafter until altered by agreement between the parties, or until a new decision is arrived at in accordance with the machinery of negotiation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NIGHT BAKING.

THE Report of the Committee set up in February, under the chairmanship of Lord Alness, to consider the question of the abolition of night-baking, has been issued.‡ The Committee, by a majority of four to one, is opposed to the statutory prohibition of baking between specified hours, but favours the establishment of a body on which representatives of both sides of the trade will meet together and devise means of ameliorating the conditions of the operatives as regards night work and also as regards the long hours which are worked in some cases.

The Committee finds that the total number of persons employed on the productive side of the bread and flour confectionery industry is rather over 90,000; that nearly two-thirds of these persons are employed in bakeries where night work is carried on; and that nearly one-third are employed at night, some 9,000 starting work about 3 or 4 a.m. and some 19,000 starting at midnight or earlier.

The Committee considers that no case is made out that night-baking is injurious to health, but it involves serious social disadvantages in the way of loss of opportunities for family and social intercourse in the evenings and at the week-end.

The Report states that the proposal for "abolition of night work" put forward by the unions was on the lines recommended by the Mackenzie Committee in 1919, i.e., prohibition of baking between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., with numerous exemptions, of which the chief are for dough making and for Friday nights. The Committee considers that in present circumstances even more exemptions would be necessary. There would also be serious difficulties of application and enforcement.

The Committee finds that abolition of night-baking on the above lines would work inequitably amongst employers. Many of the large and medium-sized bakeries would be compelled to bake their bread in the afternoon and evening for delivery on the following day, and would be placed at a disadvantage in competing with small bakeries, which would be able to get their bread output baked and delivered the same morning by starting to bake at 5 a.m.; and if they sought to maintain existing output, they would probably be faced with considerable capital expenditure, and increased working expenditure. The hours and conditions of work are in general best at the large factory bakeries; and the Committee considers that it would be unwise as well as unfair to take steps which would tend to divert custom from these bakeries to the small baker.

Abolition of night-baking in this country would involve far greater dislocation of the industry than has been faced in other countries where night-baking has been abolished.

In the event of the prohibition of night-baking, the Committee considers that about half of those now engaged in all-night work would be called upon to start work at the uncomfortable hour of 5 a.m., and that about half would be required to work in the afternoon and evening (including Sundays). Thus, half of the men chiefly concerned would have even less opportunity for social and family life in the evenings and at the week-end than are at present available, where the night workers' hours are reasonable.

In view of the large number of small bakers who would not be seriously affected by the change, the Committee sees no reason to think that abolition of night-baking should result in any general increase in the price of bread, or have any other material effect upon the public; but—apart from the serious difficulties of application and enforcement—the conclusion of the majority of the Committee is that such advantages as the operatives would gain are insufficient to justify overruling the serious objections raised by the employers. It is suggested, however, as mentioned above, that a body, representing both sides of the trade, should be set up to devise means of ameliorating the conditions of the operatives.

Mr. F. Marshall, M.P., in a minority report, emphasizes the disadvantages of night work, questions the extent to which afternoon baking would be adopted, and expresses the view that the operatives would prefer such a shift, as it would enable them to have their rest at night. He considers that, with a suspensory period, the large factory bakeries could adapt themselves to the change, and concludes that the recommendations of the Mackenzie Committee should be adopted, with some modification.

CAST STONE AND CAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

FORMATION OF NEW JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL.

FOLLOWING representations which were made to the Ministry of Labour, a conference was held on 21st April, 1937, in order to consider the question of the formation of authoritative joint machinery for the regulation of wages and working conditions in the cast stone and cast concrete products industry. The conference was attended by representatives of the Federation of Manufacturers of Artificial Stone, the Transport and General Workers' Union (the organisations comprising the two sides of the Joint Industrial Council for the Cast Stone Industry which had been in existence since 1919), the National Association of Cast Concrete Products Manufacturers, and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers. A sub-committee representative of these four organisations was appointed to consider questions of scope, functions, and constitution of the proposed machinery.

The sub-committee recommended the formation of a National Joint Industrial Council for the industry, and drew up a draft constitution which was subsequently approved by the organisations concerned. The inaugural meeting of the new Council, which has taken the title of the National Joint Industrial Council for the Cast Stone and Cast Concrete Products Industry, was held on 27th July, 1937, and was attended by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, Mr. R. A. Butler, M.P. The Joint Industrial Council for the Cast Stone Industry held a prior meeting on the same day and, having regard to the formation of the new Council with a much wider representation, resolved to wind up.

The joint secretaries of the new Council are:—*Employers' Side*: Mr. R. A. Harting (2, Coleman Street, London, E.C.2.); *Trade Unions' Side*: Mr. L. H. Pearmaine (Transport and General Workers' Union, Transport House, Smith Square, London, S.W.1.).

GUIDE TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

The fifteenth annual volume of the "Guide to Current Official Statistics,"* issued by the Permanent Consultative Committee on Official Statistics, contains a list of the statistical publications issued by the various Government Departments in the year 1936, with their prices. There is a subject index, in which all the published statistics are grouped under a number of broad headings (e.g., agriculture, industry and labour, social services, etc.) by means of cross-references; and a list of publications, grouped under the several Government Departments responsible for each.

* For a description of the machinery of negotiation, see the issue of this GAZETTE for March, 1935, page 89.

† This rate had already been restored by a previous decision of the Tribunal dated 27th July, 1936. See the issue of this GAZETTE for August, 1936, page 281.

‡ Cmd. 5525. H.M. Stationery Office; price 9d. net. (10d. post free).

* H.M. Stationery Office; price 1s. net (1s. 5d., post-free).

THE HEAD MASTERS' AND HEAD MISTRESSES' EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES: REPORTS FOR 1936.

THE annual Reports for 1936 of the Head Masters' and of the Head Mistresses' Employment Committees have been published. These are Committees of the Incorporated Associations of Head Masters and of Head Mistresses, respectively, working in co-operation with the Ministry of Labour. Their functions are to collect and disseminate information on careers, and advise and find posts for boys and girls recommended to them by head teachers of co-operating schools.

The Report of the Head Masters' Committee comments on the increased activity in business conditions which marked the year 1936 in London, and which was reflected in the continuous and satisfactory demand for the Committee's candidates. Posts were found for 1,650 boys in 1936, as compared with 1,534 in 1935. So active was the demand that in June, just before the end of the school-leaving term, the register of candidates had fallen to the record low level of 61; and during the first half of the year it was always difficult to meet employers' demands.

The Committee's placings cover most branches of the professions, business and industry normally open to boys of secondary school education. The feature of its placings in 1936 was the substantial increase in the proportion of boys placed in the banking, stockbroking, finance, and insurance groups.

The Committee issued a letter to employers and employers' associations during the year, calling attention to the true relationship between the school certificate and matriculation; and it was noticed that employers thereafter tended to be less insistent upon matriculation.

The Head Mistresses' Employment Committee placed 1,939 girls in employment during 1936, an increase of 138 over the previous year. The majority of the candidates obtained posts as clerks, short-hand typists and secretaries; but a considerable number were placed in such widely divergent careers as social work, horticulture and dairying, hospital nursing, and domestic science. Although the number placed in employment was the second highest on record, the shortage of candidates, particularly for posts as clerks and short-hand typists, resulted in nearly 40 per cent. of the vacancies notified to the Committee remaining unfilled.

An extension of the Committee's after-care arrangements was made to assist girls who are transferred away from home; these girls are "adopted" by senior pupils or former pupils of neighbouring secondary schools.

The Committee arranged a number of lectures on careers, which were well attended by girls from schools in and around London.

The offices of the two Committees, which make no charge for their services, either to employers or to candidates, are at Queen Anne's Chambers, 41, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1. (Telephone number, Whitehall 7010.)

ACCIDENTS TO RAILWAY SERVANTS IN 1936.

THE Ministry of Transport have issued a Report upon the accidents which occurred on the railways of Great Britain during the year 1936.* The Report covers all accidents, and all persons killed or injured in such accidents; but the figures in the following summary relate to railway and contractors' servants only. It should be noted that, in the case of railway servants, only those accidents which cause them to be absent from their ordinary work for more than three days are required to be reported.

The returns distinguish *train accidents* (collisions, derailments, etc.); other accidents caused by, or connected with, the movement of railway vehicles, called briefly "*movement accidents*" (shunting accidents, accidents to men attending to engines in motion, or to men working or walking on the line, etc.); and *non-movement accidents* (accidents on railway premises, not connected with the movement of railway vehicles). The statistics for 1936 are summarised below:—

Class of Service.	"Train" and "Movement" Accidents.		Non-Movement Accidents.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Engine drivers and motormen	15	302	—	483	15	785
Firemen	8	383	—	614	8	997
Checkers	1	14	—	591	1	605
Guards (goods and mineral) and brakemen	26	462	—	331	26	793
Loaders and sheeters	—	15	1	576	1	591
Porters (goods)	7	91	1	1,707	8	1,798
Shunters, yardsmen, etc.	17	544	—	338	17	882
Mechanics and artisans	10	45	10	797	20	842
Signal fitters and telegraph wiremen	5	15	3	146	8	161
Carters and vanguards	1	6	1	1,030	2	1,036
Labourers	15	59	4	1,117	19	1,176
Permanent-way men	66	174	3	2,465	69	2,639
Porters (passenger)	2	123	—	1,018	2	1,141
All other classes	36	514	8	2,611	44	3,125
Total, railway servants	209	2,747	31	13,824	240	16,571
Contractors' servants	3	6	3	43	6	49
Total { 1936	212	2,753	34	13,867	246	16,620
{ 1935	172	2,517	39	12,760	211	15,277

* Cmd. 5477. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1s. net (1s. 1d. post free).

Fatal accidents among railway servants in 1936 represented a rate of 4.09 per 10,000 employed, as compared with 3.50 in 1935, and 4.18 in 1934. This, however, was the general rate for all classes of railway servants taken together; for some classes it was much higher, for example, guards (goods and mineral) and brakemen (19.1); signal fitters and telegraph wiremen (13.8); permanent-way men (12.5); and shunters, yardsmen, etc. (10.2). The average rate for all accidents (fatal and non-fatal) was 286 per 10,000 railway servants employed in 1936, as compared with 265 per 10,000 in 1935 and with 255 per 10,000 in 1934. Here again, some classes had a much higher rate, notably goods porters (1,153); and loaders and sheeters (1,033).

WAGES AND HOURS MOVEMENTS OVERSEAS.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Metal Industry.—An agreement providing for wage increases and a reduction in normal weekly working time was concluded on 8th June between employers and workers in the metal industry of Central Bohemia. Basic wage rates have been improved, and a lump sum cost of living bonus has also been granted. Working hours are to remain eight a day; but the normal weekly working time has been reduced from 48 to 44 hours a week. It is understood that, in practice, undertakings will continue to work 48 hours, time in excess of 44 hours being remunerated at increased rates. The agreement, which took effect in July, 1937, is directly applicable to about 50,000 workers in Central Bohemia, but will influence working conditions in metal-working undertakings, outside this area, which are affiliated to the employers' organisation concerned.

FRANCE.

The Maintenance of Industrial Peace.—With the object of maintaining peace in industry, especially during the period of the International Exhibition in Paris, the French Government has taken legislative action to extend the duration of the collective agreements which were concluded after the "stay-in" strike movement in June, 1936, and of the arrangements for the compulsory settlement of industrial disputes by conciliation and arbitration which were set up under the Act of 31st December, 1936 (see this GAZETTE for June and July, 1936, pages 207 and 244, and January and February, 1937, pages 13 and 52). By an Act dated 20th July, 1937, all collective agreements which would expire between 1st June, 1937, and 25th November, 1937, either through lapse of their normal period of validity or on account of notice of termination, are to remain in force for a further period of six months, at least, and are in no case to expire before 1st January, 1938. Agreements which terminated before 1st June, 1937, and have not yet been renewed are deemed to be extended in a similar manner. The period during which the Government is authorised to issue Cabinet Decrees regulating proceedings of compulsory conciliation and arbitration, and the period during which such Decrees are to remain effective (originally limited, in both cases, to the duration of the ordinary session of the Legislature in 1937), are extended until the end of the present year. A provision has been introduced into the Act to the effect that, when attempts at conciliation have failed and it is decided to have recourse to arbitration, the parties to the dispute are to draw up, under the supervision of the County Labour Inspector, an agreed statement setting out the points which are to be submitted to arbitration.

POLAND.

Working Hours in Coal Mines.—Provision has been made, by an Act dated 14th April, 1937, for reductions, in special circumstances, in the working time of coal miners. The Act authorises the Government, in case of economic or national necessity, to issue Orders for a reduction in the duration of the working day or week in the industry. The Orders are to be issued on the initiative of the Minister of Social Welfare, after consultation with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the employers' and workers' organisations. They may be made applicable to the whole country or to certain administrative areas only, and to all workers or to specified classes of workers only, and may be issued for stated periods. The Act came into force on 24th April, 1937, except in Upper Silesia, where the enforcement was delayed until 15th June. According to press reports, Orders were issued in July providing for a working day of 7½ hours for underground workers and of 8 hours for surface workers, to take effect on 1st September. A further Order, which comes into force on 1st November, restricts working hours to 7 or, in some cases, to 6 hours a day on particularly dangerous work.

UNITED STATES.

Working Hours Legislation in Pennsylvania.—By a measure which received the Governor's signature on 3rd July, working time in Pennsylvania will, as from 1st December, 1937, be restricted to 8 hours a day and 44 hours a week. Overtime is, in principle, to be prohibited; but exceptions may be made by the State Industrial Board and the Secretary of Labour and Industry in the case of industries which would suffer hardship as a result of the prohibition of overtime. The measure is applicable to all workers, other than agricultural and domestic workers, persons employed in managerial positions receiving 25 dollars or more a week, and persons employed in the liberal professions.

CANADA.

Quebec Cotton Textile Dispute.—About 10,000 workers employed in cotton textile undertakings in Quebec Province ceased work on 2nd August, in support of a demand for a reduction in working time from 55 to 48 hours a week, standard rates of wages, and recognition of the right of collective bargaining. It is estimated that the undertakings involved are collectively responsible for 70 per cent. of the output of the textile industry in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT IN JULY : GENERAL SUMMARY.

EMPLOYMENT at 26th July remained at about the same general level as at 21st June. It improved in the distributive trades, and in hotel and boarding house, road transport and shipping services. There was also a reduction in the numbers recorded as unemployed in the coal mining industry, the figures for which at 21st June were increased by stoppages in connection with the Yorkshire Mine Workers' Demonstration. On the other hand, employment declined in building and public works contracting, in the pottery, general engineering, motor vehicle, wool textile, clothing and boot and shoe industries, and in textile bleaching, printing, dyeing, etc. Owing to local holidays there was a marked increase in the numbers temporarily stopped in the jute industry and a slight increase in the numbers recorded as unemployed in iron and steel manufacture. There was also an increase in the numbers recorded as unemployed in agriculture.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

It is estimated that at 26th July, 1937, the number of insured persons, aged 16-64, in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, was approximately 11,517,000. This was the same as at 21st June, 1937, but 511,000 more than at 20th July, 1936.

Among insured workpeople, aged 16-64 (excluding those within the agricultural scheme), the percentage unemployed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland at 26th July, 1937 (including those temporarily stopped), was 10·4, as compared with 10·3 at 21st June, 1937, and 12·4 at 20th July, 1936. In Great Britain the percentage at 26th July, 1937, was 10·1, as compared with 10·0 at 21st June, 1937, and 12·2 at 20th July, 1936.

At 26th July, 1937, the numbers of persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain were 1,069,180 wholly unemployed, 246,615 temporarily stopped, and 63,664 normally in casual employment, making a total of 1,379,459. This was 22,861 more than a month before, but 272,613 less than a year before. The total was made up of 1,074,474 men, 40,392 boys, 221,400 women, and 43,193 girls. The number of boys and girls on the registers increased between 21st June and 26th July by 22,042, mainly owing to the registration of juveniles who had recently left school.

The total of 1,379,459 persons on the registers at 26th July, 1937, included 622,151 persons with claims admitted for insurance benefit (of whom 3,109 had applications authorised for payment of unemployment allowances in supplementation of benefit), 46,512 claimants whose position under the conditions relating to contributions paid and benefit received had not been determined, and 4,643 persons disqualified for short periods from receiving benefit (of whom 1,631 had applications authorised for payment of unemployment allowances). There were also 552,022 persons (not included in any of the foregoing classes) with applications authorised for unemployment allowances, 846 persons with applications for unemployment allowances under consideration, and 153,285 other persons, of whom 41,690 were juveniles under 16 years of age.

In Great Britain and Northern Ireland the total number of persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges at 26th July, 1937, was 1,445,328, as compared with 1,423,439 at 21st June, 1937, and 1,717,062 at 20th July, 1936.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

Mining and Quarrying.—In the coal mining industry employment during July, though affected by a seasonal decline in demand, was fairly good for the time of year in most districts. The total number of wage-earners on the colliery books at 24th July, 1937, showed an increase of 0·1 per cent. as compared with 26th June, 1937, and of 4·1 per cent. as compared with 25th July, 1936. The average number of days worked per week in the fortnight ended 24th July, 1937, was 4·48, a decrease of 0·56 of a day as compared with the fortnight ended 26th June, 1937, but an increase of 0·16 of a day as compared with the fortnight ended 25th July, 1936.

Employment in the iron mining industry continued good. At china clay quarries it was fairly good. Employment at limestone quarries continued good both in the Buxton and in the Cleveland areas. At the West Lothian shale mines it was fair. At chalk quarries it continued good. There was a further improvement at slate quarries in North Wales, where employment was very good. Employment at the East of Scotland whinstone quarries continued fairly good. At tin mines it continued slack.

Pig Iron, Iron and Steel, and Tinplate.—In the pig iron industry employment showed little change and remained good. In iron and steel manufacture there was little change as compared with June, but employment was much better than a year ago. In the tinplate industry also there was little change, and employment continued fair; in steel sheet manufacture it showed an improvement.

Engineering, Shipbuilding and Other Metal Industries.—In the engineering industry employment in July improved slightly in some districts; in others it showed a slight decline, which was largely due to the incidence of local holidays. On the whole employment declined slightly but remained good. It was very good in electrical engineering, good in general engineering and (apart from seasonal slackness in some districts) in the motor vehicle and cycle section; fair in marine engineering, and moderate in constructional engineering and textile engineering.

In shipbuilding and repairing employment showed a further slight improvement on the whole; the seasonal decline continued at some ship-repairing centres, but was again offset by increased activity in other areas, particularly the North-East Coast.

In the other metal trades employment remained good on the whole. It was very good in the jewellery and plated ware, brasswork, and needle and fishing tackle trades; good in the sheet metal, iron-founding, hollow-ware, wire manufacturing and nut, bolt, nail, rivet,

etc. trades; and fairly good in the tube, cutlery, edge tool, file, and chain and anchor trades.

Textile Industries.—In the cotton industry employment showed little general change in July.

In the wool textile industry employment showed a slight decline but this was due largely to seasonal causes and occurred almost entirely in the worsted section; there was little general change in the woollen section, but a slight decline occurred in the carpet section.

Employment in the hosiery trade showed little change and continued good on the whole. In the lace trade there was a further slight decline, but employment was still fairly good on the whole. In the silk manufacturing industry a decline took place and short-time working increased at several centres; employment, however, was fair; there was also a slight decline in artificial silk yarn manufacture, but employment continued good. In the linen trade employment showed a slight improvement, but was still slack; in the jute trade employment was affected by local holidays in Scotland, which caused a marked increase in the numbers recorded as temporarily stopped. In the textile bleaching, printing, dyeing, etc. trades, employment showed a decline and was slack generally.

Clothing Trades.—Employment in the retail bespoke and in the ready-made and wholesale bespoke branches of the tailoring trades showed a seasonal decline and was moderate on the whole. There was also a seasonal decline in the dressmaking and millinery trades, but employment generally was fairly good. Employment in the shirt and collar trade showed a decline, but was fair on the whole. In the glove and corset trades there was little change, employment being good at most centres. Employment in the hat trade showed little change and remained moderate.

In the boot and shoe industry employment showed a slight seasonal decline at most centres, but was still fairly good for the time of year.

Leather Trades.—Employment in all sections of the leather trades showed little change; it was fairly good in the tanning, currying and leather-dressing sections and good in other sections.

Building, Woodworking, etc.—In the building industry employment during July remained good on the whole; compared with June there was a slight decline. In individual occupations employment was very good with bricklayers, fair with slaters and tilers and with painters, and good with other classes of skilled operatives. Shortages of bricklayers and other skilled operatives were reported in some districts. In brick manufacture employment continued good.

Employment in the furnishing trades showed little change and remained good; with mill sawyers it improved slightly and was good; with coachbuilders it showed a decline, but was fairly good.

Paper Manufacture, Printing and Bookbinding.—Employment in the paper-making industry showed little change and continued good generally. There was a slight improvement with printers and employment was good. There was little change in the bookbinding industry, in which employment was also good.

Pottery and Glass.—In the pottery industry employment was slack on the whole; towards the end of the month there was an increase in the number of workers temporarily stopped, largely owing to seasonal causes. Employment in the glass trades showed little change; in the bottle-making section it remained fair and in other sections it continued fairly good.

Fishing.—With fishermen employment showed little change.

Dock Labourers and Seamen.—Employment with dock workers showed a slight improvement in harbour, river and canal service, but little change in dock, wharf and lighterage (port transport) service, in which it remained slack. Among seamen it showed a further improvement.

UNEMPLOYMENT SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

The following Table shows, for the main areas into which the country is divided for the purposes of the administration of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, the proportions unemployed among insured workpeople,* aged 16-64, and the numbers of unemployed persons (insured and uninsured), aged 14 years and over, on the registers of Employment Exchanges, etc., at 26th July, 1937:—

Division.	Percentages unemployed amongst Insured Workpeople, aged 16-64* at 26th July, 1937.			Unemployed Persons on Registers of Employment Exchanges at 26th July, 1937.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Total Percentages as compared with a month before.	Numbers	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with
						a month before. a year before.
Great Britain:—						
London ...	6·6	4·2	5·8	...	155,172	+ 1,882 — 10,116
South-Eastern ...	5·6	4·0	5·2	...	51,643	— 115 — 126
South-Western ...	7·2	4·1	6·5	— 0·1	67,091	— 438 — 9,307
Midlands... ..	7·7	6·1	7·2	+ 0·5	143,999	+ 9,995 — 36,982
North-Eastern ...	13·0	7·4	11·5	— 0·8	166,314	— 9,682 — 31,958
North-Western ...	14·6	10·1	13·1	+ 0·1	285,595	+ 4,909 — 57,595
Northern ...	17·1	8·3	15·8	— 1·1	133,768	— 8,099 — 46,103
Scotland... ..	17·8	12·3	16·3	+ 2·1	245,299	+ 30,333 — 23,090
Wales ...	21·0	11·3	19·9	— 0·8	130,578	— 5,924 — 57,336
Special Schemes	1·8	0·3	1·3	— 0·1	—	—
Total ...	11·3	7·1	10·1	+ 0·1	1,379,459	+ 22,861 — 272,613
Northern Ireland	24·1	18·9	22·2	...	65,869	— 972 + 879
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11·5	7·4	10·4	+ 0·1	1,445,328	+ 21,889 — 271,734

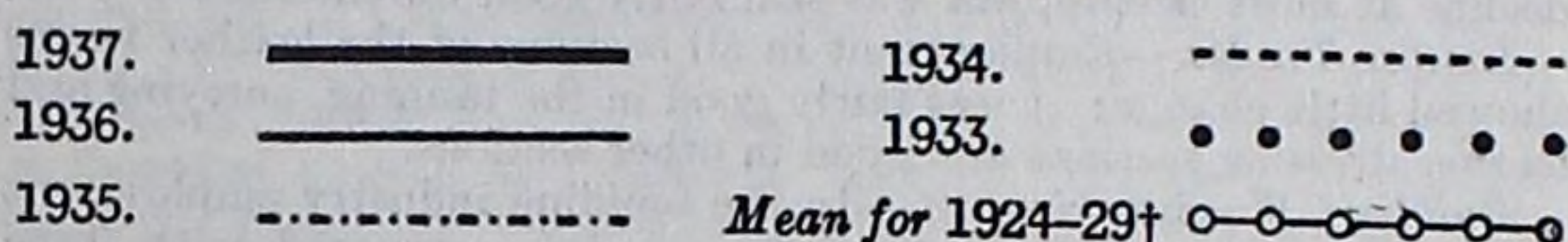
* Excluding persons insured under the agricultural scheme: see also footnote in first column on page 303.

UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

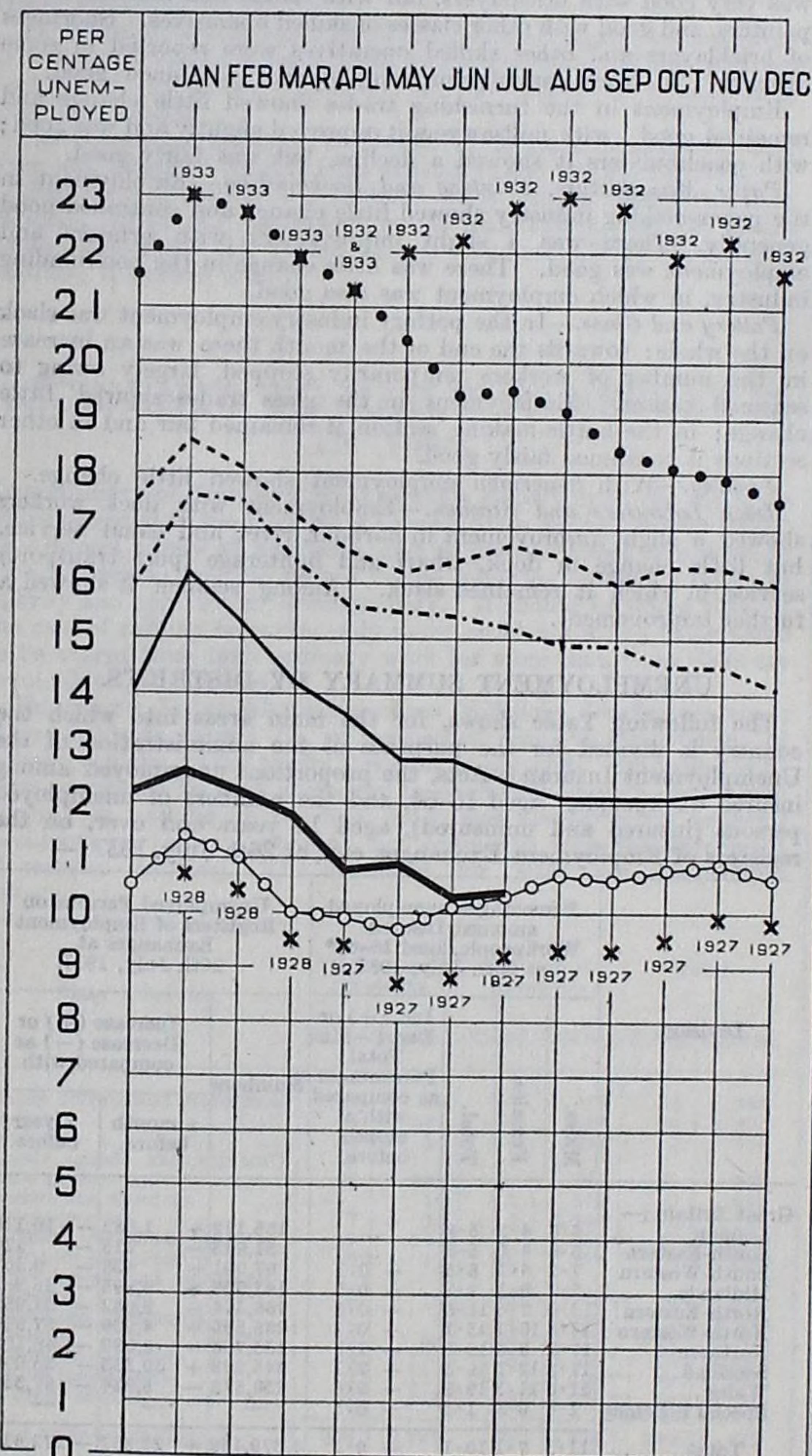
Insured Persons, 16-64 : Percentages Unemployed.* Gt. Britain and Northern Ireland.						Number of Unemployed Persons (Insured and Uninsured) registered at Employment Exchanges, etc.	
Date.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males and Females.			Gt. Britain and N. Ireland.	Gt. Britain.
			Wholly Unem- ployed and Casuals.	Tem- porarily stopped.	Total.		
1936.							
20 July ...	14.1	8.1	10.2	2.2	12.4	1,717,062	1,652,072
24 August ...	13.5	8.2	10.2	1.9	12.1	1,678,277	1,613,940
21 September ...	13.6	8.2	10.4	1.7	12.1	1,689,715	1,624,339
26 October ...	13.6	8.0	10.6	1.5	12.1	1,677,127	1,611,810
23 November ...	13.7	8.1	10.7	1.5	12.2	1,693,945	1,623,602
14 December ...	13.8	7.7	10.7	1.5	12.2	1,702,673	1,628,719
1937.							
25 January ...	14.0	8.6	11.2	1.4	12.6	1,766,362	1,689,223
22 February ...	13.6	8.3	10.9	1.3	12.2	1,703,926	1,627,845
15 March ...	13.3	7.7	10.5	1.3	11.8	1,676,825	1,601,201
19 April ...	12.1	7.2	9.8	1.0	10.8	1,525,708	1,454,443
24 May ...	12.3	7.3	9.3	1.6	10.9	1,519,260	1,451,330
21 June ...	11.6	6.8	8.7	1.6	10.3	1,423,439	1,356,598
26 July ...	11.5	7.4	8.5	1.9	10.4	1,445,328	1,379,459

UNEMPLOYMENT CHART.

PERCENTAGES UNEMPLOYED* AMONG PERSONS, AGED 16-64, INSURED AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:—



* The crosses indicate the minimum and maximum monthly percentages unemployed during the years 1924-1936.†



COMPOSITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS: GREAT BRITAIN.

ANALYSIS FOR 26TH JULY, 1937:—

	Men (18 years and over).	Boys (under 18 years).	Women (18 years and over).	Girls (under 18 years).	Total.
A. Insured on Register:—					
1. Claims admitted for insurance benefit:					
(a) General scheme ...	460,322	11,683	135,666	10,037	617,708
(b) Agricultural scheme ...	3,807	190	415	31	4,443
2. Unemployment allowances authorised:					
(a) Excluding insurance benefit claimants*...	494,896	1,770	30,249	1,191	528,106
(b) Insurance benefit claims disallowed...	1,331	24	261	15	1,631
3. Claims under consideration ...	29,397	2,179	12,985	1,951	46,512
4. Others not in receipt of benefit or allowances:					
(a) aged 16-64 ...	42,996	2,031	19,794	2,448	67,269
(b) aged 14 and 15 ...	—	4,724	—	4,740	9,464
B. Others on Register:—					
5. Unemployment allowances authorised ...	16,947	608	5,480	881	23,916
6. Applications under consideration ...	457	49	230	100	846
7. Not in receipt of allowances:					
(a) aged 16 and over..	24,311	2,833	16,320	3,874	47,338
(b) aged 14 and 15 ...	—	14,301	—	17,925	32,226
C. Total on Register ...	1,074,474	40,392	221,400	43,193	1,379,459
D. Insured Unemployed:—					
Aged 16-64:					
8. Number on Register (items 1-3 and 4(a))†	1,032,749	17,877	199,370	15,673	1,265,669
9. Two-months file† ...	33,280	2,678	31,263	3,204	70,425
10. Special Schemes—claimants to benefit ...	1,854	4	176	2	2,036
Total aged 16-64 ...	1,067,883	20,559	230,809	18,879	1,338,130
11. Aged 14 and 15:					
(a) Item 4 (b) ...	—	4,724	—	4,740	9,464
(b) Two-months file...†	—	1,943	—	2,733	4,676
Total aged 14-64 ...	1,067,883	27,226	230,809	26,352	1,352,270

NUMBERS ON THE REGISTERS OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES.

ANALYSIS FOR 26TH JULY, 1937, AND 21ST JUNE, 1937.

	26th July, 1937.			21st June, 1937.	
	Persons normally in Regular Employment.		Persons normally in Casual Employment.	Total.	Total.
	Wholly Unemployed.	Temporarily Stopped.			
Great Britain.					
Men ...	852,498	160,220	61,756	1,074,474	1,085,614
Boys ...	35,361	4,916	115	40,392	29,612
Women ...	144,363	75,248	1,789	221,400	209,441
Girls ...	36,958	6,231	4	43,193	31,931
Total ...	1,069,180	246,615	63,664	1,379,459	1,356,598
Great Britain and Northern Ireland.					
Men ...	893,154	161,571	64,401	1,119,126	1,131,611
Boys ...	37,317	4,928	115	42,360	31,716
Women ...	159,470	78,297	1,819	239,586	227,164
Girls ...	37,878	6,374	4	44,256	32,948
Total ...	1,127,819	251,170	66,339	1,445,328	1,423,439

VACANCIES NOTIFIED TO, AND FILLED BY, EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES.

(GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.)

	Five weeks ended 26th July, 1937.		Period 21st July, 1936, to 26th July, 1937.			
	Vacancies Notified.	Vacancies Filled.†	Vacancies Notified.		Vacancies Filled.†	
			Number.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a year before.	Number.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a year before.
Men ...	160,168	143,000	1,775,547	+ 91,669	1,621,754	+ 57,418
Boys ...	32,482	22,970	375,537	+ 18,648	282,563	+ 5,097
Women ...	82,974	60,220	768,874	+ 54,046	569,163	+ 23,049
Girls ...	29,141	20,968	335,010	+ 16,907	254,831	+ 6,693
Total	304,765	247,158	3,254,968	+ 181,270	2,728,311	+ 92,257

* These exclusions represent (a) insurance benefit claimants in receipt of unemployment allowances in supplementation of benefit (numbering 3,109 at 26th July, 1937), and (b) persons disqualified for short periods from receiving benefit, who are shown in line 2 (b) of the Table.

† Including 1,519 private gardeners (1468 men, 39 boys, 7 women and 5 girls). See explanation on page 310. The figures include 111 private gardeners (100 men, 7 boys, 3 women and 1 girl).

§ "Vacancies Filled" include certain types of cases (described as Class B engagements) in which the work of the Exchanges was limited; for instance, obtaining for an employer former employees or placing the same men in relief work in alternate weeks. During the five weeks ended 26th July, 1937, the average number of such placings of men and women was 6,382 per week.

* Excluding persons insured under the agricultural scheme. The percentages for July, 1936, and subsequent months are based on the estimated number insured at the beginning of July, 1936, and are subject to revision when information becomes available as to the changes since that date in the number insured.

† Excluding the period April, 1926, to March, 1927.

EMPLOYMENT IN SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

COAL MINING.

EMPLOYMENT during July, though affected by a seasonal decline in demand, was fairly good for the time of year in most districts. In Scotland, trade holidays caused an increase in the numbers temporarily stopped; in Yorkshire, where the figures for 21st June had been increased by stoppages due to the Mine Workers' Demonstration, the numbers recorded as unemployed decreased, despite the closure of certain pits on account of trade disputes.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, was 16.3* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 18.9 at 21st June, 1937, and 26.1 at 20th July, 1936. The percentage wholly unemployed decreased by 1.5 and the percentage temporarily stopped by 1.1.

The numbers and percentages unemployed among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the respective areas at 26th July, 1937, and the increases or decreases as compared with 21st June, 1937, and 20th July, 1936, are shown in the following Table:—

Area.	Insured persons (aged 16-64) recorded as unemployed at 26th July, 1937.					Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Total Percentages as compared with a	
	Numbers.		Percentages.*				
	Wholly Unemployed (including Casuals).	Temporarily Stopped.	Wholly Unemployed.	Temporarily Stopped.	Total.	Month before.	Year before.
Great Britain ...	88,438	57,745	9.9	6.4	16.3	- 2.6	- 9.8
England and Wales ...	74,930	51,962	9.5	6.6	16.1	- 3.3	-10.1
Scotland ...	13,508	5,783	12.6	5.4	18.0	+ 3.2	- 7.5
Principal Districts in England and Wales:—							
Northumberland	3,644	150	7.5	0.3	7.8	- 1.5	- 4.8
Durham ...	11,065	542	8.9	0.4	9.3	- 1.8	-11.2
Cumberland and Westmorland	2,100	29	23.2	0.4	23.6	- 6.7	-22.0
Yorkshire ...	9,104	32,433	6.1	21.8	27.9	-10.6	- 6.4
Lancashire and Cheshire ...	9,641	3,900	13.1	5.3	18.4	- 3.4	-10.9
Derbyshire ...	2,496	3,071	4.6	5.7	10.3	- 1.0	- 5.6
Notts. and Leicester	3,688	5,291	6.5	9.3	15.8	+ 0.7	- 4.6
Warwickshire...	523	144	3.6	1.0	4.6	- 0.4	- 0.9
Staffs., Worcester and Salop	3,264	3,920	5.6	6.7	12.3	- 0.5	- 4.3
Glos. and Somerset ...	721	631	7.0	6.2	13.2	- 0.5	-13.7
Kent ...	188	84	2.5	1.1	3.6	...	- 0.1
Wales and Monmouth ...	27,604	1,763	15.3	0.9	16.2	- 2.0	-18.8

The following Table shows, for the principal coal mining districts, the total number of wage earners on the colliery books at 24th July, 1937, and the average number of days worked per week† during the preceding fortnight, as shown by returns obtained by the Mines Department. Small numbers of workpeople employed at coal mines in raising or handling minerals other than coal are included in the totals.

Districts.	Total Number of Wage Earners on Colliery Books.		Average Number of Days worked per week† at the Mines.			
	24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a	Fortnight ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a		
		Month before.	Year before.	Month before.	Year before.	
ENGLAND AND WALES:		Per cent.	Per cent.	Days.	Days.	Days.
Northumberland ...	44,958	+ 0.3	+ 2.2	5.26	-0.01	-0.01
Durham ...	115,044	+ 0.2	+ 8.2	5.20	-0.13	+0.20
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	6,339	+ 2.8	+26.7	5.69	-0.02	+0.29
South Yorkshire ...	97,890	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	3.65	-0.75	-0.19
West Yorkshire ...	42,091	- 0.4	+ 2.1	3.51	-0.81	-0.40
Lancs. and Cheshire	59,205	+ 0.1	+ 1.0	4.78	-0.07	+0.46
Derbyshire ...	43,950	- 0.4	+ 0.5	3.23	-0.29	-0.04
Notts. and Leicester	52,789	- 0.1	- 1.2	3.57	-0.55	+0.19
Warwick ...	16,799	+ 0.2	- 0.2	5.25	-0.03	+0.05
North Staffordshire...	23,521	+ 0.1	+ 1.9	4.77	-0.49	-0.08
South Staffs., Worcs. and Salop ...	26,894	- 0.8	- 5.4	4.42	+0.24	-0.01
Glos. and Somerset ...	8,769	- 0.4	- 3.6	5.12	-0.15	+0.40
Kent ...	7,057	- 0.2	- 3.4	5.46	-0.10	-0.09
North Wales...	9,854	+ 0.4	+ 4.2	5.55	+0.01	+0.05
South Wales and Mon.	135,055	+ 0.9	+10.2	5.82	-0.05	+0.68
England and Wales	690,215	+ 0.2	+ 3.9	4.68	-0.26	+0.19
SCOTLAND:						
Mid and East Lothians	13,077	- 0.0	+ 4.6	2.92	-2.79	-0.15
Fife and Clackmannan	23,156	- 0.2	+ 6.2	2.74	-2.95	+0.03
Rest of Scotland ...	53,009	- 0.7	+ 6.3	2.97	-2.82	-0.06
Scotland ...	89,242	- 0.5	+ 6.0	2.90	-2.85	-0.05
GREAT BRITAIN	779,457	+ 0.1	+ 4.1	4.48	-0.56	+0.16

* The percentages unemployed among insured workpeople at 26th July 1937, quoted in this issue, have been computed on the basis of the numbers insured at July, 1936. Revised percentages, based on the numbers insured at July, 1937, will be published in the issue of this GAZETTE for November next, when information will be available as to the number of unemployment books exchanged in July of this year.

† See footnote † in next column.

‡ Including Cannock Chase.

The average number of coal winding days lost in Great Britain during the fortnight ended 24th July, 1937, was 1.30 days per week, of which 0.61 of a day was due to want of trade and 0.44 of a day to holidays. The figure for the fortnight ended 26th June, 1937, was 0.74 of a day per week, of which 0.54 of a day was due to want of trade, and that for the fortnight ended 25th July, 1936, was 1.47 days per week, of which 1.05 days were due to want of trade and 0.39 of a day was due to holidays. The average non-winding time, for each of the three periods under review, was about one-fifth of a day per week.

The output of coal in Great Britain for the four weeks ended 24th July, 1937, as reported to the Mines Department, was 17,561,000 tons, as compared with 19,097,900 tons in the four weeks ended 26th June, 1937, and 16,197,800 tons in the four week ended 25th July, 1936.

IRON MINING.

EMPLOYMENT during July continued good. The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the iron ore and ironstone mining industry was 8.1* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 8.2 at 21st June, 1937, and 11.5 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table summarises the information received from employers who furnished returns:—

Districts.	Number of Workpeople employed at Mines included in the Returns.		Average No. of Days worked per week at the Mines.†		
	Fortnight ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a	Fortnight ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a	
		Month before.	Year before.	Month before.	Year before.
Cleveland ...	3,123	Per cent. - 0.9	Per cent. + 14.1	Days. 5.89	Days. ... + 0.14
Cumberland and Lancashire ...	1,996	+ 1.6	+ 14.5	6.00	- 0.22 + 0.11
Other Districts ...	1,759	- 0.7	+ 4.3	5.58	- 0.06 + 0.09
ALL DISTRICTS	6,878	- 0.1	+ 11.5	5.84	- 0.06 + 0.09

SHALE MINING.

THE number of workpeople employed at the West Lothian mines during the fortnight ended 24th July, 1937, by firms making returns, was 1,994, a decrease of 4.1 per cent. as compared with June, 1937, and of 3.2 per cent. as compared with July, 1936.

The average number of days worked per week† at the mines making returns was 5.88 in July, 1937, as compared with 5.93 in June, 1937, and 6.00 in July, 1936.

PIG IRON INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT during July showed little change and remained good.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople aged 16-64, was 9.3* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 9.6 at 21st June, 1937, and 13.9 at 20th July, 1936.

Returns received by the British Iron and Steel Federation from firms engaged in the production of pig iron, employing 15,934 workpeople at the end of July, 1937, showed a decrease of 0.7 per cent. in the numbers employed compared with June, 1937, but an increase of 17.9 per cent. compared with July, 1936.

The number of furnaces in operation at the end of July, 1937, was 126, the same as at the end of June, 1937, compared with 110 at the end of July, 1936. The figures are analysed below:—

Districts.	Total number of Furnaces.	Number of Furnaces in Blast.			Inc. (+) or Dec. (−) or a	
		July, 1937.	June, 1937.	July, 1936.	Month before.	Year before.
Durham and Cleveland	56	36	34	30	+ 2	+ 6
Cumberland and W. Lancashire ...	18	10	11	8	− 1	+ 2
Parts of Lancashire and Yorks., (inc. Sheffield)	13	8	8	8	...	...
N. Wales and Cheshire	35	29	29	23	...	+ 6
Derby, Le'ster, Notts., Northants ...	17	13	13	13	...	...
Lincolnshire ...	30	9	10	7	− 1	+ 2
Staffs., Salop, Worcs., Warwick ...	9	6	6	6	...	...
South Wales and Mon.	178	111	111	95	...	+16
England and Wales ...	67	15	15	15	...	...
Scotland ...	245	126	126	110	...	+16
Great Britain ...						

The production of pig-iron in July, 1937, amounted to 729,300 tons, compared with 699,300 tons in June, 1937, and 665,600 tons in July, 1936.

* See footnote * in previous column.

† The figures in these two articles show the number of days (allowance being made in all the calculations for short time) on which coal, iron, etc., were got from the mines included in the returns. It is not necessarily implied that all the persons worked every day the mines were open. Mines not working are omitted in computing the average number of days worked.

IRON AND STEEL MANUFACTURE.

EMPLOYMENT during July showed little change compared with June but was much better than a year ago. From some districts it was reported that the numbers temporarily stopped near the end of the month had increased owing to shortage of material or to the incidence of trade holidays.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16 to 64, was 11·7* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 10·7 at 21st June, 1937, and 15·4 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table summarises the information from those employers who furnished returns :—

DEPARTMENTS.	No. of Workpeople employed by Firms making returns.		Aggregate number of Shifts.†			
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (–) as compared with a	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (–) as compared with a	Month before.	Year before.
	Per cent.	Per cent.		Per cent.	Per cent.	
Open Hearth Melting Furnaces ...	6,888	– 2·5	+ 9·4	40,752	– 2·7	+ 9·6
Puddling Forges...	661	+ 21·1	+ 21·1	3,424	+ 23·9	+ 25·8
Rolling Mills ...	20,873	+ 0·3	+ 2·7	113,918	+ 0·8	+ 1·3
Forging and Pressing	1,058	+ 5·9	– 3·3	5,541	+ 0·5	– 6·3
Founding ...	8,201	+ 0·1	+ 18·5	47,357	+ 0·4	+ 19·4
Other Departments	12,361	– 1·2	+ 7·3	70,311	– 2·1	+ 8·3
Mechanics, Labourers ...	12,789	+ 1·5	+ 10·8	74,303	+ 1·3	+ 10·8
TOTAL ...	62,831	+ 0·2	+ 7·9	355,586	+ 0·0	+ 7·8

DISTRICTS.						
Northumberland, Durham, and Cleveland ...	16,267	– 0·2	+ 14·1	94,116	+ 0·2	+ 15·6
Sheffield, Rotherham	18,624	– 1·0	+ 11·0	105,313	– 0·9	+ 9·9
Leeds, Bradford, etc.	435	+ 0·7	+ 4·6	2,460	+ 0·7	+ 4·9
Cumberland, Lancs. and Cheshire ...	5,835	+ 4·1	– 2·3	31,075	+ 0·3	– 3·3
Staffordshire ...	6,009	– 0·5	+ 3·6	33,830	+ 0·5	+ 1·9
Other Midland Counties ...	6,495	– 0·4	+ 11·4	36,541	– 0·6	+ 10·0
Wales and Mon. ...	9,166	+ 1·6	– 0·1	52,251	+ 1·4	+ 0·8
Total, England and Wales ...	62,831	+ 0·2	+ 7·9	355,586	+ 0·0	+ 7·8
Scotland ...	†	†	†	†	†	†
TOTAL ...	62,831	+ 0·2	+ 7·9	355,586	+ 0·0	+ 7·8

The average number of shifts† during which the works were open was 5·7 in the week ended 24th July, 1937, the same number as in June, 1937, and in July, 1936.

The production of steel ingots and castings, as shown in returns from the British Iron and Steel Federation, amounted to 1,059,200 tons in July, 1937, as compared with 1,106,400 tons in June, 1937, and with 974,100 tons in July, 1936.

TINPLATE AND STEEL SHEET INDUSTRIES.

IN the tinplate industry employment in July showed little change, and continued fair; it was much better than a year ago. The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16–64, was 12·0* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 11·8 at 21st June, 1937, and 24·7 at 20th July, 1936.

In steel sheet manufacture employment showed an improvement.

The following Table shows the number of mills in operation at those works in respect of which returns were received for the week ended 24th July, 1937, as compared with a month before, and a year before :—

Works.	Number of Works Open.		Number of Mills in Operation.			
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (–) on a	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (–) on a	Month before.	Year before.
		Month before.		Month before.		
Tinplate ...	69	+ 2	+ 10	391	+ 12	+ 54
Steel Sheet ...	12	...	...	106	+ 7	+ 8
TOTAL ...	81	+ 2	+ 10	497	+ 19	+ 62

ENGINEERING.

EMPLOYMENT in July improved slightly in some districts; in others it showed a slight decline, which was largely due to the incidence of local holidays. One the whole, taking all districts and all sections of the industry together, employment declined slightly, but remained good, with much overtime, and with some firms working night-shifts. It was very good in electrical engineering; good in general engineering and (apart from seasonal slackness in some districts) in the motor vehicle and cycle section; fair in marine engineering; and

moderate in constructional engineering and in textile engineering. Shortages of skilled labour and of materials were reported from many districts.

Compared with a year ago employment showed an improvement in all the principal sections of the industry and in all administrative divisions, with the exception of the South-Western Division.

The following Table shows the numbers and percentages unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) at 26th July, 1937*, among insured workpeople, aged 16–64, and the increase or decrease as compared with a month before and a year before :—

Division.	Numbers of Insured Workpeople, aged 16–64, Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.						Increase (+) or Decrease (–) as compared with a	
	General Engineering; Engineers' Iron and Steel Founding.	Electrical Engineering.	Marine Engineering.	Constructional Engineering.	Motor Vehicles, Cycles, and Aircraft.	TOTAL.	Month before.	Year before.
London ...	2,871	446	74	298	1,836	5,525	+ 209	– 826
South-Eastern ...	888	157	129	121	806	2,101	+ 274	– 350
South-Western ...	796	92	284	112	3,592	4,876	+ 918	+ 1,725
Midlands ...	2,560	568	15	571	6,594	10,308	+ 754	+ 4,965
North-Eastern ...	4,106	139	160	241	487	5,133	+ 392	– 2,256
North-Western ...	7,699	864	183	451	1,566	10,763	+ 203	– 6,837
Northern ...	2,806	341	1,450	715	465	5,777	– 319	– 2,428
Scotland ...	7,222	240	1,376	1,278	978	11,094	+ 2,191	– 2,949
Wales ...	551	84	23	195	384	1,237	+ 76	– 491
Northern Ireland	676	87	697	53	306	1,819	+ 28	– 100
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTH-ERN IRELAND	30,175	3,018	4,391	4,035	17,014	58,633	+ 4,726	– 19,477

Percentages Unemployed at 26th July, 1937 *									
London ...	2·8	2·4	18·0	5·4	2·7	2·8	+ 0·1	– 0·5	
South-Eastern ...	2·6	1·6	3·7	14·9	2·2	2·5	+ 0·3	– 0·4	
South-Western ...	2·2	3·0	3·8	10·2	8·5	5·4	+ 1·0	+ 1·9	
Midlands ...	2·8	1·8	10·0	6·2	6·1	4·3	+ 0·4	– 2·0	
North-Eastern ...	5·2	2·8	9·6	12·4	3·5	5·0	+ 0·4	– 2·2	
North-Western ...	7·3	4·0	21·0	11·7	6·4	6·9	+ 0·1	– 4·4	
Northern ...	8·6	4·7	10·5	12·8	10·8	9·1	– 0·5	– 3·8	
Scotland ...	10·7	6·8	9·0	19·5	8·1	10·6	+ 2·1	– 2·8	
Wales ...	12·5	12·5	6·4	13·9	15·0	13·1	+ 0·8	– 5·3	
Northern Ireland	11·0	20·2	10·8	37·9	11·4	11·5	+ 0·2	– 0·6	
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTH-ERN IRELAND	5·4	3·0	8·8	11·2	5·4	5·5	+ 0·4	– 1·9	
<i>Ditto, June, 1937</i>	5·0	3·0	9·1	9·5	4·7	5·1	–	–	
<i>Ditto, July, 1936</i>	7·9	3·7	12·0	12·1	6·3	7·4	–	–	

On the North-East Coast, employment was fair. It continued good in general engineering in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. In Lancashire and Cheshire employment showed little change: it was good in motor vehicle manufacture, fairly good in general engineering, and fair in textile engineering. In Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Coventry employment continued very good in general and electrical engineering; it was good in constructional engineering and in motor vehicle manufacture, although in the latter section there was still some seasonal slackness. In the Nottingham, Derby and Leicester district employment continued good. In motor vehicle manufacture seasonal slackness continued in the South-Western Division, but employment in London and in the Southern Counties was generally very good. There was continued activity in the principal centres of aircraft manufacture.

In Scotland the July holiday stoppage was extended by some firms; apart from this, employment continued good in most branches. In Wales there was a slight decline, and employment continued slack. In Northern Ireland it was moderate.

SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP-REPAIRING.

EMPLOYMENT during July showed a further slight improvement on the whole. The seasonal decline continued at some ship-repairing centres, but was again offset by increased activity in other areas, particularly the North-East Coast. In some districts shortages of certain classes of skilled men were reported. Compared with July, 1936, employment was considerably better in all the principal areas.

The following Table shows the numbers and percentages unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16–64, at 26th July, 1937*, and the increases or decreases as compared with 21st June, 1937, and 20th July, 1936 :—

Division.	Insured Workpeople aged 16-64, Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Numbers Unemployed as compared with a		Percentage* Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Percentage Unemployed as compared with a	
		Month before.	Year before.		Month before.	Year before.
London ...	1,406	- 93	- 318	15.7	- 1.1	- 3.6
South-Eastern ...	370	+ 3	- 111	7.2	+ 0.1	- 2.1
South-Western ...	3,047	+ 364	- 164	12.2	+ 1.5	- 0.6
Midlands ...	85	- 3	+ 37	50.0	- 1.8	+ 21.8
North-Eastern ...	1,253	+ 27	- 1	22.5	+ 0.4	- 0.1
North-Western ...	6,148	+ 665	- 1,100	26.6	+ 2.9	- 4.8
Northern ...	10,273	- 2,283	- 3,585	28.8	- 6.4	- 10.0
Scotland ...	11,998	+ 1,162	- 2,744	28.4	+ 2.8	- 6.5
Wales ...	1,799	- 405	- 886	37.0	- 8.3	- 18.2
Northern Ireland	2,370	- 207	- 719	21.3	- 1.9	- 6.5
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ...	38,749	- 770	- 9,591	23.9	- 0.5	- 6.0

* See footnote * in first column on previous page.

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† The figures relate to the number of shifts during which the works were in operation, taken in conjunction with the number of men employed. No account is taken of time lost by individuals owing to absenteeism, etc., and it is not intended to imply that the number of shifts shown were actually worked by all the men employed. Works closed are omitted in computing the average number of shifts.

† Most of the iron and steel works in Scotland were closed on account of holidays in the weeks ended 24th July, 1937, and 25th July, 1936.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT showed little general change in July as compared with the previous month, but was much better than in July of last year. Shortages of labour, particularly juvenile labour, continued to be reported from many centres.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the industry as a whole was 10.1* at 26th July, 1937, the same as at 21st June, 1937, as compared with 15.8 at 20th July, 1936. In the preparing and spinning departments the corresponding percentages were 9.7*, 9.8, and 15.2; in the manufacturing department they were 10.4*, 10.4, and 16.5.

The following Table summarises the information received from those employers who furnished returns:—

DEPARTMENTS.	Number of Workpeople.			Total Wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a		Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a	
		Month before.	Year before.		Month before.	Year before.†
		Per cent.	Per cent.	£	Per cent.	Per cent.
Preparing ...	11,563	- 0.7	+ 3.0	20,266	- 0.1	+ 14.2
Spinning ...	22,941	- 0.4	+ 2.9	39,186	- 0.6	+ 13.3
Weaving ...	20,505	- 0.4	+ 3.0	37,536	- 0.6	+ 14.3
Other ...	6,798	- 0.7	+ 3.2	15,240	- 1.8	+ 9.2
Total ...	61,807	- 0.5	+ 3.0	112,228	- 0.7	+ 13.2
DISTRICTS.						
Ashton ...	3,957	- 1.1	+ 0.2	7,032	- 0.2	+ 16.3
Stockport, Glossop and Hyde ...	5,615	- 0.3	+ 3.0	9,868	+ 0.3	+ 14.7
Oldham ...	9,989	- 1.0	- 0.6	19,878	- 0.0	+ 10.9
Bolton and Leigh ...	11,258	+ 1.0	+ 8.6	19,040	- 2.5	+ 15.1
Bury, Rochdale, Heywood and Todmorden ...	5,418	- 3.1	+ 0.5	10,509	- 0.7	+ 12.2
Manchester ...	4,096	- 0.3	- 1.6	7,019	- 0.0	+ 11.0
Preston and Chorley ...	4,201	- 1.3	- 0.3	7,512	- 1.0	+ 10.6
Blackburn, Accrington and Darwen ...	3,978	+ 0.7	+ 13.1	7,341	- 0.2	+ 23.6
Burnley and Padiham ...	3,572	+ 1.3	+ 3.7	7,329	- 0.0	+ 14.3
Colne and Nelson ...	2,259	- 0.2	- 1.1	5,135	- 1.0	+ 9.5
Other Lancashire Towns ...	2,794	- 1.2	+ 0.5	3,842	+ 0.3	+ 13.9
Yorkshire Towns ...	2,115	- 1.9	+ 4.0	3,477	- 3.8	+ 2.7
Other Districts ...	2,555	+ 0.2	+ 7.8	4,246	+ 1.4	+ 14.3
Total ...	61,807	- 0.5	+ 3.0	112,228	- 0.7	+ 13.2

Returns from firms employing about 61,600 workpeople in the week ended 24th July, 1937, showed that 3½ per cent. of these workpeople were on short time in that week, losing 12 hours each on the average.

At Ashton-under-Lyne and at Stalybridge employment showed a further slight improvement. At Stockport there was little change in the spinning department; in the manufacturing department there was a decline. Employment at Glossop and at Hyde continued good.

In the Oldham district employment continued good in the spinning department, and was better than a year ago; in the manufacturing department it was very good with weavers of velvets, fancy goods, and sheetings, and good with weavers of heavy goods, but only fair with weavers of calicoes and fustians.

At Bolton employment was fair to good with spinners and card-room operatives; it continued good with weavers, winders and warpers. At Leigh employment improved slightly and was good. At Bury it showed a further improvement; it improved and was good at Rochdale. At Heywood the holiday stoppage was extended by some firms.

At Preston, Accrington, Chorley, Nelson and Padiham employment showed little general change, and remained good or fairly good. At Blackburn, Burnley, Darwen, and Great Harwood, employment improved, and was better than a year ago. At Colne the holiday stoppage was extended by some firms. In the Rossendale Valley employment remained fair, and was better than a year ago.

In Yorkshire employment declined and was moderate at some centres. At Huddersfield it was described as slack with both spinners and doublers. At other centres, including Todmorden, it continued good.

The following Table shows the number of men and of women (other than casuals) on the registers of 56 Employment Exchanges in the principal cotton trade centres in Lancashire and Cheshire at 26th July, 1937:—

Department.	Numbers (excluding Casuals) on the Registers at 26th July, 1937.					
	Wholly Unemployed.		Temporarily Stopped.		Total.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a month before.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.		
Card and Blowing Room	888	1,711	118	668	3,385	— 23
Spinning	5,077	1,457	1,095	1,080	8,709	— 43
Beaming, Winding and Warping ...	878	2,878	645	2,975	7,376	— 273
Weaving	3,070	5,644	568	1,418	10,700	— 404
Other Processes ...	550	222	96	177	1,045	— 1
Total	10,463	11,912	2,522	6,318	31,215	— 744

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

† Comparison of earnings is affected by changes in rates of wages.

WOOL TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT showed a slight decline in July, but this was due largely to seasonal causes and occurred almost entirely in the worsted section. There was little general change in the woollen section, but a slight decline in the carpet section.

The percentage recorded as unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the woollen and worsted industry at 26th July, 1937, was 10.4*, compared with 8.7 at 21st June, 1937, and with 11.2 at 20th July, 1936. In the carpet section, the corresponding percentages were 5.2*, 4.3 and 6.5.

Worsted Section.—Employment declined somewhat, but continued to be fairly good for the time of year.

Returns from employers for the week ended 24th July, 1937, showed that, in the worsted section as a whole, 20½ per cent. of the workpeople covered by the returns were on short time† in that week, losing 10½ hours each on the average, and 13 per cent. were on overtime, averaging 6 hours each. In the *sorting, combing and preparing* departments, 27 per cent. were on short time, losing 14½ hours each on the average, and 13½ per cent. were on overtime, averaging 8 hours each. In the *spinning* department 18 per cent. were on short time, losing 8 hours each on the average, and 17½ per cent. were on overtime, averaging 6 hours each. In the *weaving* department the corresponding figures were: short time†, 19 per cent. and 11 hours; overtime, 6½ per cent. and 5 hours.

There was a seasonal decline with wool sorters and in the wool-combing department, but employment was fairly good for the time of year, and better than in July of last year. There was also a decline, mainly seasonal, among spinners and weavers, and employment was fair for the time of year with spinners, and moderate with weavers.

At Bradford there was a seasonal decline in all departments; several large spinning firms, however, were still working overtime to the full limit permitted, and the demand for women spinning operatives was exceptionally high for the time of year. Employment among woolcombers at Shipley declined and was moderate. There was a decided slackening in the fine worsted (men's wear) section at Huddersfield, as is usual at this season of the year. At Halifax and at Keighley there was a slight decline, mainly seasonal, particularly in the spinning departments.

Woollen Section.—Employment was fairly good at most centres.

Returns from employers for the week ended 24th July, 1937, showed that, in the woollen section as a whole, 13 per cent. of the workpeople covered by the returns were on short time† in that week, losing 9 hours each on the average, and 19½ per cent. were on overtime, averaging 7 hours each. In the *spinning* department, 11½ per cent. were on short time, losing 9 hours each on the average, and 28½ per cent. were on overtime, averaging 7 hours each. In the *weaving* department the corresponding figures were: short time†, 17 per cent. and 8½ hours; overtime, 16 per cent. and 5½ hours.

In the Huddersfield and Colne Valley district employment remained fairly good for the time of year. At Morley there was a slight decline, mainly in the manufacturing department, though overtime continued to be worked at some mills. In the Heavy Woollen District employment remained good.

In the blanket trade employment remained fairly good in Yorkshire; it improved but was still rather slack at Witney. Among flannel workers at Rochdale and Saddleworth there was some slackness, but employment remained fair, and better than in July of last year. In the West of England employment continued good. There was a further slight seasonal decline in the South of Scotland, and much short time was worked.

Carpet Section.—Employment remained good generally, though some slackness was reported in the Spen Valley and at Brighouse.

The following Tables summarise the information received from employers:—

Departments :	Number of Workpeople.			Total Wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.		Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.	
		Index Figure. (Jan., 1926 = 100).			Index Figure. (Jan., 1926 = 100).	
WORSTED SECTION:						
Wool Sorting and Combing ...	9,908	- 2.5	94.5	23,251	- 5.3	80.1
Spinning ...	33,154	- 0.5	88.0	51,608	- 0.1	87.8
Weaving ...	14,732	- 2.5	82.9	29,516	- 4.6	80.7
Other Depts. ...	9,261	- 0.8	100.5	20,754	- 2.8	84.5
Not Specified ...	1,458	- 1.2	83.4	2,847	- 11.2	64.1
Total—Worsted	68,513	- 1.3	88.6	127,976	- 2.8	83.8
WOOLLEN SECTION:						
Wool Sorting ...	923	- 2.9	74.7	2,107	- 2.0	81.8
Spinning ...	12,094	+ 0.6	93.5	27,382	+ 2.2	109.2
Weaving ...	20,545	+ 0.2	99.1	39,096	+ 0.5	106.7
Other Depts. ...	14,604	+ 0.2	88.7	33,328	+ 1.1	96.5
Not Specified ...	2,077	+ 0.2	86.8	4,437	- 2.1	93.3
Total—Woollen	50,243	+ 0.2	93.7	106,350	+ 0.9	102.6
CARPET SECTION...	11,334	- 0.3	140.5	23,404	- 0.5	151.6
Total—Wool Textile Industry ...	130,090	- 0.6	93.3	257,730	- 1.1	94.9

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

† The figures given in this article as to short time do not take into account, in the case of the weaving departments, other forms of under-employment, such as "playing for warps" or tending one loom instead of two.

† Comparison of earnings is affected by changes in rates of wages.

Districts :†	Number of Workpeople.			Total Wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.	Index Figure. (Jan., 1926 = 100).	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.	Index Figure. (Jan., 1926 = 100).
WORSTED SECTION :						
Bradford ...	30,709	- 1.3	88.6	60,588	- 3.2	79.6
Huddersfield ...	7,160	- 3.3	87.9	13,735	- 10.1	78.6
Halifax ...	7,864	- 0.4	76.3	13,930	- 0.6	75.5
Leeds ...	5,557	- 0.3	91.3	10,009	+ 1.1	95.7
Keighley ...	6,442	- 2.5	89.1	11,732	- 4.2	95.0
Heavy Woollen (Dewsbury, Batley, etc.) ...	3,524	+ 0.4	108.4	5,193	+ 0.9	104.4
Total — West Riding ...	61,256	- 1.4	87.8	115,187	- 3.3	82.7
West of England and Midlands ...	4,646	- 0.1	92.5	8,616	+ 0.9	88.2
Lancashire ...	356	+ 0.8	123.7	674	- 0.3	129.2
Scotland ...	2,255	- 2.2	99.7	3,499	+ 5.2	123.6
Total—Worsted	68,513	- 1.3	88.6	127,976	- 2.8	83.8
WOOLLEN SECTION :						
Huddersfield ...	13,224	+ 0.5	97.3	30,194	+ 1.2	98.5
Heavy Woollen (Dewsbury, Batley, etc.) ...	8,944	+ 1.3	87.7	19,502	+ 3.7	109.1
Leeds ...	6,720	- 1.2	105.2	15,417	- 1.4	121.2
Halifax and Calder Vale ...	2,357	+ 0.5	102.6	5,445	+ 0.3	100.0
Bradford ...	1,130	- 1.6	92.9	2,537	+ 2.3	87.8
Total — West Riding ...	32,375	+ 0.3	97.6	73,095	+ 1.2	109.0
Lancashire ...	3,990	+ 0.5	94.5	8,373	+ 1.8	101.1
West of England, Midlands and Wales ...	3,632	- 0.4	84.6	7,089	- 0.2	103.9
Scotland ...	10,246	+ 0.1	86.6	17,793	- 0.2	85.3
Total—Woollen	50,243	+ 0.2	93.7	106,350	+ 0.9	102.6
CARPET SECTION ...	11,334	- 0.3	140.5	23,404	- 0.5	151.6
Total—Wool Textile Industry ...	130,090	- 0.6	93.3	257,730	- 1.1	94.9

The following Table shows, by districts and by departments, the percentage increases and decreases in the numbers employed in the week ended 24th July, 1937, by those firms who supplied returns for the purpose of the foregoing Table (excluding the carpet section), as compared with the week ended 26th June, 1937 :—

Districts :	Percentage Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in numbers employed as compared with previous month. (..., signifies "no change," —, without a figure, signifies "few or no workpeople returned.")				
	Wool Sorting and Combing.	Spinning.	Weaving.	Other Depts.	All Depts. (including not specified).
WORSTED SECTION :					
Bradford ...	- 3.0	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 2.0	- 1.3
Rest of W. Riding ...	+ 0.5	- 1.2	- 3.2	- 0.2	- 1.4
Rest of Gt. Britain ...	- 2.9	...	- 0.7	- 1.1	- 0.7
TOTAL ...	- 2.5	- 0.5	- 2.5	- 0.8	- 1.3
WOOLLEN SECTION :					
Huddersfield ...	—	+ 1.5	+ 0.3	...	+ 0.5
Heavy Woollen (Dewsbury, Batley, etc.) ...	—	+ 1.0	+ 1.0	+ 2.2	+ 1.3
Leeds ...	—	- 0.1	- 1.2	- 2.6	- 1.2
Rest of W. Riding ...	—	+ 1.6	- 0.9	+ 1.0	- 0.2
Rest of Gt. Britain ...	—	- 0.3	+ 0.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
TOTAL ...	—	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

The following table shows the number of men and of women (other than casuals) on the registers of 17 employment exchanges in the principal wool textile trade centres at 26th July 1937 :—

Department.	Numbers (excluding Casuals) on the Registers at 26th July, 1937.					
	Wholly Unemployed.		Temporarily Stopped.		Total.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) as compared with a month before.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.		
Wool Sorting	90	13	401	4	508	+ 100
Wool Washing and Preparing	290	57	392	87	826	+ 189
Wool Combing	188	176	804	519	1,687	+ 404
Wool Carding	241	29	430	65	765	+ 184
Woollen Spinning ...	131	41	203	194	569	+ 72
Worsted Drawing and Spinning	212	524	302	1,177	2,215	+ 177
Woollen Winding and Warping	51	27	194	100	372	+ 91
Worsted Winding and Warping	36	143	107	627	913	+ 220
Woollen Weaving ...	109	86	295	993	1,483	+ 375
Worsted Weaving ...	62	112	69	1,575	1,818	+ 1,042
Other Processes ...	408	51	475	171	1,105	+ 49
Total	1,818	1,259	3,672	5,512	12,261	+ 2,893

* Comparison of earnings is affected by changes in rates of wages.

† Most of the districts are indicated by the names of their principal towns, but neighbouring towns and areas are included in each case.

BOOT AND SHOE INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT showed a slight seasonal decline at most centres, but was still fairly good for the time of year, and better than in July, 1936. Some firms were busy on orders which had to be finished before the holidays.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, was 11.3* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 10.0 at 21st June, 1937, and with 14.3 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table summarises the information received from those employers who made returns :—

Districts :	Number of Workpeople.			Total wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.	Year before.	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a month before.	Year before.
England and Wales :—						
London ...	1,014	- 4.0	- 4.9	2,382	- 5.8	+ 2.1
Leicester ...	8,010	- 2.0	- 1.0	18,328	- 2.0	+ 2.1
Leicester Country District ...	2,674	- 0.4	+ 3.7	5,788	- 1.7	+ 8.7
Northampton ...	2,999	+ 1.1	- 3.7	6,877	+ 2.5	+ 0.9
Higham, Rushden and District ...	5,017	- 0.7	- 0.3	11,882	- 1.5	+ 0.5
Kettering and District ...	4,600	- 0.2	+ 2.3	11,193	- 1.1	+ 2.5
Rest of Northants ...	1,219	- 0.5	- 4.2	2,566	- 8.7	- 8.1
Stafford and District ...	666	- 1.3	- 7.0	1,299	+ 3.6	- 3.4
Norwich and District ...	5,110	- 2.6	- 5.0	10,145	- 3.0	- 4.3
Bristol, Kingswood and District ...	1,231	+ 5.0	- 0.7	2,460	+ 4.7	+ 3.7
Leeds and District ...	1,434	- 0.3	- 2.1	3,364	+ 0.4	+ 6.3
Lancashire (mainly Rossendale Valley) ...	6,500	+ 0.4	- 1.1	13,644	- 2.4	+ 2.4
Birmingham and District ...	827	- 0.4	- 2.6	1,760	+ 1.8	+ 9.5
Other parts of England and Wales ...	3,774	- 2.3	+ 6.5	8,230	- 1.4	+ 10.6
England and Wales ...	45,075	- 0.9	- 1.2	99,918	- 1.6	+ 2.1
Scotland ...	1,982	- 0.6	+ 0.1	4,469	+ 3.4	+ 2.5
Great Britain ...	47,057	- 0.8	- 1.2	104,387	- 1.4	+ 2.2

Returns from firms employing 45,850 workpeople in the week ended 24th July, 1937, showed that 26 per cent. of these workpeople were on short time in that week, losing 8 hours each on the average; while 13½ per cent. were on overtime, to the extent of 3½ hours each on the average. Short time was extensively worked at Leicester, at Northampton, in the Stafford district, and in the Bristol and Kingswood district; on the other hand, in Lancashire many more workpeople were on overtime than on short time.

There was a seasonal decline in East London; in North London employment remained fairly good.

At Leicester employment remained fair with women workers, and moderate generally. In the Leicestershire country district there was a slight seasonal decline with some firms, but employment remained fairly good on the whole.

Employment at Northampton remained moderate, though some firms were busy on urgent orders before the holidays. In the Higham and Rushden district employment declined slightly from the high level of recent months, but remained good; it declined also in the other country districts of Northamptonshire, but was still good or fair.

In the Stafford district employment was fair for the time of year with most firms. At Norwich it declined, and was moderate.

There was a further improvement in the Bristol and Kingswood district, and employment was better than a year earlier. At Leeds also there was a slight improvement.

In the Lancashire slipper trade employment improved and was good at most centres, with many firms busy on urgent orders before the holidays; at Bury and at Ormskirk, however, there was a slight seasonal decline.

Employment remained good at Kilmarnock; it improved and was good at Edinburgh; at Maybole it continued bad.

The following Table shows the numbers of men and of women (other than casuals) on the registers of 53 Employment Exchanges in the principal centres of the boot and shoe industry at 26th July, 1937 :—

Department.	Numbers (excluding casuals) on the Registers at 26th July, 1937.					
	Wholly Unemployed.		Temporarily Stopped.		Total.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) as compared with a month before.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.		
Boot and Shoe M'f're:						
Preparing Dept. ...	104	20	73	43	240	+ 17
Rough Stuff Dept. ...	266	10	134	3	413	+ 20
Clicking Dept. ...	594	4	668	7	1,273	— 181
Closing Dept. ...	12	553	10	1,224	1,799	+ 367
Making Dept. ...	1,152	20	1,306	29	2,507	+ 512
Finishing Dept. ...	843	361	809	424	2,437	+ 654
Slipper Making ...	166	116	435	309	1,026	— 106
Clog Making ...	14	1	5	1	21	+ 3
Repairing and Hand Sewn Work ...	671	—	69	1	741	+ 52
TOTAL ...	3,822	1,085	3,509	2,041	10,457	+ 1,338

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

BRICK INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT during July continued good.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, was 7.0* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 7.4 at 21st June, 1937, and 8.1 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table summarises the information received from those employers who furnished returns :—

Districts.	Number of Workpeople.			Total Wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a		Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a	
		Month before.	Year before.		Month before.	Year before.
		Per cent.	Per cent.	£	Per cent.	Per cent.
Northern Counties, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire	1,487	+ 1.3	+ 0.4	3,920	- 0.4	+ 3.2
Midlands and Eastern Counties ...	9,062	- 0.9	+ 2.9	25,762	- 2.5	+ 1.5
South and South-West Counties and Wales ...	1,956	+ 1.1	+ 3.3	5,373	+ 0.2	+ 7.4
Scotland ...	158	+ 3.3	+ 0.6	476	- 1.7	+ 7.9
Total ...	12,663	- 0.3	+ 2.6	35,531	- 1.9	+ 2.6

Returns from employers relative to short-time and overtime working showed that, of 12,663 workpeople employed by firms furnishing information, over 4 per cent. were working overtime, to the extent of about 4½ hours each on the average. The amount of short-time working was very small.

BUILDING.

EMPLOYMENT during July remained good on the whole. Compared with June, there was a slight decline in all administrative divisions. Among the various occupations, the painting and decorating section showed the most marked increase in unemployment. Compared with July, 1936, employment was somewhat better in most areas; but in London and the South-Eastern division there was a slight increase in the numbers unemployed, and a more marked increase in Northern Ireland.

As regards individual occupations employment was very good with bricklayers, fair with slaters and tilers and with painters, and good with other classes of skilled operatives. Shortages of bricklayers and other skilled operatives were reported in some districts. With labourers to skilled occupations, and builders' labourers, employment was fair; but there was a considerable amount of unemployment among navvies, general labourers and certain other occupations.

The Table below shows the numbers and percentages unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) at 26th July, 1937*, among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, together with the increase or decrease in the percentages unemployed as compared with the previous month and with July, 1936 :—

—	Esti- mated Numbers aged 16-64 Insured at July, 1936.	Numbers aged 16-64 Unem- ployed at 26th July, 1937.	Numbers included in previous column who were Temporarily Stopped.	Per- centage Unem- ployed*	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Percentages as compared with a	
					Month before.	Year before
OCCUPATIONS.						
Carpenters ...	142,740	7,691	222	5.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Bricklayers ...	97,570	4,320	154	4.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Masons ...	22,200	1,371	50	6.2	+ 0.8	- 0.6
Slaters and Tilers	8,840	852	100	9.6	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Plasterers ...	34,550	2,172	111	6.3	- 0.4	+ 2.3
Painters ...	134,540	13,726	374	10.2	+ 2.4	+ 0.6
Plumbers ...	41,250	3,163	142	7.7	...	- 0.1
Labourers to above and Builders'						
Labourers ...	291,350	29,647	940	10.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Navvies, etc., and General						
Labourers ...	106,300	25,156	461	23.7	+ 0.7	- 0.9
All other occupa- tions ...	140,340	27,427	946	19.5	+ 1.5	- 2.8
Total ...	1,019,680	115,525	3,500	11.3	+ 0.7	- 0.2
DIVISIONS.						
London ...	243,010	24,991	44	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
South-Eastern ...	128,370	9,414	72	7.3	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
South-Western ...	118,960	8,504	158	7.1	+ 0.7	- 0.8
Midlands ...	127,390	9,794	567	7.7	+ 0.5	- 0.9
North-Eastern ...	81,770	7,907	566	9.7	+ 0.9	- 1.0
North-Western ...	123,380	19,037	624	15.4	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Northern ...	49,250	8,409	369	17.1	+ 0.2	- 2.0
Scotland ...	93,500	13,109	903	14.0	+ 1.4	- 1.8
Wales ...	33,510	7,562	182	22.6	+ 0.5	- 3.4
Northern Ireland	20,540	6,798	15	33.1	+ 0.3	+ 7.5
Great Britain and Northern Ireland ...	1,019,680	115,525	3,500	11.3	+ 0.7	- 0.2

BUILDING PLANS APPROVED.

RETURNS as to the estimated cost of buildings for which plans were approved during July have been received from 139 Local Authorities (representing towns with a population of 17,180,000 in 1931). The returns show that in July, 1937, plans were passed for buildings with an estimated cost of £9,501,700, compared with £10,500,200 in July, 1936.

An analysis of the figures for July, 1937, by districts and by classes of buildings is given on page 325 of this issue.

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

† Comparison of earnings is affected by changes in rates of wages.

POTTERY INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT in North Staffordshire was slack on the whole; owing to seasonal causes temporary stoppages occurred near the end of the month. At Derby and at Bristol, however, employment continued good; at Worcester it was still very good.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-14, was 18.3* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 13.5 at 21st June, 1937, and 19.2 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table summarises the information received from those employers who furnished returns :—

—	Number of Workpeople.			Total wages paid to all Workpeople.		
	Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a		Week ended 24th July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a	
		Month before.	Year before.		Month before.	Year before.
		Per cent.	Per cent.	£	Per cent.	Per cent.
BRANCHES.						
China ...	2,088	- 1.4	+ 3.4	3,802	- 0.9	+ 3.6
Earthenware ...	6,356	...	+ 1.5	13,215	+ 1.9	+ 9.2
Other Branches ...	2,281	- 0.9	+ 7.2	4,511	- 1.5	+ 6.7
TOTAL ...	10,725	- 0.5	+ 3.0	21,528	+ 0.6	+ 7.6
DISTRICTS.						
North Staffordshire ...	8,605	- 1.2	+ 2.2	15,640	- 0.8	+ 5.9
Other districts ...	2,120	+ 2.8	+ 6.5	5,888	+ 4.7	+ 12.4
TOTAL ...	10,725	- 0.5	+ 3.0	21,528	+ 0.6	+ 7.6

Returns from employers relative to short-time working showed that of 10,310 workpeople employed by firms making returns, 1,191, or over 11½ per cent., were working on an average nearly 9 hours less than full time in the week ended 24th July, 1937; on the other hand, 886, or over 8½ per cent. were working overtime to the extent of nearly 5½ hours each on the average.

PAPER MANUFACTURE, PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING.

EMPLOYMENT in the paper-making industry showed little change as compared with June and continued good generally; it was better than a year ago.

In the letterpress printing industry employment continued to improve and was good on the whole. At Bradford, however, it was reported as slack, while at Leicester it was described as moderate. Employment with electrotypes and stereotypers remained good generally.

Employment in the lithographic printing industry showed an improvement as compared with the previous month and was also better than in July, 1936. With lithographic artists it was fairly good.

In the bookbinding industry employment showed little change compared with a month earlier and was good generally; it was much better than a year ago.

The percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the paper and paper-board industries was 3.7* at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 3.6 at 21st June, 1937, and with 5.0 at 20th July, 1936. The corresponding percentages unemployed in the printing and bookbinding industries were 5.7*, 6.0, and 6.7; in the cardboard box, paper-bag and stationery industries they were 3.9*, 3.9 and 4.6.

The following Table summarises the returns from various trade unions which furnished information as to the extent of unemployment among their members :—

	No. of Members of Unions at end of July, 1937.	Percentage Unemployed at end of			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) on a	
		July, 1937.	June, 1937.	July, 1936.	Month before.	Year before.
Letterpress Printing :						
London	34,255	2.6	2.3	3.2	+0.3	- 0.6
Northern Counties, Yorkshire, Lanca- shire and Cheshire	14,361	4.3	5.2	6.0	-0.9	- 1.7
Midlands and East- ern Counties ...	7,738	2.7	2.5	3.8	+0.2	- 1.1
Scotland	5,194	2.4	3.9	4.7	-1.5	- 2.3
Other Districts ...	10,251	2.6	2.0	3.5	+0.6	- 0.9
Total	71,799	2.9	3.0	4.0	-0.1	- 1.1
Lithographic Printing	11,902	3.7	4.1	4.5	-0.4	- 0.8
Bookbinding	7,977	5.3	5.3	8.7	...	- 3.4
Printing and Book- binding (branches not distinguished) ...	29,198	1.4	1.4	2.0	...	- 0.6

DOCK AND RIVERSIDE LABOUR.

EMPLOYMENT during July showed a slight improvement in harbour, river and canal service, but little change in dock, wharf and lighterage (port transport) service, in which it remained slack; it was better than in the corresponding period last year.

Among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the dock, harbour, river and canal service, 26.6* per cent. were unemployed at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 27.0 per cent. at 21st June, 1937, and

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

† Comparison of earnings is affected by changes in rates of wages.

28.1 per cent. at 20th July, 1936. In harbour, river and canal service the corresponding percentages were 10.3*, 11.8 and 13.5; in dock, wharf and lighterage (port transport) service they were 29.6*, 29.8 and 30.7.

London.—Employment remained slack. The following Table shows the average daily number of dock labourers employed at docks and wharves in respect of which returns were received; the figures exclude stevedores, lightermen, etc., and do not purport to indicate the total number of dock labourers employed in the port :—

Period.	Average Daily Number of Labourers employed in Docks and at Principal Wharves in London.				
	In Docks.			At Wharves making Returns.	Total, Docks and Principal Wharves.
	By the Port of London Authority or through Contractors.	By Ship-owners, etc.	Total.		
Week ended—					
3rd July, 1937 ...	3,946	2,382	6,328	5,483	11,811
10th " " ...	4,022	1,817	5,839	5,366	11,205
17th " " ...	4,346	1,992	6,338	5,503	11,841
24th " " ...	4,117	2,285	6,402	5,495	11,897
31st " " ...	3,954	1,765	5,719	5,412	11,131
Average for 5 weeks ended 31st July, 1937 ...	4,077	2,048	6,125	5,452	11,577
Average for June, 1937	3,839	2,388	6,227	5,708	11,935
Average for July, 1936	3,746	1,819	5,565	5,723	11,288

Tilbury.—The average daily number of dock labourers employed during July was 884, compared with 873 in June, 1937, and with 838 in July, 1936.

North-East Coast.—Employment showed further improvement at most of the ports, and was fair on the whole.

Mersey.—Employment at Liverpool continued fair; at Garston, the improvement reported last month was continued. Employment at Salford (Manchester Docks) showed considerable improvement, mainly among casual workers, and was fair.

The average weekly number of dock labourers registered at the clearing houses under the Liverpool Docks Scheme as employed in the five weeks ended 30th July, 1937, was 12,036, compared with 12,418 in June, 1937, and 11,169 in July, 1936. The average weekly amount of wages paid to these men through the clearing houses was £32,878 in the five weeks ended 30th July, 1937, compared with £34,385 in June, 1937, and £28,273 in July, 1936.

Other Ports in England and Wales.—Employment at the South Wales Ports showed increased activity; at Cardiff it was fair and at Swansea, good. At Bristol and Avonmouth employment was quiet; at Plymouth it continued fair. At Southampton it continued to improve and was good.

Scottish and Irish Ports.—Employment at Glasgow and Dundee continued fairly good; at Grangemouth it improved slightly, and was good; at Leith it declined somewhat, but was still moderate. At Belfast employment remained good.

SEAMEN.

EMPLOYMENT among seamen during July showed a further improvement. Among insured workpeople, aged 16-64, in the shipping service, the percentage unemployed (including those temporarily stopped) at 26th July, 1937, was 18.8*, compared with 20.1 at 21st June, 1937, and 23.1 at 20th July, 1936.

The following Table shows the number of seamen† shipped in British registered foreign-going vessels at the undermentioned ports of Great Britain and Northern Ireland during July :—

Principal Ports.	Number of Seamen† shipped in				
	July, 1937.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a		Seven Months ended	
		Month before.	Year before.	July, 1937.	July, 1936.
ENGLAND AND WALES :					
Liverpool† ...	10,115	+ 693	+ 728	62,755	56,719
Manchester ...	599	- 11	- 24	4,205	3,825
London ...	9,386	- 353	+ 1,013	58,313	55,631
Southampton...	6,958	+ 1,796	- 989	37,884	39,803
Tyne Ports ...	1,781	- 61	- 903	12,055	12,836
Sunderland ...	417	+ 262	+ 136	1,595	1,126
Middlesbrough ...	449	+ 125	- 9	1,973	2,116
Hull ...	1,247	+ 514	+ 216	6,521	5,521
Bristol‡ ...	808	+ 99	+ 85	5,303	4,660
Newport, Mon. ...	438	- 226	+ 177	3,259	2,143
Cardiff|| ...	1,858	+ 242	- 176	13,223	13,189
Swansea ...	1,235	+ 159	+ 221	6,263	5,954
SCOTLAND :					
Leith ...	394	+ 126	+ 130	1,773	1,538
Kirkcaldy, Methil and Grangemouth ...	416	- 112	- 181	2,200	2,975
Glasgow ...	3,971	- 218	+ 31	20,334	18,964
NORTHERN IRELAND :					
Belfast ...	187	- 145	- 139	1,675	1,589
Total for above Ports	40,259	+ 2,890	+ 316	239,331	228,589

* See footnote * in first column on page 303.

† It will be understood that the numbers given are the numbers of separate engagements, and not of separate individuals.

‡ Including Birkenhead and Garston.

§ Including Avonmouth and Portishead.

|| Including Barry and Penarth.

NUMBERS ON THE REGISTERS IN THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

THE Table below shows for each of the Employment Exchange administrative areas in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and for the principal towns therein, the number of unemployed persons registered at Employment Exchanges on 26th July, 1937. In certain cases (e.g., Birmingham, Sheffield, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc.) the figures cover more than one Exchange area.

Area.	Number of Persons on Register at 26th July, 1937.				Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in totals as compared with	
	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Total.	21st June, 1937.	20th July, 1936.
London Division ...	117,844	29,594	7,734	155,172	+ 1,882	- 10,116
South-Eastern Division ...	41,116	8,112	2,415	51,643	- 115	- 126
Brighton ...	2,744	646	135	3,525	+ 162	+ 302
Chatham ...	1,668	335	125	2,128	- 228	- 479
Ipswich ...	1,612	166	46	1,824	+ 83	+ 57
Norwich ...	4,630	1,012	139	5,781	+ 330	- 437
Rest of Division ...	30,462	5,953	1,970	38,385	- 462	+ 431
South-Western Division ...	55,091	8,156	3,844	67,091	- 438	- 9,307
Bristol ...	9,915	1,683	1,066	12,664	- 230	- 2,441
Plymouth ...	4,497	785	225	5,507	- 340	- 1,739
Portsmouth ...	3,826	452	260	4,538	- 341	- 711
Reading ...	1,746	344	75	2,165	- 157	+ 75
Southampton ...	4,886	440	200	5,526	- 896	- 534
Swindon ...	555	93	159	807	+ 161	- 199
Rest of Division ...	29,666	4,359	1,859	35,884	+ 1,365	- 3,758
Midlands Division ...	108,097	29,907	5,995	143,999	+ 9,995	- 36,982
Birmingham ...	11,763	3,773	2,099	17,635	+ 3,300	- 4,106
Coventry ...	3,232	537	66	3,835	- 575	- 1,279
Cradley Heath and Halesowen ...	1,036	441	15	1,492	+ 227	- 913
Derby ...	1,622	452	170	2,244	+ 206	- 368
Leicester ...	5,855	3,258	79	9,192	+ 908	- 680
Northampton ...	2,067	586	47	2,700	+ 100	- 772
Nottingham ...	9,357	1,749	226	11,332	+ 506	- 2,694
Smethwick ...	821	382	24	1,227	+ 76	- 486
Stoke-on-Trent...†	13,138	6,918	592	20,648	+ 4,750	- 1,136
Walsall ...	3,201	442	93	3,736	- 15	- 1,026
West Bromwich ...	820	137	8	965	- 134	- 757
Wolverhampton ...	2,789	684	47	3,520	- 315	- 2,344
Rest of Division ...	52,396	10,548	2,529	65,473	+ 961	- 20,421
North-Eastern Division ...	134,498	25,106	6,710	166,314	- 9,682	- 31,958
Barnsley ...	9,884	417	466	10,767	+ 2,539	- 2,149
Bradford ...	8,006	3,366	224	11,596	+ 1,276	- 2,127
Dewsbury ...	2,735	671	50	3,456	+ 1,073	- 969
Doncaster ...	3,881	428	474	4,783	- 9,020	- 5,330
Grimsby ...	4,290	314	295	4,899	- 719	- 819
Halifax ...	1,380	631	22	2,033	- 170	- 317
Huddersfield ...	2,034	1,545	265	3,844	+ 738	- 340
Hull ...	10,478	1,331	874	12,683	- 355	- 1,224
Leeds ...	12,206	4,662	215	17,083	+ 611	- 2,973
Lincoln ...	1,600	297	192	2,089	+ 83	- 774
Rotherham ...	4,515	227	185	4,927	+ 7,417	- 442
Sheffield ...	14,466	2,484	480	17,430	+ 907	- 7,296
Wakefield ...	3,389	551	428	4,368	- 2,288	- 1,833
York ...	2,140	531	247	2,918	- 4	- 111
Rest of Division ...	53,494	7,651	2,293	63,438	+ 3,064	- 7,414
North-Western Division ...	206,656	62,639	16,300	285,595	+ 4,909	- 57,595
Accrington ...	1,639	1,054	161	2,854	- 174	- 2,744
Ashton-u-Lyne...†	2,651	893	60	3,604	- 57	- 1,697
Barrow ...	1,099	255	93	1,447	- 52	- 1,311
Birkenhead ...	7,145	1,546	462	9,153	+ 221	- 265
Blackburn ...	5,070	4,868	206	10,144	+ 26	- 3,273
Blackpool ...	2,624	342	108	3,074	+ 1,235	- 780
Bolton ...	5,464	1,892	143	7,499	+ 283	- 2,745
Burnley ...	3,434	2,715	133	6,282	- 394	- 2,006
Bury ...	1,555	855	73	2,483	- 46	- 847
Chorley ...	2,052	791	146	2,989	+ 601	- 440
Liverpool ...	61,027	9,725	6,737	77,489	+ 4,577	- 4,268
Manchester ...	23,840	8,453	1,994	34,287	+ 1,757	- 3,791
Nelson ...	1,243	719	68	2,030	+ 52	- 975
Oldham ...	7,385	2,010	117	9,512	+ 64	- 5,937
Preston ...	3,425	1,488	209	5,122	- 102	- 1,791
Rochdale ...	2,724	641	51	3,416	+ 120	- 1,913
St. Helens ...	5,454	348	407	6,209	+ 427	- 2,406
Salford ...	6,547	2,453	232	9,232	- 703	- 2,391
Stockport ...	3,315	1,784	189	5,288	+ 321	- 296
Warrington ...	2,938	629	166	3,733	+ 643	- 93
Wigan ...	7,895	1,477	556	9,928	+ 369	- 2,010
Rest of Division ...	48,130	17,701	3,989	69,820	+ 7,365	- 16,332
Northern Division ...	114,899	8,314	10,555	133,768	- 8,099	- 46,103
Darlington ...	1,793	242	337	2,372	- 93	- 875
Gateshead ...	6,143	773	483	7,399	- 40	- 1,843
Hartlepool ...	3,688	258	513	4,459	- 722	- 2,737
Middlesbrough ...	7,348	444	442	8,234	- 20	- 2,344
Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	14,292	1,981	1,217	17,490	+ 49	- 3,128
South Shields ...	6,806	387	716	7,909	+ 1,027	- 3,311
Stockton-on-Tees ...	4,621	324	428	5,373	- 212	- 1,940
Sunderland ...	12,493	1,094	1,278	14,865	- 459	- 3,209
Rest of Division ...	57,715	2,811	5,141	65,667	- 5,575	- 26,716
Scotland Division ...	182,640	42,882	19,777	245,299	+ 30,333	- 23,090
Aberdeen ...	6,181	773	514	7,468	+ 693	- 175
Clydebank ...	2,118	338	351	2,807	+ 308	- 1,398
Dundee ...	13,182	12,214	2,404	27,800	+ 14,778	- 12,301
Edinburgh ...	13,608	2,900	961	17,469	+ 195	- 2,950
Glasgow* ...	60,791	12,710	5,191	78,692	+ 3,910	- 10,879
Greenock ...	5,395	751	706	6,852	+ 56	- 631
Motherwell ...	4,809	562	650	6,021	+ 783	- 1,899
Paisley ...	2,994	615	498	4,107	+ 271	- 1,296
Port Glasgow ...	1,352	314	218	1,884	+ 131	- 441
Rest of Division ...	72,210	11,705	8,284	92,199	+ 9,208	- 16,072
Wales Division ...	113,633	6,690	10,255	130,578	- 5,924	- 57,336
Cardiff ...	9,843	1,527	860	12,230	- 505	- 2,646
Llanelli...†	2,328	223	302	2,853	+ 120	- 521
Newport ...	4,846	352	334	5,532	- 220	- 1,599
Swansea ...	8,094	744	1,010	9,848	- 754	- 3,388
Rest of Division ...	88,522	3,844	7,749	100,115	- 4,565	- 49,182
Northern Ireland ...	44,652	18,186	3,031	65,869	- 972	- 879
Belfast ...	23,045	9,341	1,533	33,919	- 67	- 1,800
Londonderry ...	3,283	1,652	401	5,336	+ 94	- 1,350
Lurgan ...	955	1,238	65	2,258	- 30	- 339
Lisburn ...	957	354	44	1,355	- 157	- 233
Newry ...	1,731	323	75	2,129	+ 165	- 305
Rest of Northern Ireland ...	14,681	5,278	913	20,872	- 459	- 1,596
Great Britain and Northern Ireland†	1,119,126	239,586	86,616	1,445,328	+ 21,889	- 271,734

* The figures for Rutherglen are included.

[Percentage rates of unemployment for about 760 Towns in Great Britain are given in the Monthly "Local Unemployment Index."]

PRINCIPAL VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED.

THE Table below indicates, for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the industries in which the numbers of insured persons, aged 16-64, recorded as unemployed at 26th July, 1937, differed from the figures for 21st June, 1937, to the extent of 1,500 or more:—

Industries.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in numbers recorded as Unemployed at 26th July, 1937, as compared with 21st June, 1937.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Jute	+ 6,632	+ 8,164	+ 14,796
Tailoring	+ 1,994	+ 5,860	+ 7,854
Building	+ 7,569	— 45	+ 7,524
Agriculture, Horticulture, etc. (including private gardeners) ...	+ 4,109	+ 266	+ 4,375
Public Works, Contracting, etc. ...	+ 4,166	— 3	+ 4,163
Woollen and Worsted	+ 1,448	+ 2,437	+ 3,885
Pottery, Earthenware, etc. ...	+ 1,000	+ 2,532	+ 3,532
Dressmaking and Millinery ...	— 10	+ 2,730	+ 2,720
Shirts, Collars, Underclothing, etc.	— 59	+ 2,611	+ 2,552
Motor Vehicles, Cycles and Aircraft	+ 2,235	+ 68	+ 2,303
General Engineering: Engineers' Iron and Steel Founding ...	+ 1,993	+ 20	+ 2,013
Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Clogs ...	+ 937	+ 844	+ 1,781
Steel Melting and Iron Puddling, Iron and Steel Rolling, etc. ...	+ 1,744	— 4	+ 1,740
Textile Bleaching, Printing, Dyeing, etc.	+ 1,037	+ 522	+ 1,559
Shipping Service	— 1,800	— 13	— 1,813
"Other" Road Transport	— 2,859	— 90	— 2,949
Hotel, Public House, Restaurant, Club, etc., Service	— 1,980	— 1,907	— 3,887
Distributive Trades	— 6,573	— 777	— 7,350
Coal Mining	— 22,912	— 126	— 23,038
Net Variation for above Industries	— 1,329	+ 23,089	+ 21,760
Total Variation for all Insured Industries:—			
Excluding Agriculture	— 8,419	+ 23,841	+ 15,422
Including Agriculture	— 4,310	+ 24,107	+ 19,797

PERIODS OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT.

ANALYSIS IN RESPECT OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR INSURANCE BENEFIT OR UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES.

THE following Table gives an analysis, according to the length of their last spell of registered unemployment, of persons aged 16-64 applying for insurance benefit or unemployment allowances (including those applicants whose position in relation to insurance benefit and unemployment allowances had not been determined), who were on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain at 26th July, 1937. Corresponding particulars are not available in respect of persons, registered as unemployed, who were not applicants for insurance benefit or unemployment allowances.

Of the persons who had been on the register for extended periods a proportion, which will increase as the period on the register increases, will have had one or more short spells of employment, lasting not more than three days each, during such periods.

Applicants, aged 16-64, who had been on Register						
Less than 3 months.	3 months but less than 6 months.	6 months but less than 9 months.	9 months but less than 12 months.	12 months or more.	Totals.	

NUMBERS.						
Men, 18-64	541,314	95,841	64,909	44,644	276,571	1,023,279
Boys, 16-17	14,118	1,687	558	172	203	16,738
Women, 18-64	139,656	20,149	8,490	4,630	17,160	190,085
Girls, 16-17	12,588	1,296	298	91	93	14,366
Total ...	707,676	118,973	74,255	49,537	294,027	1,244,468

PERCENTAGES.						
Men, 18-64	52.9	9.4	6.3	4.4	27.0	100.0
Boys, 16-17	84.4	10.1	3.3	1.0	1.2	100.0
Women, 18-64	73.5	10.6	4.5	2.4	9.0	100.0
Girls, 16-17	87.6	9.0	2.1	0.6	0.7	100.0
Total ...	56.9	9.5	6.0	4.0	23.6	100.0

Of the 707,676 applicants who had been on the register for less than 3 months, approximately 575,000, or 46.2 per cent. of the total number of applicants, had been on the register for less than 6 weeks.

[Note.—As a result of the extension of the unemployment assistance scheme, and the consequent increase in applications for unemployment allowances, as from 1st April, 1937, the statistics given above cover a larger proportion of persons on the register than those published in previous issues of this GAZETTE, for dates prior to April, 1937.]

APPLICANTS FOR INSURANCE BENEFIT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES.

DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS.

AN analysis, for Great Britain as a whole, of the numbers registered as unemployed at 26th July, 1937, according to their position in relation to insurance benefit and unemployment allowances, is given on page 302. The Tables below give an analysis by Divisions of the number of persons on the register at 26th July, 1937, with claims admitted for insurance benefit and applications authorised for unemployment allowances.

Up to 31st March, 1937, the only persons whose applications for assistance allowances could be taken into consideration were those who, if in need, would have been entitled to transitional payments under the former scheme for those payments. This required that certain unemployment insurance conditions had to be fulfilled. After 1st April, 1937, however, which was the Second Appointed Day under the Unemployment Assistance Scheme, all persons fulfilling the conditions prescribed in Section 36 of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, could be considered for the grant of allowances.

CLAIMS ADMITTED FOR INSURANCE BENEFIT.*

Division.	Men 18-64.	Boys 16 & 17.	Women 18-64.	Girls 16 & 17.	Total 16-64.
General Scheme.					
London	74,401	528	19,817	430	95,176
South-Eastern	23,467	485	5,032	316	29,300
South-Western	31,548	501	4,571	405	37,025
Midlands	55,863	981	23,087	946	80,877
North-Eastern	72,061	1,077	18,190	1,043	92,371
North-Western	80,123	2,229	34,623	2,335	119,310
Northern	27,312	1,213	4,047	853	33,425
Scotland	64,464	3,568	23,044	2,971	94,047
Wales	31,083	1,101	3,255	738	36,177
Great Britain	460,322	11,683	135,666	10,037	617,708
Agricultural Scheme.					
London	164	3	36	1	204
South-Eastern	548	10	61	3	622
South-Western	479	26	57	4	566
Midlands	375	13	27	—	415
North-Eastern	298	16	76	8	398
North-Western	396	16	12	—	424
Northern	197	12	27	4	240
Scotland	990	73	108	10	1,181
Wales	360	21	11	1	393
Great Britain	3,807	190	415	31	4,443

APPLICATIONS AUTHORISED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES.†

Division.	Men aged 18-64.	Boys aged 16 & 17.	Women aged 18-64.	Girls aged 16 & 17.	Total aged 16-64.
London	27,974	3	2,521	2	30,500
South-Eastern	11,538	16	534	6	12,094
South-Western	16,063	10	809	9	16,891
Midlands	41,992	13	1,808	26	43,839
North-Eastern	50,178	51	1,894	68	52,191
North-Western	105,694	562	13,048	267	119,571
Northern	79,792	387	1,796	336	82,311
Scotland	101,332	1,036	11,583	1,032	114,983
Wales	77,280	300	1,736	326	79,642
Great Britain	511,843	2,378	35,729	2,072	552,022

NEW ENTRANTS INTO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

JULY, 1937.

Division.	Men aged 18-64.	Boys.		Women aged 18-64.	Girls.		Total.
		Aged 16 & 17.	Aged 14 & 15.		Aged 16 & 17.	Aged 14 & 15.	
London	3,481	879	3,968	4,439	1,091	3,578	17,436
South-Eastern	1,749	422	1,240	1,987	800	1,211	7,409
South-Western	1,719	394	1,375	1,480	684	1,428	7,080
Midlands	1,730	409	2,262	1,839	512	1,934	8,686
North-Eastern	1,048	311	2,260	1,349	768	2,105	7,841
North-Western	1,492	399	3,544	1,477	564	3,607	11,083
Northern	466	252	1,534	612	572	1,323	4,759
Scotland	1,666	562	4,848	1,407	635	4,124	13,242
Wales	673	413	982	605	492	556	3,721
Total	14,024	4,041	22,013	15,195	6,118	19,866	81,257
General Scheme	11,136	3,566	20,562	14,159	5,923	19,583	74,929
Agricultural Scheme:—							
(a) Excluding Private Gardeners ...	1,927	372	1,262	1,014	189	275	5,039
(b) Private Gardeners ...	961	103	189	22	6	8	1,289

* The persons with claims admitted for insurance benefit included 3,109 for whom payment of unemployment allowances in supplementation of benefit had been authorised.

† Excluding 1,631 persons, disqualified for short periods from receiving unemployment benefit, who had applications authorised for unemployment allowances.

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG INSURED PERSONS AT 26th JULY, 1937.

INDUSTRIAL ANALYSIS.

THE statistics here presented show, industry by industry, the estimated number of persons, aged 16-64, insured against unemployment at July, 1936, and the total number and percentage of such persons unemployed on 26th July, 1937, distinguishing those wholly unemployed (i.e., out of a situation) from those temporarily stopped (i.e., suspended from work on the understanding that they were shortly to return to their former employment).

The Unemployment Insurance Acts provide, subject to certain exceptions, for the compulsory insurance against unemployment of substantially all employed persons. The principal classes excepted are persons aged 65 and over, persons employed otherwise than by way of manual labour at a rate of remuneration exceeding in value £250 per annum, private domestic servants, and outworkers. Persons employed by local public authorities, railways and certain other public utility undertakings, members of the police forces, and persons with rights under a statutory superannuation scheme may, in certain circumstances, also be excepted. Prior to September, 1934, juveniles under 16 years of age were also excepted, and they are excluded from the statistics in these Tables; particulars of the numbers of these juveniles recorded as unemployed at 26th July, 1937, are given on page 314.

An unemployment book, on which is recorded the industry in which he is employed, is issued to every insured person, and this book must be lodged at an Employment Exchange whenever the insured person makes a claim for unemployment benefit, or for an unemployment allowance, or registers as unemployed without claiming benefit or allowances.

The files of "lodged" books at the Employment Exchanges thus furnish for each industrial group a record of the unemployment of insured persons. In arriving at this figure the books of those persons who are known to be working in an uninsured trade, or to be sick or deceased, or to have gone abroad, are excluded. Where information on these points is lacking the books remain in the "lodged" files, and are included in the statistics of unemployment,

for a period of two months from the date on which the insured person was last in touch with the Exchange.

The numbers unemployed given in the following Tables relate only to persons aged 16-64 insured against unemployment. They include insured persons of those ages maintaining registration at Employment Exchanges, together with those whose unemployment books remain lodged in the "two months" file referred to above. The figures given on page 302 relating to persons registered at Employment Exchanges include uninsured as well as insured persons who are maintaining registration for employment, but not insured persons whose books are in the two months file. A Table showing the composition of the two series of figures is given on page 302.

Insured persons who are disqualified for the receipt of unemployment benefit under the trade dispute disqualification are not included in the numbers unemployed, unless they are definitely maintaining registration for other employment.

The estimated numbers of insured persons in each industry are computed once a year, in November, on the basis of information obtained at the annual exchange of unemployment books. The figures relate to the beginning of July, and similar statistics are not available for other dates in the year. In considering the figures on pages 312 and 313 it should be borne in mind that, in the case of individual industries, the percentage rates of unemployment at July, 1936, and 1935, have been calculated on the basis of the estimated numbers of insured persons at those dates, while the figures for June and July, 1937, are calculated on the basis of the estimated numbers insured at July, 1936. In an industry in which a relatively large change occurs during one or more years in the estimated number of insured workpeople, this change may have an important effect on the relative percentage rates of unemployment.

Revised percentages for July, 1937, based on the numbers insured at the beginning of July, 1937, will be published in the issue of this GAZETTE for November, 1937, when information will be available as to the number of unemployment books exchanged in July of this year.

I. PERSONS, AGED 16-64, INSURED UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEME.*

INDUSTRY.	GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.									GREAT BRITAIN ONLY.		
	WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED (including Casuals).			TEMPORARY STOPPAGES.			TOTAL.			WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED, TEMPORARY STOPPAGES AND CASUALS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fishing	5,691	70	5,761	131	28	159	5,822	98	5,920	5,789	97	5,886
Mining :—												
Coal Mining	88,062	418	88,480	57,635	110	57,745	145,697	528	146,225	145,655	528	146,183
Iron Ore and Ironstone Mining, etc.	725	—	725	152	—	152	877	—	877	872	—	872
Lead, Tin and Copper Mining ...	561	1	562	20	—	20	581	1	582	580	1	581
Stone Quarrying and Mining ...	3,812	11	3,823	947	—	947	4,759	11	4,770	3,952	10	3,962
Slate Quarrying and Mining ...	391	—	391	28	—	28	419	—	419	418	—	418
Other Mining and Quarrying ...	575	119	694	490	14	504	1,065	133	1,198	1,041	133	1,174
Clay, Sand, Gravel and Chalk Pits	959	7	966	93	1	94	1,052	8	1,060	898	8	906
Total, Mining	95,085	556	95,641	59,365	125	59,490	154,450	681	155,131	153,416	680	154,096
Non-Metalliferous Mining Products :—												
Coke Ovens and By-Product Works	1,418	5	1,423	101	—	101	1,519	5	1,524	1,519	5	1,524
Artificial Stone and Concrete ...	2,126	80	2,206	438	14	452	2,564	94	2,658	2,499	93	2,592
Cement, Limekilns and Whiting ...	550	18	568	88	1	89	638	19	657	591	18	609
Total, N.-M. Mining Products	4,094	103	4,197	627	15	642	4,721	118	4,839	4,609	116	4,725
Brick, Tile, Pipe, etc., Making ...	5,630	540	6,170	895	168	1,063	6,525	708	7,233	6,177	708	6,885
Pottery, Earthenware, etc.	2,796	2,405	5,201	2,833	5,425	8,258	5,629	7,830	13,459	5,611	7,826	13,437
Glass :—												
Glass (excluding Bottles and Scientific Glass)	1,500	299	1,799	667	96	763	2,167	395	2,562	2,147	395	2,542
Glass Bottles	1,908	125	2,033	641	42	683	2,549	167	2,716	2,549	167	2,716
Total, Glass	3,408	424	3,832	1,308	138	1,446	4,716	562	5,278	4,696	562	5,258
Chemicals, etc. :—												
Chemicals	5,160	758	5,918	465	121	586	5,625	879	6,504	5,524	874	6,398
Explosives	464	130	594	8	32	40	472	162	634	472	161	633
Paint, Varnish, Red Lead, etc. ...	794	148	942	30	20	50	824	168	992	810	168	978
Oil, Glue, Soap, Ink, Matches, etc. ...	3,415	810	4,225	1,244	157	1,401	4,659	967	5,626	4,578	914	5,492
Total, Chemicals, etc.	9,833	1,846	11,679	1,747	330	2,077	11,580	2,176	13,756	11,384	2,117	13,501
Metal Manufacture :—												
Pig Iron (Blast Furnaces)	1,341	3	1,344	152	—	152	1,493	3	1,496	1,493	3	1,496
Steel Melting and Iron Puddling, Iron and Steel Rolling, etc. ...	10,640	99	10,739	9,202	12	9,214	19,842	111	19,953	19,834	111	19,945
Brass, Copper, Zinc, Tin, Lead, etc. ...	1,733	104	1,837	383	10	393	2,116	114	2,230	2,083	113	2,196
Tin Plates	941	127	1,068	2,047	175	2,222	2,988	302	3,290	2,987	302	3,289
Iron and Steel Tubes	1,729	39	1,768	2,543	11	2,554	4,272	50	4,322	4,269	50	4,319
Wire, Wire Netting, Wire Ropes ...	1,222	144	1,366	564	21	585	1,786	165	1,951	1,765	165	1,930
Total, Metal Manufacture	17,606	516	18,122	14,891	229	15,120	32,497	745	33,242	32,431	744	33,175
Engineering, etc. :—												
General Engineering; Engineers' Iron and Steel Founding	24,296	1,066	25,362	4,476	337	4,813	28,772	1,403	30,175	28,105	1,394	29,499
Electrical Engineering	2,424	418	2,842	136	40	176	2,560	458	3,018	2,474	457	2,931
Marine Engineering, etc.	4,124	19	4,143	245	3	248	4,369	22	4,391	3,673	21	3,694
Constructional Engineering	3,359	26	3,385	647	3	650	4,006	29	4,035	3,953	29	3,982
Total, Engineering	34,203	1,529	35,732	5,504	383	5,887	39,707	1,912	41,619	38,205	1,901	40,106
Construction and Repair of Vehicles :—												
Motor Vehicles, Cycles and Aircraft Carriages, Carts, etc.	9,712	750	10,462	6,127	425	6,552	15,839	1,175	17,014	15,538	1,170	16,708
Railway Carriages and Wagons, etc. ...	975	86	1,061	76	61	137	1,051	147	1,198	982	147	1,129
Total, Vehicles	1,329	16	1,345	340	4	344	1,689	20	1,689	1,652	20	1,672
Total, Vehicles	12,016	852	12,868	6,543	490	7,033	18,559	1,342	19,901	18,172	1,337	19,509
Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing ...	35,626	208	35,834	2,873	42	2,915	38,499	250	38,749	36,133	246	36,379

* Persons insured under the special schemes for the banking and insurance industries have been included in the figures.

INDUSTRY.	GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.									GREAT BRITAIN ONLY.		
	WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED (Including Casuals).			TEMPORARY STOPPAGES.			TOTAL.			WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED, TEMPORARY STOPPAGES AND CASUALS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Other Metal Industries :—												
Stove, Grate, Pipe, etc., and General												
Iron Founding ...	4,408	326	4,734	2,299	98	2,397	6,707	424	7,131	6,675	424	7,099
Electrical Wiring and Contracting ...	3,992	37	4,029	234	—	234	4,226	37	4,263	3,964	33	3,997
Electric Cable, Apparatus, Lamps, etc.	3,653	2,256	5,909	390	354	744	4,043	2,610	6,653	3,949	2,606	6,555
Hand Tools, Cutlery, Saws, Files ...	1,463	530	1,993	429	133	562	1,892	663	2,555	1,877	660	2,537
Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Rivets, Nails, etc.	703	468	1,171	309	196	505	1,012	664	1,676	1,011	664	1,675
Brass and Allied Metal Wares ...	660	327	987	109	57	166	769	384	1,153	753	384	1,137
Heating and Ventilating Apparatus	772	10	782	58	3	61	830	13	843	807	13	820
Watches, Clocks, Plate, Jewellery, etc.	893	525	1,418	213	116	329	1,106	641	1,747	1,096	639	1,735
Metal Industries not separately specified ...	8,455	3,239	11,694	2,046	1,034	3,080	10,501	4,273	14,774	10,199	4,265	14,464
Total, Other Metals ...	24,999	7,718	32,717	6,087	1,991	8,078	31,086	9,709	40,795	30,331	9,688	40,019
Textiles :—												
Cotton Preparing, Spinning, etc. ...	7,382	7,188	14,570	1,882	4,234	6,116	9,264	11,422	20,686	9,264	11,422	20,686
Cotton Manufacturing (Weaving, etc.)	4,838	10,707	15,545	1,519	4,547	6,066	6,357	15,254	21,611	6,334	15,251	21,585
Total, Cotton ...	12,220	17,895	30,115	3,401	8,781	12,182	15,621	26,676	42,297	15,598	26,673	42,271
Woolen and Worsted ...	3,682	3,714	7,396	6,358	9,532	15,890	10,040	13,246	23,286	9,986	13,192	23,178
Silk Manufacture and Artificial Silk												
Weaving ...	741	1,105	1,846	1,059	2,212	3,271	1,800	3,317	5,117	1,792	3,276	5,068
Artificial Silk Yarn ...	735	338	1,073	331	425	756	1,066	763	1,829	1,065	763	1,828
Linen ...	4,034	7,440	11,474	321	940	1,261	4,355	8,380	12,735	338	1,200	1,538
Jute ...	2,016	3,821	5,837	6,787	8,586	15,373	8,803	12,407	21,210	8,803	12,407	21,210
Hemp, Rope, Cord, Twine, etc. ...	626	1,209	1,835	122	386	508	748	1,595	2,343	590	1,205	1,795
Hosiery ...	791	2,799	3,590	855	3,685	4,540	1,646	6,484	8,130	1,631	6,399	8,030
Lace ...	223	263	486	341	462	803	564	725	1,289	564	723	1,287
Carpets ...	246	518	764	249	597	846	495	1,115	1,610	495	1,114	1,609
Other Textiles ...	1,015	2,313	3,328	174	1,286	1,460	1,189	3,599	4,788	1,058	2,499	3,557
Textile Bleaching, Printing, Dyeing, etc.	4,414	2,246	6,660	8,003	2,497	10,500	12,417	4,743	17,160	11,362	3,462	14,824
Total, Textiles ...	30,743	43,661	74,404	28,001	39,389	67,390	58,744	83,050	141,794	53,282	72,913	126,195
Leather and Leather Goods :—												
Tanning, Currying and Dressing ...	2,228	626	2,854	1,155	260	1,415	3,383	886	4,269	3,373	885	4,258
Leather Goods ...	600	419	1,019	108	154	262	708	573	1,281	684	567	1,251
Total, Leather ...	2,828	1,045	3,873	1,263	414	1,677	4,091	1,459	5,550	4,057	1,452	5,509
Clothing :—												
Tailoring ...	9,704	5,567	15,271	1,743	9,038	10,781	11,447	14,605	26,052	10,936	13,705	24,641
Dress Making and Millinery ...	581	3,235	3,816	44	2,976	3,020	625	6,211	6,836	623	6,090	6,713
Hats and Caps (Including Straw Plait)	692	1,125	1,817	674	2,395	3,069	1,366	3,520	4,886	1,366	3,520	4,886
Shirts, Collars, Underclothing, etc. ...	490	5,879	6,369	89	4,116	4,205	579	9,995	10,574	414	5,379	5,793
Other Dress Industries ...	310	491	801	61	280	341	371	771	1,142	365	763	1,128
Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Clogs ...	5,707	1,816	7,523	5,066	2,694	7,760	10,773	4,510	15,283	10,492	4,493	14,985
Total, Clothing ...	17,484	18,113	35,597	7,677	21,499	29,176	25,161	39,612	64,773	24,196	33,950	58,146
Food, Drink and Tobacco :—												
Bread, Biscuits, Cakes, etc. ...	7,957	3,322	11,279	524	412	936	8,481	3,734	12,215	7,859	3,588	11,447
Grain Milling ...	1,582	180	1,762	260	35	295	1,842	215	2,057	1,633	199	1,832
Cocoa, Chocolate and Sugar Confectionery ...	1,940	3,256	5,196	309	1,244	1,553	2,249	4,500	6,749	2,212	4,492	6,704
Other Food Industries ...	6,064	5,745	11,809	388	1,172	1,560	6,452	6,917	13,369	6,210	6,814	13,024
Drink Industries ...	5,451	1,626	7,077	250	155	405	5,701	1,781	7,482	5,359	1,744	7,103
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	642	931	1,573	28	629	657	670	1,560	2,230	628	1,377	2,005
Total, Food, Drink, etc. ...	23,636	15,060	38,696	1,759	3,647	5,406	25,395	18,707	44,102	23,901	18,214	42,115
Woodworking, etc. :—												
Sawmilling and Machined Woodwork	5,026	95	5,121	334	21	355	5,360	116	5,476	4,989	115	5,104
Wood Boxes and Packing Cases ...	1,122	170	1,292	219	43	262	1,341	213	1,554	1,278	212	1,490
Furniture Making, Upholstering, etc.	10,060	1,210	11,270	1,288	302	1,590	11,348	1,512	12,860	10,962	1,476	12,438
Other Woodworking ...	1,604	429	2,033	372	226	598	1,976	655	2,631	1,860	633	2,493
Total, Woodworking, etc. ...	17,812	1,904	19,716	2,213	592	2,805	20,025	2,496	22,521	19,089	2,436	21,525
Paper, Printing, etc. :—												
Paper and Paper Board ...	1,528	445	1,973	207	111	318	1,735	556	2,291	1,725	548	2,273
Cardboard Boxes, Paper Bags and Stationery ...	814	1,462	2,276	64	292	356	878	1,754	2,632	849	1,661	2,510
Wall Paper Making ...	196	156	352	28	13	41	224	169	393	224	169	393
Stationery and Typewriting Requisites (not paper) ...	107	155	262	9	16	25	116	171	287	113	171	284
Printing, Publishing and Bookbinding	10,934	4,127	15,061	488	491	979	11,422	4,618	16,040	11,085		

GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.																	GREAT BRITAIN ONLY. TOTAL PER- CENTAGES AT 26TH JULY, 1937.*
INDUSTRY.	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INSURED PERSONS, AGED 16-64, AT JULY, 1936.			PERCENTAGES AT 26TH JULY, 1937.*									INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-) IN TOTAL PER- CENTAGES* AS COMPARED WITH				
				WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED (including Casuals).			TEMPORARY STOPPAGES.			TOTAL.							
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.				Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	21ST JUNE, 1937.	20TH JULY, 1936.	22ND JULY, 1935.
Fishing	33,650	880	34,530	16.9	8.0	16.7	0.4	3.1	0.4	17.3	11.1	17.1	- 0.5	+ 1.8	+ 0.8	17.1	
Mining :—																	
Coal Mining	892,100	3,880	895,980	9.9	10.8	9.9	6.4	2.8	6.4	16.3	13.6	16.3	- 2.6	- 9.8	-15.0	16.3	
Iron Ore and Ironstone Mining, etc.	10,790	—	10,790	6.7	—	6.7	1.4	—	1.4	8.1	—	8.1	- 0.1	- 3.4	-13.3	8.1	
Lead, Tin and Copper Mining ...	4,180	20	4,200	13.4	5.0	13.4	0.5	—	0.5	13.9	5.0	13.9	+ 0.6	- 3.7	- 7.0	13.8	
Stone Quarrying and Mining ...	47,070	420	47,490	8.1	2.6	8.1	2.0	—	1.9	10.1	2.6	10.0	—	- 2.7	- 7.0	8.9	
Slate Quarrying and Mining...	9,890	10	9,900	4.0	—	4.0	0.2	—	0.2	4.2	—	4.2	- 0.8	- 2.2	- 2.9	4.2	
Other Mining and Quarrying ...	10,550	1,370	11,920	5.5	8.7	5.8	4.6	1.0	4.3	10.1	9.7	10.1	- 1.2	- 5.3	- 6.8	10.0	
Clay, Sand, Gravel and Chalk Pits	17,590	170	17,760	5.5	4.1	5.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	6.0	4.7	6.0	- 0.2	- 3.0	- 5.3	5.2	
Total, Mining	992,170	5,870	998,040	9.6	9.5	9.6	6.0	2.1	5.9	15.6	11.6	15.5	- 2.4	- 9.2	-14.3	15.5	
Non-Metalliferous Mining Products :—																	
Coke Ovens and By-Product Works	14,060	90	14,150	10.1	5.6	10.1	0.7	—	0.7	10.8	5.6	10.8	- 1.2	- 3.3	- 5.0	10.8	
Artificial Stone and Concrete ...	23,910	1,750	25,660	8.9	4.6	8.6	1.8	0.8	1.8	10.7	5.4	10.4	- 0.4	- 2.9	- 6.9	10.2	
Cement, Limekilns and Whiting ...	15,010	490	15,500	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	4.3	3.9	4.2	- 0.8	- 2.3	- 5.0	4.0	
Total, N.-M. Mining Products	52,980	2,330	55,310	7.7	4.4	7.6	1.2	0.7	1.1	8.9	5.1	8.7	- 0.8	- 2.9	- 5.9	8.6	
Brick, Tile, Pipe, etc., Making ...	96,720	6,150	102,870	5.8	8.8	6.0	0.9	2.7	1.0	6.7	11.5	7.0	- 0.4	- 1.1	- 2.5	6.8	
Pottery, Earthenware, etc.	33,800	39,940	73,740	8.3	6.0	7.1	8.4	13.6	11.2	16.7	19.6	18.3	+ 4.8	- 0.9	- 2.3	18.3	
Glass :—																	
Glass (excluding Bottles and Selen- tiffic Glass)	22,890	6,580	29,470	6.6	4.5	6.1	2.9	1.5	2.6	9.5	6.0	8.7	+ 0.3	- 1.2	- 4.0	8.6	
Glass Bottles	17,410	2,380	19,790	11.0	5.3	10.3	3.6	1.7	3.4	14.6	7.0	13.7	—	- 2.4	- 5.0	13.7	
Total, Glass	40,300	8,960	49,260	8.5	4.7	7.8	3.2	1.6	2.9	11.7	6.3	10.7	+ 0.1	- 1.7	- 4.4	10.7	
Chemicals, etc. :—																	
Chemicals	77,430	27,050	104,480	6.7	2.8	5.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	7.3	3.2	6.2	- 0.4	- 1.9	- 4.7	6.1	
Explosives	12,860	5,400	18,260	3.6	2.4	3.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	3.7	3.0	3.5	—	- 0.7	- 2.1	3.5	
Paint, Varnish, Red Lead, etc. ...	18,550	5,830	24,380	4.3	2.5	3.9	0.1	0.4	0.2	4.4	2.9	4.1	- 0.4	- 0.7	- 1.4	4.0	
Oil, Glue, Soap, Ink, Matches, etc. ...	52,200	20,410	72,610	6.5	4.0	5.8	2.4	0.7	1.9	8.9	4.7	7.7	- 0.6	- 1.3	- 2.8	7.6	
Total, Chemicals, etc. ...	161,040	58,690	219,730	6.1	3.1	5.3	1.1	0.6	1.0	7.2	3.7	6.3	- 0.4	- 1.4	- 3.5	6.2	
Metal Manufacture :—																	
Pig Iron (Blast Furnaces)	15,980	90	16,070	8.4	3.3	8.4	0.9	—	0.9	9.3	3.3	9.3	- 0.3	- 4.6	-11.6	9.3	
Steel Melting and Iron Puddling, Iron and Steel Rolling, etc. ...	165,560	4,400	169,960	6.4	2.2	6.3	5.6	0.3	5.4	12.0	2.5	11.7	+ 1.0	- 3.7	-11.0	11.7	
Brass, Copper, Zinc, Tin, Lead, etc.	40,030	3,730	43,760	4.3	2.8	4.2	1.0	0.3	0.9	5.3	3.1	5.1	- 0.3	- 2.1	- 5.2	5.1	
Tin Plates	24,800	2,610	27,410	3.8	4.9	3.9	8.2	6.7	8.1	12.0	11.6	12.0	+ 0.2	-12.7	-22.1	12.0	
Iron and Steel Tubes	29,370	2,020	31,390	5.9	1.9	5.6	8.6	0.6	8.2	14.5	2.5	13.8	+ 4.6	- 5.2	- 6.1	13.8	
Wire, Wire Netting, Wire Ropes ...	20,080	3,630	23,710	6.1	4.0	5.8	2.8	0.5	2.4	8.9	4.5	8.2	+ 0.7	- 1.8	-10.3	8.1	
Total, Metal Manufacture ...	295,820	16,480	312,300	6.0	3.1	5.8	5.0	1.4	4.8	11.0	4.5	10.6	+ 1.0	- 4.4	-10.9	10.6	
Engineering, etc. :—																	
General Engineering; Engineers' Iron and Steel Founding	512,510	47,210	559,720	4.7	2.3	4.5	0.9	0.7	0.9	5.6	3.0	5.4	+ 0.4	- 2.5	- 7.1	5.3	
Electrical Engineering	79,530	22,170	101,700	3.0	1.9	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.2	2.1	3.0	—	- 0.7	- 3.1	2.9	
Marine Engineering, etc.	49,190	770	49,960	8.4	2.5	8.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	8.9	2.9	8.8	- 0.3	- 3.2	-17.6	8.5	
Constructional Engineering	34,750	1,370	36,120	9.7	1.9	9.4	1.8	0.2	1.8	11.5	2.1	11.2	+ 1.7	- 0.9	- 6.0	11.1	
Total, Engineering	675,980	71,520	747,500	5.1	2.1	4.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	5.9	2.7	5.6	+ 0.4	- 2.2	- 7.2	5.5	
Construction and Repair of Vehicles :—																	
Motor Vehicles, Cycles and Aircraft	284,450	29,550	314,000	3.4	2.5	3.3	2.2	1.5	2.1	5.6	4.0	5.4	+ 0.7	- 0.9	- 3.9	5.4	
Carriages, Carts, etc.	11,070	1,650	12,720	8.8	5.2	8.3	0.7	3.7	1.1	9.5	8.9	9.4	+ 1.4	- 3.9	- 3.1	9.0	
Railway Carriages and Wagons, etc.	48,280	1,380	49,660	2.8	1.2	2.7	0.7	0.2	0.7	3.5	1.4	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.9	- 3.6	3.4	
Total, Vehicles	343,800	32,580	376,380	3.5	2.6	3.4	1.9	1.5	1.9	5.4	4.1	5.3	+ 0.7	- 1.0	- 3.8	5.2	
Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing ...	159,250	2,600	161,850	22.4	8.0	22.1	1.8	1.6	1.8	24.2	9.6	23.9	- 0.5	- 6.0	-18.7	24.1	
Other Metal Industries :—																	

INDUSTRY.	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INSURED PERSONS AGED 16-64, AT JULY, 1936.			PERCENTAGES AT 26TH JULY, 1937.*									INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-) IN TOTAL PERCENT- AGES* AS COMPARED WITH			GREAT BRITAIN ONLY. TOTAL PER- CENTAGES AT 26TH JULY, 1937.*
				WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED (including Casuals).			TEMPORARY STOPPAGES.			TOTAL.						
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males	Fe- males.	Total.	Males	Fe- males.	Total.	Males	Fe- males.	Total.	21ST JUNE, 1937.	20TH JULY, 1936.	22ND JULY, 1935.	
Paper, Printing, etc. :-																
Paper and Paper Board ...	46,850	15,420	62,270	3.3	2.9	3.2	0.4	0.7	0.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	+ 0.1	- 1.3	- 3.1	3.7
Cardboard Boxes, Paper Bags and Stationery ...	24,140	43,860	68,000	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.2	0.7	0.6	3.6	4.0	3.9	...	- 0.7	- 1.6	3.8
Wall Paper Making ...	4,950	2,150	7,100	4.0	7.3	5.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	4.5	7.9	5.5	- 1.7	- 1.3	- 0.8	5.5
Stationery and Typewriting Requisites (not paper) ...	3,730	4,920	8,650	2.9	3.2	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	3.5	3.3	- 0.4	- 2.0	- 2.1	3.3
Printing, Publishing and Bookbinding	187,880	92,600	280,480	5.8	4.5	5.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	6.1	5.0	5.7	- 0.3	- 1.0	- 1.9	5.6
Total, Paper, Printing, etc. ...	267,550	158,950	426,500	5.1	4.0	4.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	5.4	4.6	5.1	- 0.2	- 1.0	- 2.0	5.0
Building and Contracting :-																
Building ...	1,007,950	11,730	1,019,680	11.1	1.8	11.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	11.4	2.0	11.3	+ 0.7	- 0.2	- 3.0	10.9
Public Works Contracting, etc. ...	287,760	1,500	289,260	36.3	1.7	36.1	0.7	—	0.7	37.0	1.7	36.8	+ 1.4	- 4.6	- 8.4	36.7
Total, Building and Contracting	1,295,710	13,230	1,308,940	16.7	1.8	16.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	17.1	2.0	17.0	+ 0.9	- 1.1	- 4.1	16.5
Other Manufacturing Industries :-																
Rubber ...	37,880	22,390	60,270	5.9	6.0	5.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	7.1	7.4	7.3	+ 0.3	- 3.1	- 4.5	7.2
Oilcloth, Linoleum, etc. ...	11,970	2,400	14,370	5.0	1.4	4.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	5.5	1.7	4.9	- 1.8	- 4.9	- 6.0	4.8
Brushes and Brooms ...	5,780	5,410	11,190	14.0	3.8	9.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	16.8	6.4	11.8	+ 2.0	- 1.0	- 1.7	11.5
Scientific and Photographic Instru- ments and Apparatus ...	23,080	10,840	33,920	2.6	1.9	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.8	2.0	2.5	- 0.2	- 0.6	- 1.7	2.5
Musical Instruments ...	15,200	6,420	21,620	5.5	4.8	5.3	1.7	0.2	1.2	7.2	5.0	6.5	- 1.0	- 3.9	- 4.6	6.4
Toys, Games and Sports Requisites	7,680	9,330	17,010	5.5	5.0	5.2	1.4	0.7	1.0	6.9	5.7	6.2	- 0.5	- 1.8	- 3.0	6.2
Total, Other Manufacturing ...	101,590	56,790	158,380	5.4	4.5	5.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	6.5	5.5	6.1	- 0.2	- 2.6	- 3.9	6.1
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply ...	200,800	9,140	209,940	7.8	1.7	7.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.1	1.8	7.8	+ 0.3	- 0.9	- 2.0	7.8
Transport and Communication :-																
Railway Service ...	147,260	8,900	156,160	6.0	2.0	5.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	6.3	2.2	6.1	+ 0.7	- 0.2	- 1.9	5.9
Tramway and Omnibus Service ...	184,750	10,010	194,760	2.2	4.0	2.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	2.4	4.5	2.5	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 1.1	2.4
Other Road Transport ...	210,060	9,140	219,200	9.7	2.0	9.4	0.6	0.0	0.5	10.3	2.0	9.9	- 1.4	- 3.7	- 6.7	9.6
Shipping Service ...	134,860	6,230	141,090	19.2	7.0	18.6	0.1	0.6	0.2	19.3	7.6	18.8	- 1.3	- 4.3	- 8.2	18.7
Dock, Harbour, Canal, etc. Service :-																
Port Transport (Docks, Wharves, etc.) ...	137,290	1,280	138,570	29.0	5.2	28.8	0.8	0.0	0.8	29.8	5.2	29.6	- 0.2	- 1.1	- 2.8	29.0
Harbour, River and Canal Service	24,350	550	24,900	9.5	5.1	9.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	10.4	5.8	10.3	- 1.5	- 3.2	- 4.5	10.4
Total, Docks, Harbours, etc.	161,640	1,830	163,470	26.1	5.1	25.8	0.8	0.3	0.8	26.9	5.4	26.6	- 0.4	- 1.5	- 3.1	26.2
Other Transport, Communication, etc.	20,210	3,190	23,400	13.1	5.5	12.1	0.8	1.0	0.8	13.9	6.5	12.9	+ 0.2	- 1.5	- 2.3	12.8
Total, Transport, etc. ...	858,780	39,300	898,080	12.1	3.7	11.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	12.5	4.1	12.2	- 0.5	- 1.9	- 4.4	11.9
Distributive Trades ...	1,287,490	760,920	2,048,410	8.8	4.7	7.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	9.2	5.1	7.7	- 0.4	- 1.0	- 2.3	7.4
Commerce, Banking, Insurance and Finance ...	177,960	84,040	262,000	4.4	1.0	3.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.5	1.0	3.4	...	- 0.4	- 0.9	3.3
Miscellaneous Trades and Services :-																
National Government Service ...	108,890	21,230	130,120	13.0	3.1	11.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	13.2	3.3	11.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.3	- 0.5	11.2
Local Government Service ...	344,570	23,540	368,110	16.1	3.0	15.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	16.5	3.1	15.6	+ 0.1	- 1.6	- 2.4	15.5
Professional Services ...	90,730	67,950	158,680	4.9	2.3	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.1	2.5	4.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2	- 0.7	3.9
Entertainments and Sports ...	83,440	48,260	131,700	17.8	11.7	15.6	0.6	3.8	1.7	18.4	15.5	17.3	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 1.8	17.1
Hotel, Public House, Restaurant, Boarding House, Club, etc. Service	170,030	265,260	435,290	12.3	9.1	10.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	12.5	9.4	10.6	- 0.9	- 0.5	- 1.3	10.4
Laundry Service ...	28,170	109,620	137,790	4.9	4.0	4.1	0.3	1.1	1.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	- 0.3	- 0.3	- 1.3	5.0
Job Dyeing, Dry Cleaning, etc. ...	10,610	17,770	28,380	5.4	3.1	4.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	5.8	3.5	4.3	- 0.2	- 0.8	+ 0.1	4.2
Other Industries and Services	106,950	55,270	162,220	19.7	4.6	14.5	1.0	0.8	1.0	20.7	5.4	15.5	- 1.5	- 6.5	- 10.4	14.9
Total, Miscellaneous ...	943,390	608,900	1,552,290	14.1	6.6	11.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	14.5	7.4	11.7	- 0.3	- 1.2	- 2.5	11.5
TOTAL† ...	9,720,700	3,618,000	13,338,700	9.8	5.1	8.5	1.7	2.3	1.9	11.5	7.4	10.4	+ 0.1	- 2.0†	- 4.8†	10.1

II. PERSONS, AGED 16-64, INSURED UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL SCHEME.§

As explained in the November, 1936, issue of this GAZETTE (page 397), the information on which estimates of the total numbers of insured workers in particular industries are ordinarily based will not be obtainable, as regards agricultural workers, until November next. It will not, therefore, be possible to compute exact percentages of unemployment, comparable with those given for other industries in the foregoing Table, until then. In the meantime, provisional estimates of the numbers insured at July, 1936, have been made on the basis of such particulars as are in the possession of the Department, and in the following Table these estimates are utilised for the purpose of approximate calculations of the percentages unemployed among persons, aged 16-64, in each of the groups for which particulars are available. It should be observed that the estimated numbers insured and the percentages unemployed are subject to revision in the light of the information which will be

derived from the recent exchange of unemployment books. Comparable percentages of unemployment cannot be calculated for dates earlier than November, 1936, owing to the alteration in conditions caused by the operation of the benefit provisions of the Unemployment Insurance (Agriculture) Act, 1936.

The table below excludes private gardeners, who have been included within the agricultural scheme of unemployment insurance as from 1st February, 1937, by the Private Gardeners Inclusion Order, 1936. (See page 476 of the December, 1936, issue of this GAZETTE.) Estimates of the numbers of private gardeners so insured are not yet available. The numbers of insured private gardeners, aged 16-64, recorded as unemployed at 26th July, 1937, were 1,507 males and 12 females in Great Britain, and 1,560 males and 12 females in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Industry.	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.									Great Britain.			
	Estimated numbers of Insured Persons, aged 16-64, at July, 1936.			Numbers recorded as Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.			Approximate Percentages Unemployed.			Numbers recorded as Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.			Approximate Percentages. (Total.)
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Farming, Forestry, etc. ...	459,960	22,160	482,120	12,811	975	13,786	2.8	4.4	2.9	10,981	850	11,831	2.6
Market Gardening, Horticulture, etc. ...	60,820	10,650	71,470	1,795	641	2,436	3.0	6.0	3.4	1,766	641	2,407	3.4
Other Gardening§ ...	33,720	290	34,010	949	10	959	2.8	3.4	2.8	924	10	934	2.8
Total ...	554,500	33,100	587,600	15,555	1,626	17,181	2.8	4.9	2.9	13,671	1,501	15,172	2.7

At 21st June, 1937, the corresponding numbers and approximate percentages recorded as unemployed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland were:—farming, forestry, etc., 11,423 (2.4 per cent.);

market gardening, horticulture, etc., 1,750 (2.4 per cent.); other gardening,§ 724 (2.1 per cent.); total 13,897 (2.4 per cent.).

* See last two paragraphs of text on page 310.

† The percentage for all industries and services combined for July, 1935, used for this comparison is the revised figure based on the estimated number insured at that date—see the issue of this GAZETTE for November, 1936, page 397. The percentages given for July, 1936, June, 1937 and July, 1937, are based on the numbers insured at July, 1936.

‡ Excluding persons insured under the agricultural scheme, and juveniles under 16 years of age.

§ Exclusive of private gardeners: see last paragraph of text preceding the Table.

JUVENILE UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS.

JUVENILES UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, ON THE REGISTERS OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES AND JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT BUREAUX AT 26TH JULY, 1937.

Division.	Boys.			Girls.		
	Aged 14 and 15.	Aged 16 and 17.	Total.	Aged 14 and 15.	Aged 16 and 17.	Total.
London ...	2,849	1,293	4,142	2,487	1,105	3,592
South-Eastern ...	421	753	1,174	538	703	1,241
South-Western ...	812	911	1,723	1,247	874	2,121
Midlands ...	1,306	1,913	3,219	1,114	1,662	2,776
North-Eastern ...	1,174	1,731	2,905	1,790	2,015	3,805
North-Western ...	4,193	4,006	8,199	4,188	3,913	8,101
Northern ...	2,321	2,296	4,617	3,494	2,444	5,938
Scotland ...	3,836	6,168	10,004	4,348	5,425	9,773
Wales ...	2,113	2,296	4,409	3,459	2,387	5,846
Great Britain	19,025	21,367	40,392	22,665	20,528	43,193
N. Ireland ...	456	1,512	1,968	211	852	1,063
Gt. Britain and N. Ireland...	19,481	22,879	42,360	22,876	21,380	44,256

Note.—These figures include considerable numbers of boys and girls who, though registered at Employment Exchanges and Juvenile Employment Bureaux as applicants for employment, are remaining whole time at school until employment is obtained. See article on page 218 of the June issue of this GAZETTE.

INSURED JUVENILES, UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, RECORDED AS UNEMPLOYED AT 26TH JULY, 1937.

Division.	Boys.			Girls.		
	Aged 14 and 15.	Aged 16 and 17.	Total.	Aged 14 and 15.	Aged 16 and 17.	Total.
London ...	997	1,895	2,892	1,038	1,697	2,735
South-Eastern ...	338	920	1,258	427	828	1,265
South-Western ...	271	880	1,151	353	792	1,148
Midlands ...	379	1,558	1,937	411	1,559	1,970
North-Eastern ...	324	1,651	1,975	618	1,932	2,550
North-Western...	1,361	3,974	5,335	1,509	3,909	5,418
Northern ...	760	1,967	2,727	997	1,796	2,793
Scotland ...	1,753	5,871	7,624	1,641	4,911	6,552
Wales ...	484	1,839	2,323	466	1,453	1,919
Special Schemes ...	—	4	4	—	2	2
Great Britain	6,667	20,559	27,226	7,473	18,879	26,352
N. Ireland ...	332	1,540	1,872	207	880	1,087
Gt. Britain and N. Ireland	6,999	22,099	29,098	7,680	19,759	27,439

Note.—These figures include not only insured juveniles on the register, but also those whose unemployment books were in the "two months' file," i.e., boys and girls who had registered as unemployed at some date within the past two months, but were not maintaining registration as applicants for employment, and were not known to have found employment. The effect of the inclusion of those with books in the two months' file is especially marked in the London Division. Juveniles insured under the agricultural scheme who were recorded as unemployed are included in the figures.

JUVENILES, UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT. FIVE WEEKS ENDED 26TH JULY, 1937.

Division.	Number of Vacancies Filled.			Juveniles placed in first situation since leaving School.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
London ...	6,847	4,975	11,822	1,795	1,679	3,474
South-Eastern ...	1,390	1,112	2,502	219	222	441
South-Western ...	1,366	1,419	2,785	219	334	553
Midlands ...	2,666	2,352	5,018	1,020	1,412	2,432
North-Eastern ...	2,111	3,064	5,175	792	1,315	2,107
North-Western ...	3,615	3,266	6,881	1,220	1,456	2,676
Northern ...	1,461	1,281	2,742	396	323	719
Scotland ...	2,670	2,780	5,450	1,123	1,370	2,493
Wales ...	740	613	1,353	209	281	490
Great Britain	22,866	20,862	43,728	6,993	8,392	15,385

JUVENILES, UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, IN ATTENDANCE AT AUTHORISED COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Division.	Week ended 21st July, 1937.				Month ended 21st July, 1937.			Total number of individuals who have attended Junior In- struction Centres and Classes* since 1st April, 1937.
	Junior Instruction Centres and Classes.				Other Educational Institutions.			
	No. of Cen- tres.	No. of Classes	Average attendance.		No. of Insti- tu- tions.	Average attendance.		
Boys.			Girls.	Boys.		Girls.		
London ...	2	1	69	49	—	—	—	1,438
S.-Eastern...	8	3	18	45	1	—	1	1,102
S.-Western...	9	—	114	146	4	14	18	1,951
Midlands ...	7	2	165	139	4	5	4	1,780
N.-Eastern...	13	7	442	423	3	7	5	4,945
N.-Western	33	4	2,188	1,545	3	9	35	14,905
Northern ...	34	—	1,986	1,613	2	4	22	12,315
Scotland ...	36	—	180	136	—	—	—	14,806
Wales ...	22	5	1,470	772	1	3	—	7,100
Great Britain ...	164†	22	6,632	4,868	18	42	85	60,342

* Comparable figures for other educational institutions are not available.
† Of these, fifty Junior Instruction Centres and five classes were temporarily closed.

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG BOYS AND GIRLS, UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, IN INSURED INDUSTRIES.

The following Table shows for each industry group, and for the principal industries, the numbers of insured boys and girls under 16 years of age (other than those insured under the agricultural scheme) recorded as unemployed in Great Britain, and in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, at 26th July, 1937:—

Industry.	Number of Insured Juveniles under 16 years of age recorded as Unemployed at 26th July, 1937.			
	Great Britain.		Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Fishing ...	2	—	2	—
Mining:—				
Coal Mining ...	163	6	163	6
All other Mining, etc. ...	18	6	19	6
Total, Mining ...	181	12	182	12
Non-Metalliferous Mining Products	18	5	22	5
Brick, Tile, Pipe, etc. Making ...	57	6	57	6
Pottery, Earthenware, etc. ...	23	35	23	35
Glass ...	17	37	17	41
Chemicals, etc. ...	51	147	52	147
Metal Manufacture ...	53	29	53	29
Engineering, etc.:—				
General Engineering; Engineers' Iron and Steel Founding ...	233	67	240	67
Other Engineering ...	83	27	84	28
Total, Engineering ...	316	94	324	95
Construction and Repair of Vehicles:—				
Motor Vehicles, Cycles and Aircraft	115	15	119	17
Other Vehicles ...	18	2	18	2
Total, Vehicles ...	133	17	137	19
Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing ...	143	—	145	—
Other Metal Industries:—				
Electric Cable, Apparatus, Lamps, etc.	96	98	97	98
All others ...	327	285	335	285
Total, Other Metal Industries ...	423	383	432	383
Textiles:—				
Cotton Preparing, Spinning, etc. ...	28	46	28	46
Cotton Manufacturing (Weaving, etc.)	21	69	21	69
Total, Cotton ...	49	115	49	115
Woollen and Worsted ...	40	121	40	125
Hosiery ...	11	168	13	171
All other Textiles ...	88	284	121	331
Total, Textiles ...	188	688	223	742
Leather and Leather Goods ...	33	48	34	48
Clothing:—				
Tailoring ...	54	364	56	373
Dress Making and Millinery ...	6	243	6	246
Shirts, Collars, Underclothing, etc.	5	178	6	267
Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Clogs ...	77	58	77	58
Other Clothing ...	10	71	10	71
Total, Clothing ...	152	914	155	1,015
Food, Drink and Tobacco:—				
Bread, Biscuits, Cakes, etc....	179	266	181	268
Cocoa, Chocolate and Sugar Confectionery ...	35	292	35	293
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	8	25	8	31
All other Food and Drink ...	79	312	82	313
Total, Food, Drink, etc. ...	301	895	306	905
Woodworking, etc.:—				
Furniture Making, Upholstering, etc.	159	57	163	57
All other Woodworking ...	143	55	147	55
Total, Woodworking, etc. ...	302	112	310	112
Paper, Printing, etc.:—				
Cardboard Boxes, Paper Bags and Stationery ...	15	117	16	117
Printing, Publishing and Bookbinding	119	185	120	187
Other Paper, Printing, etc. ...	23	71	29	71
Total, Paper, Printing, etc. ...	157	373	165	375
Building and Contracting:—				
Building ...	347	12	362	12
Public Works Contracting, etc. ...	61	—	64	—
Total, Building and Contracting ...	408	12	426	12
Other Manufacturing Industries:—				
Toys, Games and Sports Requisites	17	64	17	64
All Others ...	68	87	68	87
Total, Other Manufacturing ...	85	151	85	151
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply ...	9	3	10	3
Transport and Communication ...	187	12	188	13
Distributive Trades ...	2,522	2,167	2,703	2,189
Commerce, Banking, Insurance and Finance ...	71	28	71	28
Miscellaneous Trades and Services:—				
Professional Services ...	46	40	48	41
Entertainments and Sports ...	84	148	88	148
Hotel, Public House, Restaurant, Boarding House, Club, etc. Service	81	423	87	426
Laundry Service ...	94	344	95	348
Job Dyeing, Dry Cleaning, etc. ...	41	67	42	67
All other Industries and Services ...	185	190	193	191
Total, Miscellaneous ...	531	1,212	553	1,221
TOTAL ...	6,363	7,380	6,675	7,586

The figures above include those boys and girls whose unemployment books were in the "two-months file" of lodged books, i.e., boys and girls who had registered as unemployed at some date within the previous two months and were not known to have found work, but were not maintaining registration as applicants for employment.

Boys and Girls under 16 years of age, insured under the Agricultural Scheme, recorded as unemployed.

The numbers of juveniles under 16 years of age, insured under the agricultural scheme, recorded as unemployed at 26th July, 1937 (who are excluded from the above Table), including those whose books were lodged in the "two-months file," were 304* boys and 93* girls in Great Britain, and 324* boys and 94* girls in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

* Including 21 boys and 2 girls classified as private gardeners.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: ADJUDICATIONS BY THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

THE Table below analyses for Great Britain for the period 1st to 31st July, 1937, inclusive, the decisions of Insurance Officers, of Courts of Referees and of the Umpire on doubtful claims for insurance benefit:—

A.—DECISIONS OF INSURANCE OFFICERS*.

	Men.	Women.	Juven- iles.	Total.
Claims allowed:—				
Grounds on which Insurance Officers have power to disallow ...	5,517	1,647	235	7,399
Grounds on which Insurance Officers have not power to disallow ...	10,428	9,800	1,673	21,901
Claims disallowed:—				
Contributions conditions:—				
(a) General Scheme ...	88	44	163	295
(b) Agricultural Scheme ...	3	5	3	11
Not unemployed ...	2,195	851	192	3,238
Other grounds on which Insurance Officers have power to disallow ...	3,142	1,243	190	4,575
Total Claims disallowed ...	5,428	2,143	548	8,119

B.—DECISIONS OF COURTS OF REFEREES*.

(1) Appeals against Disallowances by Insurance Officers.

Claims allowed ...	97	14	7	118
Claims disallowed:—				
Contributions conditions:—				
(a) General Scheme ...	7	3	1	11
(b) Agricultural Scheme ...	1	—	—	1
Not unemployed ...	210	44	2	256
Other grounds ...	322	105	11	438
Total Claims disallowed ...	540	152	14	706

(2) Other Cases.

Claims allowed ...	3,599	2,948	508	7,055
Claims disallowed:—				
Contributions conditions:—				
(a) General Scheme ...	11	2	1	14
(b) Agricultural scheme ...	2	—	—	2
Anomalies Orders:—				
Class (b)—seasonal workers...	25	157	1	183
Class (c)—normal employment not more than 2 days a week ...	41	69	7	117
Class (d)—married women ...	—	2,953	—	2,953
Employment left voluntarily without just cause ...	6,620	3,254	1,865	11,739
Employment lost through misconduct ...	2,752	846	847	4,445
Failure or refusal to apply for or accept suitable employment, or failure to carry out written directions ...	903	1,985	277	3,165
Not unemployed ...	235	47	12	294
Not capable of work, or not available for work ...	495	1,237	95	1,827
Other grounds ...	251	120	105	476
Total Claims disallowed ...	11,335	10,670	3,210	25,215

C.—TRADE DISPUTE CASES.

	Claims Allowed.	Claims Dis-allowed.	Total.
Cases dealt with by Insurance Officers ...	40,902	7,829	48,731
Appeals against disallowances by Insurance Officers dealt with by { Men ... Women ... Courts of Referees... } Juveniles	25 2 —	125 9 2	150 11 2
Total Appeals ...	27	136	163

D.—DEPENDANTS BENEFIT CASES.

Cases dealt with by Insurance Officers ...	5,377	2,344	7,721
Cases dealt with by Courts of Referees:—			
(1) Appeals against disallowances by Insurance Officers ...	49	249	298
(2) Other cases ...	23	88	111

E.—DECISIONS BY UMPIRE.

Appeals by the Chief Insurance Officer:—			
(1) Against allowances...	25	98	123
(2) Against disallowances ...	43	44	87
Appeals by Associations ...	24	62	86
Appeals by Claimants ...	37	73	110
Total ...	129	277	406

* Except in "Trade Dispute" and "Dependants Benefit" cases, which are given separately in Parts C. and D.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND. GREAT BRITAIN.

THE following Table, shows, approximately, the income and expenditure of the Unemployment Fund* for the periods of five weeks ended 31st July, 1937, four weeks ended 26th June, 1937, and four weeks ended 25th July, 1936, respectively:—

	Five weeks ended 31st July, 1937.	Four weeks ended 26th June, 1937.	Four weeks ended 25th July, 1936.†
(1) General Account.	£	£	£
Contributions received from:—			
Employers ...	2,299,000	1,714,000	1,814,000
Employed persons ...	2,280,000	1,699,000	1,791,000
Exchequer ("Equal thirds") ...	2,285,000	1,702,000	1,798,000
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	337,000	1,000	1,000
Total Income ...	7,201,000	5,116,000	5,404,000
Benefit ...	2,703,000	2,082,000	2,659,000
Cost of administration ...	431,000	348,000	353,000
Accrued Charge for Debt Service†	480,000	385,000	384,000
Miscellaneous Payments ...	45,000	36,000	31,000
Total Expenditure ...	3,659,000	2,851,000	3,427,000
Debt outstanding†	103,980,000	103,980,000	105,227,000
(2) Agricultural Account.			
Contributions received from:—			
Employers ...	77,000	53,000	Figures not available
Employed persons ...	76,000	53,000	
Exchequer ("Equal thirds") ...	77,000	53,000	
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	7,000	—	
Total Income ...	237,000	159,000	—
Benefit ...	13,000	16,000	—
Cost of Administration ...	29,000	20,000	—
Miscellaneous Payments ...	—	—	—
Total Expenditure ...	42,000	36,000	—

UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES.

As from 1st April, 1937, the Second Appointed Day under the Unemployment Act, 1934, the cost of unemployment allowances, which had previously been charged to the Transitional Payments Account of the Unemployment Fund and reimbursed to that Fund by the Exchequer, has been met from the Unemployment Assistance Fund, which is also reimbursed by the Exchequer. For the period of five weeks ended 31st July, 1937, expenditure on unemployment allowances (excluding the cost of administration) amounted to approximately £3,417,000. The approximate cost of unemployment allowances (excluding the cost of administration) during the four weeks ended 26th June, 1937, was £2,850,000, and during the four weeks ended 25th July, 1936, was £2,875,000.

INDUSTRIAL TRANSFERENCE.

The following Table shows the numbers of men, women, boys and girls transferred from the depressed areas to employment in other areas under the Industrial Transference Scheme during the years 1935 and 1936, and during the first six months of the years 1935, 1936 and 1937:—

	1935.	1936.	First six months of		
			1935.	1936.	1937.
Men (18 years and over):—					
Direct Transfers ...	7,667	12,819	2,688	6,267	7,403
Transfers through Government Training Centres ...	4,353	5,760	2,007	3,251	2,464
Transfers through Instructional Centres ...	1,359	1,512	670	1,354	483
Total ...	13,379	20,091	5,365	10,872	10,350
Women (18 years and over):—					
Direct Transfers ...	6,171	7,790	3,112	4,745	4,195
Trainees ...	179	218	100	147	90
Total ...	6,350	8,008	3,212	4,892	4,285
Boys (under 18 years):—					
All Occupations ...	5,376	8,699	1,767	4,476	4,527
Girls (under 18 years):—					
Industrial Occupations ...	1,151	3,564	409	1,766	2,795
Domestic Service:—					
Trainees ...	1,742	2,373	1,685	1,332	886
Non-Trainees ...	1,755				
Total ...	4,648	5,937	2,094	3,098	3,681
Grand Total ...	29,753	42,735	12,438	23,338	22,843

The numbers of cases in which assistance was given towards the removal from the Depressed Areas of the dependants and household effects of transferred workers were 3,761 in 1935, 10,179 in 1936, and 4,336 in the half-year ended June, 1937.

* A detailed account of the Fund is presented to Parliament annually (see H.C. 44 of 1937, for the period ended 31st March, 1936).

† Provision is made in the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, for the repayment (including interest) of the debt outstanding on 1st July, 1934 (amounting to £105,780,000) by half-yearly payments of £2,500,000. The first of these payments was made on 30th September, 1934, under the authority of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1934.

‡ These figures include income and expenditure in respect of the Agricultural Scheme; separate totals for the Agricultural Scheme in respect of the period 4th May, 1936, to 28th November, 1936, were given in the February, 1937, issue of this GAZETTE.

EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS.

[N.B.—The following paragraphs include an abstract of such official and other information as is available with regard to the state of employment abroad, in order to indicate, as far as possible, the fluctuations in employment in each country from period to period. The bases of the statistics published in the various countries are, however, not the same as those of the statistics relating to this country; and therefore the figures quoted below cannot properly be used with those on pp. 301–302 to compare the actual level of employment in Great Britain and Northern Ireland with that in other countries.]

GERMANY.†

A FURTHER reduction in unemployment occurred during July. The total number of persons reported by the Employment Exchanges as unemployed at 31st July, 1937, was 562,900,* as compared with 648,421† at the end of June, 1937, and 1,169,860 at the end of July, 1936.

At 31st July, 1937, 302,678* persons were in receipt of standard unemployment benefit or emergency benefit, as compared with 351,947† at the end of June, 1937, and 662,969 at the end of July, 1936.

The total number of unemployed given above includes 64,369* able-bodied persons who were in receipt of poor relief at 31st July, 1937, as compared with 74,704† at the end of June, 1937, and 185,156 at the end of July, 1936.

FRANCE.§

There was a further reduction in unemployment during July. The total number of persons remaining on the registers of the Employment Exchanges at the end of the month was 337,376, as compared with 343,402 at the end of June, 1937, and 466,124 at the end of July, 1936.

At the beginning of July, 1937, the number of persons employed in mining, industrial, transport and commercial undertakings covered by the official monthly investigation showed an increase of 6.47 per cent. as compared with July, 1936; the corresponding increase at 1st June 1937, over 1st June, 1936, was 6.19 per cent. In those undertakings employing 21,044 persons, in which, at 1st July, 1937, legislation reducing working hours, in principle to 40 a week, had not been applied, 41.14 per cent. of the workpeople were on short time to such an extent as to bring their weekly hours below 48. In the remaining undertakings, employing 2,223,801 persons, in which at 1st July, 1937, the 40-hour week had been applied, the percentage of workpeople who were on short time to such an extent as to bring their weekly hours below 40 was 7.94. At 1st July, 1936, 19.02 per cent. of all the workers then covered by the investigation were working more than 40 and less than 48 hours, and 14.65 per cent. 40 hours or less a week; the remainder were working 48 hours or more a week. ‡

BELGIUM.||

Returns received by the National Employment and Unemployment Office from approved unemployment insurance funds with a total membership of 906,358 showed that 10.6 per cent. of these were totally unemployed in May, 1937, as compared with 10.8 per cent. in April, 1937, and 12.3 per cent. in May, 1936. In addition, 8.4 per cent. were employed intermittently in May, 1937, as compared with 7.3 per cent. in April, 1937, and 9.7 per cent. in May, 1936. In May, 1937, 11.7 per cent. of the aggregate possible working days were lost through unemployment; in the preceding month the percentage was 11.8, and in May, 1936, 16.6.

HOLLAND.¶

Unemployment showed a further decline during June. Figures compiled by the State Department of Unemployment Insurance and Employment Exchanges show that, of 462,769 members of subsidised unemployment funds making returns for the week ended 26th June, 1937, 22.8 per cent. were unemployed during the whole week and 2.7 per cent. for less than 6 days. In the corresponding week of the preceding month the percentages were 23.8 and 2.7, and in the last week of June, 1936, 28.6 and 5.3. At the end of June, 1937, 325,053 applicants for work were registered at public Employment Exchanges, of whom 310,616 were unemployed; at the end of the previous month the corresponding totals were 343,296 and 328,537, and at the end of June, 1936, 394,956 and 378,796.

SWITZERLAND.**

Unemployment continued to fall during June. At the end of that month 50,830 applications for employment (35.4 per thousand of the employed population according to the census of 1930) were registered at Employment Exchanges, as compared with 57,973 (40.4 per thousand) at the end of May, 1937, and 75,127 (52.3 per thousand) at the end of June, 1936. Offers of situations at the dates mentioned above numbered 2,954, 3,221, and 2,016, respectively.

AUSTRIA.††

There was a further reduction in unemployment during June. The total number of persons in receipt of benefit at the end of the month was 196,067 (96,263 in Vienna), as compared with 215,176 at the end of May, 1937, and 230,844 at the end of June, 1936.

* Provisional figure. † Revised figure.
‡ *Arbeit und Arbeitslosigkeit*, 12th August, 1937. Berlin.
§ *Bulletin du Marché du Travail*, 6th August, 1937, and *Journal Officiel* 13th August, 1937. Paris.
|| *Bulletin Mensuel du Placement et du Chômage*, July, 1937. Brussels.
¶ *Maandschrift van het Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek*, 31st July, 1937. The Hague.
** *La Vie Economique*, July, 1937. Berne.
†† *Statistische Nachrichten*, 24th July, 1937. Vienna.

POLAND.‡

The number of applicants for work remaining on the registers of the Employment Exchanges declined substantially during May to 331,308, as compared with 414,974 at the end of April, 1937, and 343,043 at the end of May, 1936.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.§

The total number of applicants for work remaining on the registers of the Employment Exchanges at the end of July, 1937, was 248,199,* as compared with 303,535† at the end of June, 1937, and 508,081 at the end of July, 1936.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

Unemployment increased in Denmark during July; it decreased in Norway during May, and in Sweden during June.

Denmark.||—According to returns received by the Danish Statistical Department from approved unemployment funds with a total membership of approximately 433,000, 15.1* per cent. of this membership were unemployed at the end of July, 1937, as compared with 13.9† per cent. at the end of June, 1937, and 12.1 per cent. at the end of July, 1936.

Norway.¶—Returns furnished by ten trade unions with a total membership of 81,832 show that 18.1 per cent. of this membership were unemployed at the end of May, 1937, as compared with 21.8 per cent. at the end of April, 1937, and 15.7 per cent. at the end of May, 1936.

*Sweden.***—Of a total of approximately 551,000 members covered by the returns of the reporting trade unions, 7.6* per cent. were unemployed at the end of June, 1937, as compared with 8.1 per cent. at the end of the previous month, and 9.3 per cent. at the end of June, 1936.

UNITED STATES.††

According to returns received by the Bureau of Labour Statistics from employers, covering over one half of the aggregate number of wage-earners in manufacturing industries, the number of workpeople employed at the middle of May, 1937, showed very little change as compared with the previous month. Aggregate weekly earnings in these establishments rose slightly during the same period. If the average monthly index of employment in manufacturing industries for the three years 1923–1925 be taken as 100, the corresponding index for May, 1937, was 102.2, as compared with 102.1† for the previous month, and 89.8 for May, 1936.

At the end of June, 1937, 5,016,014 applicants were registered at the public Employment Exchanges comprised in, or affiliated to, the United States Employment Service, a decline of 5.5 per cent. as compared with the previous month, and of 22.8 per cent. as compared with June, 1936. Included amongst the registered applicants are a large number of persons provided with employment on public relief work schemes.

Reports received by the American Federation of Labour from affiliated trade unions in 24 cities showed that, in June, 1937, 11* per cent. of the membership of these unions covered by the returns were unemployed, as compared with 11 per cent. also in May, 1937, and 17 per cent. in June, 1936.

IRISH FREE STATE.‡‡

The number of persons on the live registers of the Employment Exchanges fell from 64,011 at 28th June, 1937, to 63,288 at 26th July. The figures for both these dates are affected by the operation of two Orders§§ issued under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933, the effect of which is to restrict the eligibility for unemployment assistance of certain classes of persons living in rural areas. At 27th July, 1936, when similar Orders were in force, the total number of persons on the live registers was 68,959.

AUSTRALIA.||||

There was a continued decline in unemployment during the second quarter of 1937. The percentage of the members of reporting trade unions who were out of work for 3 days or more during a specified week in that quarter was 9.7, as compared with 9.9 in the preceding quarter, and 12.8 in the second quarter of 1936.

CANADA.¶¶

The total number of workpeople employed at 1st July, 1937, by 10,271 firms from which returns were received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 1,134,318 as compared with 1,088,652 at the beginning of June, 1937. If the average number of workpeople employed by the reporting firms in the year 1926 be represented by 100, the index of employment for 1st July, 1937, was 119.1, as compared with 114.3 at 1st June, 1937, and 104.6 at 1st July, 1936.

At the end of May, 1937, 9.5 per cent. of the aggregate membership (approximately 195,000) of trade unions making returns were unemployed, as compared with 11.1 per cent. at the end of April, 1937, and 14.8 per cent. at the end of May, 1936.

* Provisional figure. † Revised figure.

‡ *Wiadomości Statystyczne*, 15th July, 1937. Warsaw.

§ *Prager Tagblatt*, 5th August, 1937. Prague.

|| *Statistiske Efterretninger*, 6th August, 1937. Copenhagen.

¶ Information supplied by the Central Bureau of Statistics, Oslo.

** Information supplied by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Stockholm.

†† *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1937; information supplied by the Department of Labour; and *American Federationist*, July, 1937. Washington.

‡‡ Information supplied by the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin.

§§ These Orders came into force on 3rd March, and 2nd June, 1937, respectively, and are to expire simultaneously on 26th October, 1937.

|||| Information supplied by the Prime Minister's Department, Canberra.

¶¶ *The July Employment Situation*, 1937, and *THE LABOUR GAZETTE*, July, 1937, Ottawa.

CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR IN JULY.

Rates of Wages.

IN the industries covered by the Department's statistics* the changes in the rates of wages reported to have come into operation in July in Great Britain and Northern Ireland resulted in an aggregate increase of about £44,450 in the weekly full-time wages of 451,700 workpeople and in a decrease of £39,650 in those of 353,700 workpeople.

The particulars are analysed by industry groups below:—

Industry Group.	Approximate Number of Workpeople affected by		Estimated amount of change in Weekly Wages.	
	Increases.	Decreases.	Increases.	Decreases.
Mining and Quarrying ...	132,900	353,700	£ 12,400	£ 39,650
Engineering, Shipbuilding and other Metal ...	113,650	—	14,150	—
Textile ...	159,400	—	11,850	—
Other ...	45,750	—	6,050	—
Total ...	451,700	353,700	44,450	39,650

The principal increases in the mining and quarrying group affected coal miners in Northumberland, Lancashire and Cheshire, Leicestershire, the Forest of Dean, and Warwickshire. Other workpeople whose wages were increased included iron ore miners in Cumberland, Cleveland, and Northamptonshire, and limestone quarrymen in Cumberland, Durham, and Northamptonshire. The decreases in this group affected mainly coal miners in Yorkshire (except lower-paid day-wage workers), Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, North Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, and Scotland.

In the engineering, shipbuilding and metal group the principal increase affected men employed in federated shipbuilding and ship-repairing centres in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whose wages were increased by 2s. per week for timeworkers and by 4 per cent. for pieceworkers. Other increases affected blastfurnacemen in Cumberland, Durham, Cleveland, Lancashire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire and South Wales and Monmouthshire; bobbin makers in various districts in England and Wales; shuttlemakers in Lancashire and Yorkshire; and gold and silver workers at Birmingham.

In the textile group the principal increase affected workpeople engaged in the bleaching, dyeing, printing and finishing industries; the increase took effect under sliding scales under which wages fluctuate with changes in the cost of living, and amounted to about 2 per cent. on the average on current rates in Yorkshire, and to 1s. 3d. a week for men and 9d. a week for women in Lancashire and Scotland. Other increases affected workpeople employed in hosiery manufacture in various districts in the Midland counties, whose cost-of-living bonus was increased by 1d. on each shilling earned; and those employed in the flax and hemp and jute trades, for whom there were increases in the minimum rates fixed under the Trade Boards Acts.

In the other industry groups the principal increases affected paper makers in the West of England, Wales and Scotland; certain classes of women felt hat makers in England and Wales; and workpeople employed in the tanning and currying industry in various districts in

Great Britain. Other increases affected brick and tile makers in the Bridgwater district; men employed by public works contractors in certain outer London districts; electricians employed by electrical contractors in Scotland; adult male manual workers employed by waterworks undertakings in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire; and certain employees of local authorities in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and the East Midland Area.

Of the total increase of £44,450 per week, about £9,400 took effect under arrangements made by joint standing bodies (including £6,800 due to the operation of sliding scales based on the cost of living); £4,350 was due to the operation of other sliding scales based on the cost of living; £14,000 took effect under sliding scales based on selling prices or on the proceeds of the industry (coal mining); and the remaining £16,700 was due to direct negotiation between employers and workpeople.

The decrease of £39,650 was wholly due to the operation of sliding scales based on the proceeds of the coal mining industry.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES REPORTED IN JANUARY–JULY, 1937.

Industry Group.	Approximate Number of Workpeople† affected by net		Estimated Net Amount of Change in Weekly Wages.	
	Increases.	Decreases.	Increases.	Decreases.
Coal Mining ...	600,500	—	£ 146,000	—
Other Mining and Quarrying	29,550	—	4,500	—
Brick, Pottery, Glass, Chemical, etc. ...	160,450	—	13,200	—
Iron and Steel ...	155,600	—	29,300	—
Engineering ...	403,650	—	22,400	—
Shipbuilding ...	98,700	—	20,400	—
Other Metal ...	137,750	—	16,200	—
Textile ...	333,800	—	43,550	—
Clothing ...	188,850	—	24,200	—
Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	28,250	—	3,100	—
Woodworking, Furniture, etc.	61,850	—	10,850	—
Paper, Printing, etc. ...	13,550	—	1,650	—
Building, Public Works Contracting, etc. ...	700,400	—	53,400	—
Gas, Water and Electricity Supply ...	14,550	—	1,400	—
Transport ...	212,000	100	14,200	5
Public Administration Services ...	38,000	—	4,200	—
Other ...	30,650	—	5,050	—
Total ...	3,208,100	100	413,600	5

In the corresponding seven months of 1936, there were net increases of £332,200 in the weekly full-time wages of 2,798,250 workpeople, and net decreases of £1,700 in those of 22,250 workpeople.

Hours of Labour.

The changes during July in the number of hours constituting a full ordinary week's work, for which statistics are available, affected about 1,000 workpeople, whose recognised hours were reduced by one hour per week.

The changes reported during the first seven months of 1937 have affected about 134,500 workpeople, who have had an average reduction of nearly 2 hours per week, and nearly 300 workpeople who have had an average increase of 2 hours per week.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGES REPORTED DURING JULY, 1937.

Industry.	District.	Date from which Change took effect.	Classes of Workpeople.	Particulars of Change. (Decreases in italics.)
Agriculture	Sussex ...	12 July	Male workers 21 years and over employed wholly or mainly as horsemen, cowmen, stockmen or shepherds.	Increase in minimum rate of 9d. per week (37s. 6d. to 38s. 3d.).‡
	Dorset ...	1 July	Other male workers ...	Increases in minimum rates of from 2½d. to 9d. per week. Minimum rates after change: 8s. 7d. at under 14 years increasing to 33s. 3d. at 21 years and over.†
	Northumberland ...	1 July	Male workers ...	Increases in minimum rates of from 7d. to 2s. per week. Minimum rates after change: 10s. 1d. at 14 years increasing to 33s. at 21 years and over.†
Coal Mining	South Yorkshire ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	Increase of 0·78 (42·50 to 43·28) in the percentage addition to basis rates.§
	South Yorkshire ...	1st pay day after 19 July.	All workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	<i>Decrease of 5·42 in the percentage addition to basis rates, leaving the percentage at the minimum of 32.‖</i>
	South Yorkshire ...	1st pay day after 19 July.	Lower-paid day-wage workers	New scales of minimum basis day rates adopted, commencing—for underground workers—at 2s. 6d. at 14 years increasing to 7s. at 23, and, for surface workers, at 1s. 11d. at 14 years increasing to 5s. 8½d. at 22, involving increases in basis rates of amounts varying from 3d. to 1s. 6d. per day.‖
Coal Mining	West Yorkshire ...	1 July	All workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	<i>Decrease of 5·42 in the percentage additions to basis rates, leaving the percentages at the minimum of 32 for underground workers, 30·34 for surface workers in the Eastern sub-division and 27 for surface workers in the Western sub-division.‖</i>
	West Yorkshire ...	Commencement of making-up week ended 27 or 28 July.	Lower-paid day-wage workers.	New scales of minimum basis day rates adopted, ranging, for underground workers, from 2s. 4d. (Western sub-division) and 2s. 5d. (Eastern sub-division) at 14 to 14½ years increasing to 6s. 8d. (Western sub-division) and 6s. 10d. (Eastern sub-division) at 23, and for surface workers of 1s. 11d. at 14 to 14½ years increasing to 5s. 8½d. at 22, involving increases in basis rates of amounts varying from 3d. to 1s. 6·36d. per day.‖

* The particulars of numbers affected and amount of change in the weekly wages exclude changes affecting Government employees, agricultural labourers, shop assistants and clerks, for which classes the information available is not sufficient to form a basis for statistics. Where information is available, however, details of changes in the current rates of wages of these classes are shown in the list of principal changes recorded. The estimate of the effects of the changes on weekly wages are based on normal conditions of employment, and do not take into account the effect of short-time working, etc.

† In addition to the numbers quoted, wages stand at the same level as at the beginning of the year in the case of 214,000 workpeople whose wages have been increased and reduced by equal amounts during the year.

‡ These increases took effect under Orders issued under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924.

§ Flat-rate additions are also paid of 6d. per shift to workers 18 years and over and of 3d. per shift to other workers, as well as allowances in kind (free houses or rent allowances and fire coal).

‖ Apart from the percentage additions to basis rates, certain flat-rate additions per day or per shift, granted in January, 1936, are paid to all workers, as well as "subsistence allowances" to adult day-wage workers for whom the basis rates plus the percentage additions do not yield certain specified amounts.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGES REPORTED DURING JULY, 1937—*continued.*

Industry.	District.	Date from which Change took effect.	Classes of Workpeople.	Particulars of Change. (Decreases in italics.)
Coal Mining — <i>contd.</i>	Lancashire and Cheshire. Leicestershire ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	Increase of 6.16 (2.5 to 8.66) in the percentage addition to gross wages.
	Nottinghamshire ...			Increase of 1.20 (42.74 to 43.94) in the percentage addition to basis rates.*
	Derbyshire (except South Derbyshire). South Derbyshire ...			<i>Decrease of 5 (81.35 to 76.35) in the percentage addition to basis rates.*</i>
	North Staffordshire			<i>Decrease of 7.36 (62.61 to 55.25) in the percentage addition to basis rates.*</i>
	Cannock Chase ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines, other than engine winders, deputies and firemen, examiners and shotlighters.	<i>Decrease of 3.05 (42.70 to 39.65) in the percentage addition to basis rates.*</i>
	Warwickshire ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	<i>Decreases of 1 (42 to 41) in the percentage addition to basis rates of workers in receipt of basis rates from 5s. 2½d. to 5s. 9d. per shift inclusive, and of 2 (45 to 43) in the percentage addition to basis rates of other workers.†</i>
	Forest of Dean ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines, other than master hauliers, underground linesmen and engineers.	<i>Decrease of 2.31 in the percentage additions to basis rates, leaving the percentages 48.13 for surface workers not handling coal and 46.13 for all other workers.*</i>
	Scotland ...	1 July	Workpeople employed in and about coal mines.	Increase of 1 (64 to 65) in the percentage addition to basis rates at the majority of the collieries.*‡
	South Yorkshire ...	1 July	Cokemen and by-product workers	Increase of 3.375 in the percentage addition to basis rates of 1919 (equivalent to 2.5 on standard rates of 1921), making the percentage 72.125 above basis rates of 1919 (equivalent to 27.5 above standard rates of 1921).*
	Cumberland... ..	1st bargain day in July	Workpeople employed in and about iron ore mines.	<i>Decrease of 11.13 (133.33 to 122.20) in the percentage addition to basis rates.§</i>
Other Mining and Quarrying.	Cleveland	26 July	Ironstone miners	<i>Decrease of 5.42 in the percentage addition to basis rates, leaving the percentage at the minimum of 32.*</i>
	Northamptonshire (excluding Corby). Banbury and District.	Pay preceding 1st pay day in Aug. 12 July	Ironstone miners and quarrymen	Increases|| of 10d. per shift for those 18 years and over and of 5d. per shift for those under 18 years: miners' minimum wage increased from 7s. 6d. to 7s. 11d. per shift. Rates after change include: shiftmen (1st class or leading), 9s. 10d. per shift; winding enginemen, joiners and blacksmiths, 9s. 7d.; underground miners' bargain price, 9s. 7d.; underground leading labourers, 8s. 11d.
	Northamptonshire (excluding Corby). West Cumberland			Increase|| of 8.70 (73.10 to 81.80) in the percentage addition to standard rates. Rate after change for labourers, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 1d. per shift plus 81.80 per cent.¶
	South and West Durham.			Increase|| of 4 (29.5 to 33.5) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
	Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton.			Increases|| of 10d. per shift for those 18 years and over and of 5d. per shift for those under 18 years.
	Bridgwater and District.	1 July	Dayworkers... ..	Increase|| of 8.70 (73.10 to 81.80) in the percentage addition to standard rates. Rate after change for labourers, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 1d. per shift plus 81.80 per cent.
			Pieceworkers	Increase of 5 per cent.
	West Cumberland and North Lancashire. Cleveland and Durham.	2nd full pay in July 4 July	Workpeople (excluding those engaged on maintenance work) employed at blastfurnaces.	Increase of 1s. per week for adult male workers. Minimum rates after change: kiln burners, 1s. 4½d. per hour; other adult male workers, 49s. per week. Bonus paid on basic rates increased from 135 to 137½ per cent.
	Tees-side	4 July 1st making-up day in July	Workpeople (excluding those engaged on maintenance work) employed at blastfurnaces.	Increase|| of 11.75 (27.25 to 39) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
	North Staffordshire	4 July 1st full pay period after 12 July	Cokemen and by-product workers	Increase|| of 7 (18 to 25) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
Pig Iron and Iron and Steel Manufacture.	South Staffordshire	12 July	Workpeople (excluding those engaged on maintenance work) employed at blastfurnaces.	Increase|| of 7.5 (34.75 to 42.25) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
	Northamptonshire (excluding Corby).	Pay preceding 1st pay day in Aug. 4 July	Workpeople (including those engaged on maintenance work) employed at blastfurnaces.	Increase|| of 5 (10 to 15) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
	South Wales and Monmouthshire (certain firms).	4 July	Workpeople (excluding those engaged on maintenance work) employed at blastfurnaces and in melting shops and iron and steel rolling mills by members of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Iron and Steel Manufacturers' Association.	Increase|| of 4 (29.5 to 33.5) in the percentage addition to standard rates.
	South Wales and Monmouthshire.	1 July	Engineers and other craftsmen employed at blastfurnaces and in iron and steel works (except Siemens steel works in South-West Wales).	Minimum wage increased from 44s. to 46s. per week, and an increase of 5 per cent. on weekly earnings for those previously in receipt of over 44s. per week.
	Carlisle, West Cumberland and Windermere.	1 July	Fitters, turners, machinemen, brass finishers, toolmakers, millwrights, etc.	Increase of 3s. 9d. (68s. 9d. to 72s. 6d.) per week of 47 hours for journeymen, with proportionate increases for all other grades of men covered by the South Wales Allied Skilled Trades Agreement.
		1st full pay in July 1 July	Patternmakers	Increase of 1s. per week in base rates. Rate after change for fitters and turners, 46s. plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers.
	Tees, Tyne and Wear	**	Skilled moulders and coremakers...	Increase of 2s. per week, due to the establishment of a differential rate of 5s. over district fitters' rate. Rate after change, 51s. plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers. Base rates below 48s. per week increased to 48s.
	Keighley	29 July	Fully qualified iron, steel and brass dressers.	Base rates below 41s. per week increased to 41s.
			Skilled moulders and coremakers...	Increase of 1s. per week in base rate. Rates after change: skilled moulders, 49s.; coremakers, 46s.; plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers.
	Lincoln, Gainsborough, Merton and Newark.	5 July	Fitters, turners, iron moulders, patternmakers, toolmakers, millwrights and machinists.	Increase of 1s. per week in base rates. Rates after change: fitters, turners and moulders, 44s.; patternmakers, toolmakers and millwrights, 49s.; plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers.
Engineering	Worcester	5 July	Platers	Increase of 2s. per week in base rate. Rate after change, 47s. plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers.
			Labourers and semi-skilled men ...	Increase of 1s. per week in base rates. Rate after change for labourers, 26s. plus a bonus of 17s. per week for timeworkers.

* Apart from the percentage additions to basis rates, certain flat-rate additions per day or per shift, granted in January, 1936, are paid to all workers, as well as "subsistence allowances" to adult day-wage workers for whom the basis rates plus the percentage additions do not yield certain specified amounts.

† Flat-rate additions are also paid of 1s. per day to workers 21 years and over and of 6d. per day to other workers.

‡ At four collieries a lower percentage is payable: the percentage addition is 52 at two collieries, 55 at one colliery and 60 at another.

§ Flat-rate additions are also paid of 9d. per shift to male workers 18 years and over and of 4½d. per shift to other male workers, with proportionate additions for female workers.

|| Under selling-price sliding-scale arrangements.

¶ Flat-rate additions are also paid of 4d. per shift to workers 18 years and over and of 2d. per shift to other workers.

** Beginning of first full pay in week commencing 26 July.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGES REPORTED DURING JULY, 1937—*continued.*

Industry.	District.	Date from which Change took effect.	Classes of Workpeople.	Particulars of Change.
Engineering— <i>contd.</i>	Bristol	Commencement of pay week following 3 July	Fully qualified toolmakers... ..	Adoption of minimum rate of 5s. per week above the recognised district basis time rate for skilled fitters and turners. Rate after change: 51s. plus a bonus of 17s. per week for time-workers.
	London Area	5 July	Trimmers	Base rate advanced from 40s. to 41s. per week.
	Clyde	30 June	Millwrights and skilled fitters engaged on maintenance work.	Adoption of minimum rate for millwrights and skilled fitters engaged on maintenance of firm's own plant of 1d. per hour above the recognised district basis time rate for skilled fitters and turners.
Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing, etc.	All federated ship-building and ship-repairing centres in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	Beginning of 1st full pay week in July	Male workers 21 years of age and over employed in the shipbuilding and ship-repairing industry, with the exception of those whose wages fluctuate in accordance with wages in other industries.	Increases of 2s. per week bonus for timeworkers and of 4 per cent. for pieceworkers.
	Hull*		Platers, shipwrights, electricians, etc., employed on repairs of fishing vessels.	Increase of 2s. per week. Rates after change include: platers, 98s. 6d.; shipwrights, 70s. 6d.; shipwrights' labourers, 51s.
	Mersey District		Ship scrapers, scalers, trimmers, etc.	Increases of 1s. per week for scaler boys and of 2s. per week for other classes. Rates after change include: ship scrapers, 12s. 7½d. per day, 6s. 10½d. Saturdays; scalers, 10s. 1½d. per day, 5s. 4½d. Saturdays.
Bobbin and Shuttle Manufacture.	England and Wales	1st pay day in July	Workpeople employed in the bobbin-making industry; also shuttlemakers employed by certain firms at Garston and Blackburn:— Male workers 21 years and over. Female workers 18 years and over. Youths and boys Girls	Increase† of 1s. per week. Rates after change: higher-skilled men, 60s. 6d.; lesser-skilled men, 51s.; labourers, 41s. Increase† of 6d. per week (23s. 6d. to 24s.). Increases† of amounts varying according to age from 4d. to 8d. per week. Rates after change: 12s. 4d. at 14 years increasing to 24s. 8d. at 20 years. Increases† of 4d. or 5d. per week, according to age. Rates after change: 12s. 4d. at 14 years increasing to 17s. at 17 years.
	Lancashire	1st pay day in July	Shuttlemakers	Increase† of 1 (31 to 32) in the percentage addition to basis rates. Minimum daywork rate after change for journeymen: 1s. per hour plus 32 per cent. (1s. 3·84d. per hour).
	Lancashire		Apprentices to shuttlemakers	Increase† of 1 in the percentage additions to basis rates, making the percentages 32 above basis piece rates and 14·5 above basis time rates. Time rates after change: 9s. per week at 14 years increasing to 21s. at 20 years, plus in each case 14·5 per cent.
	Yorkshire		Shuttlemakers	Increase† of 1 (29 to 30) in the percentage addition to basis rates. Minimum daywork rate after change for labourers 1s. per hour plus 30 per cent. (1s. 3·60d. per hour).
Gold, Silver and Allied Trades.	Birmingham	1st pay day in July	Adult male timeworkers	Adoption of minimum hourly rates of 1s. 6d. for skilled processes, 1s. 2d. and 1s. 3d. for semi-skilled, 1s. and 1s. 1½d. for unskilled, and 10d. and 11½d. for labourers, involving increases of amounts varying from 1½d. to 3d. per hour.
			Apprentices	Scale adopted commencing at 15s. per week at under 16½ years and increasing to 50s. at 21 years.
			Female timeworkers	Adoption of minimum hourly rates of 9d. for skilled processes, 7d. and 7½d. for semi-skilled and 6d. and 6½d. for unskilled, involving increases of amounts varying from 1d. to 2½d. per hour.
Malleable Ironfounding.	Walsall	Week ending 26 June	Pieceworkers	Piecework rates increased so as to enable a worker of average ability to earn 10 per cent. more than the minimum day rates, in lieu of the previous arrangement based on the minimum day rates only.
			Timeworkers	Increases for males of 1s. 1d. per week for helpers 14 and under 18, 2s. 5d. for helpers 18 and under 21, and 4s. for those 21 and over, and for females of 1s. for those under 18, 1s. 6d. for those 18 and under 21, and 2s. for those 21 and over: moulders' labourers and helpers to receive an additional 2s. per week.
			Pieceworkers	Increase of 5 in the percentage addition to piece price list, with an additional 5 per cent. to those earning less than 50s. on base rates. Percentages payable after change: cupola men, 35 and 40; crucible work or tub men, 40 and 45; buckle men, 45 and 50.
Typefounding	London	23 July	Workpeople employed in type foundries.	Increases† of 1s. per week for male workers and of 6d. per week for female workers.
Mechanical Cloth Manufacture.	Bury and District	1st pay day in May	Workpeople employed in the manufacture of cloth (woven felt) for mechanical purposes.	Adoption of new scales of basic time rates, and revision of the cost-of-living sliding-scale arrangements involving increases of varying amounts. Minimum basic weekly rates after change include: men 21 years and over, 26s. 6d., plus cost-of-living wage of 18s. 9d.; women 18 years and over, 20s., plus cost-of-living wage of 11s. 9d.
Woollen and Worsted Spinning.	Leicester	1st pay day in July.	Workpeople employed in the lambs-wool and worsted yarn spinning industry (excluding engineers, etc.).	Bonus on earnings increased† from 1½d. to 1¾d. in the shilling. Minimum weekly rates after change: lambswool section, men 23 years and over, 42s. 6d., women 21 years and over, 25s. 6d.; worsted yarn spinning section, men 23 years and over, 45s., women 28s.; plus in each case 1¾d. in the shilling.
Jute Manufacture	Great Britain	12 July	Workpeople employed in preparing, spinning or weaving (a) jute or (b) jute and any other fibre except flax and hemp:— Male workers (except hessian weavers).	Increases† in the minimum rates fixed under the Trade Boards Acts as follows:—
			Female workers (except hessian weavers in the districts mentioned below).	Increases in general minimum time rates of 2s. 3d. per week for loom tenters 21 years and over, of 5s. for loom under-tenters 23 years and over, and of 7d. to 1s. 7d. (according to age) for other workers.
			Hessian weavers (females employed in the Aberdeen, Barrow-in-Furness, Dundee, Dysart, Kirkcaldy and Tayport areas, and males employed in all districts).	Increases in general minimum time rates of 1s. 2d. to 1s. 11d. per week (according to size of bobbins and number of spindles) for spinners, of 1s. 2d. for orra (or spare) spinners 18 years and over, of 1s. 5½d. for spinning shifting mistresses, of 6½d. to 7½d. for weaving learners, and of 7d. to 1s. for other workers; and increase in the piecework basis time rate of ¾d. per hour. Increase in general minimum piece rates of approximately 4½ per cent., and in general minimum and guaranteed time rates of 7d. to 1s. 7d. per week for male workers, and of 7d. to 1s. for female workers.

* This increase affected workpeople employed by members of The Hull Fishing Vessel Owners' Association.
† Under cost-of-living sliding-scale arrangements.

‡ In the Dundee district a general increase of 4½ per cent. was granted in January, 1937, pending the fixation of these rates by the Trade Board (see page 73 of the February, 1937, issue of this GAZETTE).

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Industry.	District.	Date from which Change took effect.	Classes of Workpeople.	Particulars of Change.
Flax and Hemp	Great Britain ...	12 July	Workpeople employed in the flax and hemp trade :— Male workers (other than spinners). Male spinners 16 years and over. Female workers ...	Increases in the minimum rates fixed under the Trade Boards Acts as follows :— Increases in general minimum time rates of 1s. 10d. to 2s. 8d. per week for adults, with smaller amounts for boys and youths, and increases of 2½d. to 3½d. per piece in the general minimum piece rates for canvas weavers, and of 2s. 6d. per week in the piecework basis time rates for hosepipe weavers. Adoption of general minimum time rates for day shift and for night shift spinners. Increases in general minimum time rates of 1s. 4d. per week for certain special classes of workers (spinners, weavers, etc.), of 6d. to 8d. for learners, and of 6d. to 1s. 2d. (according to age), for other classes of workers; and increase of 1s. 5d. per week in the piecework basis time rates.
Hosiery Manufacture.	Various districts in the Midland Counties.* Hinckley ...	1st pay day in July 1st pay day in July	All classes of workpeople employed in the manufacture of hosiery (except dyers, trimmers, etc.). Footwear trimmers on piecework employed in hosiery manufacturers' trimshops.	Bonus of 5d. in the shilling increased† to 6d. in the shilling. Bonus of 5d. in the shilling increased† to 6d. in the shilling.
	Yorkshire (majority of firms) and certain firms in Lancashire.‡	1st pay day in Aug.§	Workpeople employed in the dyeing and finishing trades.	Cost-of-living wage increased† from 51 to 55 per cent. on basic rates for timeworkers, from 40½ to 44 per cent. for pieceworkers (except pressers) and from 30½ to 33 per cent. for hand pressers. Minimum weekly rates after change for timeworkers||: adult male process workers, 32s., plus 55 per cent.; women, 18 years and over, 20s., plus 55 per cent.
	Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire (majority of firms) and certain firms in Yorkshire; also Scotland.¶	1st pay day in Aug.§	Workpeople employed in the bleaching, dyeing, calico printing and finishing trades (except waste bleachers, machine calico printers, engravers, mechanics, firemen, etc.).	Cost-of-living wage increased† from 16s. 4d. to 17s. 7d. per week for male timeworkers, 21 years and over; from 15s. 10d. to 17s. 1d. for male pieceworkers, 21 years and over; from 9s. 8d. to 10s. 5d. per week for women 18 years and over in Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, and 21 years and over in Scotland; and by proportionate amounts for juveniles. Minimum rates after change for timeworkers||: Lancashire, etc.—male workers, 21 years and over, 30s., plus 17s. 7d.; women, 18 years and over, 20s., plus 10s. 5d.; Scotland—male workers, 21 years and over, 27s., plus 17s. 7d.; women, 21 years and over, 17s., plus 10s. 5d.
Textile Bleaching, Dyeing, Finishing, etc.	Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire (majority of firms) and certain firms in Yorkshire. Middleton ...	1st pay day in Aug.§ 1st pay day in Aug.§	Firemen, engine tenters, oilers and greasers and assistant firemen employed in bleaching, dyeing, etc., works. Workpeople employed in the dyeing and finishing trades (except reellers).	Increase† of 1s. 5d. per week. Minimum rate after change for firemen, 54s. 3d. Cost-of-living wage increased† from 51 to 55 per cent. for male dyers; from 16s. 4d. to 17s. 7d. per week for male polishers and from 9s. 8d. to 10s. 5d. for female polishers, and by varying amounts for juveniles. Minimum weekly rates after change for timeworkers||: men, 21 years and over—dyers, 32s., plus 55 per cent.; polishers, 30s., plus 17s. 7d.; women polishers, 23s. 6d., plus 10s. 5d.
	Hebden Bridge ...	1st pay day in Aug.§	Workpeople employed in the fustian cutting, dyeing and finishing trades :— Timeworkers ... Pieceworkers ...	Cost-of-living wage increased† from 16s. 4d. to 17s. 7d. per week for men, 21 years and over; from 9s. 8d. to 10s. 5d. for women, 18 years and over, and by varying amounts for juveniles. Minimum rates after change||: men, 21 years and over, 31s., plus 17s. 7d.; women, 18 years and over, 28s. 6d., plus 10s. 5d. Cost-of-living wage increased† from 46 to 49½ per cent. for netherwood cutters; from 42 to 45 per cent. for hand cutters; from 36 to 38½ per cent. for menders, and from 40 to 43 per cent. for other pieceworkers.
	Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Scotland.	1st pay day in Aug.§	Engravers, etc., employed in calico print works. Engravers employed in engraving works.	Cost-of-living wage increased† from 23s. 4d. to 24s. 6d. per week for engravers, and from 16s. 4d. to 17s. 7d. for turners, polishers and varnishers. Cost-of-living wage increased† from 23s. 4d. to 24s. 6d. per week for male workers, 21 years and over; from 14s. 3d. to 14s. 10d. for women, and by proportionate amount for youths.
Sailmaking	Hull ...	1st full pay in July	Sailmakers ...	Increase of 2s. per week. Rates after change: machinemen, 68s. 1d.; benchhands, 66s. 1d.
Elastic Web Manufacture.	Leicester ...	23 July	Elastic web weavers and braid hands (male workers).	Bonus on earnings increased† from 11s. 6d. to 12s. in the £.
Retail Bespoke Tailoring.	Northern Ireland ...	5 July	Workpeople employed in the retail bespoke tailoring trade :— Male workers except those in Class C.** Female workers except those in Class C.** Workers remunerated on the "log" system, other than those employed in Lisburn and in rural districts and towns with a population of less than 2,000.	Increases in the minimum rates fixed under the Trade Boards Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, as follows :— Increases in general minimum time rates of ¼d. or ½d. per hour for workers with not less than 5 years' experience, of 3d. to 1s. 9d. per week according to length of service for learners, and of 6d. to 2s. 6d. per week according to age for male workers other than the above; and increases of ¼d. or ½d. in piecework basis time rates. Increases in general minimum time rates of ¼d. or ½d. per hour for learners (except during first year in Belfast and Londonderry), and of ¾d. or 1d. for other workers; and increases of ¾d. or 1d. in piecework basis time rates. Increases of from ¾d. to 1d. per "log" hour for male workers, with proportionate increases for female workers.
Hat, Cap, etc., Manufacture.	England and Wales	19 July	Female workers in the felt hat manufacturing section of the hat, cap and millinery trade (other than learners employed at a time rate) employed wholly or mainly in stitching, binding, trimming, lining-making or wool-forming.	Increases of 1d. per hour in the minimum time rate and piecework basis time rate fixed under the Trade Boards Acts.
Felt Hat Making	Atherstone and Bedworth.	20 July	Male pieceworkers ...	Bonus of 22½ per cent. on list prices increased† to 25 per cent.

* Including Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Ilkeston, Derby, Hinckley and Coventry districts.

† Under cost-of-living sliding-scale arrangements.

‡ This increase applied to workers employed by firms who are members of the Yorkshire Master Dyers' Committee, The Bradford Dyers' Association, Ltd., and the Employers' Federation of Cotton Yarn Bleachers, Dyers and Sizers (certain firms). Except in a few cases in the Bradford area, the change did not apply in the dyeing and finishing departments of woollen and worsted manufacturers who do their own dyeing and finishing.

§ In respect of the preceding pay period.

¶ Special temporary payments, ranging up to 3s. a week for men, and up to 1s. for women, are made, in addition, to certain timeworkers engaged in productive process work for which a system of collective piecework has not yet been introduced.

|| This increase applied to workers employed by firms who are members of the Federation of Calico Printers, the Employers' Federation of Dyers and Finishers, the Employers' Federation of Bleachers, and the Employers' Federation of Cotton Yarn Bleachers, Dyers and Sizers (certain firms), and the Scottish Federation of Dyers and Bleachers (Piece Goods).

** Class C workers are those employed in rural districts or in towns with a population of less than 2,000. Full details of the minimum rates are contained in the Minister of Labour's (Northern Ireland) confirming order obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office.

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Industry.	District.	Date from which Change took effect.	Classes of Workpeople.	Particulars of Change. (Decreases in italics.)
Boot and Shoe Repairing.	Great Britain ...	19 July	Apprentices ...	New scale of minimum time rates fixed under the Trade Boards Acts for those indentured on or after 19th July, 1937s.
Baking	Liverpool, Birkenhead and Wallasey.	19 July	Bakers and confectioners ...	Increase* of 2s. per week for adult workers, and of 1s. per week for juniors. Weekly rates after change for daywork: forehands and ovenmen, 68s.; tablehands, 62s.; juniors—factories: 20s. at 17 years increasing to 40s. at 20; small shops—17s. at 17 years increasing to 37s. at 20. Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour (1s. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 1s. 8d.).
Mill Sawing	Cardiff, Newport and Swansea.	1st pay day in July	Woodcutting machinists and sawyers employed in sawmills.	
	Glasgow (certain firms).	1st full pay in July	Labourers employed in sawmills ...	Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour (1s. to 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.).
	Belfast ...	1 July	Labourers employed in sawmills ...	Increase of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour. Rate after change, 50s. for 47-hour week.
Paper Manufacture.	Scotland, West of England and Wales.	1 July	Workpeople employed in paper mills (excluding those employed in hand-made paper mills and board mills).	Increases in minimum rates of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour for male timeworkers 21 years and over, of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour for female timeworkers 18 years and over, of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for juvenile timeworkers, and of proportionate amounts for pieceworkers. Minimum rates after change: adult male workers, papermaking, class I—shiftworkers, 1s. 5d.; papercoating, class I—1s. 3d., 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; papermaking and papercoating, class II—1s. 2d., 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; class III—1s. 1d., 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., for shiftworkers and dayworkers respectively; female timeworkers, 18 years and over, 7d. $\frac{1}{2}$.
Building	Londonderry ...	1 July	Building trade operatives ...	Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour. Rates after change: plumbers, 1s. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; other craftsmen, 1s. 7d.; labourers, 1s.
Public Works Contracting.	Certain districts in Metropolitan Police Area†	First full pay week in July	Men employed by public works contractors.	Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour.† Rate after change for labourers, 1s. 2d.
Electrical Contracting.	Scotland§ ...	1 July	Journeymen electricians employed by electrical contractors.	Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour (1s. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 1s. 7d.).§
Waterworks Undertakings.	Certain undertakings in Lancashire and Cheshire.||	1st full pay week after 16 June	Road transport workers ...	Revised rates of wages adopted, resulting in increases of various amounts. Rates after change: drivers of mechanically-propelled vehicles, 1s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour according to capacity of vehicle; loaders 1s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; drivers of horse-drawn vehicles, 1s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.¶
	Certain undertakings in the Yorkshire Area.**	1st full pay week following 1 July	Adult male manual workers, except road transport workers and those whose wages are regulated by movements in other industries.	Increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour. Minimum rates after change: labourers, 1s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; pipe jointers, 1s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; stokers, 1s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.¶
Road Transport	Sheffield ...	1 July	Horse carters ...	Increase* of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour. Scheduled minimum rates after change for labourers: Grade A undertakings, 1s. 2d.; Grade B, 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Grade C, 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Local Authorities (Non-Trading Services).	Certain authorities in the East Midland Area.††	1st pay day in July	Certain classes of manual workers...	Re-classification of various occupations, resulting in increases of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. or 1d. per hour. Rates after change in Grade A areas include: labourers (destructors, disinfectors and salvage plant), 1s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; engine and motor drivers, 1s. 6d. Increases of amounts varying up to 4s. per week.
	Surrey ...	30 June and 1 July	Certain classes of male and female workers not affected by increase of 1 April.	Weekly rates of wages adopted, resulting in increases of from 5s. to 7s. 6d. per week.††
	Certain authorities in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.§§	1st pay week in July	Certain classes of manual workers employed by County Council. Manual workers, except those whose wages are regulated by movements in other industries.	Increase of 1s. per week. Rates after change: Grade A areas, 53s. 11d.; Grade B, 53s. 6d.; Grade C, 51s. 6d.; Grade D, 49s.; Grade E, 47s.; Grade F, 45s.; Grade G, 43s.; Grade H, 41s.; Grade J, 39s.
Leather Manufacture.	Various districts in Great Britain.||||	1st full working week in July||||	Workpeople employed in the tanning, currying and leather dressing industry.	Adoption of new scales of minimum rates involving increases of from $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 1d. per hour for adult male timeworkers and of varying amounts for women and youths. The provision that pieceworkers' rate shall be such as to enable an average worker to earn at least 25 per cent. above time rates to remain. Basic hourly rates after change for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled male timeworkers respectively include:—London, 1s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Scotland and Lancashire, 1s. 4d., 1s. 2d., 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Yorkshire||||, Midlands, Bristol and West of England, 1s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Walsall (curriers), 1s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; women 20 years and over: London—semi-skilled 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., unskilled 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Provinces, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Scotland, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Retail Distribution.	Bristol, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset.	5 July	Transport workers employed by co-operative societies affiliated to the District Hours and Wages Board of the Co-operative Union, Ltd.	Adoption of scales of weekly rates involving increases of varying amounts for certain workers. Rates after change include: mechanical vehicle drivers, 53s. 6d. to 74s. 6d., electrical vehicle drivers, 52s. 6d. to 63s. 6d. stablemen, loaders, mates, 50s. 6d. to 61s. 6d. according to tonnage and the grading of the town.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN HOURS OF LABOUR REPORTED DURING JULY, 1937.

Mercantile Marine.	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	1 July	Catering department staff on home trade vessels.	Revised hours adopted not exceeding 70 per week or 10 per day on cargo vessels; on passenger vessels hours to be so arranged as to ensure not less than 12 hours off duty (14 for boys) in each period of 24 hours.
Local Authorities (Non-Trading Services).	Surrey ...	30 June and 1 July	Manual workers employed by County Council.	Reduction of 1 hour per week. Hours after change: summer, 48; winter, 44.¶¶

* Under cost-of-living sliding-scale arrangements.

† The new minimum rates for workers employed in coating mills are 1s. 3d. and 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for shiftworkers and day workers respectively in Class I occupations; for other occupations in coating mills the rates are the same as those quoted above.

‡ This increase resulted from the regrading (from lowest grade to second grade) by agreement of the Public Works Conciliation Board for the London Area of the following districts:—Bromley, Carshalton, Chislehurst and Sidcup, Crayford, Ealing, Enfield, Epsom and Ewell, Erith, Hendon, Hornsey, Kingston-upon-Thames, Malden and Combe, Richmond, Southall, Southgate, Surbiton, Sutton and Cheam, Twickenham, Wembley and Wood Green.

§ This increase applied mainly to workers employed by firms who are members of the Electrical Contractors' Association of Scotland.

|| The undertakings affected are mainly those affiliated to the Lancashire and Cheshire Counties District Council for the Waterworks Undertakings Industry.

¶ In rural and small urban areas, lower rates operate but in no case more than 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour below the rates quoted above.

** The undertakings affected are mainly those affiliated to the Yorkshire District Joint Industrial Council for the Waterworks Undertakings Industry.

†† The authorities affected are mainly those affiliated to the East Midland Area Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers).

‡‡ See also under "Changes in Hours of Labour."

§§ The authorities affected are mainly those affiliated to the Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.

|||| In the case of Yorkshire the change is to take effect from the first full pay in September, 1937.

¶¶ See also under "Changes in Rates of Wages."

TRADE DISPUTES IN JULY.*

Number, Magnitude and Duration.—The number of disputes involving stoppages of work reported to the Department as beginning in July in Great Britain and Northern Ireland was 64. In these 64 new disputes about 30,800 workpeople were directly involved, and 89,900 workpeople indirectly involved (*i.e.*, thrown out of work at the establishments where the disputes occurred, though not themselves parties to the disputes). In addition, about 2,200 workpeople were involved, either directly or indirectly, in 26 disputes which began before July, and were still in progress at the beginning of that month. The number of new and old disputes was thus 90, involving 122,900 workpeople, and resulting in a loss during July estimated at 512,000 working days.

Following is an analysis of disputes in progress in July :—

Industry Group.	Number of Disputes in progress in Month.			Number of Workpeople involved in all Disputes in progress in Month.	Aggregate Duration in Working Days of all Disputes in progress in Month.
	Started before beginning of Month.	Started in Month.	Total.		
Mining and Quarrying...	3	24	27	116,500	486,000
Metal, Engineering and Shipbuilding ...	6	10	16	1,100	4,000
Clothing ...	1	5	6	1,200	3,000
Other ...	16	25	41	4,100	19,000
Total, July, 1937 ...	26	64	90	122,900	512,000
Total, June, 1937 ...	22	84	106	37,000	111,000
Total, July, 1936 ...	18	53	71	21,500	83,000

Causes.—Of the 64 disputes beginning in July, 21, directly involving 24,500 workpeople, arose out of demands for advances in wages, and 12, directly involving 3,100 workpeople, on other wage questions; 2, directly involving 200 workpeople, on questions as to working hours; 19, directly involving 1,600 workpeople, on questions respecting the employment of particular classes or persons; 5, directly involving 700 workpeople, on other questions respecting working arrangements; and 5, directly involving 700 workpeople, on questions of trade union principle.

Results.—Final settlements of disputes which terminated during July, have been effected in the case of 45 new disputes, directly involving 26,300 workpeople, and 21 old disputes, directly involving 1,800 workpeople. Of these new and old disputes, 15, directly involving 1,300 workpeople, were settled in favour of the workpeople; 33, directly involving 5,100 workpeople, were settled in favour of the employers; and 18, directly involving 21,700 workpeople, resulted in a compromise. In the case of 10 other disputes, directly involving 2,300 workpeople, work was resumed pending negotiations.

TOTALS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1937 AND 1936.†

Industry Group.	January to July, 1937.			January to July, 1936.		
	No. of Disputes beginning in period.	Number of Workpeople involved in all Disputes in progress.	Aggregate Duration in Working Days of all Disputes in progress.	No. of Disputes beginning in period.	Number of Workpeople involved in all Disputes in progress.	Aggregate Duration in Working Days of all Disputes in progress.
Fishing and Agriculture ...	5	1,200	19,000	1	1,800	11,000
Coal Mining ...	188	212,000†	975,000	141	80,600†	442,000
Other Mining and Quarrying ...	5	200	1,000	12	3,000	114,000
Brick, Pottery, Glass, Chemical, etc. ...	22	1,800	10,000	15	1,500	7,000
Engineering and Shipbuilding...	64	59,000	490,000	40	11,400	47,000
Other Metal ...	55	11,500	54,000	38	12,600	69,000
Textile ...	54	14,300	87,000	44	8,400	47,000
Clothing...	23	8,300	63,000	17	11,400	152,000
Woodworking, Furniture, etc.	37	1,900	20,000	22	3,900	76,000
Building, etc. ...	52	4,800	23,000	37	2,700	11,000
Transport ...	30	49,100	738,000	24	5,100	28,000
Commerce, Distribution and Finance ...	7	400	1,000	5	8,500	68,000
Other ...	41	5,800	30,000	20	3,900	23,000
Total ...	583	370,300†	2,511,000	416	154,800†	1,095,000

PRINCIPAL DISPUTES INVOLVING STOPPAGES OF WORK DURING JULY.

Occupations‡ and Locality.	Approximate Number of Workpeople Involved.		Date when Dispute		Cause or Object.	Result.
	Directly.	Indirectly.‡	Began.	Ended.		
COAL MINING —						
Haulage hands and other colliery workpeople—near Sheffield (one colliery).	231	677	1937. 9 July	1937. 12 July	Against reduction in percentage addition to basis rates under district sliding scale.	Basis rates of haulage hands increased to bring wages to their former level.
Haulage hands, etc. and other colliery workpeople—Yorkshire (majority of collieries).§	20,000§	75,000§	12 July and later dates.||	||	Dissatisfaction with wages on the part of haulage hands and other youths and boys.	See note ||.
Haulage hands and other colliery workpeople—near Doncaster (certain collieries).	10,000¶		30 July	3 Aug.	Alleged non-payment of increases in wages agreed upon after a previous stoppage of work (see above).	Work resumed.
COTTON SPINNING —						
Spinners and mixing, blowing, card and winding room operatives, etc.—Shaw, Lanes. (one firm).	43	343	26 July	31 July	Objection to the attitude of certain officials.	Work resumed.
CLOTHING —						
Workpeople employed in wholesale clothing manufacture—Leeds (one firm).	50	550	10 July	15 July	Claim on the part of cutters for an increase in wages of 1d. per hour.	Work resumed on conditions existing prior to stoppage.
Workpeople employed in wholesale clothing manufacture—Leeds (one firm).	250	...	13 July	14 July	For payment for holidays.	Part payment to be made.
BUILDING —						
Building trade operatives—Newcastle-on-Tyne (one firm).	267	...	26 July	26 July	Alleged victimisation of three dismissed workpeople.	Workpeople in question reinstated.
TRANSPORT —						
Dock labourers—London, S.E. (one firm).	663	...	5 July	6 July	Against suspension and reduction in status of a ganger.	Work resumed on advice of officials of trade union.
RUBBER INDUSTRY —						
Workpeople employed in rubber hose, belting, etc. manufacture—Salford, Lanes. (one firm).	770	...	23 June	5 July	Dispute concerning wages and hours.	Work resumed on terms agreed upon between the firm and the trade union concerned.

* Disputes involving less than 10 workpeople, and those which lasted less than one day, have, as usual, been omitted from the statistics, except when the aggregate duration (*i.e.*, number of workpeople multiplied by number of working days, allowing for workpeople replaced by others, etc.), exceeded 100 days.

† In making up these totals the figures have been amended in accordance with the most recent information. Workpeople involved in more than one dispute are counted more than once in the totals; the amount of such duplication, however, is slight, except in coal mining, in which the net number of workpeople involved was approximately 154,000 in 1937, and 64,000 in 1936. For all industries combined the net totals were approximately 306,000 in 1937, and 136,000 in 1936.

‡ The occupations printed in italics are those of workpeople indirectly involved, *i.e.*, thrown out of work at the establishments where the disputes occurred but not themselves parties to the disputes. The statements of cause and result do not apply to these workpeople.

§ The numbers shown as involved are approximate estimates. The classes directly involved were mainly haulage hands and other youths and boys, but at some collieries included other classes who stopped work in sympathy.

|| The stoppage began on 12th July at certain collieries and spread rapidly in the week beginning 19th July. Work was resumed at some collieries pending district negotiations. On 24th July an agreement providing for increased basis rates for underground and surface dayworkers in general was reached between the South Yorkshire Coal Trade Association and the Yorkshire Mine Workers' Association; and on 27th July the West Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association also decided to put into operation scales of increased basis rates for dayworkers (*see* page 317). With a few exceptions the new scales led to a prompt resumption of work at the collieries still idle, and, in spite of recurrent stoppages of work at certain collieries, by the end of July a resumption of work had been agreed upon at the great majority of collieries involved.

¶ Estimated number.

CHANGES IN COST OF LIVING: STATISTICS FOR 31st JULY.

Summary: Average Increases since July, 1914.

All Items included ... 55%

Food only ... 40%

FOOD.

At 31st July the average level of the retail prices of food in Great Britain and Northern Ireland showed practically no change as compared with a month earlier. A substantial seasonal decrease in the prices of potatoes during July was offset by increases in the prices of eggs, butter and bacon.

As a net result of all the changes recorded, the average increase over the level of July, 1914, in the retail prices of the articles of food included in these statistics was 40 per cent. at 31st July, 1937, as compared with 40 per cent. at 1st July, 1937, and 29 per cent. at 1st August, 1936.

In the following Table is given a comparison of retail prices in July, 1914, and at 1st July and 31st July, 1937:—

Article.	Average Price (per lb. unless otherwise indicated— to the nearest ½d.)			Average Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) at 31st July, 1937, as compared with	
	July, 1914.	1st July, 1937.	31st July, 1937.	July, 1914.	1st July, 1937.
Beef, British—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.
Ribs ...	0 10	1 2½	1 2½	+ 4½	—
Thin Flank ...	0 6½	0 7½	0 7½	+ 1½	—
Beef, Chilled or Frozen—					
Ribs ...	0 7½	0 9½	0 9½	+ 2½	—
Thin Flank ...	0 4½	0 4½	0 4½	—	—
Mutton, British—					
Legs ...	0 10½	1 4½	1 4½	+ 6	—
Breast ...	0 6½	0 8	0 8	+ 1½	—
Mutton, Frozen—					
Legs ...	0 6½	0 10	0 10	+ 3½	—
Breast ...	0 4	0 4	0 4	—	—
Bacon (streaky)†	0 11½	1 2½	1 3	+ 3½	+ 0½
Flour ... per 7 lb.	0 10½	1 4½	1 4½	+ 5½	—
Bread ... per 4 lb.	0 5½	0 9½	0 9½	+ 3½	—
Tea ...	1 6½	2 2	2 2	+ 7½	—
Sugar (granulated) ...	0 2	0 2½	0 2½	+ 0½	—
Milk ... per quart	0 3½	0 6	0 6	+ 2½	—
Butter—					
Fresh ...	1 2½	1 3½	1 3½	+ 1½	+ 0½
Salt ...	1 2½	1 2½	1 2½	+ 0½	+ 0½
Cheese† ...	0 8½	0 10½	0 10½	+ 1½	+ 0½
Margarine ...	0 7	0 6½	0 6½	— 0½	—
Eggs (fresh) ... each	0 1½	0 1½	0 1½	+ 0½	+ 0½
Potatoes ... per 7 lb.	0 4½	0 10½	0 8½	+ 3½	— 2½

The following Table gives a percentage comparison of the level of retail prices at the same dates:—

Article.	Average Percentage Increase or Decrease (—) at 31st July, 1937, as compared with July, 1914.			Corre- sponding General Average for 1st July, 1937.
	Large Towns (Popula- tions over 50,000).	Small Towns and Villages.	General Average.	
Beef, British—	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Ribs ...	45	45	45	45
Thin Flank ...	16	18	17	16
Beef, Chilled or Frozen—				
Ribs ...	28	32	30	30
Thin Flank ...	—2	3	1	1
Mutton, British—				
Legs ...	58	59	58	58
Breast ...	25	24	25	24
Mutton, Frozen—				
Legs ...	51	44	47	47
Breast ...	—5	3	—1	—
Bacon (streaky)†	34	32	33	28
Fish ...	112	91	102	101
Flour ...	52	54	53	52
Bread ...	64	63	63	62
Tea ...	38	44	41	41
Sugar (granulated) ...	30	22	26	25
Milk ...	64	78	71	70
Butter—				
Fresh ...	5	11	8	4
Salt ...	3	4	4	—1
Cheese† ...	19	20	20	18
Margarine ...	—9	—13	—11	—11
Eggs (fresh) ...	44	43	43	21
Potatoes ...	83	65	74	120
All above articles of Food (Weighted Percentage Increase) ...	40	40	40	40

* As 1st August fell on a Sunday, the statistics relate to the previous day, in accordance with the usual practice.

† If this kind is seldom dealt with in a locality, the returns quote the prices of another kind locally representative.

‡ The description of cheese for which prices are quoted is in most cases Canadian or New Zealand, but in some districts the returns quote the prices of another kind locally representative.

RENT, CLOTHING, FUEL AND LIGHT.

As regards *rents*, enquiries which have been made into the changes which have taken effect under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts indicate that the average increase in the controlled rents (including rates) of working-class dwellings between July, 1914, and 31st July, 1937, was approximately 51 per cent. When decontrolled rents are also included, the combined average increase, as compared with July, 1914, in controlled and decontrolled working-class rents (including rates) is approximately 59 per cent. This latter figure has been utilised in calculating the final percentage increase shown below for "all items."

As regards *clothing*, owing to the wide range of quotations, both now and before the war, to changes in qualities and in stocks held by retailers, and to the variations in the extent to which different articles and qualities have been affected by price changes, it is impossible to make an *exact* calculation of the increase in prices. Information which has been collected, however, from retailers in the principal towns as to the prices of clothing bought by working-class families indicates that for articles of, as far as possible, similar quality at each date, the average increase in retail prices between July, 1914, and 31st July, 1937, was about 105 per cent.

In the *fuel and light* group the prices of coal were on the average about 85 per cent. above the level of July, 1914. The average price of gas was between 45 and 50 per cent. above the pre-war level. For the fuel and light group as a whole (including coal, gas, oil, candles and matches) the average increase at 31st July, as compared with July, 1914, was about 75 per cent.

ALL ITEMS.

If the average increases in the cost of all the foregoing items are combined in accordance with their relative importance in pre-war working-class family expenditure, allowance being also made for the increase in the prices of soap, soda, domestic ironmongery, brushware and pottery, tobacco, fares and newspapers (averaging about 75 per cent.), the resultant general average increase for 31st July, 1937, is approximately **55 per cent.** over the level of July, 1914, as compared with 55 per cent. at 1st July, 1937, and 46 per cent. at 1st August, 1936.

The result of this calculation (in which the same quantities and as far as possible, the same qualities of each item are taken now as in 1914) is to show the *average increase in the cost of maintaining unchanged the pre-war standard of living of working-class families (i.e., the standard actually prevailing in working-class families before the war, irrespective of whether such standard was adequate or not).* In view of the variations in the amounts of increase in the prices of different commodities, it is probable that economies or readjustments in expenditure have been effected in many families, especially in those cases where incomes have not increased so much as prices. On the other hand, the standard of living has doubtless risen in many cases in which wages have been increased in greater proportion than prices. No allowance is made in the figures for any such alterations in the standard of living, as to which trustworthy statistics are not available.

SUMMARY TABLE: 1920 to 1937.

The following Table shows the average percentage increase, as compared with July, 1914, for all the items included in the statistics, at the beginning of each month, 1920 to 1937:—

Average Percentage Increase since July, 1914—All Items.
(Food, rent, clothing, fuel and light, etc.)

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1920	125	130	130	132	141	150	152	155	161	164	176	169
1921	165	151	141	133	128	119	119	122	120	110	103	99
1922	92	88	86	82	81	80	84	81	79	78	80	80
1923	78	77	76	74	70	69	69	71	73	75	75	77
1924	77	79	78	73	71	69	70	71	72	76	80	81
1925	80	79	79	75	73	72	73	73	74	76	76	77
1926	75	73	72	68	67	68	70	70	72	74	79	79
1927	75	72	71	65	64	63	66	64	65	67	69	69
1928	68	66	64	64	64	65	65	65	65	66	67	68
1929	67	65	66	62	61	60	61	63	64	65	67	67
1930	66	64	61	57	55	54	55	57	57	56	57	55
1931	53	52	50	47	47	45	47	45	45	45	46	48
1932	47	47	46	44	43	42	43	41	41	43	43	43
1933	42	41	39	37	36	36	38	39	41	41	43	43
1934	42	41	40	39	37	38	41	42	43	43	44	44
1935	43	42	41	39	39	40	43	43	43	45	47	47
1936	47	47	46	44	44	44	46	46	47	48	51	51
1937	51	51	51	51	52	52	55	55				

NOTE.

A detailed account of the method of compilation of these statistics, "The Cost of Living Index Number: Method of Compilation," is obtainable, price 3d. net (3½d. post free), from H.M. Stationery Office at any of the addresses shown on the cover of this GAZETTE.

RETAIL PRICES OVERSEAS.

N.B.—While the percentages given in the following Summary Tables are derived from the most authoritative sources of statistical information, certain differences in the nature and scope of the data used, in the methods of combining such data and in the periods for which the rise is measured, suggest the need for caution in drawing conclusions from a comparison between the figures for any two countries or cities. In every case, the percentage calculation is based on the cost of a fixed list of commodities taken in identical quantities.

I.—FOOD.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES AS COMPARED WITH JULY, 1914.*

Country.	Percentage Increase as compared with July, 1914.*					Latest figures available.
	July, 1933.	July, 1934.	July, 1935.	July, 1936.		
					Rise.	Date.
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ...	Per cent. 18	Per cent. 22	Per cent. 26	Per cent. 29	Per cent. 40	1937. 31 July
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.						
Austria (Vienna) ...	4	0	2	0	0	July
Czechoslovakia (Prague) ...	562	553	585	575	583	June
Egypt (Cairo)† ...	1	18	19	14	11	Oct., '36.
Finland§§ ...	807	755	809	792	843¶	June
France (Paris) ...	408	391	325	362	500	July
„ (other towns) ...	392¶	370¶	305¶	352¶	448	May
Germany ...	14	20	23	24	23	June
Holland (Amsterdam)†† ...	17†	23†	18†	19†	29	June
Norway ...	32	33	40	45	56	May
Spain (Madrid)† ...	79	81	76	...	76	Apr., '36
„ (Barcelona)† ...	65	68	72	...	77	Nov., '35
Sweden† ...	23	25	32	35	40	June
Switzerland ...	16	15	15	20	31	June
United States ...	13	17	27	33	37	May
BRITISH DOMINIONS, &c.						
Australia ...	16	19	25	27	30	June
Canada ...	-5**	1	3	9	16	June
Irish Free State ...	29¶	34¶	40¶	45¶	52	May
New Zealand ...	4	11	18	25	36	July
South Africa ...	-2**	3	2	1	3	June

II.—ALL ITEMS.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THE COST OF FOOD, TOGETHER WITH (SO FAR AS POSSIBLE) HOUSE-RENT, CLOTHING, FUEL AND LIGHT, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS, AS COMPARED WITH JULY, 1914.*

Country.	Items on which Computation is based.§	Percentage Increase as compared with July, 1914.*					Latest figures available.
		July, 1933.	July, 1934.	July, 1935.	July, 1936.		
						Rise.	Date.
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ...	A,B,C,D,E	Per cent. 38	Per cent. 41	Per cent. 43	Per cent. 46	Per cent. 55	1937 31 July
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.							
Austria (Vienna) ...	A,B,C,D,E	5	4	5	4	5	July
Belgium ...	A,C,D,E	595	554	554	574	628	June
Czechoslovakia (Prague) ...	A,B,C,D,E	596	593	617||	609||	625	June
Denmark ...	A,B,C,D,E	60	66	73	74	80	July
Egypt (Cairo) ...	A,B,C,D,E	24	27	30	30	28	May
Finland§§ ...	A,B,C,D,E	901	867	896	888	941¶	Apr.
France (Paris) ...	A,B,C,D,E	416||	411||	369||	404||	506	2nd Qr.
Germany ...	A,B,C,D,E	18	22	24	25	25	June
Holland (Amsterdam)†† ...	A,B,C,D,E	37†	40†	36†	31†	38	June
Italy (Rome) ...	A,B,C,D,E	314	283	300	324	357	May
Norway ...	A,B,C,D,E	48	48	51	55	63	May
Sweden ...	A,B,C,D,E	53	55	56	58	62	July
Switzerland ...	A,B,C,D	31	29	28	30	37	June
United States ...	A,B,C,D,E	30†	37†	40	43	46	Mar.
BRITISH DOMINIONS, &c.							
Australia ...	A,B,C,D,E	18||	19||	22||	25||	26	2nd Qr.
Canada ...	A,B,C,D,E	20	22	23	26	30	June
Irish Free State ...	A,B,C,D,E	49¶	52¶	56¶	59¶	67	May
New Zealand ...	A,B,C,D,E	27	29	33	37	47	July
South Africa ...	A,B,C,D,E	14	16	16	16	19	June

* Exceptions to this are: Egypt, January, 1913, to July, 1914; Finland, Italy (Rome), January to June, 1914; Switzerland, June, 1914; Spain, South Africa, 1914; Germany, 1913-1914; Holland, 1911-1913; Belgium, April, 1914; United States, Canada, 1913; Australia (all items), November, 1914. The Australian percentages for all items are weighted averages for the six capital cities. The percentages are calculated, in Austria, on prices converted at the rate of 1.44 Schilling equals one pre-war Krone, and, in the other countries, on prices in the ordinary currency.

† Fuel and light are also included in these figures.

†† Figure for June.

§ A = Food; B = House-Rent; C = Clothing; D = Fuel and Light; E = Other or Miscellaneous Items.

¶ Figure for 3rd Quarter. ¶¶ Figure for August. ** Decrease.

|| The figures for 1936 and subsequent years are on a revised basis.

||| Revised figure.

§§ Base: January-June, 1914. The series formerly published (base: July, 1914) is no longer available.

¶¶ The method of calculation was revised in 1937.

FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

STATISTICS of fatal industrial accidents in Great Britain and Northern Ireland reported during July, 1937, are given below:—

RAILWAY SERVICE.		Factories and Workshops —continued.	
Brakesmen, Goods Guards	3	Shipbuilding ...	10
Engine Drivers, Motormen	1	Other Metal Trades ...	4
Firemen ...	...	Cotton ...	4
Guards (Passenger) ...	...	Wool, Worsted, Shoddy ...	1
Permanent Way Men ...	5	Other Textile Manufacture ...	...
Porters ...	2	Textile Printing, Bleaching and Dyeing ...	2
Shunters ...	2	Tanning, Currying, etc. ...	1
Mechanics ...	1	Food and Drink ...	7
Labourers ...	2	General Woodwork and Furniture ...	2
Other Grades ...	5	Paper, Printing, etc. ...	3
Contractors' Servants ...	2	Rubber ...	...
TOTAL, RAILWAY SERVICE	23	Gas Works ...	2
MINES.		Electric Generating Stations	2
Underground ...	99	Other Industries ...	1
Surface ...	7		
TOTAL, MINES	106		
QUARRIES over 20 feet deep	6		
Factories and Workshops.		PLACES UNDER SS. 104-106, FACTORY ACT, 1901.	
Clay, Stone, Cement, Pottery and Glass ...	8	Docks, Wharves, etc. ...	10
Chemicals, Oils, Soap, etc. ...	3	Buildings ...	15
Metal Extracting and Refining ...	3	Warehouses and Railways	1
Metal Conversion and Founding (including Rolling Mills and Tube Making) ...	12	TOTAL, FACTORY ACTS	102
Engineering, Locomotive Building, Boilermaking, etc. ...	9	USE OR WORKING OF RAILWAY	1
Railway and Tramway Carriages, Motor and other Vehicles, and Aircraft Manufacture ...	2	Total (excluding Seamen)	238
		SEAMEN.	
		Trading Vessels—	
		Steam and Motor ...	13
		Fishing Vessels—	
		Steam and Motor ...	2
		TOTAL, SEAMEN	15
		Total (including Seamen)	253

INDUSTRIAL DISEASES.

THE total number of cases* of poisoning, anthrax, and epitheliomatous and chrome ulceration in Great Britain and Northern Ireland reported during July, under the Factory and Workshop Act or under the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Act, was 42; the total number of deaths* reported was 5.

I. Cases.

LEAD POISONING.	
Among Operatives engaged in—	
Smelting of Metals ...	...
Plumbing and Soldering ...	...
Shipbreaking ...	...
Printing ...	...
Tinning of Metals ...	...
Other Contact with Molten Lead ...	2
White and Red Lead Works ...	...
Pottery ...	...
Vitreous Enamelling ...	1
Electric Accumulator Works ...	1
Paint and Colour Works	1
India-rubber Works ...	...
Coach and Car Painting ...	...
Shipbuilding ...	...
Paint used in Other Industries ...	1
Other Industries ...	1
Painting of Buildings ...	2
TOTAL	9

OTHER POISONING.

Arsenical ...	2
Aniline ...	1
Toxic Jaundice ...	1
TOTAL	4

ANTHRAX.

Wool ...	1
Handling of Horsehair ...	...
Handling and Sorting of Hides and Skins ...	2
Other Industries ...	1
TOTAL	4

I. Cases—continued.

EPITHELIOMATOUS ULCERATION (SKIN CANCER).	
Pitch ...	6
Tar ...	1
Paraffin ...	...
Oil ...	11
TOTAL	18

CHROME ULCERATION.

Manufacture of Bichromates ...	...
Dyeing and Finishing ...	...
Chrome Tanning ...	...
Chromium Plating ...	6
Other Industries ...	1
TOTAL	7

Total, Cases ... 42

II. Deaths.

ANTHRAX.

Wool ...	...
Handling of Horsehair ...	...
Handling and Sorting of Hides and Skins ...	...
Other Industries ...	1
TOTAL	1

EPITHELIOMATOUS ULCERATION (SKIN CANCER).

Pitch ...	1
Oil ...	3
TOTAL	4

Total, Deaths ... 5

* Cases include all attacks reported during the month, and not previously reported, so far as is known, during the preceding 12 months. Deaths include all fatal cases reported during the month, whether included (as cases) in previous returns or not.

BUILDING PLANS APPROVED.

I.—STATISTICS FOR JULY, 1937.

RETURNS as to the estimated cost of buildings for which plans were approved during July have been received from 139* of the 146 Local Authorities which supply such information to the Department.

The returns received from these 139 Authorities (representing towns with a total population of 17,180,000 in 1931) are summarised in the following Table, in which are also given comparisons with the corresponding month of 1936, in respect of the same 139 Authorities:—

District.	Dwelling Houses.	Factories and Workshops.	Shops, Offices, Warehouses and Other Business Premises.	Churches, Schools, and Public Buildings.	Other Buildings; and Additions and Alterations to existing Buildings.	Totals; and Percentage Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) compared with July, 1936.
ENGLAND AND WALES:—						
Northern Counties*	£ 315,800	£ 34,700	£ 54,800	£ —	£ 28,100	£ 433,400 — 27.1
Yorkshire*	503,200	38,600	36,500	114,900	175,000	868,200 — 29.5
Lancs. and Cheshire*	922,500	85,400	183,600	107,000	78,000	1,376,500 + 10.9
North and West-Midland Counties	1,305,400	385,900	219,200	253,800	286,700	2,451,000 + 1.7
South-Midland and Eastern Counties	232,500	2,000	38,800	23,700	28,700	325,700 — 37.8
Outer London†	1,715,000	137,700	153,800	197,900	190,000	2,394,400 — 1.9
South-Eastern Counties*	505,500	400	57,200	20,800	113,800	697,700 — 21.6
South-Western Counties	130,500	3,700	8,100	62,500	18,300	223,100 + 3.9
Wales and Mon.	123,700	15,000	28,800	37,300	23,100	227,900 — 11.2
SCOTLAND*	117,000	7,300	48,400	65,800	265,300	503,800 — 27.7
TOTAL, July, 1937	5,871,100	710,700	829,200	883,700	1,207,000	9,501,700 — 9.5
Total, July, 1936	6,363,900	1,257,400	975,500	658,900	1,244,500	10,500,200

II.—STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1937.

(a) Estimated Cost.

Particulars are now available for the whole of the 146 Authorities covered by the Department's inquiries, with regard to the estimated cost of buildings for which plans were passed during April to June, 1937. The following table summarises the figures, and compares the totals with those for the second quarter of 1936:—

District, and Aggregate Population (in thousands) at Census of 1931,† of Areas to which the figures relate.	Dwelling Houses.	Factories and Workshops.	Shops, Offices, Warehouses and Other Business Premises.	Churches, Schools, and Public Buildings.	Other Buildings; and Additions and Alterations to existing Buildings.	Totals; and Percentage Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) compared with April-June, 1936.
ENGLAND AND WALES:—						
Northern Counties (974)	£ 1,346,800	£ 126,800	£ 140,600	£ 162,800	£ 121,700	£ 1,898,700 + 14.4
Yorkshire (2,479)	2,516,500	211,100	199,800	499,200	311,200	3,737,800 + 10.5
Lancs. & Cheshire (3,091)	1,727,700	185,200	455,600	432,700	652,600	3,453,800 — 16.3
North and West-Midland Counties (3,213)	3,552,800	845,400	1,099,500	273,500	771,200	6,542,400 — 3.9
South-Midland and Eastern Counties (697)	927,400	121,900	79,700	164,000	266,100	1,559,100 — 6.3
Outer London† (2,702)	4,257,000	458,200	483,700	189,700	524,000	5,912,600 — 29.7
South-Eastern Counties (1,138)	1,596,700	74,200	156,400	75,300	258,300	2,160,900 — 21.6
South-Western Counties (452)	488,400	3,600	55,000	19,000	60,100	626,100 + 10.4
Wales and Mon. (830)	553,100	75,900	23,900	13,000	65,000	730,900 + 42.0
SCOTLAND (2,234)	1,615,300	186,900	141,100	601,200	523,400	3,067,900 + 5.0
TOTALS (17,810):—						
April, 1937	7,036,400	1,014,200	1,189,900	666,200	1,070,700	10,977,400
May, 1937	5,788,200	596,300	725,600	685,800	1,397,900	9,193,800
June, 1937	5,757,100	678,700	919,800	1,078,400	1,085,000	9,519,000
April-June, 1937	18,581,700	2,289,200	2,835,300	2,430,400	3,553,600	29,690,200
April-June, 1936	20,906,700	2,747,900	2,325,800	3,154,500	3,674,600	32,809,500

(b) Number of Dwelling Houses.

The number of dwellings for which plans were approved by the 146 Local Authorities in the second quarter of 1937 was 38,215, as compared with 42,928 in the second quarter of 1936. For June alone the number was 11,988, as compared with 14,099 in June, 1936.

* The outstanding returns were distributed as follows:—Northern Counties (one); Yorkshire (one); Lancashire and Cheshire (two); South-Eastern Counties (two); and Scotland (one).

† Particulars are not available for the London County Council area.

‡ The population figures relate to the areas as at present constituted, taking into account revisions in area which have taken place since 1931.

POOR RELIEF IN JULY.

(Data supplied by the Ministry of Health in England and Wales and the Department of Health in Scotland.)

THE number of persons* relieved on one day† in July, in the forty-seven selected areas named below, was 568,201, or 1.0 per cent. less than in the previous month, and 27.4 per cent. less than in July, 1936. The numbers relieved at these three dates were equivalent, respectively, to rates of 345, 349, and 473 per 10,000 of the estimated population. The reduction in the numbers in receipt of relief in the two periods of 1937, as compared with July, 1936, was mainly due to the transfer to the Unemployment Assistance Board, as from 1st April, 1937, of large numbers of persons previously in receipt of relief from the Public Assistance Authorities.

In the forty-three selected areas in England and Wales, the number relieved in July was 447,311, a decrease of 1.2 per cent. as compared with a month earlier, and 24.0 per cent. less than in July, 1936. In the four areas in Scotland the number relieved was 120,890, or 0.6 per cent. less than in the previous month, and 37.6 per cent. less than a year ago.

Recipients of indoor relief in the forty-seven areas in July numbered 71,284, or 0.1 per cent. less than in the previous month, and 6.5 per cent. less than a year ago. Recipients of outdoor relief numbered 496,917, or 1.2 per cent. less than in the previous month, and 29.6 per cent. less than in July, 1936.

Of the forty-seven areas, twenty-nine showed slight decreases in the proportion of the population in receipt of relief in July, as compared with June, thirteen areas showed slight increases, while in five areas there was no change.

ENGLAND AND WALES.	Number of persons* in receipt of Poor Relief on one day† in July, 1937.			Rate per 10,000 of estimated Population.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in rate per 10,000 of Population as compared with a	
	Indoor.	Outdoor.	Total.		Month before.	Year before.
County of London	23,508	74,272	97,780	236	— 3	— 40
Birkenhead	763	5,599	6,362	430	— 5	— 157
Birmingham	4,322	13,214	17,536	172	+ 1	— 19
Blackburn	710	2,197	2,907	251	+ 5	— 177
Bolton	802	3,465	4,267	247	— 1	— 65
Bradford	1,003	6,021	7,024	242	...	— 65
Brighton	569	2,078	2,647	180	+ 1	— 8
Bristol	2,024	6,346	8,370	202	...	— 24
Burnley	314	2,158	2,472	270	— 2	— 172
Cardiff	1,046	8,479	9,525	430	— 12	— 77
Coventry	396	1,582	1,978	102	— 2	— 13
Croydon	696	4,034	4,730	196	+ 5	— 38
Derby	583	2,609	3,192	228	+ 4	— 12
East Ham	630	3,395	4,025	302	...	— 37
Gateshead	546	5,619	6,165	518	— 6	— 257
Huddersfield	477	1,426	1,903	165	+ 3	— 34
Kingston-upon-Hull	1,538	15,969	17,507	545	— 1	— 116
Leeds	1,119	11,729	12,848	262	— 1	— 151
Leicester	822	3,995	4,817	184	— 5	— 37
Liverpool	4,160	50,387	54,547	644	— 17	— 421
Manchester	2,784	29,430	32,214	433	— 5	— 141
Middlesbrough	341	3,652	3,993	285	— 8	— 103
Newcastle-on-Tyne	776	11,450	12,226	421	+ 1	— 271
Norwich	816	4,255	5,071	410	+ 13	— 278
Nottingham	1,082	8,969	10,051	360	— 3	— 40
Oldham	862	3,078	3,940	301	— 11	— 94
Plymouth	461	4,755	5,216	253	— 6	— 62
Portsmouth	849	2,529	3,378	134	— 3	— 17
Preston	519	1,739	2,258	196	...	— 63
St. Helens	345	4,781	5,126	475	— 10	— 89
Salford	520	6,193	6,713	326	— 10	— 145
Sheffield	1,279	21,303	22,582	436	— 8	— 238
Southampton	1,298	3,998	5,296	299	— 3	— 25
Southend-on-Sea	327	2,052	2,379	175	— 8	— 23
South Shields	405	4,008	4,413	395	— 10	— 38
Stockport	642	1,601	2,243	170	+ 5	— 15
Stoke-on-Trent	1,666	8,346	10,012	367	— 2	— 3
Sunderland	737	11,169	11,906	646	— 14	— 183
Swansea	471	6,244	6,715	409	— 19	— 100
Wallasey	263	1,875	2,138	223	+ 5	— 17
Walsall	289	2,560	2,849	268	+ 2	— 35
West Ham	2,073	10,927	13,000	489	— 3	— 106
Wolverhampton	562	2,428	2,990	210	+ 7	— 13
Totals for above 42 County Boroughs	41,887	307,644	349,531	337	— 3	— 117
Totals, London and 42 Boroughs	65,395	381,916	447,311	308	— 4	— 95
SCOTLAND.						
Glasgow	4,486	89,492	93,978	836	— 3	— 534
Edinburgh	673	13,850	14,523	313	+ 3	— 158
Dundee	307	6,594	6,901	386	...	— 126
Aberdeen	423	5,065	5,488	311	— 25	— 252
Totals for above 4 Scottish Burghs	5,889	115,001	120,890	622	— 4	— 382
Totals for all 47 areas above	71,284	496,917	568,201	345	— 4	— 128

* The figures include dependants, but exclude persons in receipt of outdoor medical relief only, and casuals. In England and Wales, rate-aided patients in mental hospitals, and, in Scotland, lunatics and mental defectives, are also excluded.

† 24th July in London and Plymouth, 31st July in the rest of England and Wales, and 15th July in Scotland.

LEGAL CASES AFFECTING LABOUR.

Factory and Workshop Acts.

PINION WHEELS OF LINOLEUM MIXER NOT SECURELY FENCED.

This case was heard at Greenwich Metropolitan Police Court on 21st May, 1936, and was taken under sections 10 and 136 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in respect of the side pinion wheels of a mixing machine in a linoleum factory, following an accident to a greaser who sustained injuries resulting in the loss of his right hand. Evidence was given that, while the workman was greasing the pinion wheel shafts, his hand was caught in the nip between one of the pinions and the inside of the rim of the mixer drum. At the time of the accident the drum was being tilted for emptying, and the pinions had been kept running. The nip was inaccessible when the mixer was in the ordinary working position, but became accessible when the drum was tilted. Save for a double rail fence running parallel to the side of the drum, and an adjacent guard for a belt and pulley, the pinions were unfenced.

It was stated on behalf of the defendants that they had instructed their employees that the machine must be stopped for the purpose of greasing, and had put up a warning notice. It was also contended that this part of the machinery was not dangerous within the meaning of the Act, that it was in a recess and could not be dangerous to the casual passer-by, that the machine had been used constantly for thirty-four years without previous accident, that no suggestion had been made by H.M. Inspectors of Factories that the pinions should be fenced, and that in the ordinary course of human affairs it was impossible to anticipate that anyone would put his hand near them while in motion. The magistrate visited the factory to see the machine in operation, and on 9th June dismissed the summons, on the ground that the pinions were not dangerous parts of the machinery. Notice of appeal was lodged.

The High Court, on 14th January 1937, allowed the appeal, and remitted the case to the magistrate with a direction to convict. The Lord Chief Justice in his judgment said that the argument came to this, that if the greasing were done at a time when the machine was in motion and tilted, there was danger, but it was not likely that the greasing would be done at such a time. He pointed out that this was not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the section, and that "actually secure" fencing was necessary. In his opinion the wheels were typical examples of dangerous parts of machinery and ought to have been securely fenced, notwithstanding that a reasonable employer bringing his mind to bear upon the probabilities thought that such an act as was done in this case was not likely to be often done, and not likely to be habitually done.

Chasteney v. Michael Nairn & Co., Ltd. King's Bench Division (Divisional Court). 14th January, 1937.

Trade Board Acts, 1909-1918.

MILK DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE (ENGLAND AND WALES).

An employer pleaded guilty to underpaying two male workers, failing to post the Trade Board notice, and failing to keep adequate wages records. He was fined £6 and was ordered to pay £44 arrears of wages. *Rex v. Arthur Reginald Mainwaring. Stratford-on-Avon Police Court.* 16th June, 1937.

MILK DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE (SCOTLAND).

An employer, charged with underpaying three male workers and failing to keep adequate records, pleaded not guilty to the first three charges but guilty to the records charge. He was found guilty on two of the underpayment charges, and was fined £3 or 30 days' imprisonment, and ordered to pay £32 6s. arrears of wages.—*Rex v. Robert Lambie. Falkirk Sheriff Court.* 19th July, 1937.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
(INCONSIDERABLE EMPLOYMENTS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1937.

THE Minister of Labour made, on 29th July, 1937, the Unemployment Insurance (Inconsiderable Employments) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.*

These Regulations have been made in accordance with the recommendations of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee,† to whom they were referred in draft form. They amend the Unemployment Insurance (Inconsiderable Employments) Regulations, 1935,‡ by excluding from their scope dockers and workers engaged in the dry docking and undocking of vessels; the employment of such persons is always insurable, even if it lasts less than four hours in a week.

* *Statutory Rules and Orders*, 1937, No. 743. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1d. net (1½d., post-free).

† See last month's issue of this GAZETTE, page 285.

‡ *Statutory Rules and Orders*, 1935, No. 1359. H.M. Stationery Office; price 1d. net (1½d., post-free): see the issue of this GAZETTE for January, 1936, pages 35 and 36.

DECISIONS GIVEN BY THE UMPIRE.

THE Umpire is a judicial authority independent of the Ministry of Labour, appointed by the Crown (*see* Section 40 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935) for the purpose of determining disputed claims to benefit. His decisions* are final.

Appeals to the Umpire may be made by the Insurance Officer or by an Association of which the claimant is a member, or, with the leave of the Chairman of the Court of Referees, by the claimant himself. The claimant may also appeal if the decision of the Court was not unanimous.

The following recent decision is of general interest:—

Case No. 3191/37. (8.7.37).

SECTION 22 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT 1935 SUBSECTION (4)—FIRST STATUTORY CONDITION: EX-SERVICE PENSIONERS—A DISABILITY PENSION PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA DOES NOT COME WITHIN THE TERM "MONEYS PROVIDED BY PARLIAMENT," WHICH INCLUDES ONLY THE PARLIAMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The material circumstances of this case are as stated in the following decision:—

Decision.—"On the facts before me my decision is that the claim for benefit is disallowed.

"The claimant is an ex-service man who is in receipt of a pension in respect of a disability contracted during the late war. The said pension is paid by the Government of Australia. The claimant has had less than thirty contributions paid in respect of him as an insured contributor during the two years immediately preceding the date of his claim for benefit, so he cannot satisfy the requirements of the first statutory condition for the receipt of benefit to be found in section 22 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

"He may, however, be treated for the purposes of that Act as if he had proved that the condition was fulfilled in his case if he can bring himself within the provisions of subsection (4) of section 22 of the Act.

"Although the claimant has had not less than ten contributions paid in respect of him as an insured contributor within the aforesaid two years, the Insurance Officer decided that he could not bring himself within the provisions of section 22 (4) because he was not 'in receipt of a pension paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.'

"The claimant appealed to the Court of Referees against the decision of the Insurance Officer, and the Court by a majority (the Chairman dissenting) reversed the decision of the Insurance Officer.

"The Chief Insurance Officer has appealed against the decision of the Court of Referees.

"The expression 'moneys provided by Parliament' occurs not only in section 22 of the Act, but also in subsection (1) of the preceding section. 'There shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, in respect of each weekly contribution paid by an employer in respect of an employed person, a contribution at a rate equal to one half of the aggregate amount of the contributions paid in respect of the employed person by himself and his employer, or, in the case of an excluded person, paid by his employer.'

"The expression 'Parliament' occurs in section 59 (4) of the Act 'within the period of two months after the receipt by the Minister of any report under this section or, if Parliament is not sitting at the expiration of that period, then as soon after the expiration thereof as Parliament sits, the Minister shall lay the report before Parliament, and in a case where the report contains recommendations for the amendment of this Act or of any previous order made under this section, shall after consultation with the Treasury lay before Parliament . . .'

"It is patent that the word 'Parliament' in sections 21 (1) and 59 (4) refers to 'the Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland' (*see* section 2 (1) of the Royal and Parliamentary Titles Act, 1927), and to that Parliament only, and there cannot be any ground for suggesting that the word has a different meaning when used in section 22 (4) of the Act.

"For these reasons I allow the appeal of the Chief Insurance Officer, as I agree with the Chairman of the Court of Referees and the Insurance Officer."

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

NEW DRAFT GENERAL REGULATIONS.

THE Secretary for Mines announces that he has communicated to the principal representative bodies of the coal mining industry copies of new draft General Regulations, for their examination and discussion, before formal steps are taken to establish the Regulations under the procedure prescribed by the Coal Mines Act, 1911.

The draft Regulations are additional to, or amend, existing Regulations, and deal with (i) precautions against coal dust, (ii) fire-fighting, (iii) inspections by firemen, examiners, and deputies, and (iv) telephones and signalling apparatus.

* Selected decisions of the Umpire are published: (i) in monthly pamphlet—U.I. Code 8B. (The latest pamphlet is that for June, 1937, price 2d. net; the pamphlets are also obtainable by annual subscription of 2s. 6d. net); (ii) in annual volumes (the latest volume is that for 1936, price 3s. net); (iii) in the following special volumes:—(a) U.I. Code 8 containing specially selected decisions prior to 19th April, 1928 (price 15s. net); (b) U.I. Code 8A, containing specially selected decisions from 19th April, 1928, to 12th March, 1930 (price 6s. net), and (c) U.I. Code 8C, containing selected decisions from 13th March, 1930, to 31st December, 1934 (price 10s. net).

The analytical guide to Umpire's decisions (U.I. Code 7), originally published in 1930, is under revision. The sections of the guide that have been revised up to date are as follows:—Part I: Introduction and statutory conditions, cancelling and replacing chapters I, II, III, and V of the 1930 edition (price 2s. 6d. net). Part IV: Anomalies Regulations (price 6d. net). Amendment No. 1 (price 3d. net). Amendment No. 2 (price 6d. net). Amendment No. 3 (to Parts I and IV) price 2d. net.

INDUSTRIAL COURTS ACT, 1919, AND CONCILIATION ACT, 1896.

Recent Proceedings.

INDUSTRIAL COURT DECISIONS.

MECHANIC EXAMINERS: ADMIRALTY.—The Amalgamated Engineering Union claimed that the rates of pay for mechanic examiners employed by the Admiralty in the Department of the Chief Inspector of Naval Ordnance should, in addition to the appropriate industrial bonuses, be 74s. to 79s. a week for class I and 69s. to 74s. a week for class II, instead of the present flat rates of 66s. for class I and 61s. for class II. The claim was put forward mainly on the ground of the high qualifications of the men concerned and their responsibilities. The Admiralty rested their opposition principally on a comparison with examiners in the War Office.

The Court awarded the following ranges of pay for the London area:—first class examiners, 66s. to 72s. a week; second class examiners, 60s. to 66s. a week; subject to the payment, in addition, of the industrial bonus of 19s. a week paid by the Admiralty to mechanics in London, and to the payment to second class examiners, at present in the service, of not less than 61s. a week basic. The Court further decided that the present practice of the Admiralty in paying uniform rates in London and the provinces should remain undisturbed, the industrial bonus of 17s. a week paid to mechanics in the Royal dockyards to be applicable to mechanic examiners employed in the provinces.

The Court's decision was stated to be without prejudice to the merits of any claim which might hereafter be made by either party as to provincial differentiation, sick pay, subsistence allowances and establishment.—*Award No. 1679; dated 19th July, 1937.*

LIGHT VESSEL SERVICE: CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE.—The Transport and General Workers' Union claimed that the normal periods of service for the personnel below the rank of master should be reduced to one month on board and one month ashore, in place of the present system of two months on board and one ashore. The Union's claim rested largely on the conditions in which the men have to live, such as isolation and lack of fresh food. The Corporation's objection was chiefly one of cost. The Court were of the view that the question of shorter periods afloat should be further reviewed by the parties, together with the question of the supply and storage of provisions for men afloat, and failing agreement again referred to the Court.—*Award No. 1680; dated 30th July, 1937.*

STEAM AND MOTOR VESSEL SERVICE: CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE.—The Transport and General Workers' Union claimed a triennial advance of 4d. a day for all steam and motor vessel service ratings, having regard to such factors as lack of promotion and the practice of the civil service. The claim was opposed by the Corporation, on whose behalf it was argued that the pay and conditions compare favourably with those in the mercantile marine. The Court decided against the claim.—*Award No. 1681; dated 30th July, 1937.*

CIVIL SERVICE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

TAX OFFICERS: INLAND REVENUE.—The Association of Officers of Taxes claimed that, pending the conclusion of forthcoming discussions between the Association and the Board of Inland Revenue and the final determination of the future scale of pay of the tax officer grade, the scale of remuneration for new entrants should be that laid down in the Taxes Clerical Reorganisation Agreement, 1934, namely, the scale then prescribed for officers of the junior grade of the general clerical class serving in London. Following upon a revised scale of pay being agreed in 1936 for the general clerical class, the Board announced their intention to apply to new entrants to the tax officer grade lower rates of pay than those set out in the 1934 agreement, without prejudice to any negotiations on the future scale of pay. The Association contended that this was a breach of the 1934 agreement, and that the terms of an agreement on matters within the scope of the Civil Service Arbitration Tribunal should not be varied except by agreement between the parties, or in the event of disagreement by the Tribunal. The Board maintained that their action did not constitute a breach of the Whitley procedure agreed between the official and staff sides of the Civil Service National Whitley Council, as that procedure reserved to heads of departments liberty of action in the discharge of responsibilities in the public interest. The Tribunal ruled that in the exceptional circumstances of the case they could not hold that the action taken by the Board was not taken in the discharge of their responsibilities in the public interest, and in view of the safeguards offered by the Board in order to leave unprejudiced negotiations on the future scale of pay, and to ensure that any upward revision of the scale should apply retrospectively to new entrants, the Board's action was not unreasonable. The Tribunal accordingly decided against the Association's claim.—*Award No. 8; dated 8th July, 1937.*

OFFICERS NEXT IN RANK TO HEAD POSTMASTERS AT PROVINCIAL HEAD POST OFFICES.—The Federation of Post Office Supervising Officers claimed that the allowance granted to the supervising officer next in rank to the head postmaster at provincial head post offices should be equal to the amount by which the maximum of

the scale falls short of 75 per cent. of the vacancy salary of the head postmaster, subject to a minimum allowance of £15 to every second-in-command. At present the allowance is based on the difference between the maximum of the salary scale of the second-in-command and 60 per cent. of the initial salary of the head postmaster, with a minimum of £10 in offices where an allowance is justified. The Federation contended that changes in organisation have so increased the responsibility of seconds-in-command that the present arrangement is no longer equitable. The Tribunal awarded that the allowance to seconds-in-command shall be equal to the amount by which the maximum of the salary scale is less than 70 per cent. of the head postmaster's vacancy salary, inclusive of cost-of-living bonus, but made no alteration in the minimum allowance or other conditions attaching to the allowance.—*Award No. 9; dated 10th July, 1937.*

COUNTY COURT BAILIFFS.—The County Court Officers' Association claimed that the maxima of the scales of pay for the grade of warrant officer and process server employed in county courts should be increased, in London to £4 10s., and in the provinces to £4 6s., and that pending the disappearance of the separate grades of warrant officer and process server, the maxima of the scales of pay for warrant officers should be increased in London to £4 16s., and in the provinces to £4 9s., and for process servers should be increased in London to £3 15s., and in the provinces to £3 10s. The Association also claimed a revision of the allowances payable to senior bailiffs.

The Lord Chancellor's department opposed the claim, and proposed that the scales of pay for the grade of warrant officer and process server should be £2 15s., rising by annual increments of 2s. 6d. weekly to £3 17s. 6d. in London, and £2 11s. 6d., rising by annual increments of 2s. 6d. weekly to £3 14s. in the provinces, officers retaining the separate rank of warrant officer or process server to continue to be paid on their existing scales.

The Tribunal awarded the following scales of pay for the grade of warrant officer and process server:—

London ...	£2 15s., rising by annual increments of 2s. 6d. a week to £4.
Provinces ...	£2 12s. 6d., rising by annual increments of 2s. 6d. a week to £3 17s. 6d.

The Tribunal also awarded that the weekly scales of pay for warrant officers should be extended in London to £4 5s., and in the provinces to £4; and the scales of pay for process servers in London to £3 10s., and in the provinces to £3 5s. No alteration was made in the senior bailiffs' allowances.—*Award No. 10; dated 27th July, 1937.*

ESTABLISHED CLERKS, DEPARTMENTAL CLERICAL CLASS: DISTRICT PROBATE REGISTRIES.—The Civil Service Clerical Association claimed that the scale of pay for male departmental clerks in the district probate registries should be increased from their present maximum of £252 15s. to £335 by increments of £12, and that the women's scale should be increased to £285 by increments of £12. The Senior Registrar in opposition to the claim submitted the following scales of pay:—

Men ...	£75-£95 (at age 18) rising by £15 to £155, rising by £12 to £280 per annum.
Women ...	£75-£95 (at age 18) rising by £10 to £175, rising by £12 to £240 per annum.

The maximum of £335 claimed by the Association is the agreed maximum for officers of the general clerical class in "intermediate" towns, and it was the contention of the Association that there is no justification for the payment of a lower maximum in the district probate registries. The scale proposed by the Senior Registrar is that agreed for departmental clerks in the county courts and in the sheriff courts, as well as in the Ministry of Labour. The Tribunal awarded against the Association's claim and in favour of the counter-claim made by the Senior Registrar.—*Award No. 11; dated 29th July, 1937.*

CONCILIATORS, SINGLE ARBITRATORS, AND AD HOC BOARDS OF ARBITRATION

APPOINTED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY: NORWICH, IPSWICH AND GREAT YARMOUTH.—A difference between the two sides of No. 8 District Joint Industrial Council for the Electricity Supply Industry, regarding the zoning of the Norwich, Ipswich and Great Yarmouth electricity supply undertakings, was referred to a Board of Arbitration, consisting of Messrs. T. P. Wilmshurst and R. Bennett, nominated by the employers' side of the National Joint Industrial Council for the industry, Messrs. T. Cochrane and E. W. Bussey, nominated by the workers' side, and Mr. V. R. Aronson, Chairman, appointed by the Minister of Labour under the Conciliation Act, 1896. The Board heard evidence from the parties on 24th and 25th June, and 23rd July, 1937.

On 9th August, 1937, the Board issued a unanimous Award that the whole area of the electrical undertakings of the corporations of Norwich, Ipswich and Great Yarmouth shall remain as heretofore in A zone.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS.

Orders, Notices, etc., Recently Issued.

NOTICES OF PROPOSAL.

Pin, Hook and Eye and Snap Fastener Trade Board (Great Britain).

Proposal O.(16), dated 8th July, 1937, to vary general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for male and female workers (other than home workers).

Objection period expires 6th September, 1937.

Stamped or Pressed Metal Wares Trade Board (Great Britain).

Proposal Q.(39), dated 16th July, 1937, to vary general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for male and female workers.

Objection period expires 16th September, 1937.

Coffin Furniture and Cerement Making Trade Board (Great Britain).

Proposal U.(33), dated 23rd July, 1937, to vary general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for certain classes of male and female workers.

Objection period expires 23rd September, 1937.

Shirtmaking Trade Board (Northern Ireland).

Proposal N.I.S.(N.17), dated 19th July, 1937, to vary general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time-rates, general minimum piece-rates, and general overtime rates for certain male and female workers.

Objection period expired 2nd August, 1937.

Dressmaking and Women's Light Clothing Trade Board (Northern Ireland).

Proposal N.I.W.D.(N.28), dated 6th August, 1937, to vary general minimum time-rates, piece-work basis time-rates, and general overtime rates for certain male and female workers.

Objection period expires 20th August, 1937.

CONFIRMING ORDERS.

Boot and Shoe Repairing Trade Board (Great Britain).

Orders D.(50), and D.(51), dated 8th July, 1937, confirming the variation of general minimum time rates, guaranteed time rates, general minimum piece rates, and overtime rates for certain classes of male and female workers, and specifying 19th July, 1937, as the date from which such rates should become effective.

Hat, Cap and Millinery Trade Board (England and Wales).

Order H.M.(19), dated 9th July, 1937, confirming the variation of general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for certain classes of male and female workers, and specifying 19th July, 1937, as the date from which such rates should become effective.

Shirtmaking Trade Board (Great Britain).

Order S.(17), dated 26th July, 1937, confirming the variation of general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for certain classes of male and female workers, and specifying 2nd August, 1937, as the date from which such rates should become effective.

Toy Manufacturing Trade Board (Great Britain).

Order Y.(16), dated 29th July, 1937, confirming the variation of general minimum time rates, piece-work basis time rates, and overtime rates for male and female workers, and specifying 11th October, 1937, as the date from which such rates should become effective.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

[NOTE.—The prices are net, and do not include postage.]

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—(i) *Acreage and production of crops, number of live stock and of agricultural workers, and output and prices of agricultural produce in England and Wales. Agricultural Statistics, 1936. Vol. lxxi. Part I.* Ministry of Agriculture. [S.O. publication; price 1s. 6d.] (ii) *Preliminary statements of the agricultural returns, 1937, including number of agricultural workers.* (a) England and Wales: Ministry of Agriculture; (b) Scotland: Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

CHOICE OF CAREERS.—*Choice of Career Series No. 9 (revised). Domestic Science.* Ministry of Labour. [S.O. publication; price 3d.]

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.—*Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the year 1936.* Home Office. [Cmd. 5514; price 2s.]

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—*Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1936. Part I. General.* [H.C. 79; price 9d.]

HOUSING.—*House production, slum clearance, etc. England and Wales. Position at 31st March, 1937.* Ministry of Health. [S.O. publication; price 4d.]

JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT.—(i) *The National Advisory Council for Juvenile Employment (England and Wales.) Sixth report, April, 1937. Operation of the scheme of authorised courses of instruction for unemployed boys and girls.* (ii) *The National Advisory Council for*

Juvenile Employment (Scotland). Eighth report, May, 1937. Review of the scheme of authorised courses of instruction for unemployed boys and girls. Ministry of Labour. [S.O. publications; price 4d. and 3d. respectively.]

MINING.—*Output and employment at metalliferous mines, quarries, etc. during the quarter ended 31st March, 1937.* Mines Department. [S.O. publication; price 4d.]

NIGHT BAKING.—*Report of the Departmental Committee on Night Baking, July, 1937.* Home Office. [Cmd. 5525; price 9d.] See page 299 of this GAZETTE.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS.—*Guide to current official statistics. Vol. xv. 1936. Permanent Consultative Committee on Official Statistics.* [S.O. publication; price 1s.] See page 299 of this GAZETTE.

POOR RELIEF.—(i) *Statement showing the number of persons in receipt of poor relief in England and Wales in the quarter ending March, 1937, with some particulars as to the number of "unemployed" persons in receipt of such relief.* Ministry of Health. [S.O. publication; price 6d.] (ii) *Return showing the number of persons in receipt of poor relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January, 1937.* Ministry of Health. [H.C. 157; price 9d.]

RENTS.—*Rents of houses and flats owned by Local Authorities in England and Wales.* Ministry of Health. [Cmd. 5527; price 4d.]

SEAMEN.—*Census of Seamen. June 15th, 1936.* Board of Trade. [S.O. publication; price 1s. 3d.]

SICKNESS.—*Report on incapacitating sickness in the insured population of Scotland, during the year July 1st, 1935, to June 30th, 1936.* Department of Health for Scotland. [S.O. publication; price 9d.]

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—*Report of the Unemployment Assistance Board for the year ended December 31st, 1936.* Ministry of Labour. [Cmd. 5526; price 3s.] See page 298 of this GAZETTE.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.—*Selected decisions given by the Umpire on claims for benefit during the month of June, 1937.* U.I. Code 8B. Pamphlet No. 6, 1937. Ministry of Labour. [S.O. publication; price 2d.]

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

LIST OF NEW CONTRACTS, JULY, 1937.

ADMIRALTY.

Alternators, Motor : Electric Construction Co., Ltd., Wolverhampton.—**Aluminium Ware :** White Bros. & Jacobs, Ltd., London, N.W.; Bulpitt & Sons, Ltd., Birmingham; F. Braby & Co., Ltd., Bristol.—**Bags, Calico :** Frank Lane, Ltd., London, E.C.—**Bandsaw, Log :** John Pickles & Son (Engineers), Ltd., Hebden Bridge. Sub-Contractors for Motors and Control Gear: British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby.—**Bearings, Plummer :** Michell Bearings, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.—**Bearings, Roller :** Cooper Roller Bearings Co., Ltd., Kings Lynn.—**Beds, Camp :** H. S. Fraser, Ltd., London, N.—**Binoculars :** Barr & Stroud, Ltd., Glasgow.—**Blankets :** Charles Early & Co., Ltd., Witney; Thomas Ratcliffe & Co., Ltd., Mytholmroyd; James Walker & Sons, Ltd., Mirfield.—**Blocks, Steel :** Laird & Son, Ltd., Irvine.—**Board, Change-over :** Ferranti, Ltd., Hollinwood; Small Electric Motors, Ltd., Beckenham.—**Boards, Packing Case :** Wm. Crundall & Co., Ltd., Dover; Horsley Smith & Co. (London), Ltd., London, S.E.; M. L. Meyer, Ltd., London, S.E.—**Boat Disengaging Gear :** The Receiver, L. H. Robinson & Co., Ltd., Brentford.—**Boats, Motor :** Sittingbourne Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Sittingbourne. Sub-Contractors for Machinery: Parsons Engineering Co., Ltd., Southampton; Ferry Engine Co., Ltd., Southampton. Sub-Contractors for Electrical Equipment: J. B. Marr & Co., Ltd., London, S.W.—**Bolts and Nuts :** C. Richards & Sons, Ltd., Darlaston; Wilkes, Ltd., Darlaston; Walker & Wilson, Ltd., Hamilton.—**Boxes :** Educational Supply Association, Ltd., Stevenage.—**Boxes, Junction :** Engineering & Lighting Equipment Co., Ltd., St. Albans.—**Boxes, Projectile :** Platt Bros. & Co., Ltd., Oldham; Castle's Shipbreaking Co., Ltd., Plymouth; Brownlee & Co., Ltd., Glasgow.—**Boxes, Relay :** A. Graham & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.—**Buoys :** Gas Accumulator Co. (United Kingdom), Ltd., Brentford.—**Buttons :** Firmin & Sons, Ltd., Birmingham; Buttons, Ltd., Birmingham; W. Oldbury, Birmingham; E. Bacon & Sons, Ltd., Birmingham; James Grove & Sons, Ltd., Halesowen.—**Cable :** General Electric Co., Ltd., Southampton; Johnson & Phillips, Ltd., London, S.E.; St. Helens Cable & Rubber Co., Ltd., Slough; British Insulated Cables, Ltd., Prescott; Connolly's (Blackley), Ltd., Manchester; Siemens Electric Lamps & Supplies, Ltd., London, S.E.; W. T. Glover & Co., Ltd., Manchester.—**Capstan Gear :** Clarke Chapman & Co., Ltd., Gateshead. Sub-Contractors for Control Gear: Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., London, S.W.—**Cars, Saloon :** Austin Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham.—**Catapults and Gear :** Brown Bros. & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh.—**Cement :** Tunnel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., London, S.W.—**Chain Cable and Gear :** Laird & Son, Ltd., Irvine; Brown Lenox & Co., Ltd., Pontypridd; Fellows Bros., Ltd., Cradley Heath; Woodhouse Bros., Cradley Heath; Henry Wood & Co., Ltd., Saltney; Noah Bloomer & Sons, Ltd., Brierley Hill; N. Hingley & Sons, Ltd., Dudley; R. Sykes & Son, Cradley Heath; J. Westwood & Sons, Cradley Heath.—**Clinometers :** Precision Tool and Instrument Co., Ltd., Thornton Heath.—**Clinometers, Cases for :** E. R. Watts & Son, Ltd., London, S.E.—**Clock and Card Racks :** Gledhill-Brook Time Recorders, Ltd., Huddersfield.—**Coils, Inductance :** H. W. Sullivan, Ltd., London, S.E.—**Cots :** Hoskins & Sewell, Ltd., Birmingham.—**Crane Fittings :** Clarke Chapman & Co., Ltd., Gateshead.—**Crane Modification :** Clarke, Chapman & Co., Ltd., Gateshead.—**Cranes :** Stothert &

Pitt, Ltd., Bath; Wharton Crane & Hoist Co., Ltd., Stockport. Sub-Contractors for Motors: Laurence Scott & Electromotors, Ltd., Norwich. Sub-Contractors for Controllers: Allen West & Co., Ltd., Brighton.—**Cutters and Blades**: Stothert & Pitt, Ltd., Bath.—**Cylinder Covers**: Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness. **Cylinders, Oxygen**: Chesterfield Tube Co., Ltd., Chesterfield. Sub-Contractors for Valves: British Oxygen Co., Ltd., London, N.—**Drums, Oil**: Frederick Braby & Co., Ltd., Liverpool.—**Electrical Equipment**: A. Reyrolle & Co., Ltd., Hebburn.—**Electrodes and Nipples, Graphite**: British Acheson Electrodes, Ltd., Sheffield.—**Engines, Boxing**: Clarke Chapman & Co., Ltd., Gateshead.—**Fan Heating Units**: Spiral Tube & Components, Ltd., Derby.—**Fans**: Alldays & Onions, Ltd., Birmingham; Electro Dynamic Construction Co., Ltd., St. Mary Cray.—**Flannel, White**: Ben Jones & Son, Llandysul; John Smith (Milnrow), Ltd., Milnrow.—**Floats**: Brown, Lenox & Co. (London), Ltd., London, E.—**Flour**: S. Edwards & Son, Bishops Stortford; Spillers, Ltd., Cardiff; E. Marriage & Son, Ltd., Felixstowe.—**Furniture, Cabin**: Hoskins & Son, Ltd., Birmingham; De La Pre Components, Ltd., Northampton; Harrods, Ltd., London, S.W. and High Wycombe; Hampton & Sons, Ltd., London, S.W.; Jas. Elliott & Sons, High Wycombe; B. North & Sons, West Wycombe; Binns, Ltd., South Shields.—**Gear Store**: Steel Construction Co., Ltd., Motherwell.—**Generators**: Ruston & Hornsby, Ltd., Lincoln; Davey Paxman & Co. (Colchester), Ltd., Colchester; J. & H. McLaren, Ltd., Leeds. Sub-Contractors for Electrical Equipment and for Dynamo: W. H. Allen Sons & Co., Ltd., Bedford.—**Generators, Fire Extinguishing, etc.**: Pyrene Co., Ltd., Brentford.—**Gloves, Leather**: E. & W. C. French, Ltd., Taunton.—**Grips, Bulldog**: Charles Richards & Sons, Ltd., Darlaston; **Hammer, Compressed Air**: B. & S. Massey, Ltd., Manchester.—**Hawsers, Steel Wire**: British Ropes Southern (Sales), Ltd., Gateshead and Cardiff.—**Heating Elements**: Bertram Thomas, Hulme.—**Helmets, Sou'wester Type**: Johnson & Sons, Ltd., Great Yarmouth.—**Hoists**: Brown Bros. & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh.—**Hot-Cupboards**: Heatrae, Ltd., Norwich.—**Irish Stew Rations**: Poulton & Noel, Ltd., Southall.—**Jams**: James Keiller & Son, Ltd., London, E.; Chivers & Sons, Ltd., Cambridge; T. G. Tickler, Ltd., Grimsby; Crosbie's Pure Food Co., Ltd., Southall; St. Martin Preserving Co., Ltd., Slough.—**Lagging**: Cape Asbestos Co., Ltd., Barking; Chemical & Insulating Co., Ltd., Darlington.—**Lamps, Electric**: General Electric Co., Ltd., London, W., and Wembley; Edison Swan Electric Co., Ltd., Ponders End; British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby; Siemens Electric Lamps & Supplies, Ltd., Preston.—**Lathes**: John Lang & Son, Ltd., Johnstone; George Swift & Sons, Ltd., Halifax; Dean Smith & Grace, Ltd., Keighley; Modern Machine Tools, Ltd., Coventry; Alfred Herbert, Ltd., Coventry; Holbrook Machine Tool Co., Ltd., London, E. Sub-Contractors for Motors: Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester; British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby; Lancashire Dynamo & Crypto, Ltd., Manchester. Sub-Contractors for Control Gear: Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester; British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby; Lancashire Dynamo & Crypto, Ltd., Manchester; Igranic Electric Co., Ltd., Bedford.—**Laundry Plant**: Sturtevant Engineering Co., Ltd., Nottingham.—**Leads, Flexible**: London Electric Wire Co. & Smiths, Ltd., London, E.—**Leggings, Web**: M. Wright & Sons, Ltd., Quorn.—**Lighters**: R. Dunston, Ltd., Doncaster. Sub-Contractors for Machinery: Ruston & Hornsby, Ltd., Lincoln. Sub-Contractors for Electrical Equipment: Wm. Broady & Son, Hull.—**Liners, Cardboard**: Hugh Stevenson & Sons, Ltd., Manchester.—**Loud-speakers**: A. Graham & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.—**Machinery, Cooling**: Haslam Foundry & Engineering Co., Ltd., Derby. Sub-Contractors for Electrical Equipment: Mawdsleys, Ltd., Dursley; Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., London, S.W.—**Machinery, Distilling**: Buckley & Taylor, Ltd., Oldham; Caird & Rayner, Ltd., London, E.—**Machines, Broaching**: Kendall & Gent (1920), Ltd., Manchester. Sub-Contractors for Motors and Control Gear: Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Birmingham.—**Machines, Drilling**: A. A. Jones & Shipman, Ltd., Leicester. Sub-Contractors for Motors and Control Gear: British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby.—**Machines, Drilling and Boring**: Kitchen & Wade, Ltd., Halifax. Sub-Contractors for Motors: Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester. Sub-Contractors for Control Gear: Igranic Electric Co., Ltd., Bedford.—**Machines, Grinding**: Churchill Machine Tool Co., Ltd., Broadheath; A. A. Jones & Shipman, Ltd., Leicester. Sub-Contractors for Motors and Control Gear: General Electric Co., Ltd., Birmingham; Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester.—**Machines, Milling**: Alfred Herbert, Ltd., Coventry; J. Parkinson & Son, Shipley. Sub-Contractors for Motors and Control Gear: British Thomson-Houston, Ltd., Rugby; Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester.—**Machines, Punching and Shearing**: James Bennie & Sons, Ltd., Glasgow.—**Metal Sheets, Bars, etc.**: Aston Chain & Hook Co., Ltd., Birmingham; Birmingham Battery & Metal Co., Ltd., Birmingham; Thos. Bolton & Sons, Ltd., Froghall, Oakamoor and Widnes; James Booth & Co. (1915), Ltd., Birmingham; British Insulated Cables, Ltd., Prescott; Broughton Copper Co., Ltd., Birmingham; Charles Clifford & Son, Ltd., Birmingham; I.C.I. Metals, Ltd., Birmingham; Manganese Bronze & Brass Co., Ltd., Ipswich; Mint, Birmingham, Ltd., Birmingham; P. H. Muntz & Co., Ltd., West Bromwich; John Wilkes, Sons and Mapplebeck, Ltd., Birmingham; Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.—**Meters**: Elliott Bros. (London), Ltd., London, S.E.—**Mill, Boring and Turning**: Webster & Bennett, Ltd., Coventry. Sub-Contractors for Motors: Mawdsleys, Ltd., Dursley. Sub-Contractors for Control Gear: Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., London, S.W.—**Motor Coasters**: Grangemouth Dockyard Co., Ltd., Grangemouth.—**Perforators Morse Keyboard**: Creed & Co., Ltd., Croydon.—**Press Staving**: Henry Berry & Co., Ltd., Leeds.—**Pumping Plant**: Mirrlees Bickerton & Day, Ltd., Hazel Grove.—**Pumping Units**: G. & J. Weir, Ltd., Glasgow.—**Pumps**: Drysdale & Co., Ltd., Glasgow; Worthington-Simpson,

Ltd., Newark. Sub-Contractors for Motors: Laurence Scott & Electromotors, Ltd., Norwich. Sub-Contractors for Starters: Allen West & Co., Ltd., Brighton.—**Railway Material**: T. Summerson & Sons, Ltd., Darlington; T. W. Ward, Ltd., Sheffield.—**Railway Sleepers**: Brownlee & Co., Ltd., Glasgow.—**Reactors, Welding**: Mawdsleys, Ltd., Dursley.—**Refit of Vessel**: A. Rutherford & Co., Ltd., Birkenhead.—**Retorts, Cast Iron**: Carron Co., Carron, Falkirk.—**Screws**: Vaughan Bros. (Drop Forgings), Ltd., Willenhall.—**Sheeting, Asbestos**: James Walker & Co., Ltd., Woking; British Belting & Asbestos, Ltd., Cleckheaton; Turner Bros. Asbestos Co., Ltd., Rochdale; Cape Asbestos Co., Ltd., Barking.—**Ship's Exchange**: A. Graham & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.—**Shock Absorbing Units**: Monarch Controller Co., Ltd., Sheffield.—**Shutters, Rolling**: Haskins Roller Shutters (F. Pollard & Co., Ltd.), London, E.—**Side Scuttles**: J. Stone & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.—**Sound Reproducing Equipment**: G.B. Equipments, Ltd., London, W.—**Slates**: J. Williams & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.—**Soups and Broths, Tinned**: Crosse & Blackwell (Manufacturing Co.), Ltd., London, S.E.; C. & E. Morton, Ltd., London, E.—**Steel**: Scottish Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Glasgow; Thomas Firth & John Brown, Ltd., Sheffield; Clyde Alloy Steel Co., Ltd., Motherwell; Jonas & Colver (Novo), Ltd., Sheffield.—**Steel, Bar**: Exors. of James Mills, Ltd., Stockport.—**Steel Cylinder Liners**: W. Somers, Ltd., Halesowen; W. Jessop & Sons, Ltd., Sheffield.—**Steel Discs and/or Sheets**: Swift Levick & Sons, Ltd., Sheffield; Rotherham Forge & Rolling Mills Co., Ltd., Rotherham; W. Jessop & Sons, Ltd., Sheffield; Thomas Firth & John Brown, Ltd., Sheffield; Dorman Long & Co., Ltd., Middlesbrough.—**Steel Pipes, etc.**: Stewarts & Lloyd's, Ltd., Glasgow.—**Steel Plates**: Consett Iron Co., Ltd., Consett; Guest, Keen Baldwins Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Port Talbot; Park Gate Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Rotherham; South Durham Steel & Iron Co., Ltd., Middlesbrough.—**Steel Roof, Trusses, etc.**: Wm. Bain & Co., Ltd., Coatbridge.—**Steel Sashes**: Standard Metal Window Co., Ltd., West Bromwich.—**Steel Windows, etc.**: Crittall Manufacturing Co., Ltd., London, W.C.—**Steel Wire Ropes**: R. Hood Haggie & Son, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Glaholm & Robson, Ltd., Sunderland; Webster & Co., Ltd., Sunderland; D. Morgan Rees & Sons, Ltd., Cardiff; British Ropes Southern (Sales), Ltd., Gateshead, Doncaster, Retford and Cardiff; Bruntons (Musselburgh), Ltd., Musselburgh; J. Crawhall & Sons, Ltd., Gateshead; W. J. Glover & Co., Ltd., St. Helens; Binks Bros., Ltd., London, E.; W. T. Bowie & Co., Ltd., Glasgow; Dixon-Corbitt, Ltd., Gateshead.—**Steelwork**: W. Neill & Sons (St. Helens), Ltd., St. Helens.—**Steering Gear**: Brown Bros. & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh. Sub-Contractors for Turbine: W. H. Allen, Sons & Co., Ltd., Bedford.—**Structural Alterations**: E. & A. Springings, Portsmouth; E. W. Martin, Ramsgate.—**Switchboard**: Engineering & Lighting Equipment Co., Ltd., St. Albans.—**Tanks, Oil**: Newton Chambers & Co., Ltd., Thorncliffe, nr. Sheffield.—**Tape**: E. B. Hamel & Son, Tamworth; Bole Hall Mill Co., Ltd., Tamworth.—**Tarpaulins**: J. T. Inglis & Sons, Ltd., Dundee.—**Telephone Equipment**: General Electric Co., Ltd., Coventry.—**Telescopes**: W. 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		1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
Wholesale Prices. Average of Board of Trade Wholesale Prices Index Numbers (Average of 1930 = 100).	1st Qr.	Figures not available.		106.5	89.7	88.5	83.7	88.7	87.8	91.7	104.7
	2nd "			101.9	87.9	84.8	84.4	87.6	88.1	92.2	110.1
	3rd "			98.4	84.8	84.4	87.3	88.2	88.7	95.0	
	4th "			93.6	88.8	84.9	87.6	87.7	91.3	98.9	
Cost of Living. Average of Ministry of Labour Cost- of-Living Index Numbers (July, 1914 = 100).	1st Qr.	165.3	165.2	162.2	150.7	146.2	139.8	140.5	141.3	146.2	151.0
	2nd "	164.5	160.8	155.0	146.3	142.8	136.5	138.3	140.0	144.3	152.3
	3rd "	165.2	163.3	156.5	145.3	141.7	139.8	142.3	143.3	146.7	
	4th "	167.2	166.5	155.5	146.7	143.0	142.5	143.7	146.7	150.5	
Do. expressed as percentage of 1924 average.	1st Qr.	94.5	94.5	92.7	86.2	83.6	79.9	80.3	80.8	83.6	86.3
	2nd "	94.1	91.9	88.6	83.6	81.6	78.0	79.1	80.0	82.5	87.1
	3rd "	94.5	93.4	89.5	83.1	81.0	79.9	81.4	81.9	83.9	
	4th "	95.6	95.2	88.9	83.9	81.8	81.5	82.2	83.9	86.0	
Export Values of British Manufactures. Value as declared, Million £	1st Qr.	147.2	145.1	128.6	78.4	70.2	69.1	72.4	82.3	82.8	93.8
	2nd "	139.4	138.9	110.5	72.0	72.8	65.9	73.3	78.3	79.1	101.3
	3rd "	144.6	146.2	105.0	70.7	63.9	71.6	77.6	82.2	87.7	
	4th "	147.7	143.5	96.8	71.0	68.7	75.2	81.6	86.0	91.3	
Value in Million £ (at 1930 Prices for 1928-34; at 1935 Prices for 1935-37*).	1st Qr.	Figures not available.†		124.7	83.8	84.9	86.0	90.4	82.1*	82.1	90.2
	2nd "			110.3	79.2	87.8	82.5	89.8	79.2	78.5	93.7
	3rd "			105.7	81.5	79.2	88.3	95.1	81.7	85.8	
	4th "			100.2	83.5	85.0	92.2	101.0	85.7	89.3	
Index Number of Average Values. (1924 = 100 for 1928-34; 1935 = 100 for 1935-37*).	1st Qr.	Figures not available.†		85.4	77.5	68.5	66.5	66.4	100.2*	100.8	104.0
	2nd "			83.0	75.3	68.7	66.2	67.6	98.9	100.7	108.1
	3rd "			82.3	71.9	66.8	67.1	67.6	100.6	102.2	
	4th "			80.0	70.4	66.9	67.6	66.9	100.3	102.2	
Shipping Freight Rates. Average of Chamber of Shipping Index† expressed as percentage of 1924 average.	1st Qr.	84.2	93.6	63.6	67.0	65.4	62.0	63.3	60.2	69.5	110.4
	2nd "	82.4	85.1	61.7	66.8	64.0	59.4	59.4	60.6	69.0	117.5
	3rd "	85.6	83.4	66.2	62.4	59.9	59.1	66.9	62.6	75.3	
	4th "	96.2	75.0	66.8	72.6	64.6	64.6	65.4	73.7	94.2	
Index Number of Rates of Wages. (Average of 1924 = 100).	1st Qr.	99½	99	98½	97½	95	94	94	95	97½	100
	2nd "	99	99	98½	97	95	94	94½	95	98	101½
	3rd "	99	98½	98½	96	94½	94	94½	96	98½	
	4th "	99	98½	98	95½	94½	94	94½	96	99	
Estimated Total Numbers aged 16-64 insured against Unemployment in Great Britain.‡ Quarterly Averages. Thousands.	1st Qr.	11,599	11,786	11,995	12,380	12,572	12,595	12,663	12,745	12,936	13,202
	2nd "	11,624	11,822	12,115	12,467	12,545	12,613	12,682	12,766	13,015	13,268
	3rd "	11,694	11,870	12,197	12,550	12,556	12,631	12,702	12,797	13,080	
	4th "	11,750	11,923	12,290	12,620	12,576	12,648	12,724	12,860	13,137	
Estimated Numbers of Insured Persons in Employment in Great Britain|| (ex- cluding persons unemployed, sick or directly involved in trade disputes). Quarterly Averages. Thousands.	1st Qr.	10,028	10,048	10,033	9,320	9,421	9,332	9,961	10,128	10,535	11,178
	2nd "	10,073	10,277	9,880	9,487	9,375	9,621	10,170	10,364	10,879	11,433
	3rd "	9,978	10,309	9,724	9,353	9,200	9,807	10,191	10,453	11,053	
	4th "	9,997	10,245	9,552	9,525	9,396	9,966	10,231	10,564	11,118	
Registered Unemployed in Great Britain. Quarterly Averages. Thousands.	1st Qr.	1,149	1,353	1,543	2,622	2,666	2,845	2,303	2,255	2,022	1,639
	2nd "	1,119	1,133	1,762	2,574	2,714	2,573	2,110	2,030	1,746	1,421
	3rd "	1,288	1,152	2,045	2,734	2,843	2,397	2,115	1,960	1,630	
	4th "	1,355	1,281	2,297	2,668	2,757	2,268	2,109	1,901	1,621	
Males	1st Qr.	956	1,105	1,175	1,973	2,197	2,362	1,933	1,848	1,655	1,334
	2nd "	933	916	1,302	1,956	2,151	2,157	1,773	1,686	1,436	1,162
	3rd "	1,045	919	1,508	2,068	2,363	2,034	1,750	1,624	1,332	
	4th "	1,103	1,020	1,720	2,118	2,319	1,941	1,758	1,576	1,330	
Females	1st Qr.	193	248	368	649	469	483	370	407	367	305
	2nd "	186	217	460	618	463	416	337	344	310	259
	3rd "	243	233	537	666	480	363	365	336	298	
	4th "	252	261	577	550	438	327	351	325	291	
Wholly Unemployed (Males and Females)	1st Qr.	884	1,084	1,179	1,993	2,197	2,332	1,967	1,913	1,742	1,468
	2nd "	837	885	1,260	1,966	2,102	2,079	1,737	1,711	1,488	1,242
	3rd "	916	869	1,411	2,061	2,150	1,937	1,681	1,618	1,372	
	4th "	1,031	1,007	1,726	2,198	2,265	1,932	1,797	1,679	1,429	
Temporarily Stopped (Males and Females)	1st Qr.	265	269	364	629	469	513	336	342	280	171
	2nd "	282	248	502	608	612	494	373	319	258	179
	3rd "	372	283	634	673	693	460	434	342	258	
	4th "	324	274	571	470	492	336	312	222	192	
Industrial Production—Board of Trade Index Number. (1924 = 100 for 1928-33; 1930 = 100 for 1934-37§)	1st Qr.	109.3	110.6	111.0	94.6	95.0	94.8	105.7§	113.0	123.2	131.9
	2nd "	103.6	112.0	103.1	92.1	94.3	96.7	104.7	111.6	123.4	¶
	3rd "	100.2	110.7	99.5	89.3	87.4	96.8	103.2	110.8	122.4	
	4th "	108.4	114.0	99.0	97.3	95.0	105.0	111.9	120.8	132.1	
Railway Traffic Receipts—Goods. Average amount weekly—Great Britain, Thousand £	1st Qr.	2,034	2,018	2,002	1,759	1,614	1,518	1,669	1,648	1,736	1,742
	2nd "	1,866	1,963	1,809	1,657	1,493	1,413	1,526	1,530	1,592	1,749
	3rd "	1,879	1,955	1,748	1,627	1,396	1,452	1,521	1,516	1,598	
	4th "	1,955	2,016	1,861	1,709	1,548	1,657	1,655	1,730	1,773	
Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	101.1	100.3	99.6	87.5	80.3	75.5	83.0	81.9	86.3	86.6
	2nd "	92.8	97.6	90.0	82.4	74.2	70.3	75.9	76.1	79.2	87.0
	3rd "	93.4	97.2	86.9	80.9	69.4	72.2	75.6	75.4	79.5	
	4th "	97.2	100.2	92.5	85.0	77.0	82.4	82.3	86.0	88.2	
Railway Traffic Receipts—Passenger. Average amount weekly—Great Britain, Thousand £	1st Qr.	1,258	1,257	1,205	1,163	1,090	984	1,038	1,007	1,035,	

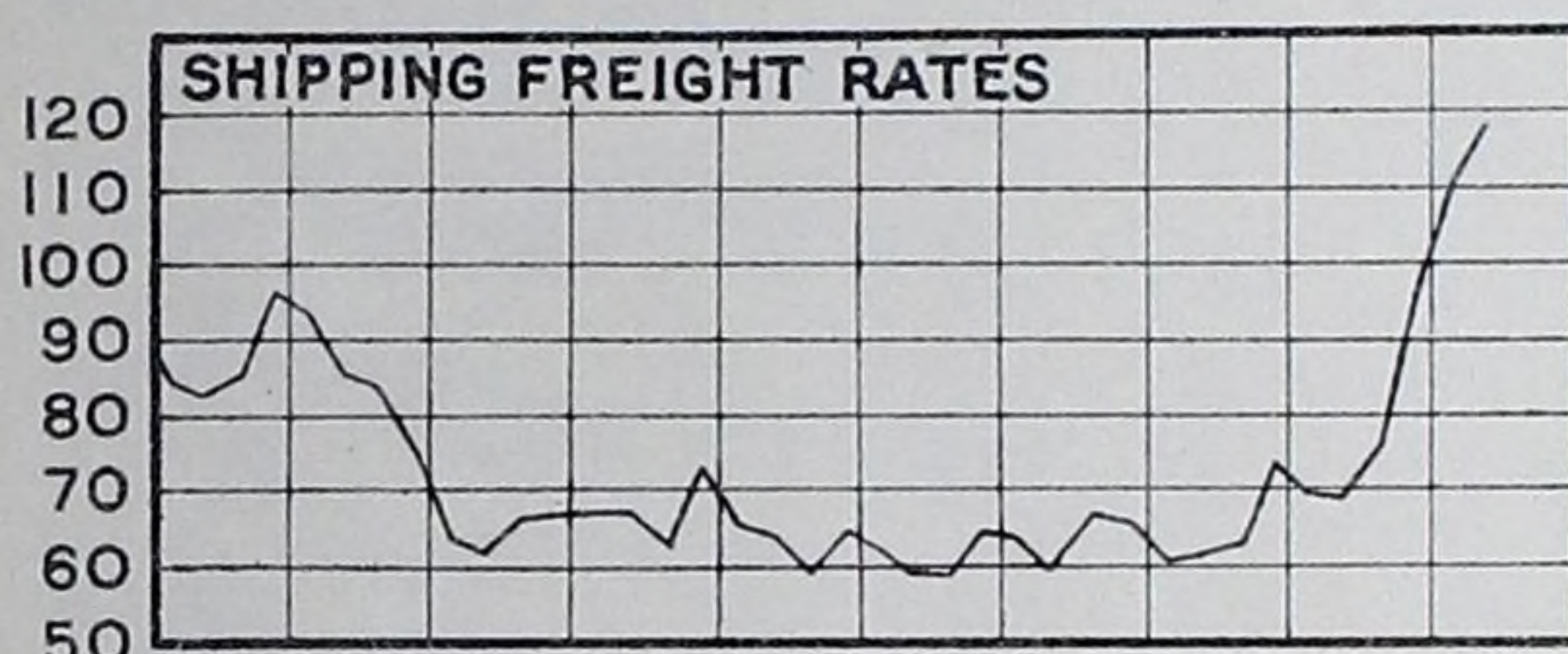
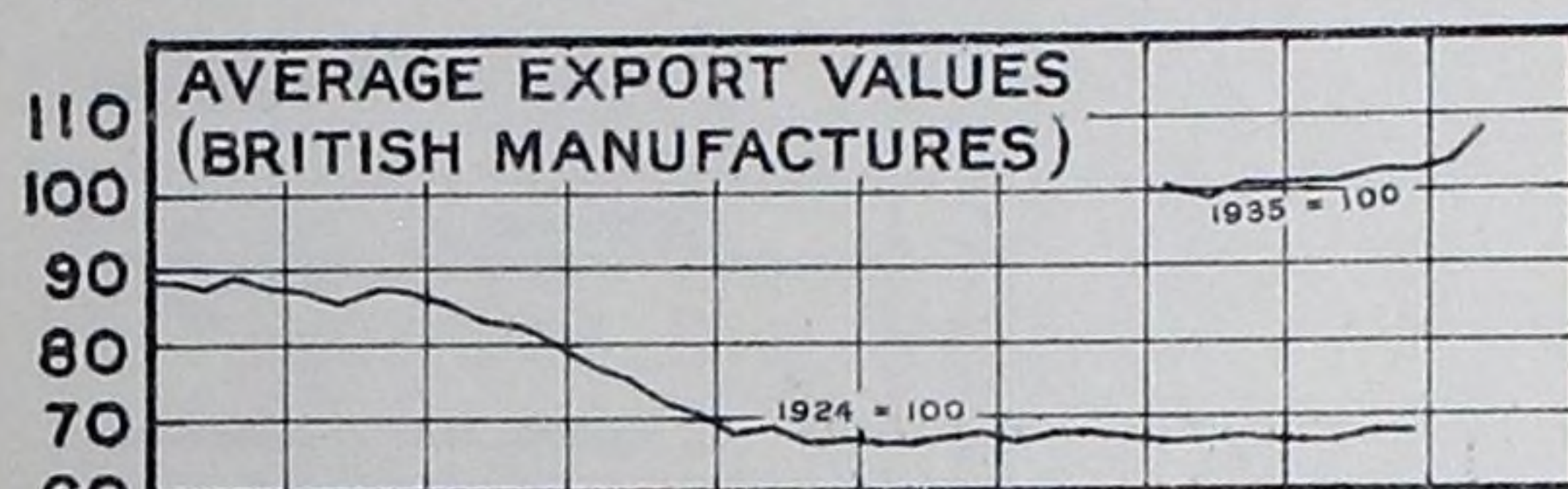
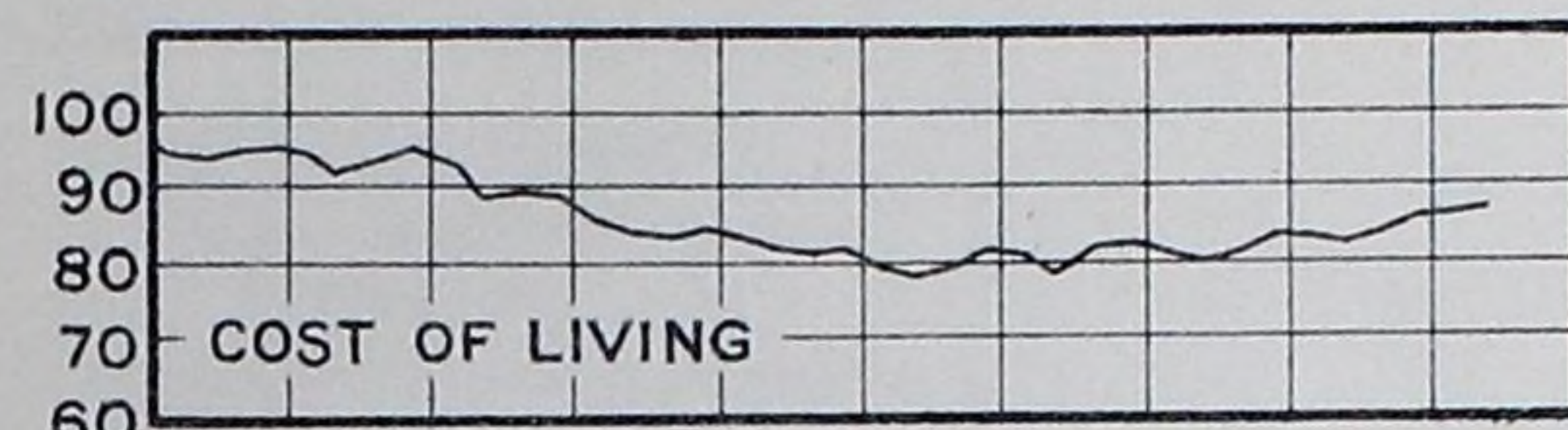
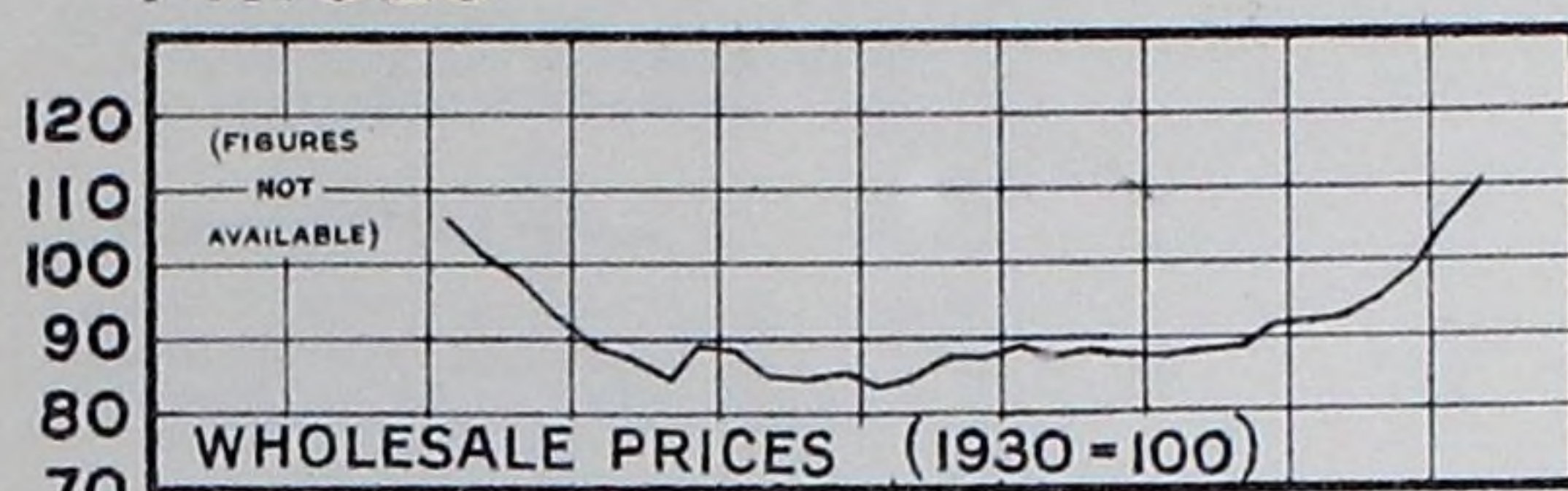
		1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
Discount Rate. Three Months Bank Bills. Quarterly Average, per cent.	1st Qr.	4.17	4.90	3.55	2.47	4.27	0.78	0.97	0.45	0.56	0.56
	2nd "	3.94	5.25	2.32	2.31	1.56	0.53	0.93	0.63	0.63	0.56
	3rd "	4.18	5.48	2.22	3.87	0.77	0.44	0.80	0.60	0.63	0.60
	4th "	4.37	5.41	2.20	5.77	0.93	1.00	0.59	0.64	0.65	
Bank Clearings (Metropolitan, Country Cheque and Provincial (England and Wales)). Average amount daily, Million £	1st Qr.	21.6	22.0	21.2	19.3	18.8	18.6	20.2	20.8	22.4	25.2
	2nd "	21.7	21.4	20.4	18.4	17.6	18.2	19.5	20.8	22.1	24.5
	3rd "	20.5	20.5	18.8	17.3	17.1	18.0	18.6	20.2	21.7	24.5
	4th "	21.8	21.6	19.4	18.3	18.2	19.3	20.4	21.8	24.2	
Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	104.3	106.3	102.4	93.2	90.8	89.9	97.6	100.5	108.2	121.7
	2nd "	104.8	103.4	98.6	88.9	85.0	87.9	94.2	100.5	106.8	118.4
	3rd "	99.0	99.0	90.8	83.6	82.6	87.0	89.9	97.6	104.8	
	4th "	105.3	104.3	93.7	88.4	87.9	93.2	98.6	105.3	116.9	
Coal Mining—Coal Raised. Average quantity of saleable coal raised monthly, Million tons.	1st Qr.	21.4	22.0	22.6	19.2	18.7	18.7	19.9	19.4	20.4	20.1
	2nd "	18.9	20.5	19.3	17.9	17.4	16.0	17.5	17.7	17.8	20.2
	3rd "	18.4	20.8	18.8	17.1	15.5	15.7	17.0	17.4	18.0	
	4th "	20.4	22.2	20.5	19.3	18.2	18.6	19.2	19.9	19.9	
Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	96.3	98.9	101.7	86.1	83.8	84.1	89.4	87.0	91.6	90.1
	2nd "	85.1	92.0	86.8	80.4	78.1	72.0	78.5	79.4	80.1	90.9
	3rd "	82.9	93.6	84.4	76.6	69.5	70.5	76.6	78.0	80.9	
	4th "	91.8	99.8	92.1	86.6	81.9	83.3	86.5	89.5	89.6	
Coal Mining—Coal Exported.* Average quantity of coal exported monthly, Million tons.	1st Qr.	4.0	4.4	5.0	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.9
	2nd "	4.2	5.0	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.3
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Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	78.0	85.2	97.4	67.6	61.4	61.2	60.4	61.0	51.9	56.0
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Coal Mining—Unemployment. Average percentage of insured workers unemployed in Great Britain.	1st Qr.	17.9	15.9	13.5	23.1	27.6	29.4	25.7	24.4	20.5	15.1
	2nd "	21.6	17.6	20.8	29.8	35.3	36.1	30.6	27.4	25.7	16.7
	3rd "	26.1	16.7	24.9	33.0	40.6	36.7	30.5	28.2	22.9	
	4th "	23.2	14.8	22.4	26.9	32.5	29.4	25.8	21.0	18.0	
Iron and Steel—Crude Steel Output. Average quantity monthly, Thousand tons.	1st Qr.	728.0	799.8	793.5	462.9	457.7	501.6	751.0	789.7	943.4	1,034.8
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Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	106.5	117.0	116.1	67.7	67.0	73.4	109.9	115.6	138.0	151.4
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	4th "	107.4	115.4	62.9	65.5	65.6	99.1	108.9	127.9	150.3	
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron Output. Average quantity monthly, Thousand tons.	1st Qr.	568.0	558.0	640.6	337.5	329.7	296.5	453.1	519.5	604.6	644.9
	2nd "	572.8	641.3	598.7	331.2	314.5	336.7	513.0	538.2	645.0	692.1
	3rd "	503.9	672.8	442.2	280.3	270.8	355.4	510.6	540.1	650.7	
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Percentage of 1924 average	1st Qr.	93.3	91.6	105.2	55.4	54.1	48.7	74.4	85.3	99.3	105.9
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	3rd "	85.4	110.5	72.6	46.0	44.5	58.4	83.9	88.7	106.9	
	4th "	89.1	107.5	62.8	49.9	45.3	63.3	84.7	89.4	108.7	
Iron and Steel—Unemployment. Average percentage of insured workers unemployed in Great Britain.	1st Qr.	19.5	18.8	22.9	44.1	46.5	43.9	28.7	23.8	18.8	11.7
	2nd "	20.0	17.8	29.1	45.0	48.2	40.9	25.5	23.1	16.9	11.6
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General Engineering—Unemployment. Average percentage of insured workers unemployed in Great Britain.	1st Qr.	9.7	10.0	12.7	25.8	27.8	29.4	19.2	14.3	10.7	6.2
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	4th "	9.9	10.1	22.8	27.7	29.8	20.9	13.9	11.1	6.6	
Electrical Engineering. Average of Index of Activity ex- pressed as percentage of 1924 average.†	1st Qr.	92.5	104.1	116.4	84.1	59.9	64.1	62.0	119.9	121.6	195.9
	2nd "	84.4	105.4	109.0	82.0	62.8	65.2	69.0	121.6	145.1	186.8
	3rd "	84.1	107.6	109.4	75.7	56.8	64.8	92.2	105.5	168.2	
	4th "	98.1	111.1	97.5	65.2	58.9	64.1	112.5	105.5	181.9	
Electrical Engineering—Unemploy- ment. Average percentage of insured workers unemployed in Great Britain.	1st Qr.	4.7	5.1	5.7	14.5	17.2	18.9	11.3	7.7	5.6	3.5
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Shipbuilding—Merchant Vessels under construction at end of Quarter. Million gross tons.	1st Qr.	1.44	1.36	1.61	0.69	0.37	0.25	0.48	0.56	0.84	1.01
	2nd "	1.20	1.45	1.39	0.56	0.28	0.29	0.59	0.56	0.85	1.20
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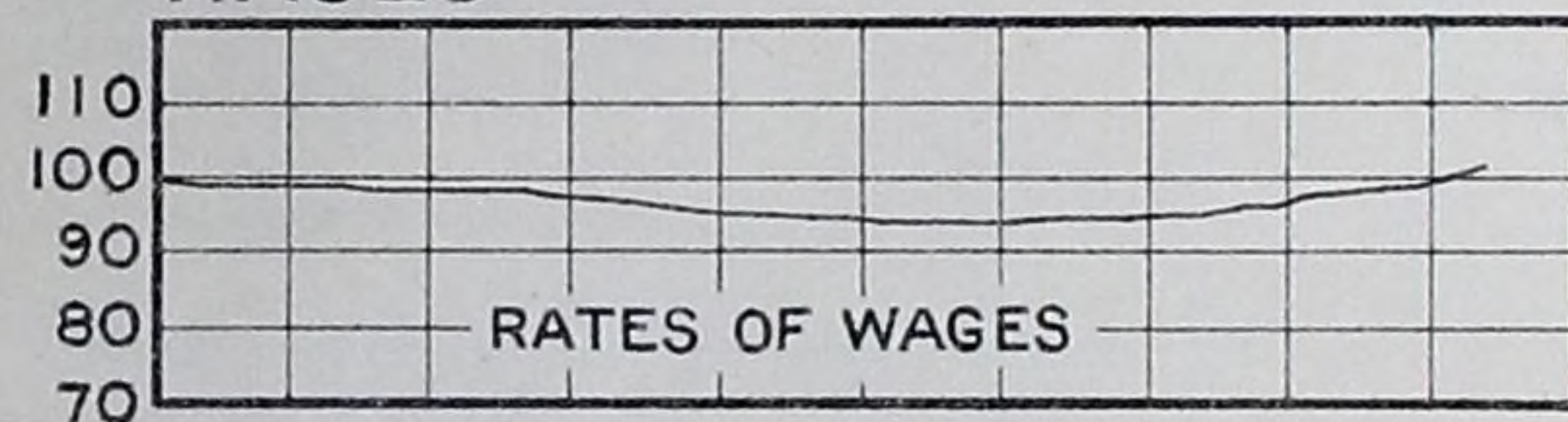
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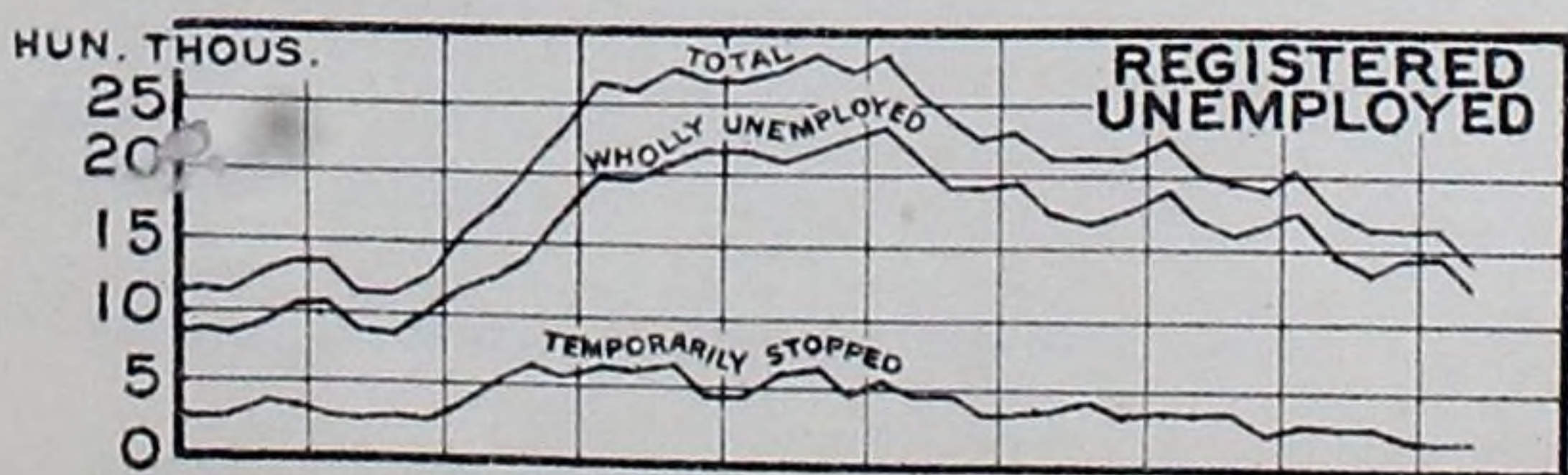
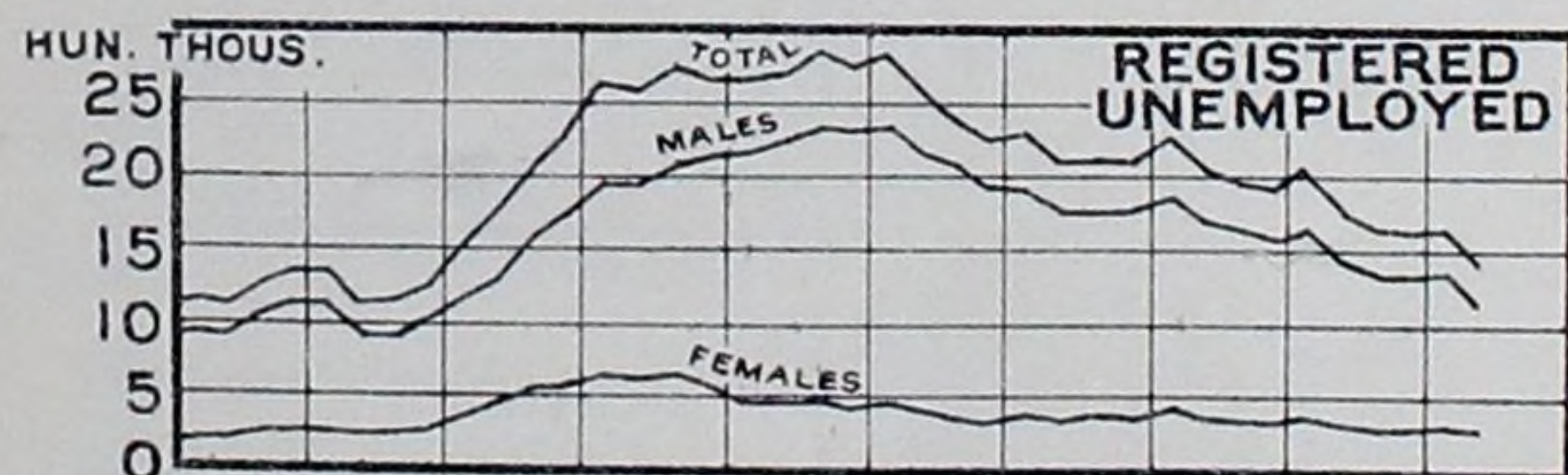
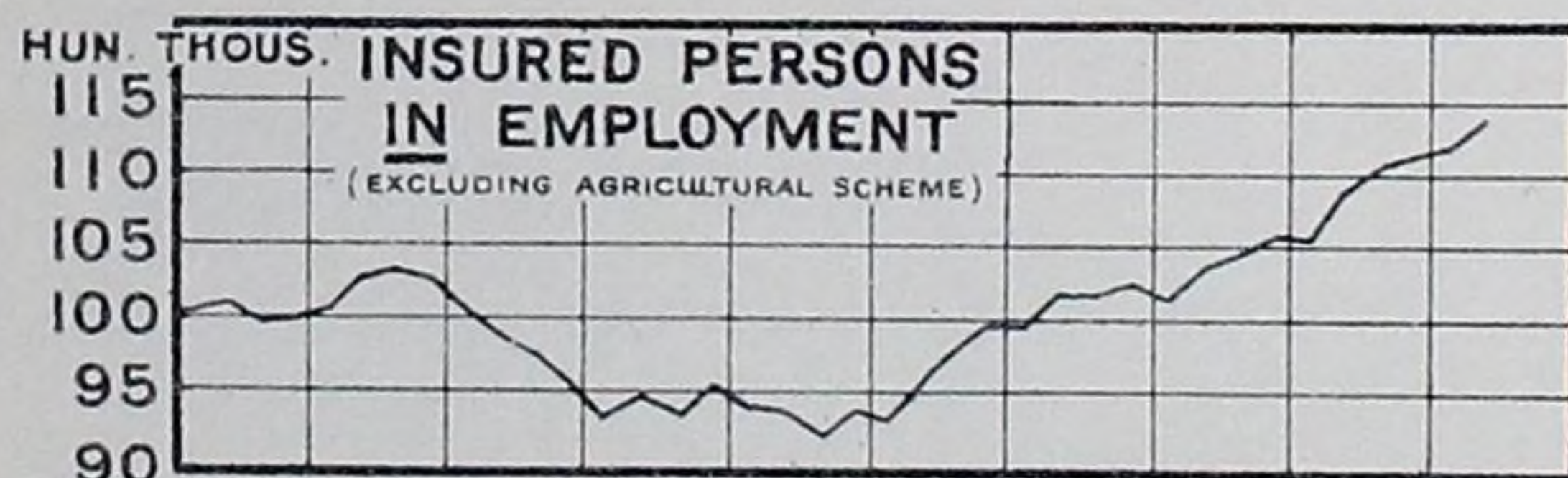
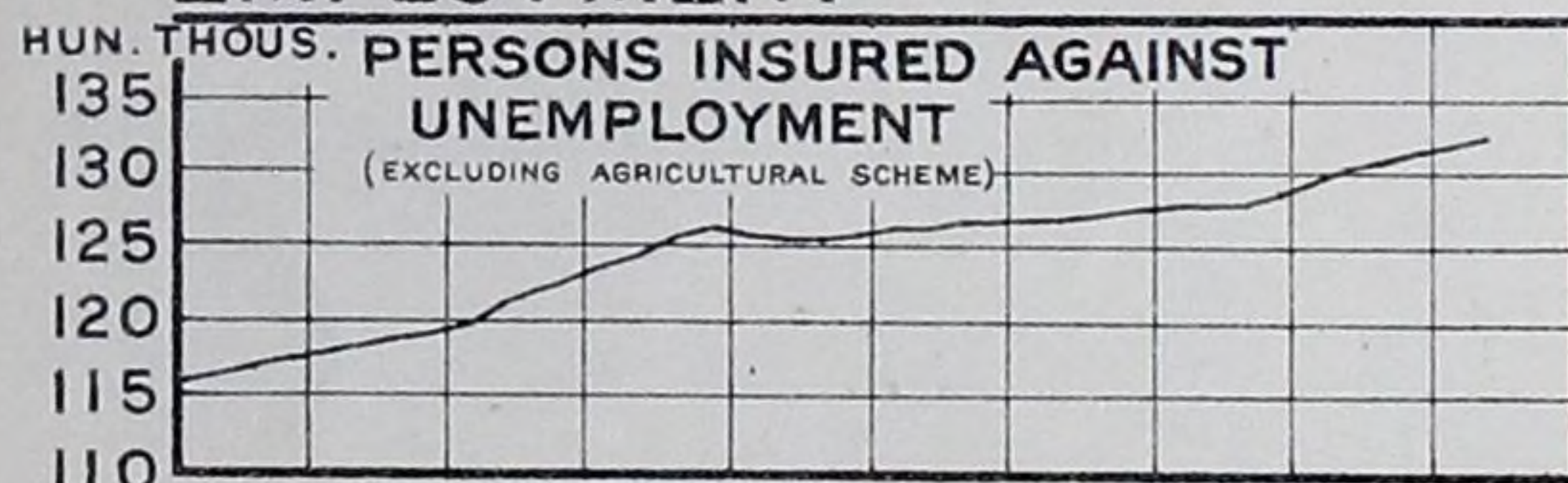
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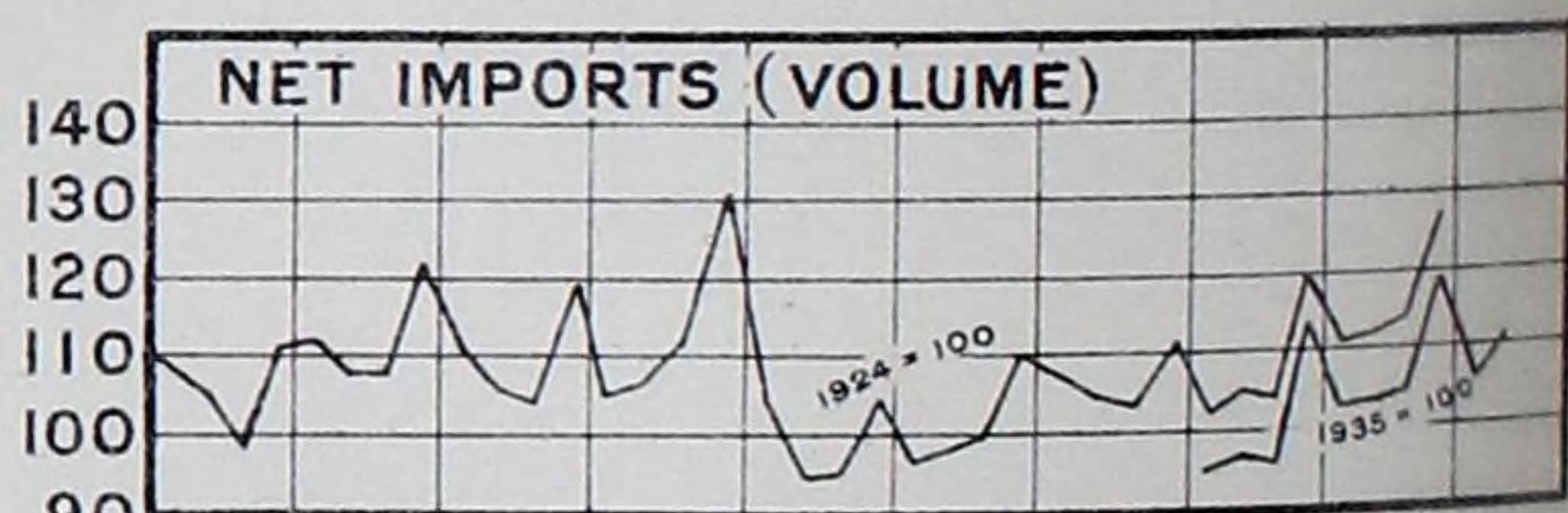
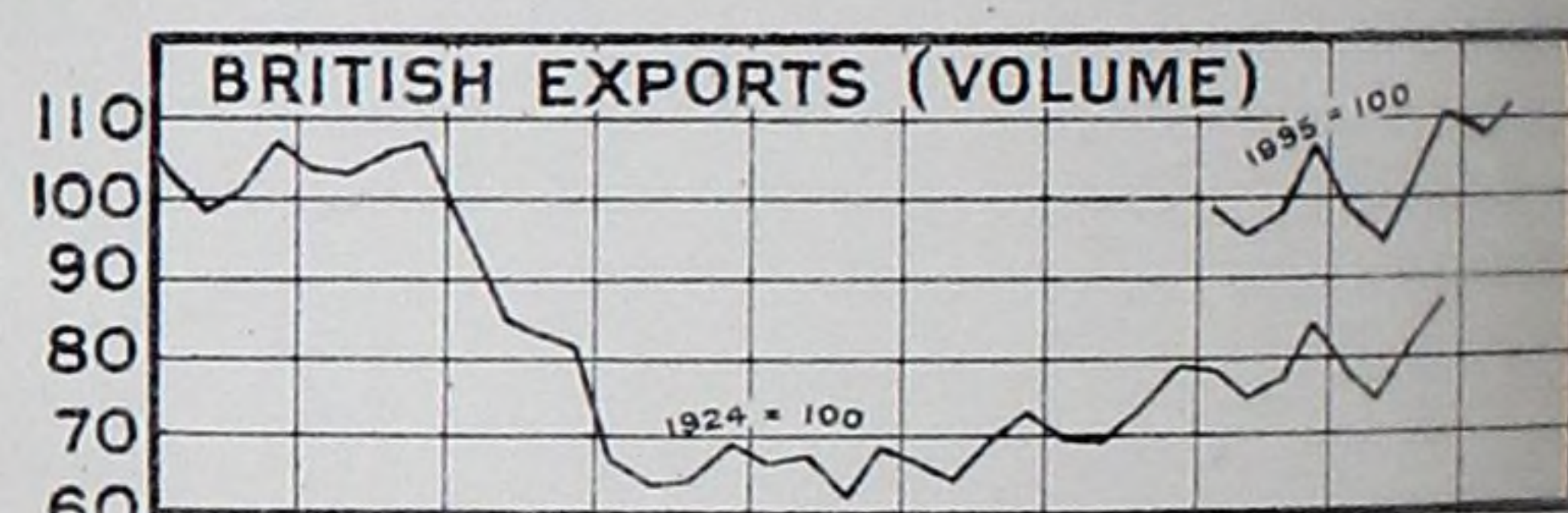
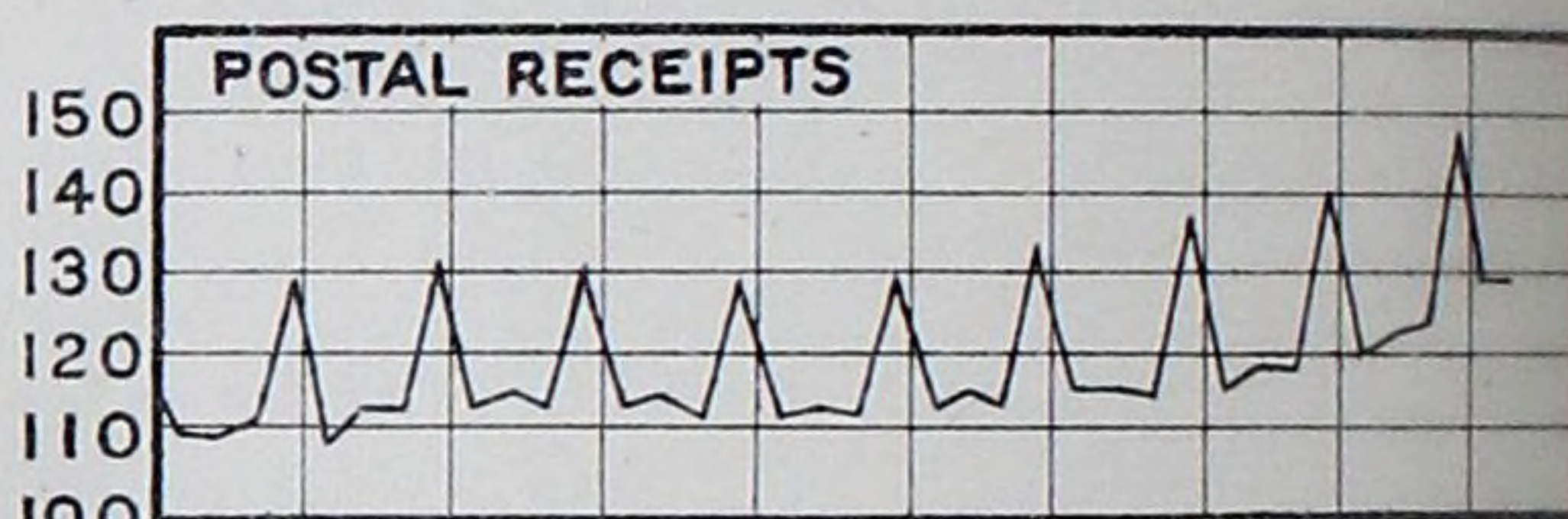
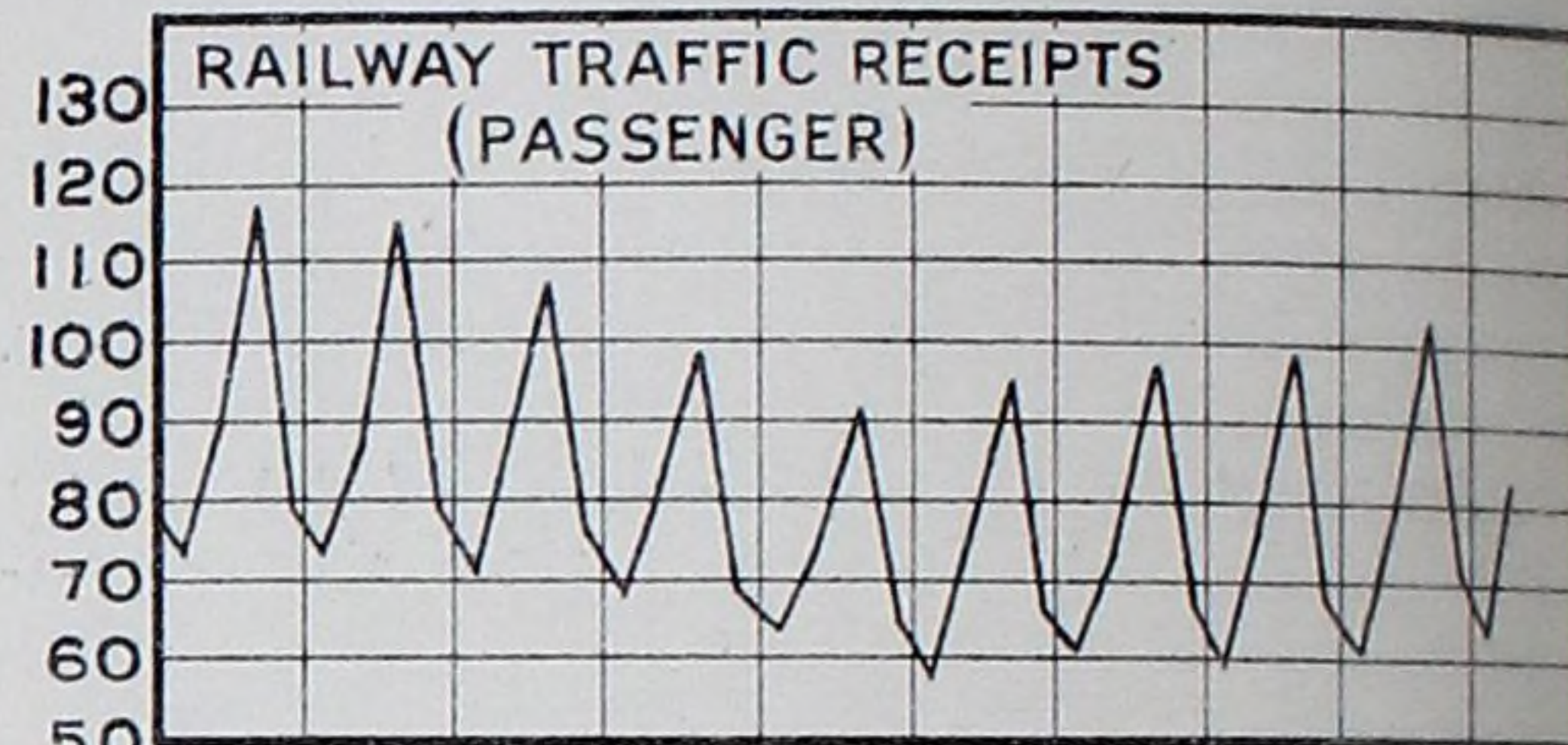
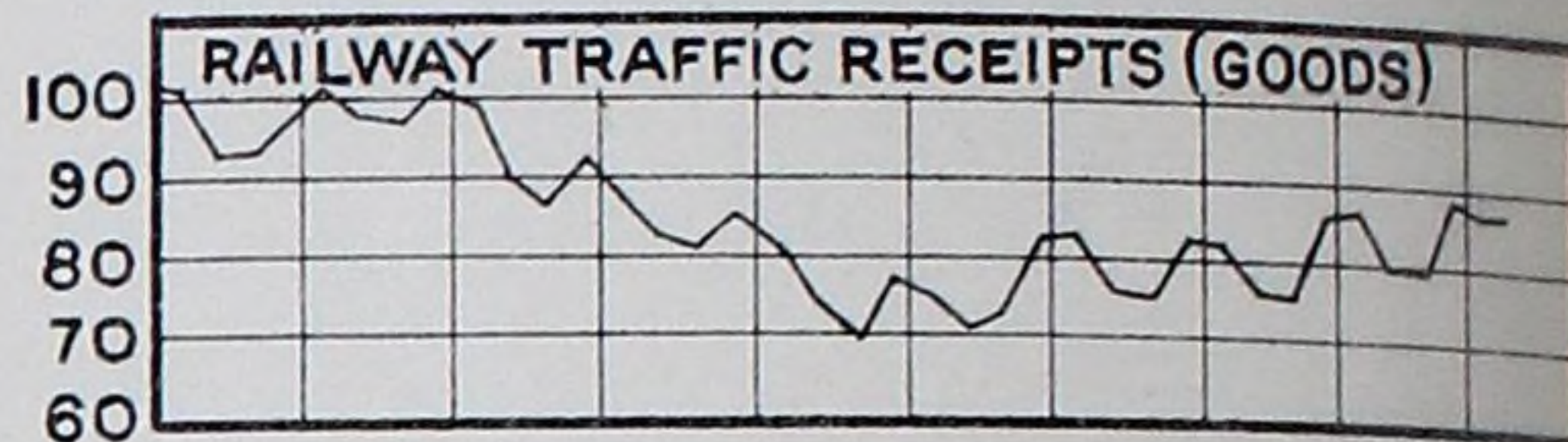
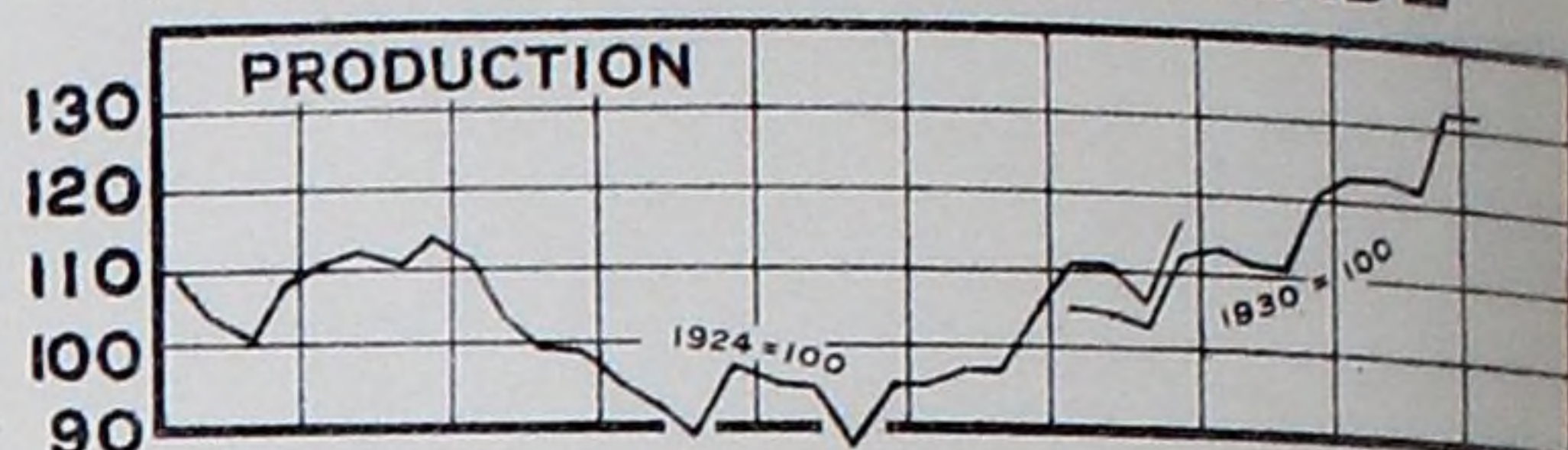
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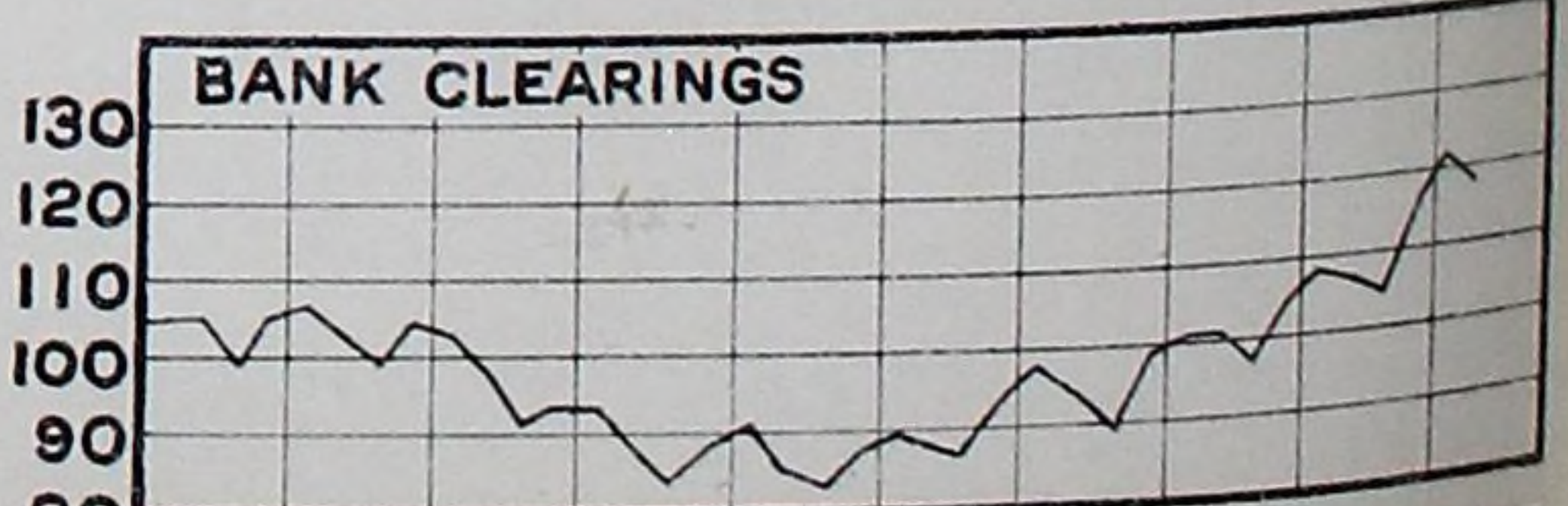
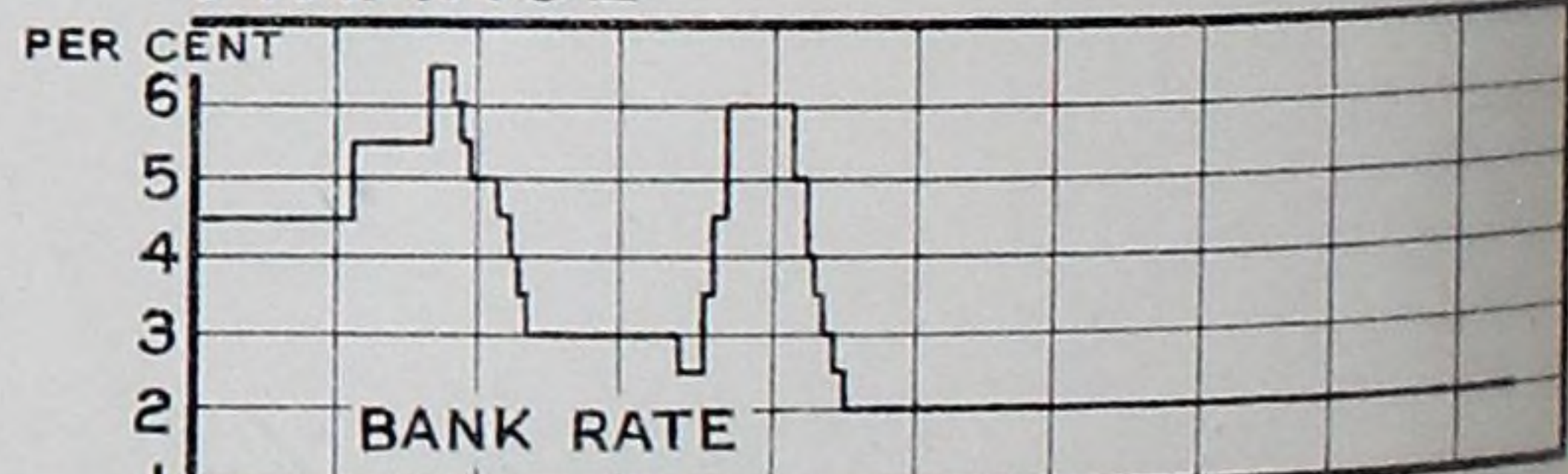
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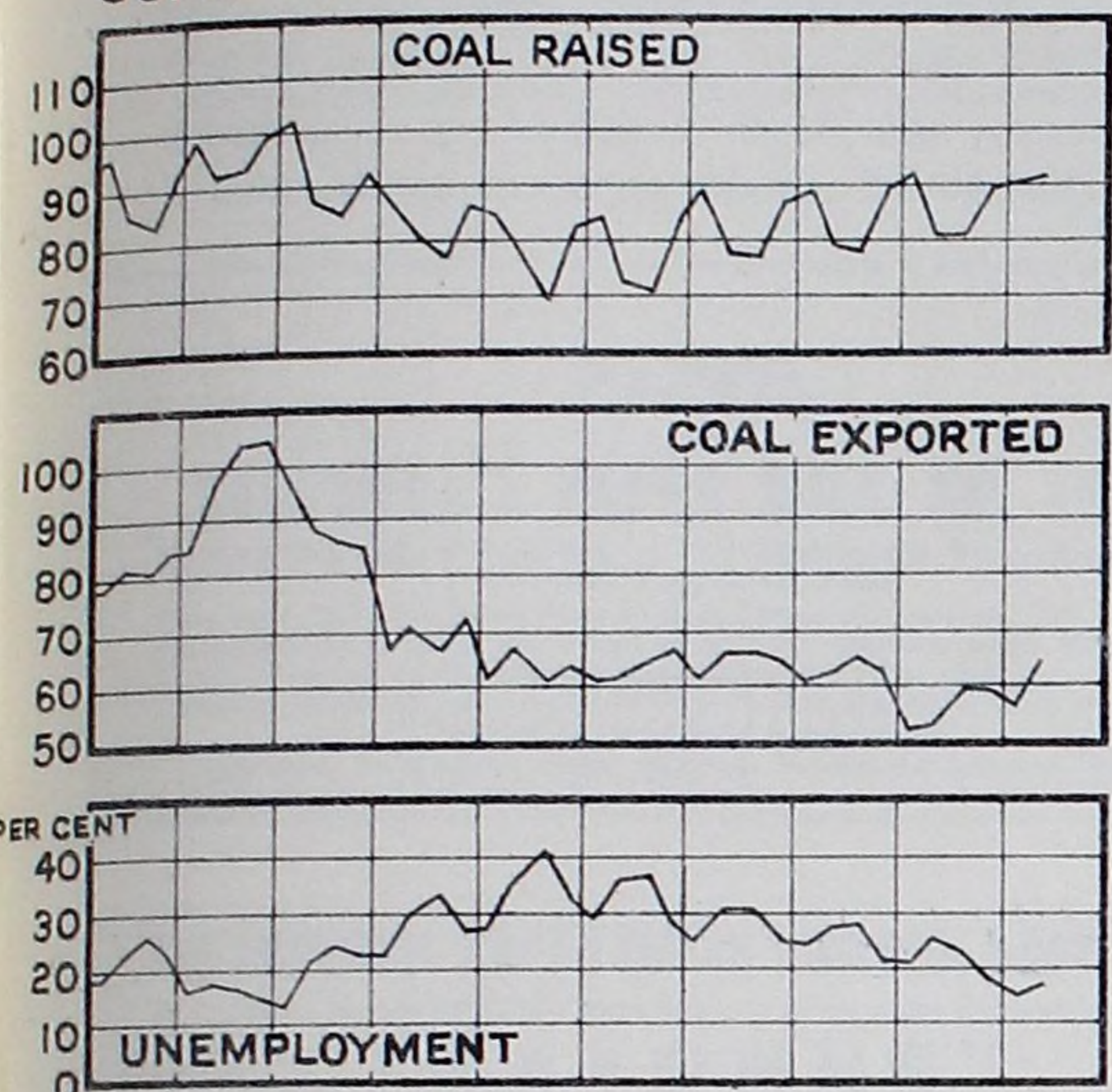
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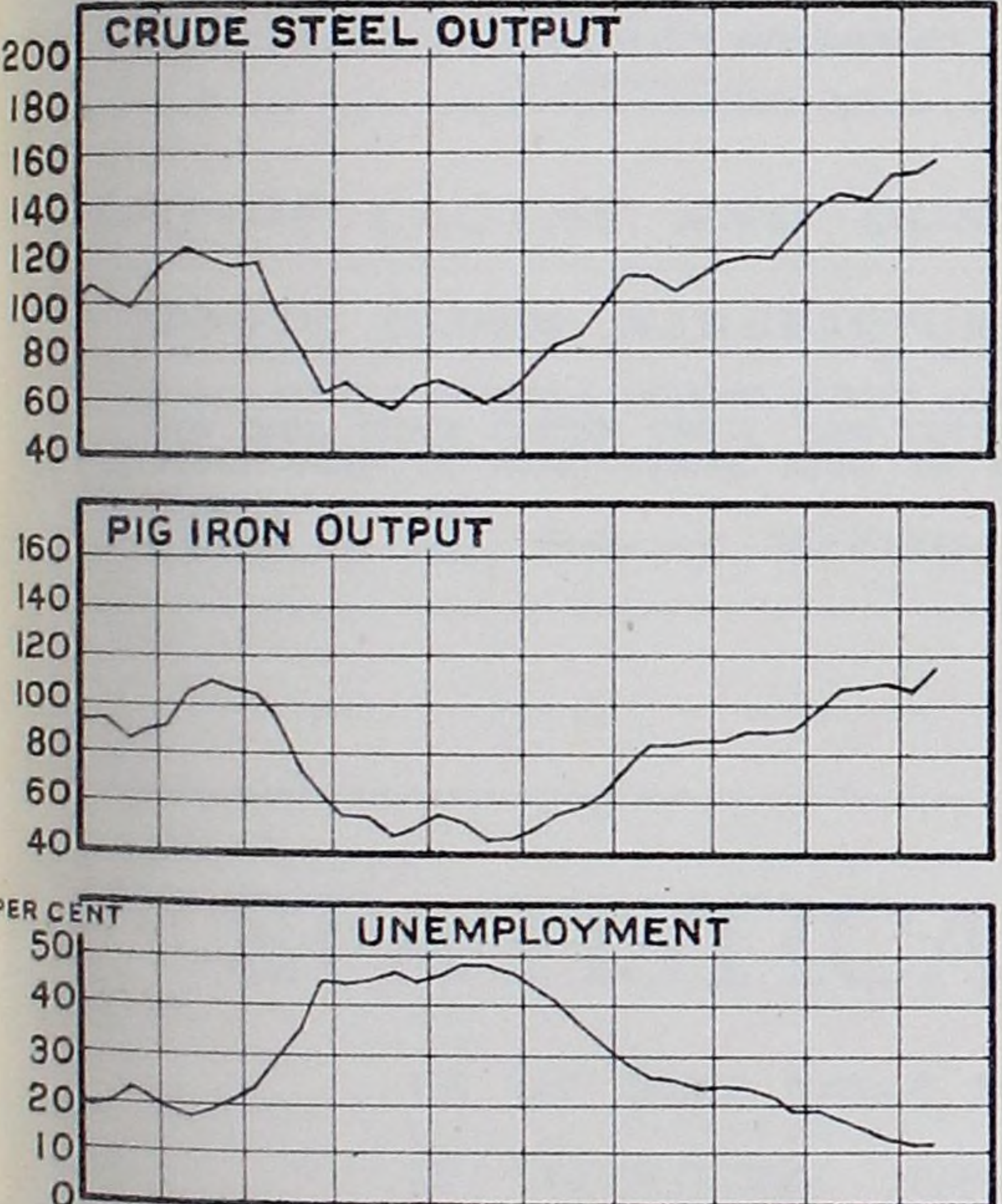
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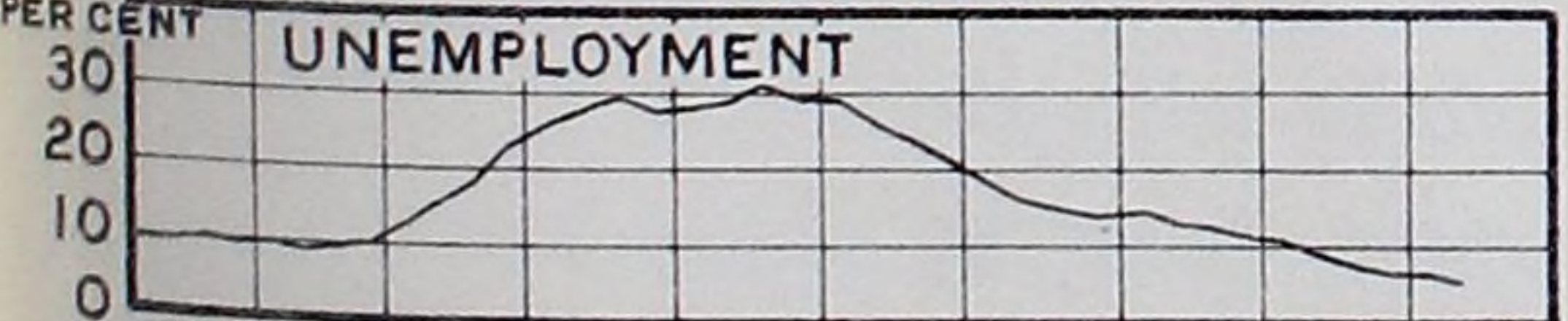
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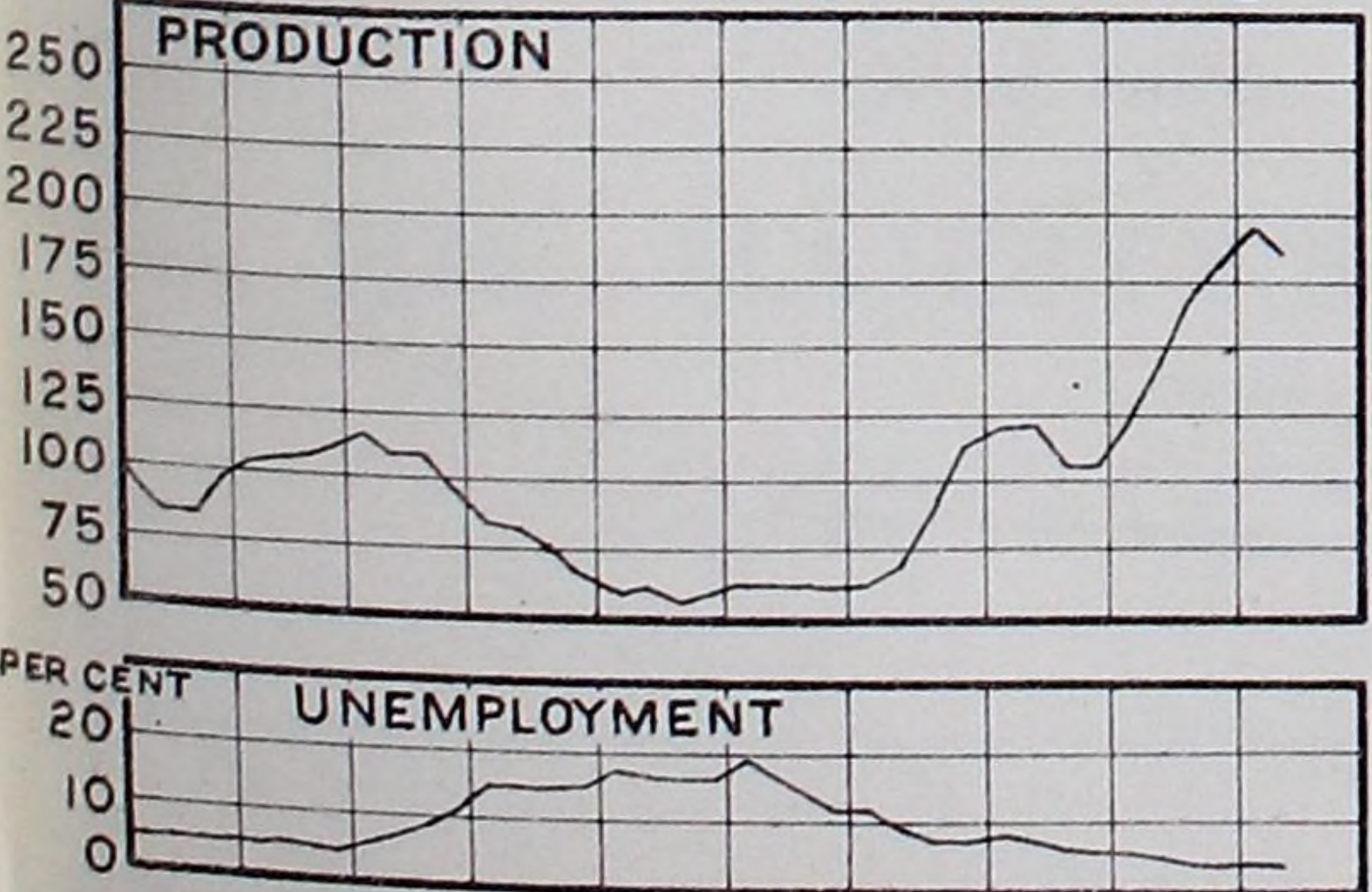
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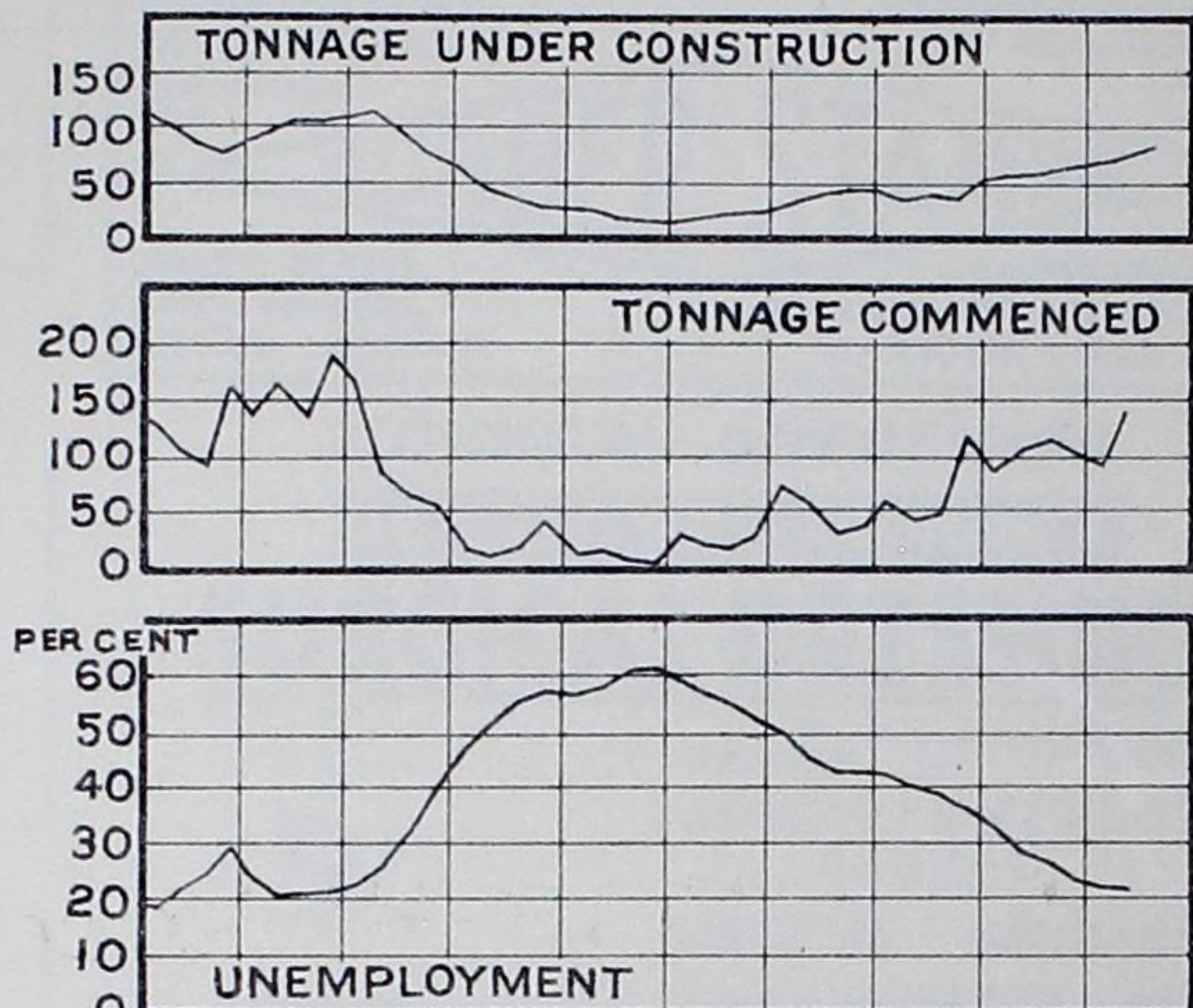
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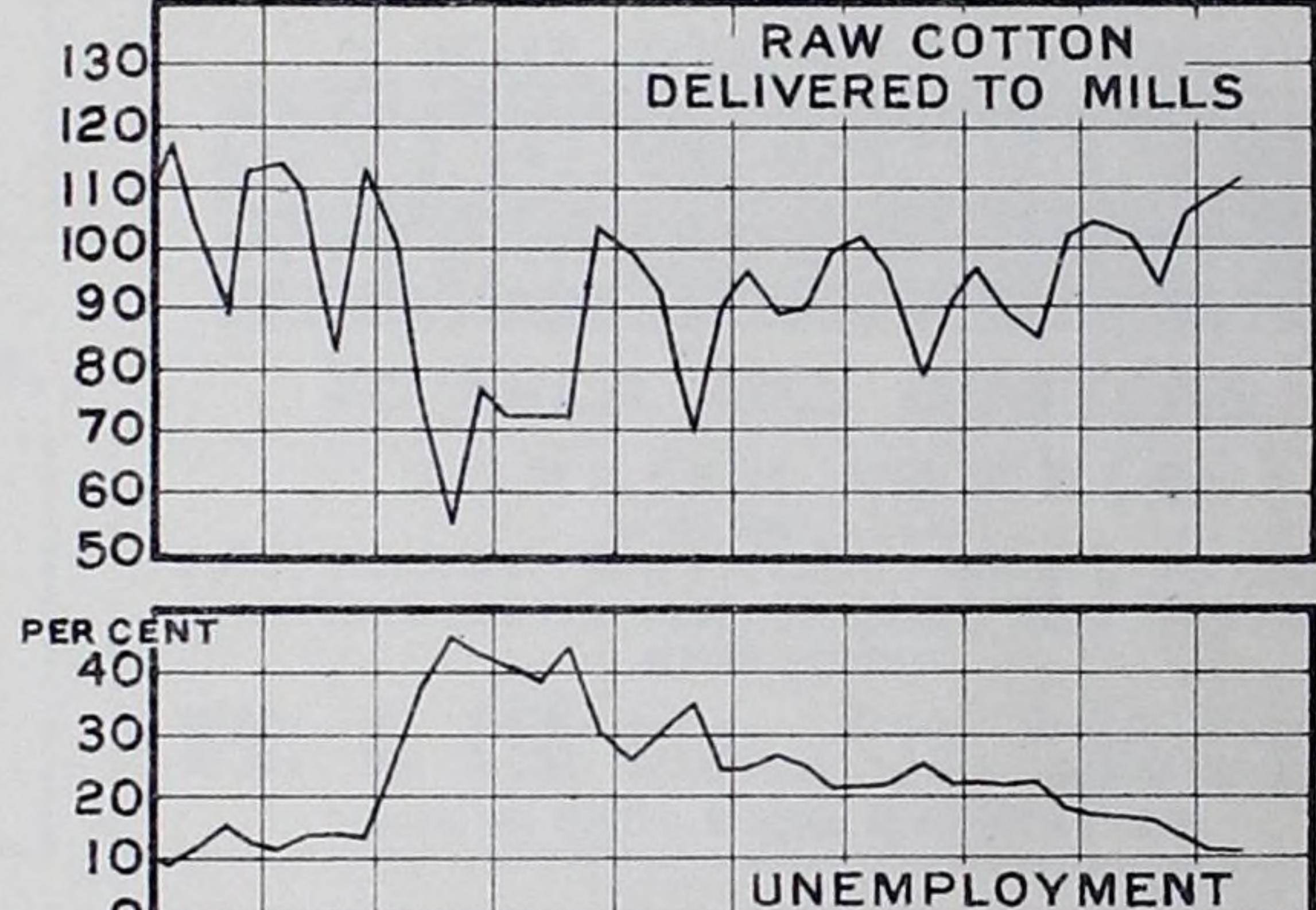
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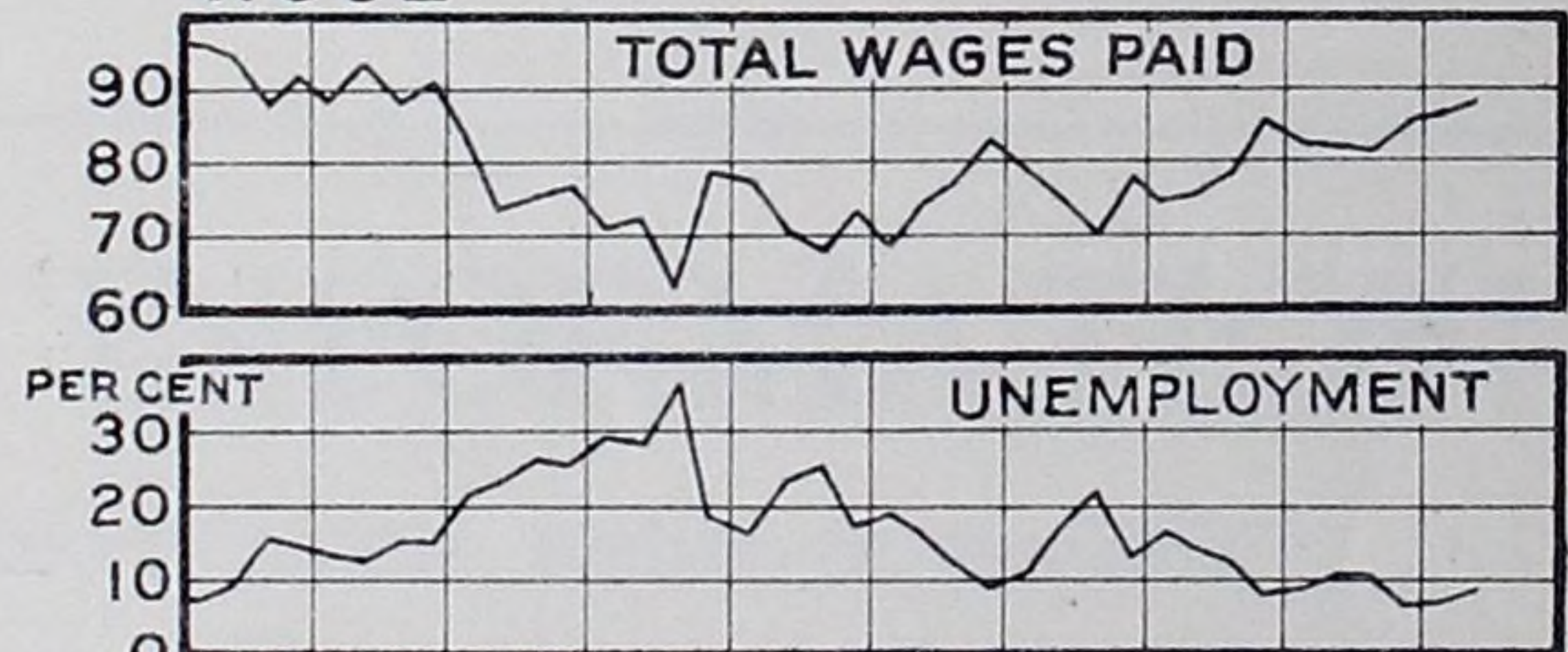
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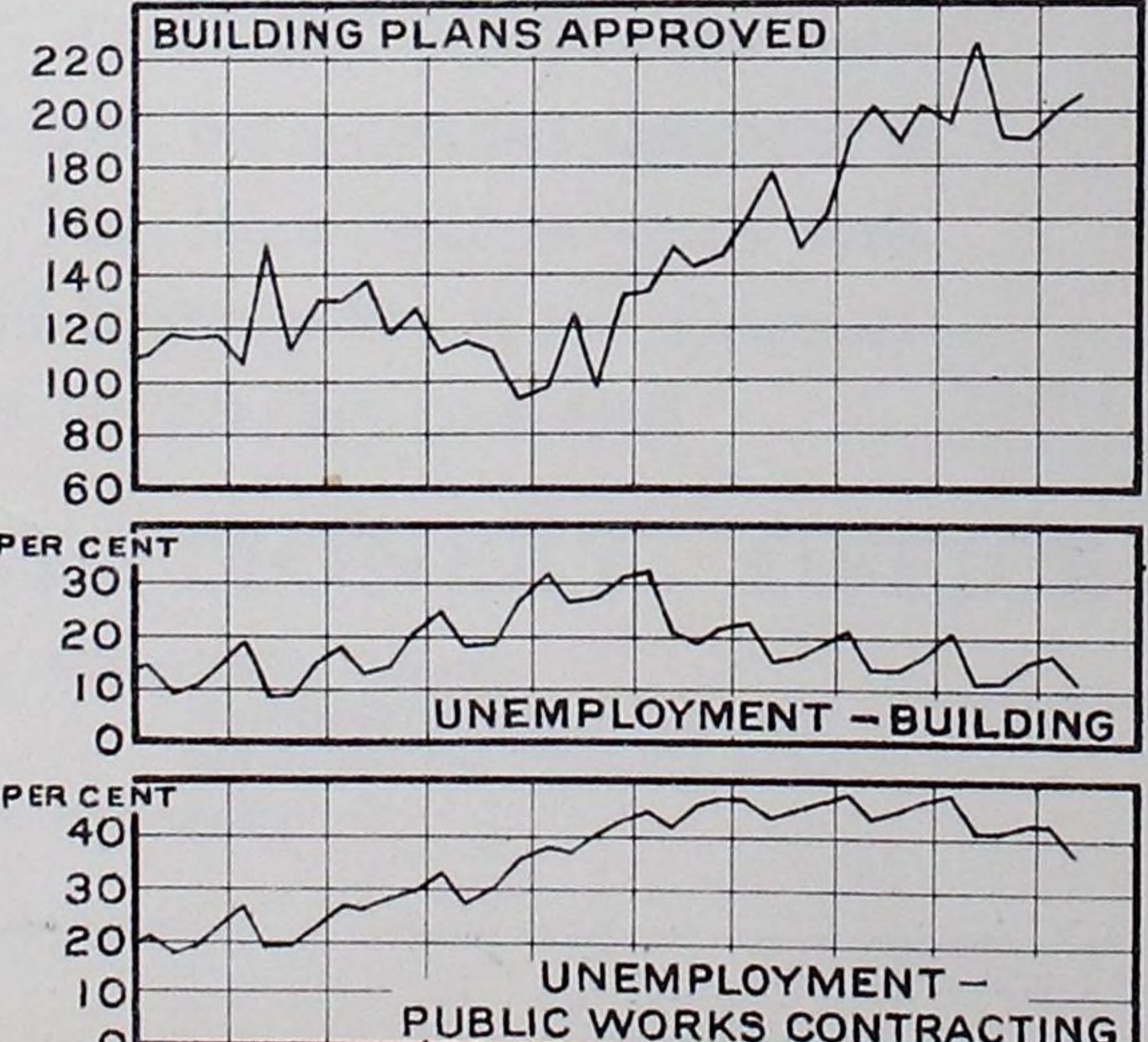
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