

TABLE XVII—ACCIDENTS IN INDUSTRY, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 (EXCLUDES FARMING, MINING, TRANSPORT, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, AND PERSONAL SERVICES, BUT INCLUDES MANUFACTURING, BUSH WORK, AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION)

Age-group.				Number of Accidents.		
				To Males.	To Females.	Total.
Under 16	..	..	..	95	14	109
16 to 20	..	..	..	2,186	169	2,355
21 to 24	..	..	..	2,428	93	2,521
25 to 34	..	..	..	3,950	117	4,067
35 to 44	..	..	..	3,234	117	3,351
45 to 54	..	..	..	1,977	86	2,063
55 and over	..	..	..	1,181	37	1,218
Not stated	..	..	..	506	23	529
Total	..	..	..	15,557	656	16,213

NOTE.—The number of accidents reported in 1949 shows a considerable increase over previous years, owing to the adoption of a different system of reporting as from the 1st April, 1949. From this date the figures have been compiled from information supplied mainly by the State Fire Insurance Office. It has not been possible to separate those accidents that occurred to non-factory workers or that were outside the restricted scope of the Scaffolding and Excavation Act, 1922, neither has it been possible to distinguish between bush work and bush sawmill work. Thus in respect of manufacturing industries many accidents to workers not within the Factories Act, 1946, are included—*e.g.*, drivers associated with bakehouses and workers in town timber-yards. In respect of construction, this table and Table XIX cover, for example, all workers injured while digging trenches for sewerage, but the Act applies only where work is more than 5 ft. in depth from the top of the excavation.

TABLE XVIII—ACCIDENTS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND BUSH WORK, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 (EXCLUDES FARMING, MINING, TRANSPORT, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, PERSONAL SERVICES, AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION)

Cause.				Type of Injury.			Total.
				Temporary.	Permanent Partial.	Fatal.	
Machinery ..	..	..	..	1,978	141	3	2,122
Vehicles ..	..	..	..	207	6	4	217
Explosions, fires, hot substances ..	..	..	..	485	3	3	491
Poisonous and corrosive substances ..	..	..	..	202	1	..	203
Electricity ..	..	..	..	58	..	1	59
Falls of persons ..	..	..	..	1,704	13	2	1,719
Stepping on or striking against fixed object ..	..	..	..	842	5	..	847
Falling objects not being handled by person injured	..	..	..	940	12	1	953
Falls of earth, &c. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Handling objects ..	..	..	..	4,351	32	2	4,385
Hand tools ..	..	..	..	2,034	22	..	2,056
Animals ..	..	..	..	51	..	..	51
Foreign body in eye*	..	..	..	527	5	..	532
Foreign body in ear*	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	394	4	2	400
Total†	..	..	..	13,780	244	18	14,042

* In former years some of these accidents would have been included in the machinery or hand-tools groups.

† See note to Table XVII.