

In respect to column 6 : This column shows, so far as possible, the ordinary rate of wages earned per full week without overtime and without loss of time. In a number of cases the information supplied in the returns was not very satisfactory, and in other cases—for example, where the workers were employed on piecework—it was impossible to fill in the item.

In the following table (No. I) the letters (a), (b), (c), and (d), where inserted, indicate as follow :—

- (a.) That the number employed increased during the year, so that while the employees referred to were evidently busy, with increasing employment towards the end of the year, and would therefore be expected to show full employment and high average earnings, the actual duration of employment and the average earnings taken throughout the year, as shown in the tables, were low. In these cases column 8 is therefore not filled in.
- (b.) That the number employed has decreased during the year. Where this is so in the case of a single age-group and not in the whole trade the decrease is evidently accidental ; while, where it applies to a whole trade, it would appear that a decline generally has taken place in the employment.
- (c.) That the employment has fluctuated considerably, with periods of slackness and activity, chiefly according to the seasons of the year. The meat-freezing and fruit-preserving trades are examples.
- (d.) That the industry has, as a whole, employed a steadily increasing number of employees.

The wages paid to casual hands, and referred to in the footnotes to the various trades, is the total amount paid in wages to all employees who worked in any factory for a shorter period than four weeks during the year. In some cases the employees to whom these amounts were paid were, no doubt, the same employees as are included in the tables, and a slight increase in columns 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 might therefore have been made. As no definite information on the subject was obtainable, and the amounts were small, no increase has been included.

WAGE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1911.

TABLE I.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES IN THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS OF NEW ZEALAND, WITH AGES, SEXES, EARNINGS, AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Ages.	Maximum Number employed.	Average Duration of Employment (in Weeks).	Number for whom Work done would have afforded 50 Weeks' Work per Year.	Total Wages paid during the Year.	Ordinary Rate of Wages for a Full Week.	Average Earnings per Week during Period of Employment.	Average Earnings per Week throughout the Year (52 Weeks).
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)

AUCKLAND CITY.

AERATED-WATER AND CORDIAL MANUFACTURING (MALES).

£							
14 and under 17	12	27 33	6 56	301	12/6 to 20/	18/4	(c)
17 " 21	16	36 50	11 68	870	15/ to 35/	29/9½	20/11
21 " 31	24	37 62	18 06	1,989	40/ to 45/	44/0½	31/10½
31 " 45	17	38 77	13 18	1,426	40/ to 45/	43/3	32/3
45 and over ..	13	37 39	9 72	1,276	50/ to 55/	52/6	37/9
All ages ..	79	37 47	59 20	5,862	..	39/7	28/6

There were also 3 employers personally engaged, and £191 was paid in wages to casual hands.

AGRICULTURAL-IMPLEMENT ASSEMBLING (MALES) (d).

14 and under 17	2	30 50	1 22	50	15/	16/4½	..
17 " 21	2	30 00	1 20	47	20/	15/8	..
21 " 31	4	43 50	3 48	362	48/	41/7	..
31 and over ..	5	41 60	4 16	676	70/	65/	..
All ages ..	13	38 70	10 06	1,135	..	45/1½	..

£74 was also paid in wages to casual hands.

AMMUNITION-MANUFACTURING (MALES).

14 and under 17	1	4 00	0 08	2	10/	10/	(a)
17 " 21	5	35 60	3 56	165	20/	18/6½	(a)
21 " 31	5	52 00	5 20	713	55/	54/10	54/10
31 " 45	4	52 00	4 16	717	65/	68/11	68/11
45 and over ..	4	46 75	3 74	440	45/	47/1	42/3½
All ages ..	19	44 05	16 74	2,037	..	48/8	41/3

AMMUNITION-MANUFACTURING (FEMALES).

14 and under 17	18	19 33	6 96	178	11/	10/3	(a)
17 " 21	29	45 79	26 56	969	15/	14/7	12/10
21 " 31	26	44 85	23 32	1,122	20/	19/3	16/7
31 " 45	6	48 00	5 76	367	22/	25/6	23/6
All ages ..	67	46 71	62 60	2,636	..	16/10	15/1

£13 was also paid in wages to casual hands.

BACON-CURING (MALES).

£							
17 and under 21	2	16 50	..	67	40/	40/7	(a)
21 " 31	6	44 66	5 36	611	45/	45/7	39/2
31 " 45	3	52 00	3 12	619	60/	79/4	79/4
45 and over ..	3	44 00	2 64	370	60/	56/0½	47/5
All ages ..	13	45 30	11 78	1,667	..	56/7	49/4

BACON-CURING—ENGINE-DRIVERS (MALES).

21 and over ..	2	35 00	1 40	259	60/ to 80/	74/	(a)
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There was also 1 employer personally engaged, and £35 was paid in wages to casual hands.

BAKING-POWDER, ETC., MANUFACTURING (MALES).

14 and under 17	8	37 00	5 92	219	12/	14/9½	10/6½
17 " 21	5	40 00	4 00	247	20/	24/8½	19/
21 " 31	1	17 00	0 34	21	25/	24/8½	8/1(b)
31 " 45	3	52 00	3 12	460	60/	58/11½	58/11½
All ages ..	14	47 78	13 38	947	..	28/3½	26/

BAKING-POWDER, ETC., MANUFACTURING (FEMALES) (c).

14 and under 17	5	23 80	2 38	50	10/	8/5	..
17 " 21	10	29 30	5 86	212	10/	14/5½	..
All ages ..	15	27 47	8 24	262	..	12/8½	..

There were also 2 employers personally engaged, and £4 was paid in wages to casual hands.

BASKET AND WICKERWARE MANUFACTURING (MALES).

14 and under 17	9	44 89	8 08	215	10/	10/7½	9/2
17 " 21	7	52 00	7 28	485	20/	26/8	26/8
21 " 31	19	41 10	15 62	1,896	55/	48/6½	38/4½
31 " 45	9	48 67	8 76	1,052	55/	48/0½	44/11½
45 and over ..	4	47 25	3 78	314	55/	33/2½	30/2
All ages ..	47	46 30	43 52	3,962	..	36/5	32/5

There were also 7 employers personally engaged, and £21 was paid in wages to casual hands.