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TO

Amend the Factory Acts.

A.D. 1874.



WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Acts relating to the employment of children, young persons, and women in certain factories :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act shall apply to any factory as defined in "The Factory Act, 1844," as amended by the Act of the ninth and tenth of Her Majesty, chapter forty, and by the Act of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and seventeen, and shall not apply to any factory other than as aforesaid.

Application of Act.

2. The following provisions shall have effect with respect to the employment of children, young persons, and females in factories to which this Act applies ; namely,

Amendment of Factory Acts.

(1.) A young person or female shall not, except in recovering lost time, be employed in any factory for more than fifty-four hours in any week, or for more than nine hours and a half in any day :

(2.) A child shall not, except in recovering lost time, or in cases where children may work on alternate days, be employed in any factory for more than five hours and a half in any day ; and a child shall not, except in recovering lost time, be employed for more than thirty-three hours in any week :

(3.) A child, young person, or female shall not, either for recovery of lost time or for any other purpose, be employed in any factory before seven o'clock in the morning in any day : Provided that this prohibition shall not affect the provisions of the Act of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and seventeen, with respect to the employment of youths in lace factories :

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