

## CHAPTER VI.

### WORKING CONDITIONS.

#### EMPLOYEES.

From each of the 65 establishments making muslin underwear that furnished reports, data were obtained regarding the number of its employees engaged in direct and indirect labor, including superintendents, foremen, clerks, and general help in the establishment but not those in contract shops. The data as furnished by the establishments classified such employees by sex, age, time and piece workers, and according to the number employed in the busy season and in the dull season.

The busy season in most establishments included the months of February, March, April, May, September, October, and November; the dull season, January, June, July, August, and December.

The total number of the employees of the 65 establishments reporting was 8,989 during the busy season and 7,769 during the dull season. The number of employees that were under 16 years of age was 106 in the busy season and 103 in the dull season. All of these children were employed in establishments outside New York City. In the busy season the establishments with net sales of less than \$100,000 (Group V) employed 5; the establishments with net sales of \$100,000 and less than \$200,000 (Group VI), 13; the establishments with net sales of \$200,000 and less than \$400,000 (Group VII), 48; the establishments with net sales of \$400,000 and over (Group VIII), 40. Of the total 106 children in the busy season, 72 were time workers and 34 were pieceworkers. All were females except 3.

The average number of employees per establishment 16 years of age and over, classified by groups, by sex, and by piece and time workers, during the busy and dull seasons, is shown in Table 43. The average was obtained by dividing the number of employees of each class by the number of establishments in each group. The number of children, being comparatively small, is omitted from the table.

TABLE 43.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES PER ESTABLISHMENT 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING SUPERINTENDENTS, FOREMEN, CLERKS, AND GENERAL HELP, BY GROUPS AND BY SEX, AND PIECE AND TIME WORKERS, DURING BUSY AND DULL SEASONS.

Establishments.	Group.	Number of establishments.	Total.			
			Busy season.		Dull season.	
			Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
In New York City having net sales of—						
Less than \$100,000.....	I.....	14	3.6	48.8	3.4	30.1
\$100,000 and less than \$200,000.....	II.....	12	8.3	70.4	7.3	52.2
\$200,000 and less than \$400,000.....	III.....	11	15.3	128.3	12.5	99.5
\$400,000 and over.....	IV.....	6	35.0	255.8	33.8	247.2
Total in New York City.....		43	12.2	104.0	11.0	84.3
Outside New York City having net sales of—						
Less than \$100,000.....	V.....	7	6.3	49.7	6.1	43.4
\$100,000 and less than \$200,000.....	VI.....	8	6.4	99.4	6.4	91.1
\$200,000 and less than \$400,000.....	VII.....	4	16.3	202.0	16.3	202.0
\$400,000 and over.....	VIII.....	3	51.7	538.7	50.3	471.7
Total outside New York City.....		22	14.3	162.1	14.1	148.0
Total all localities.....		65	13.0	123.7	12.1	105.8