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STATE OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

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SIR:— I herewith submit Special Bulletin No. 153, "Hours and Earnings of Women Employed in Power Laundries in New York State".

The Bureau of Women in Industry aims to publish from time to time concrete information on the hours and earnings of women in the different industries. Information of this nature is felt to be not only of general interest but necessary to a proper understanding of conditions which affect large groups of wage earners in this State. Since 59 per cent of the employees in the laundry industry are women it is consistent with the general policy of the Bureau that laundries should be included among the industries studied.

In 1924 the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene of the New York State Department of Labor published a comprehensive report on hygienic conditions in steam laundries. The present study on hours and earnings supplements this report and completes the picture of working conditions in steam laundries as far as women workers are concerned.

The Bureau wishes to express its appreciation to employers in this industry for their courtesy and cooperation in submitting the payroll records which made the present study possible.

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