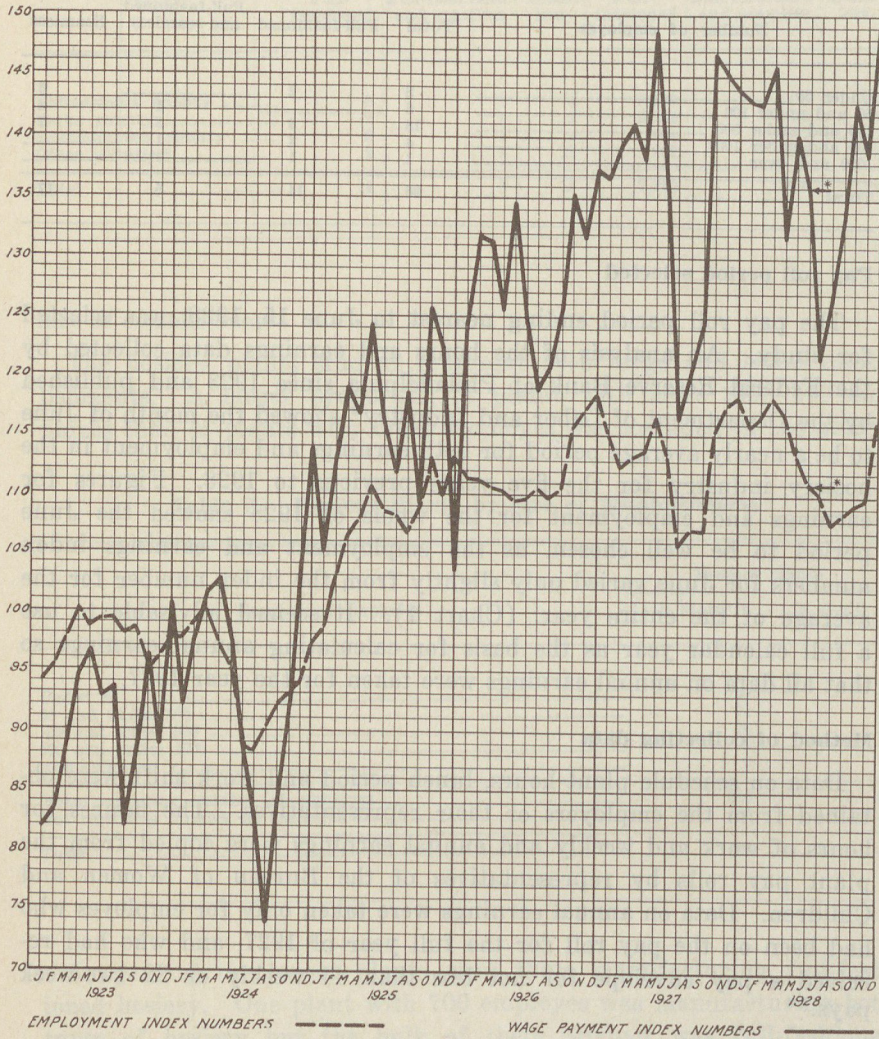


entirely on the data for men and women engaged in the manufacture of hosiery.***

Chart 1. Employment and Wage Payment Index Numbers for the Hosiery Industry for the Years 1923-1928**



*Pay period studied.

***"Employment Fluctuations in Pennsylvania," J. Frederick Dewhurst, Special Bulletin No. 24, Department of Labor and Industry; and "Labor and Industry," Department of Labor and Industry, March 1928 to February 1929.

***Children under 16 were employed more generally in seamless than in full-fashioned hosiery plants. While two per cent of all workers in the 36 hosiery plants were children under 16 years of age, the majority of these children were employed in the miscellaneous group of counties where nearly one-fifth of the hosiery employees were under 16. In Northampton county, two per cent of the employees were under 16, in Philadelphia county, one per cent. Berks county had the lowest proportion of employed children, less than one per cent. The children were employed for the most part in the less skilled occupations of the finishing departments. Nearly three-fourths of the children worked less than 48 hours a week, including eight hours spent in continuation school. The median for children in full-fashioned hosiery was 47 hours, in seamless hosiery 39 hours. The median weekly earnings for children were \$11.43 in full-fashioned hosiery and \$6.20 in seamless hosiery.