

## SECTION XIII.—STATE FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAUX.

1. **General.**—In the following paragraphs, particulars are given of the operations of the various State Labour Bureaux. In Labour Report No. 6 (page 130), attention was drawn to the fact that the systems adopted in the several States for the registration of applications for work and from employers are not uniform, and that the comparisons which can be drawn from the figures showing the results of the operations of these Bureaux are subject to certain limitations.

2. **Applications and Positions Filled, 1913 to 1920.**—The following table shews the total number of applications for employment and from employers, and the number of positions filled in the Commonwealth during the years 1913 to 1920 :—

**State Free Employment Bureau.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in the Commonwealth, during the Years 1913 to 1920.**

Year.	Applications for Employment.			Applications from Employers.			Positions filled.
	On Live Register at Beginning of Period.	Received during Period.	Total.	On Live Register at Beginning of Period.	Received during Period.	Total.	
1913 .. .. .	2,520	81,356	83,876	*321	*26,103	*26,424	35,312
1914 .. .. .	2,326	100,917	103,243	*1,017	*29,223	*30,240	37,365
1915 .. .. .	9,075	102,264	111,339	†370	†20,900	†21,270	39,069
1916 .. .. .	7,345	85,349	92,694	†1,758	†34,982	†36,740	42,384
1917 .. .. .	5,487	76,710	82,197	†994	†27,372	†28,366	36,657
1918 .. .. .	4,676	77,052	82,328	†750	†39,970	†40,720	45,416
1919 .. .. .	5,994	98,527	104,521	†459	†43,775	†44,234	53,040
1920 .. .. .	7,475	124,429	131,904	†356	†61,328	†61,684	62,699

\* Exclusive of Victoria and South Australia, for which States particulars are not available.

† Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

During the year 1920, out of every 1000 applicants for work 475 obtained positions, against 507 for the year 1919. The number of applicants for work was 26 per cent. larger, and the number of positions filled 18 per cent. greater during the year 1920 than during 1919.

3. **Applications and Positions Filled in each State during 1920.**—The following table shews the number of applications for employment and from employers, and the number of positions filled in each State during the year 1920 :—

**State Free Employment Bureau.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in different States, 1920.**

State.	Applications for Employment.			Applications from Employers.			Positions filled.
	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	
New South Wales .. .. .	..	50,217	50,217	..	42,716	42,716	35,580*
Victoria .. .. .	321	14,068	14,389	..	†	†	4,457
Queensland .. .. .	7,083	42,974	50,057	356	13,758	14,114	12,667*
South Australia .. .. .	62	7,831	7,893	†	†	†	3,593*
Western Australia .. .. .	..	8,597	8,597	..	4,854	4,854	5,953
Tasmania .. .. .	9	742	751	†	†	†	549
Commonwealth .. .. .	7,475	124,429	131,904	†356	†61,328	†61,684	62,699

\* Including persons who received advances of travelling expenses from the Labour Bureau, but who were not directly engaged through the medium of that institution.

† Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania.

† Not available.

The following are the percentages of applicants who obtained employment through the Bureaux in the various States:—New South Wales, 71; Victoria, 31; Queensland, 25; South Australia, 46; Western Australia, 69; and Tasmania, 73 per cent.

4. Applications and Positions Filled in Various Industrial Groups during 1920.—The following table furnishes particulars for the year 1920 of the operations of the Free Labour Bureaux, classified according to industrial groups:—

State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in different Industrial Groups, 1920.

Industrial Group.	Applications for Employment.			* Applications from Employers.			Positions Filled.
	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	
I. Wood, Furniture, Saw-mill, Timber Workers, etc.	3	697	700	..	1,103	1,103	916
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	287	5,966	6,253	1	2,096	2,097	1,962
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	112	1,634	1,796	3	536	539	493
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	20	677	697	6	1,010	1,016	318
V. Books, Printing, etc.	28	293	321	..	109	109	69
VI. Other Manufacturing	1	347	348	..	177	177	202
VII. Building	513	6,108	6,621	10	4,858	4,868	4,037
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	145	2,156	2,301	..	763	763	1,033
IX. Rail and Tram Services	75	12,325	12,400	..	5,319	5,319	8,692
X. Other Land Transport	..	2,850	2,650	..	644	644	579
XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc.	2	424	426	..	228	228	205
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, Rural, etc.	1,576	15,500	17,076	14	8,049	8,063	6,989
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	205	13,594	13,799	313	14,503	14,816	12,358
XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous.	4,508	62,008	66,516	9	21,933	21,942	24,846
TOTAL	7,475	124,429	131,904	356	61,328	61,634	62,699

\* Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

Attention has already been drawn to the fact that there is considerable diversity in the nature and scope of the work ordinarily carried out by the Bureaux in the various States. For example, in some States in which certain Government Departments obtain workers from the Labour Bureaux, the number of workers is naturally larger in comparison with the number in the same groups in other States. Thus, of the positions filled in Group IX. (Rail and Tramway Services), 11 per cent. were filled in New South Wales, 49 per cent. in Queensland, and 34 per cent. in South Australia. In Victoria, in this group, only 361 positions were filled, and in Western Australia only 5, while in Tasmania 106 positions were filled. Practically the whole of the positions filled in Group

XIII. (Domestic, Hotels, etc.) were in three States, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. Of the positions filled in this group, 10,078, or 82 per cent., as against 8193, or 79 per cent. in 1919, were for female domestic workers, and the whole of these positions, with the exception of 5 in Tasmania, were filled in the three above-mentioned States, these being the only States which make special provisions for female workers. In the manufacturing groups (I. to VI.) 40 per cent. of the applicants obtained positions.

5. Applications and Positions Filled during 1920, Males and Females.

—The following table gives particulars, for male and female workers separately, of the number of applications for employment, and from employers, and the number of positions filled during the year 1920 :—

State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications and Positions Filled, Males and Females, 1920.

Particulars.	Applications for Employment.			* Applications from Employers.			Positions filled.
	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	On Live Register at Beginning of Year.	Received during Year.	Total.	
Males .. .. .	7,304	113,116	120,420	163	48,146	48,309	57,646
Females .. .. .	171	11,310	11,484	193	13,182	13,375	11,053
TOTAL .. .. .	7,475	124,429	131,904	356	61,328	61,684	62,699

\* Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

Of the total number of registrations for employment during the year 1920, 91.3 per cent. (against 90.7 per cent. in 1919) were made by males, and 8.7 per cent., by females. The percentage of positions filled for males was 82.4 per cent. (against 83.5 per cent. in 1919), and for females, 17.6 per cent.

For every 1000 applications for employment from male workers, 429 positions were filled in 1920, as against 467 in 1919, while for every 1000 applications from female workers, 962 were filled, as against 899 in 1919.

SECTION XIV.—ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.

1. General.—The following table shews the total number of immigrants, the cost of whose passage was wholly or partly defrayed by the State Governments, up to the end of the year 1912, and the number arriving in each year since that date. The figures for 1920 include immigrants who arrived through the Overseas Settlement Committee, exclusive of those arriving in South Australia, particulars for which State are not available.