

By the Act of 1920, Chapter 676, a Board of Boiler Rules was created consisting of the Commissioner of the State Bureau of Labor and Statistics, who shall be Chairman; the Attorney-General and the Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

This Board is created for and charged with the duty of formulating rules and regulations governing the proper construction and installation of boilers of over fifteen pounds to the square inch, for sale or use in this State, and to enforce such rules and regulations and the continued maintenance of them on a basis of proper safety.

Inspections.

The number of inspections made in the different divisions coming under the supervision of this department in 1928 were 9,960. Of this number 1,303 were Child Labor Inspections; 2,647 Factory and Home Worker Inspections; 5,853 Ten-Hour-Law Inspections for Women and 157 Boiler Inspections. There were also 14,910 General Inspections; these were establishments visited where no women or children were found employed, and canning and other establishments to which the Ten-Hour Law does not apply. The total number of people employed under the various inspections was 288,341.

Under the Child Labor Law our inspectors found 8,413 children working. The permit department handled 11,371 cases. This does not include county cases.

Each year during the canning season the Bureau concentrates its efforts to inspections in the counties, with very satisfactory results.

During the year four very important surveys were made:

- (1) Of unemployment conditions in Baltimore City in which a house-to-house canvass was made by the police to ascertain the actual number of persons out of work.
- (2) Of conditions surrounding the children who are released from school before its close to accompany their parents into the berry and vegetable fields of this State.
- (3) Of child labor in the vegetable canneries in Maryland.
- (4) Of the mentally and educationally retarded child laborer.

Pamphlets concerning these studies will be published early in 1929.

BUREAU OF MINES.

Chief Mine Engineer:

John J. Rutledge.....22 Light Street, Baltimore

District Mine Inspectors:

Frank T. Powers.....Allegany County.....Frostburg
 Clyde J. Rowe.....Frostburg

Stenographer and Clerk:

Miss Julia E. Jefferson.....22 Light Street, Baltimore

The Bureau of Mines was created in the State Board of Labor and Statistics by the General Assembly of 1922. The Chief Mine Engineer was appointed by the Governor from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner. The Act became effective October 1, 1922.

The Act was prepared by a special commission appointed by the Governor and supersedes the several local laws which governed mining operations in this State prior to the enactment of this law.