

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 1929 were 10,307. Of this number 1163 were Child Labor Inspections; 2379 Factory and Home Worker Inspections; 6573 Ten-Hour-Law Inspections for Women and 192 Boiler Inspections. There were also 15,328 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 288,687.

Under the Child Labor Law our inspectors found 2936 children employed in 741 establishments in Baltimore City and 1671 children employed in 422 establishments in the counties. The Permit Department handled 13,959 cases in Baltimore City. The County cases amounted to 2496.

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

Plans for a number of studies of various labor conditions to be made in 1930 have been formulated. The results will be published in separate pamphlets as the studies are completed.

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.....Westernport

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.