

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 shewing the results of the operations of these Bureaux are subject to certain limitations.

2. **Applications and Positions Filled, 1913 to 1919.**—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 1919.

State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in the Commonwealth, during the Years 1913 to 1919.

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	37,305
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	77,652	82,328	†750	†39,970	†40,720	45,416
1919	5,994	98,527	104,521	†459	†43,775	†44,234	53,040

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

† Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

During the year 1919 out of every 1000 applicants for work 507 obtained positions against 551 for the year 1918. The number of applicants for work was 27 per cent. larger, and the number of positions filled, 16 per cent. greater during the year 1919 than during 1918.

3. **Applications and Positions Filled in each State during 1919.**—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 1919 :—

State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in different States, 1919.

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	507	23,782	20,289	..	28,525	28,525	21,810*
Victoria	612	12,774	13,386	..	..	..	6,650
Queensland	4,814	40,835	45,649	..	15,235	15,694	13,879*
South Australia	61	7,137	7,198	..	..	..	4,906*
Western Australia .. .. .	..	8,394	8,394	..	..	..	5,741
Tasmania .. .. .	..	55	55	..	15	15	..
Commonwealth	5,994	98,527	104,521	†459	†43,775	†44,234	53,040

* 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 Western Australia.

† Not available.

The following are the percentages of those applicants who obtained employment through the Bureaux in the various States:—New South Wales, 74; Victoria, 50; Queensland, 30; South Australia, 68; Western Australia, 65; and Tasmania, 70 per cent.

4. **Applications and Positions Filled in Various Industrial Groups during 1919.**—The following table furnishes particulars for the year 1919 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, 1919.

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.	*4	351	*355	..	217	217	615
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	*268	5,362	*5,630	..	2,011	2,013	1,843
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	*114	972	*1,086	..	314	314	238
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	*25	376	*401	38	429	467	117
V. Books, Printing, etc.	*19	203	*221	..	33	33	40
VI. Other Manufacturing . . . . .	..	378	378	..	416	416	162
VII. Building	414	6,909	7,323	15	4,314	4,329	3,757
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	197	2,041	2,238	3	1,129	1,132	935
IX. Rail and Tram Services	202	13,620	13,822	..	8,973	8,973	13,049
X. Other Land Transport	23	1,441	1,464	..	219	219	262
XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc.	18	610	628	..	486	486	359
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, Rural, etc.	874	12,615	13,489	7	4,079	4,086	6,147
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	192	12,342	12,534	371	12,294	12,665	10,352
XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous.	3,597	41,307	44,904	20	8,861	8,884	15,164
TOTAL	5,994	98,527	104,521	459	43,775	44,234	53,040
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* Exclusive of New South Wales.

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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), 15 per cent. were filled in New South Wales, 52 per cent. in Queensland, and 27 per cent. in South Australia. In Victoria in this group only 287 positions were filled, in Western Australia only 3, while in Tasmania no positions were filled, in this group. 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, 8193, or 79 per cent., as against 6596, or 82 per cent. in 1918, were for female domestic workers, and the whole of these positions 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.) 37 per cent. of the applicants obtained positions.

5. Applications and Positions Filled during 1919, 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 1919 :—

State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications and Positions Filled, Males and Females, 1919.

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	5,842	88,965	94,807	173	33,028	33,201	44,310
Females	152	9,562	9,714	286	10,747	11,033	8,730
TOTAL	5,994	98,527	104,521	459	43,775	44,234	53,040

*.Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

Of the total number of registrations for employment during the year 1919, 90.7 per cent. (against 89.5 per cent. in 1918) were made by males, and 9.3 per cent., by females. The percentage of positions filled for males was 83.5 per cent. (against 84.6 per cent. in 1918), and for females, 16.5 per cent.

For every 1000 applications for employment from male workers, 467 positions were filled in 1919, as against 522 in 1918, while for every 1000 applications from female workers, 899 were filled, as against 808 in 1918.

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 1911, and the number arriving in each year since that date :—

Commonwealth.—Number of Assisted, Selected, or Nominated Immigrants to the End of the Year 1919.

Particulars.	To end of 1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	Total.
No. of Immigrants	726,462	46,712	27,445	20,805	5,796	1,397	504	426	245	889,792