

## SECTION XIV.—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 1918.**—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 1918.

**State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in the Commonwealth, during the Years 1913 to 1918.**

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	†20,960	†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

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

† Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

During the year 1918 out of every 1000 applicants for work 551 obtained positions against 446 for the year 1917. The number of applicants for work was slightly larger, and the number of positions filled, 12 per cent. greater, during the year 1918 than during 1917.

3. **Applications and Positions Filled in each State during 1918.**—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 1918:—

**State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications for Employment and from Employers, and Positions Filled in different States, 1918.**

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 .. .. .	..	21,114	21,114	..	22,949	22,949	16,167*
Victoria .. .. .	617	40,322	40,939	†	†	†	4,807
Queensland .. .. .	3,441	31,165	34,608	750	17,042	17,762	14,629*
South Australia .. .. .	616	6,964	7,580	†	†	†	4,636*
Western Australia .. .. .	..	8,037	8,037	†	†	†	5,133
Tasmania .. .. .	..	50	50	..	9	9	44
Commonwealth .. .. .	4,676	77,652	82,328	†750	†39,970	†40,720	45,416

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

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

The following are the percentages of those applicants who obtained employment through the Bureaux in the various States:—New South Wales, 77; Victoria, 44; Queensland, 42; South Australia, 61; Western Australia, 64; and Tasmania, 88 per cent.

4. Applications and Positions Filled in Various Industrial Groups during 1918.—The following table furnishes particulars for the year 1918 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, 1918:

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.	10	*118	*128	..	*9	*9	*516
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	281	*2,062	*2,343	3	*281	*284	*449
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	72	*485	*557	..	*108	*108	*103
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	15	*162	*177	8	*348	*356	*102
V. Books, Printing, etc.	18	*119	*137	4	*43	*47	*40
VI. Other Manufacturing	..	*20	*20	..	..	..	*5
VII. Building	525	5,902	6,427	12	3,162	3,174	2,897
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	109	2,152	2,261	..	1,157	1,157	1,492
IX. Rail and Tram Services	611	13,137	13,748	..	11,455	11,455	12,091
X. Other Land Transport	..	843	843	..	1,745	1,745	138
XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc.	..	384	384	..	150	150	100
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, Rural, etc.	892	9,130	10,022	126	4,140	4,286	5,837
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	213	9,377	9,590	258	7,705	7,963	8,015
XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous.	1,930	30,476	32,406	319	7,068	7,387	11,717
TOTAL	4,676	77,652	82,328	750	39,970	40,720	45,416

\* Exclusive of New South Wales. † Inclusive of New South Wales.  
‡ Exclusive of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia.

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), 18 per cent. were filled in New South Wales, 54 per cent. in Queensland, and 27 per cent. in South Australia. In Victoria only 85, in Western Australia only 19, and 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, 6596, or 82 per cent., as against 5571, or 86 per cent. in 1917, 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.) 47 per cent. of the applicants obtained positions.

**5. Applications and Positions Filled during 1918, 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 1918 :—

**State Free Employment Bureaux.—Applications and Positions Filled, Males and Females, 1918.**

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 .. .. .	4,499	69,191	73,690	488	33,342	33,830	38,439
Females .. .. .	177	8,461	8,638	262	6,628	6,890	6,977
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>4,676</b>	<b>77,652</b>	<b>82,328</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>39,970</b>	<b>40,720</b>	<b>45,416</b>

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

Of the total number of registrations for employment during the year 1918, 73,690, or 89.5 per cent. (against 87.5 per cent. in 1917) were made by males, and 8638, or 10.5 per cent., by females. The number of positions filled for males was 38,439, or 84.6 per cent. (against 83 per cent. in 1917), and for females, 6977, or 15.4 per cent.

For every 1000 applications for employment from male workers, 522 positions were filled in 1918, as against 423 in 1917, while for every 1000 applications from female workers, 808 were filled, as against 606 in 1917.

**: SECTION XV.—ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.**

**1. General.**—The following table shows 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 1910, and the number arriving in each year since that date :—

**Commonwealth.—Number of Assisted, Selected, or Nominated Immigrants to the End of the Year 1918.**

Particulars.	To end of 1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	Total.
No. of Immigrants	686,666	39,796	46,712	37,445	20,805	5,796	1,307	504	426	839,547