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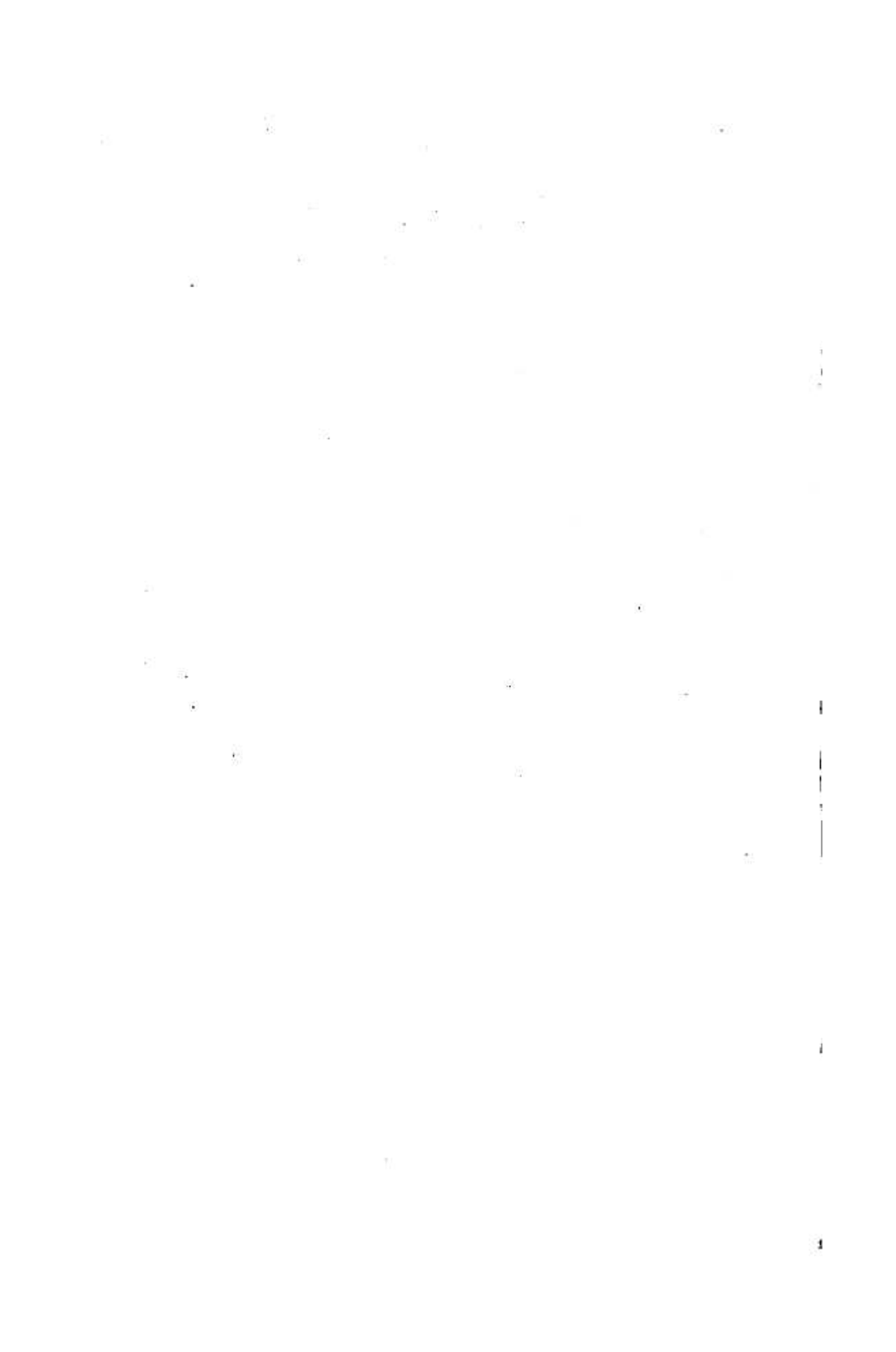
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF
INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR STATISTICS, }
AUGUSTA, December 31, 1895.

To His Excellency, HENRY B. CLEAVES, Governor of Maine:

SIR: I have the honor to present the report of the Bureau of
Industrial and Labor Statistics for 1895.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL W. MATTHEWS,
Commissioner.



INTRODUCTION.

The investigations made by the bureau during the past year have been largely directed to ascertaining the earnings and expenses lost time, savings, etc., of many classes of working men. These investigations have been made through competent agents and are therefore more full and accurate than if carried on through the medium of the mails.

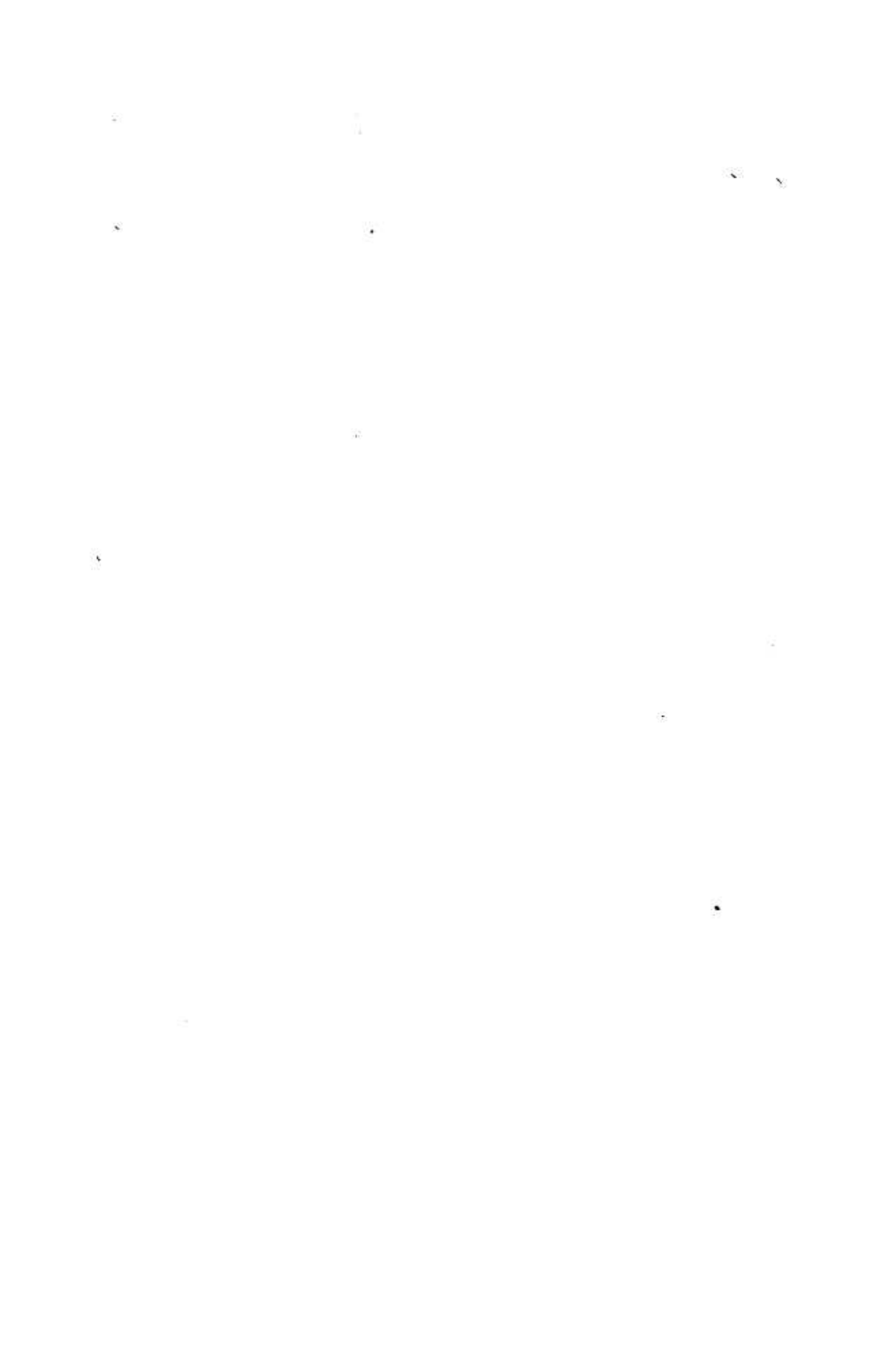
The relations between employers and employed during the year have generally been amicable and satisfactory, but few strikes or other "labor troubles" having occurred. Labor of all kinds has had employment at fair wages and a marked improvement in many lines of business is noticeable.

The number of manufacturing establishments erected during the year has been largely increased over that of the previous year, the amount of capital invested being more than doubled.

Other features of the Report are returns from butter, cheese and condensed milk factories, and descriptive articles on the lime and slate industries, the blue-berry, sardine, and oil-cloth industries, and an extended article entitled "Maine's Industrial Progress and the Outlook for the Future."

The report also contains a list of new factories erected, enlarged and completed during the year, together with some facts with regard to employes on railroads in the State, compiled from returns made to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

The Commissioner hereby acknowledges his indebtedness for the faithful and valuable services of those who have, for shorter or longer periods, been in his employ during the past year. Maj. C. J. House, the able and competent Clerk of the Bureau, and Special agents, A. I. Brown, J. S. Bourdon, E. M. Blanding and W. A. Newcomb have rendered important services which merit special recognition.



INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF WORKING MEN.

GENERAL SUMMARY AND REMARKS.

In making an investigation of the earnings and expenses of working men, such lines of industries were selected as would be fairly representative of the wage workers generally throughout the State. Investigations have been made among the workmen in eighteen different lines of industry, consisting of carpenters, masons, mason tenders, painters, blacksmiths, common laborers, hostlers, house finish makers, granite workers, slate workers, lime workers, saw mill hands, cotton mill hands, woolen mill hands, shoemakers, moccasin makers, ship builders and pulp makers. In order to secure uniformity in the information obtained a blank return was prepared asking for the following facts :

1. Name in full (not to be made public.)
2. Age.
3. Where born.
4. Residence.
- Post office address.
5. Occupation.
- Sub-division of work.
6. Number of hours employed daily. Number of days in week.
7. Earnings : Per day. Per week. Per month.
8. Earnings from your regular trade for year ending Dec. 31st, 1894.
9. Earnings from other personal service.
10. Earnings of all others in your family, for same year.
11. Number of days lost during the year—not including legal holidays : Total. From sickness. From inability to obtain work. From other causes.
12. How many dependent on you for support.
13. Cost of living during the year for self and family : Total cost. How much did you pay for rent. Food. Clothing. Light and fuel. Society dues. Life Insurance. Other things.

14. Do you own a home. If so, is it mortgaged.
 Value of home. Amount of mortgage. Rate of
 interest on mortgage.
15. Total number in your family.
16. Number engaged in working for wages.
17. Are wages paid in cash, or otherwise.
18. Were your wages increased during the year. What per cent.
19. Were your wages reduced during the year. What per cent.
20. How often are you paid.
21. Are any wages withheld under certain rules.
22. Do you belong to any labor organization.
23. Do you belong to any beneficiary association.
24. Do you receive weekly benefits in case of sickness.
25. Have you a savings bank account.
26. Have you accumulated any savings during former years.
 During past year.
27. Have you run into debt during the past year.

The use of the mails in obtaining returns from working men has proved so unsatisfactory that the matter was put into the hands of special agents who gathered the facts by personal interviews and inquiries. In compiling these matters, men with families and those without, have been tabulated separately. The following is a general summary of some of the more important statistics derived from the compilation of these individual reports: Whole number of reports, both with and without families, 556; number American born, 433; number foreign born, 123; number owning homes, 188; value of homes, \$253,725; number homes mortgaged, 43; amount of mortgages, \$17,800; number renting, 327; number having savings bank accounts, 228; number who have accumulated savings in former years, 436; during past year, 332; run in debt during past year, 63; neither gained nor lost during past year, 161.

From men with families, 514 reports were obtained. Number of persons in the 514 families, 2,146; average number per family, 4.18; number assisted by members of family, 141; number owning homes, 187; number having savings bank accounts, 222; number accumulating savings, in former years, 421; number accumulating savings during past year, 318; running in debt during past year, 61; neither gained nor lost during past year, 135; average age, 40 years; average daily wages, \$1.87; average annual earn-