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RHODE ISLAND FACTORY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

J. ELLERY HUDSON, - - - - Chief Inspector.
Mrs. HELEN M. JENKS, - - Assistant Inspector.
JOSEPH ROY, - - - - Assistant Inspector.



THE OLD SLATER MILL, PAWTUCKET.

Built by Samuel Slater, in 1793, and in which was first introduced in America the spinning of cotton by machinery.
(From an old print.)

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

OFFICE OF FACTORY INSPECTORS,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., January, 1908.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JAMES H. HIGGINS,
Governor, State Rhode Island:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1215 of the General Laws, we have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the General Assembly, this the fourteenth annual report of the Factory Inspectors of this State, covering the inspection of factories, workshops, and mercantile establishments during the year ending December 31, 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ELLERY HUDSON,
Chief Factory Inspector.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and financial management. The text highlights that records should be maintained in a clear, organized, and accessible manner, ensuring that all relevant information is captured and preserved for future reference.

2. The second part of the document addresses the challenges associated with record-keeping, such as data loss, corruption, and unauthorized access. It suggests implementing robust security measures, including encryption, access controls, and regular backups, to mitigate these risks. Additionally, it stresses the need for staff training and awareness programs to ensure that all personnel understand the importance of data security and the correct procedures for handling sensitive information.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the integration of record-keeping with other organizational systems and processes. It advocates for a holistic approach that aligns record management with overall business objectives and operational efficiency. This involves identifying key data points, streamlining workflows, and leveraging technology to automate record-keeping tasks where possible. The goal is to create a seamless and efficient record-keeping system that supports the organization's mission and vision.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of record-keeping in decision-making and strategic planning. It notes that well-maintained records provide valuable insights into organizational performance, trends, and risks. By analyzing this data, management can make informed decisions, identify areas for improvement, and develop effective strategies for the future. The text also mentions the importance of regular audits and reviews to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the records.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by reiterating the significance of record-keeping and the need for continuous improvement. It encourages organizations to stay updated on the latest record-keeping practices and technologies, and to foster a culture of transparency and accountability. The final message is that proper record-keeping is not just a compliance requirement, but a fundamental aspect of good governance and organizational success.

REPORT.

The Chief Factory Inspector respectfully presents the following as the fourteenth annual report of the department:

In accordance with law there have been eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1,899) places visited during the year. This is an increase of one hundred and fifty-seven (157) over the number reported last year.

The number of employees in the various establishments was divided as follows:

Males of sixteen years and over.....	87,440
Females of sixteen and over.....	43,619
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Total adults.....	131,059
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Males under sixteen years of age.....	3,309
Females under sixteen years of age.....	2,841
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Whole number of children.....	6,150
Total number employed.....	137,209

The foregoing figures compared with those given in the last report show an increase of five thousand six hundred and ninety-two (5,692) in the number of male adults employed; an increase of two thousand two hundred and fifty-five (2,255) in the number of female adults employed; a decrease of five hundred and sixteen (516) in the number of boys employed; a decrease of two hundred and sixty-six (266)