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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.

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
Total adults	131,059
Males under sixteen years of age	3,309
Females under sixteen years of age	2,841
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)