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Inspections of Factories, Mercantile Establishments and Workshops,

FROM

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ELISHA H. ROCKWELL, FACTORY INSPECTOR.

*March 3, and March 4 Inspection 9-17-1896.*

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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OFFICE OF FACTORY INSPECTORS,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1st, 1897.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES WARREN LIPPITT,

*Governor State of Rhode Island.*

GOVERNOR:—In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 68, Public Laws, I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the General Assembly, my third annual report of duties performed as inspector of factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, from January 1st, 1896, to January 1st, 1897.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ELISHA H. ROCKWELL,

*Factory Inspector.*

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## INSPECTIONS.

During the year ending December 31st, 1896, I have inspected three hundred and ten establishments, and thirty-five second visitations. Total number of visitations three hundred and forty-five. These include all the cotton, woolen and worsted factories, knitting mills, producing silk and cotton elastic, fabrics, underwear, tapes, braids, lacings and stockings, dyeing and print works, bleacheries, rubber and screw works, steam laundries, jewelry and silverware and mercantile establishments, etc.

## WHOLE NUMBER EMPLOYED.

There has been employed in all the varied industries as shown in the following tabulated tables, viz:

Number of males over 16 years.....	25,831
“ “ females over 16 years.....	20,847
“ “ boys under 16 years.....	2,225
“ “ girls under 16 years.....	1,815
Total.....	50,716

The decrease in number of employees in comparison with my annual report for 1895 is about 10,000. The total number reported for 1895 was 60,200. This decrease is largely due to the depressed condition the past year in manufacturing interests. The woolen