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CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

- 1733 John Kay invented the flying shuttle
1765 James Hargreaves invented the spinning-jenny
1767 Richard Arkwright invented the water-frame
1769 James Watt invented the steam-engine
1778 Adam Smith published *The Wealth of Nations*
1779 Samuel Crompton perfected the "mule"
1785 Opening of the first steam spinning mill
1788 Act for the Better Regulation of Chimney Sweepers
1798 Malthus published *An Essay on the Principle of Population*
1802 Health and Morals of Apprentices Act
1808 British and Foreign School Society founded
1811 National Society founded
1816 Peel's Committee on Conditions in Cotton Factories
1817 Commons Committee on Chimney Sweep Boys
1818 Lords Committee on Chimney Sweep Boys
1819 Act for the Regulation of Cotton Mills and Factories
1825 Hobhouse's Factory Act
1830 Oastler begins agitation for Ten Hours Day.
1833 First government grant to schools
Act to Regulate the Labour of Children and Young
Persons in Mills and Factories
1833-4 Children's Employment Commission
1834 Lords Committee on Chimney Sweep Boys
Chimney Sweepers Regulation Act
1837 Compulsory registration of births
1840 Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys Regulation Act
1842 Royal Commission on Mines
Mines Act
1844 Act to amend the Laws relating to Labour in Factories
1845 Print Works Act
1847 Act to limit the Hours of Labour of Young Persons and
Females in Factories
1850 Act to amend the Acts relating to Labour in Factories
1853 Palmerston's Factory Act

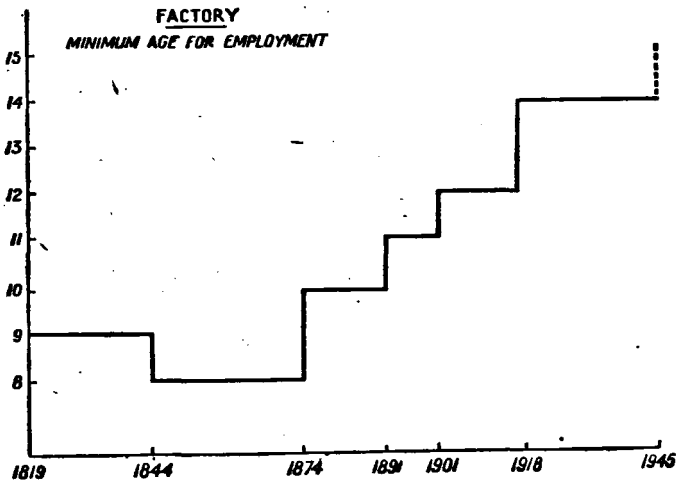
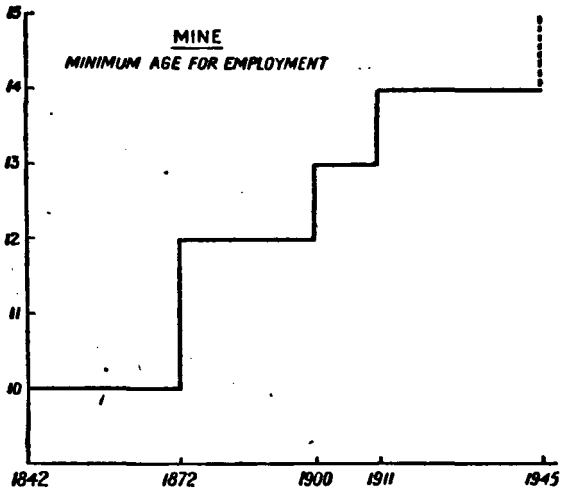
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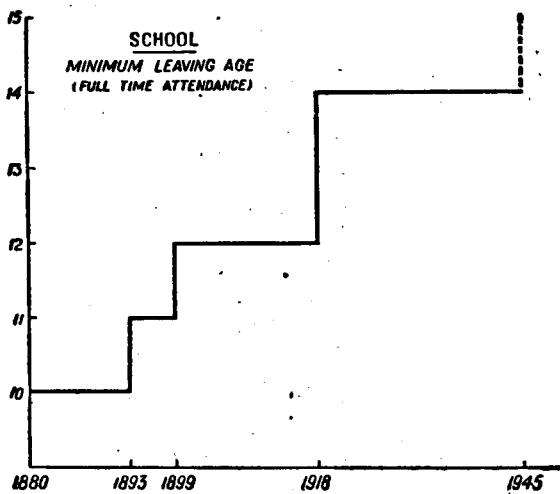
- 1860 Bleach and Dye Works Act
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- 1861 Lace Works Act
- 1861-7 Children's Employment Commission
- 1863 Bakehouses Regulation Act
- 1864 Factory Acts Extension Act
- 1867 Factory Acts Extension Act
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- 1870 Forster's Elementary Education Act
- 1872 Coal Mines Regulation Act
- 1873 Agricultural Children Act
- 1874 Factory Act
- 1876 Consolidation Commission
Sandon's Elementary Education Act
- 1878 Factory and Workshop Act
- 1880 Mundella's Elementary Education Act
- 1882 Shop Hours Act
Municipal Corporations Act
- 1887 Coal Mines Regulation Act
- 1888 Lords Committee on Sweated Industries
- 1889 Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act
- 1891 Elementary Education Act
Factory Act
- 1893 Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act
- 1899 Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act (1893)
Amendment Act
- 1900 Elementary Education Act
- 1901 Factory and Workshop Act
- 1902 Education Act
Committee on Employment of School Children
- 1903 Employment of Children Act
- 1904 Committee on Physical Deterioration
- 1906 Education (Provision of Meals) Act
- 1907 Education (Administrative Provisions) Act
- 1909 Trade Boards Act
Committee on Partial Exemption
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- 1910 Education (Choice of Employment) Act

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1911	Coal Mines Act
1912	Shops Act
1918	Education Act
	Maternity and Child Welfare Act
1919	Coal Mines Act
1921	Education Act
1927	Hadow Report
1933	Children and Young Persons Act
1934	Shops Act
1936	Education Act
	Committee on Hours of Employment of Young Persons
1937	Factories Act
	Coal Mines (Employment of Boys) Act
1938	Young Persons (Employment) Act
1944	Education Act

APPENDIX II
THREE TIME CHARTS





APPENDIX III

WEEKLY BUDGET OF A MANCHESTER PRINT WORKER

Family of mother, father, and eight children

Total weekly earnings £1, 9s. 6d.

Rent	3 6
1½ cwt. Coal	10½
Flour	4 10
Yeast and Baking	6
3 lb. Bacon	2 0
2 lb. Butter	2 0
14 quarts Buttermilk	1 9
Sweet Milk	7
1½ pecks Oatmeal	2 0
2 oz. Tea	8
3 oz. Coffee	4½
2 lb. Sugar	1 4
1 lb. Soap	6
¾ lb. Candles	4½
Water	1
Potatoes	4 0
Clothing	1 6
Sick Club	1 5
School Fees	3
Miscellaneous	1 0
	£1 9 6

APPENDIX IV

BY-LAWS MADE UNDER THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933

(a) *By a Local Education Authority*

- 1 No child under the age of thirteen years shall be employed.
- 2 No child shall be employed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, except between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 3 No child shall be employed on Saturday, except between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., or between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 4 Sunday is prescribed as a whole holiday, and no child shall be employed on that day.
- 5 No child shall be employed on any School Holiday, except during the period stated in By-laws 2 and 3.
- 6 No child shall be employed in any of the following occupations :
 - (a) As a lather boy, or in a similar occupation, in a barber's or hairdresser's shop.
 - (b) In the kitchen of any hotel, cook shop, fried fish shop, eating house, or refreshment room.
 - (c) As a marker or attendant in any billiard or bagatelle saloon, or other place licensed for games, or in any registered club, or premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors.
 - (d) In or in connection with the sale of intoxicating liquors, except in places where such liquors are sold exclusively in sealed vessels.
 - (e) In selling programmes or refreshments or other articles, or in selling or taking checks or tickets, or in shifting scenery, in any theatre, music hall, picture theatre, or other place of public entertainment.
 - (f) In collecting or sorting rags or refuse.
 - (g) As an attendant or assistant in any premises or fair-ground used for the purpose of public amusement by

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means of automatic machines, mutoscopes, shooting ranges, games of chance or skill, or similar devices.

(h) In any slaughterhouse.

(i) In or in connection with any racing course or track or other place where any like sport is carried on, or as an assistant in any business conducted therein.

(j) Step cleaning.

(b) *By a County Council*

- 1 No girl under the age of 17 and no boy under the age of 16 shall engage or be employed in street trading.
- 2 No person under the age of 18 shall engage or be employed in street trading unless furnished with a licence from the Local Authority.
- 3 Every licensed person while engaged or employed in street trading shall wear in the appointed way the badge prescribed by the Local Authority.
- 4 No person under the age of 18 shall engage or be employed in street trading on or about any football or sports ground, or on or about any horse racecourse, dog racecourse, or motor vehicle racecourse, to any of which premises the public are admitted with or without payment of money, provided that nothing in this by-law shall apply to any public park or sports ground which is directly maintained by any Local Authority.
- 5 No licensed person shall engage or be employed in street trading before 7 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on any weekday or at any time on a Sunday.
- 6 No licensed person shall in any street or public place tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of any passenger.
- 7 No licensed person shall whilst engaged in street trading be assisted by any unlicensed person under the age of 18.

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