

HOUSE No. 245.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1886.

The Committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the census and industrial statistics, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOHN BACKUP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1886.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Bill relating to the annual collection of statistics of manufactures (House, No. 234), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

JACOB A. DRESSER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six.

AN ACT

Relating to the Annual Collection of Statistics of
Manufactures.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the bureau
2 of statistics of labor, annually, on or before the
3 fifteenth day of December, to transmit by mail
4 to the owner, operator or manager of every man-
5 ufacturing establishment in the Commonwealth a
6 schedule embodying inquiries as to, —
- 7 (1.) Name of the individual, firm or corpora-
8 tion.
- 9 (2.) Kind of goods manufactured or business
10 done.
- 11 (3.) Number of partners or stockholders.
- 12 (4.) Capital invested.

13 (5.) Principal stock or raw material used, and
14 total value thereof.

15 (6.) Gross quantity and value of articles man-
16 ufactured.

17 (7.) Average number of persons employed,
18 distinguishing as to sex, and whether adults or
19 children.

20 (8.) Smallest number of persons employed,
21 and the month in which such number was em-
22 ployed.

23 (9.) Largest number of persons employed,
24 and the month in which such number was em-
25 ployed.

26 (10.) Total wages, not including salaries of
27 managers, paid during the year, distinguishing as
28 to sex, adults and children.

29 (11.) Proportion that the business of the year
30 bore to the greatest capacity for production of the
31 establishment.

32 (12.) Number of weeks in operation during
33 the year, partial time being reduced to full time.

1 SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of every owner,
2 operator or manager of every establishment en-
3 gaged in manufacturing, and receiving the fore-
4 going schedule, to answer the inquiries borne
5 thereon for the year ending the thirty-first day of
6 December, or for the last financial year of the
7 establishment, and return said schedule to said
8 bureau, with the answers therein certified as to
9 their accuracy, on or before the twentieth day of
10 January following the receipt of such schedule.

1 SECT. 3. The said bureau, annually, after it
2 shall have gathered the facts as called for in the
3 previous sections, shall cause to be prepared and
4 printed true abstracts of the same, with proper
5 and comparative analysis thereof, and report the
6 same to the legislature; and such abstracts shall
7 be printed compactly in one volume, uniform in
8 style with the reports on the decennial census of
9 the Commonwealth for the year eighteen hundred
10 and eighty-five, and such report shall be stereo-
11 typed, and shall be numbered as one of the series
12 of public documents, and ten thousand copies
13 thereof printed, to be distributed as follows:
14 twenty-five copies to the governor; twenty-five
15 copies to the lieutenant-governor, and to each
16 member of the council; fifteen copies to each
17 member of the legislature; and ten copies to the
18 state library, and to the secretary of the Com-
19 monwealth, and to each head of a department or
20 bureau, and to each of the clerks of the two
21 branches of the legislature; also one copy to each
22 reporter assigned a seat in either branch, and one
23 copy to each person, official and institution as
24 provided for in section two, chapter four of the
25 public statutes, other than those hereinbefore
26 specified.

1 SECT. 4. No use shall be made in said reports
2 of the names of individuals, firms or corporations,
3 supplying the information called for by this act,
4 such information being deemed confidential, and
5 not for the purpose of disclosing any person's

6 affairs, and any agent or employee of said bureau
7 violating this provision shall forfeit a sum not
8 exceeding five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned
9 for not more than one year.

1 SECT. 5. For the purposes contemplated in
2 this act, the bureau of statistics of labor is
3 hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding
4 sixty-five hundred dollars annually.

1 SECT. 6. So much of chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and
3 eighty-four as relates to schedule number two
4 for the collection of the decennial statistics of the
5 manufactures of the Commonwealth is hereby
6 repealed.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

