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Employers and the "Fair wages" clause in municipal contracts.

The Employers' Priority Council have issued a statement in which they say, 867 local authorities, with a population of over 7 3/4 million make no conditions as to employment in their contracts. - of these 11 indicate conditions which they desire to be observed, although not in the contracts, & 41 have never made any conditions.

It is calculated that the whole of the whole districts of Great Britain (including London about which the return gives no information) may be divided into 2 groups. The 1st of which with a population of about 13 million includes all districts where conditions of some kind as to wages are imposed, and the 2nd, with a population of about 8 million, includes all districts where no such conditions exist. - 211 local authorities with a population of rather over 2 million, make no conditions as to employment in their contracts.

These figures show the very large extent to which the local authorities of Great Britain have already adopted the system of dictating to contractors the wages to be paid to carry out their contracts.

Of. Returns to H.C. from which these figures are probably taken.