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Extract from
1910 Annual
Report
Letter from
Col. Fisher
re employment
of boy labour

From Annual Report of the R.G.F.F. for the financial year ending 31.3.1910

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XII. BUILDING WORKS (Continued):

SERVICES:

Part II (Continued):

was practically completed by 31/3/10, and £90 was expended. The building was constructed cheaply of creosoted timber and was regarded as experimental, it being probable that a different type of building will be required eventually for this manufacture.

A large expenditure was necessary this year to underpin the old Nitric Acid Factory, Quinton Hill, which is a substantial building erected only 12 years ago.

XIII. LABOUR:

The gradual withdrawal of boy labour from the Factory necessarily throws an increased cost on production. In the following table the percentage of boy to adult labour for the years 1901 - 1909 is shown:

Year	%	Year	%
1901	23.91	1906	8.35
1902	17.26	1907	9.03
1903	15.07	1908	6.49
1904	15.47	1909	5.10
1905	10.0		

A considerable amount of the work is not only fit for boys to do, but is not suitable for men, and the employment of the latter causes an unnecessary expense in wages, with, in some cases an actual loss in efficiency.

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Waltham Abbey,
16th December, 1910.

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