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Leeds wool & workers (1786) <also see below>

-Machines cut down costs (“Scribbling” machine), reduce employment
Issue: machinists/workers want machines to be revoked, banned

Documents from the Swing Riots (1830)

-workers riot -> destroy machines (burn Thrashing machines)
 *unhappy with wages and the lower levels of employment
-machines can be operated by children (for less \$\$)

Chartism (1838)

-Demand for: Universal suffrage
 *secret ballot
 *term limits (ex: 1 year term for governor)
 -frequent elections

Leeds wool & workers (cont.)

Workers

Old: took 24 men

Now: only 12 men

Business Perspective: lower costs, competition... must compete with other producers

- innovation to compete
- innovation:
 - because you can
 - increases profits

less jobs/new jobs? : people who fix machines, sell products, build machines

Children: work/apprenticeship will keep them off the streets, discourage crime