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## PREFACE

This Labour Report, which is the fifty-seventh of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the year 1972, in addition to providing comparisons with previous years.

The Report follows in the main the lines of its immediate predecessors in scope and arrangement. The subject-matter has been divided into five chapters, namely, Retail Prices and Price Indexes; Wholesale Prices and Price Indexes; Wages and Hours; Employment and Unemployment (including Industrial Disputes); and Labour organisations.

New material in this issue includes the Wholesale Price Index of Metallic Materials used in the Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products and Wholesale Price Indexes of Copper Materials used in the Manufacture of Electrical Equipment. These are shown in Chapter II.

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