

Seventy-two fatal mining accidents occurred below ground in Australia during the year, as compared with 22 above ground. Fatal accidents in ore-dressing, smelting and metallurgical works in 1936 numbered 8, as against 72 in metalliferous mines, 22 in coal mines and 14 in quarries and brick and clay pits. The total number of non-fatal accidents reported by Mines Departments and Inspectors of Factories in connexion with batteries, ore-dressing, smelting, etc., was 2,278. The number of non-fatal mining accidents below ground was 1,759 and above ground 326. Seventy-four non-fatal accidents occurred in quarries and brick and clay pits.

CHAPTER IV.—ASSOCIATIONS.

§ 1. Labour Organizations.

1. General.—In Labour Report No. 2 an outline was given of the method adopted to ascertain the number of members of labour organizations in Australia, and tabulated results up to the end of 1912 were included. From the beginning of 1913 quarterly returns were obtained from a considerable number of trade unions, both as to membership and unemployment, and these were supplemented at the end of each year by special inquiries as to the membership of those unions which, owing to the nature of the callings and industries covered, were unable to furnish quarterly unemployment returns. The following pages show the general situation in regard to the trades union movement in Australia at present, and its development since the year 1932. The affairs of single unions are not disclosed in the published results and this has assisted in securing complete information. The Bureau is greatly indebted to the secretaries of Trade Unions for their cordial co-operation in regard to the supply of information.

The figures published in this chapter cover the years 1932 to 1936. Particulars for the years 1912 to 1931 will be found in preceding issues of the Labour Report.

2. Trade Unions and Branches—Number and Membership, 1932 to 1936.
—The following table gives particulars of the number of separate unions and branches with the number of members at the end of the years 1932 to 1936:—

Trade Unions—Branches and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N'thern T'itory.	F.C.T.	Total.	Aust.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1932..	189	151	107	110	129	78	4	13	781	4361
1933..	183	149	107	109	128	80	4	15	775	4356
1934..	185	149	106	109	128	79	4	15	775	4355
1935..	182	147	109	112	130	77	4	15	776	4354
1936..	184	147	111	114	132	76	5	15	781	4356

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1932..	583	406	319	171	185	71	..	..	1,735	b2,155
1933..	580	406	320	177	188	78	..	..	1,749	b2,168
1934..	579	406	323	183	188	77	..	1	1,757	b2,177
1935..	584	399	321	183	190	77	..	1	1,755	b2,177
1936..	559	396	314	177	211	71	..	1	1,729	b2,157

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing (see following remarks). (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

Trade Unions—Branches and Membership—*continued.*

Year.	N S W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N'thern T'tory.	F C T	Total	Aust.
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1932..	313,160	196,989	110,055	54,199	50,160	14,699	769	890	740,831	740,831
1933..	302,024	195,039	121,331	54,107	51,399	13,630	766	1,022	739,398	739,398
1934..	312,639	195,877	120,358	55,120	54,195	13,510	825	1,043	762,567	762,567
1935..	309,689	199,132	148,127	59,102	56,315	14,536	831	1,058	790,830	790,830
1936..	315,517	201,616	156,953	59,900	60,762	15,839	992	1,230	814,809	814,809

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.(d)

1932..	00.5	63.4	610.6	65.2	64.0	69.2	64.1	61.7	63.7	63.7
1933..	63.6	61.0	10.2	0.2	2.5	67.3	68.2	14.8	60.2	60.3
1934..	3.5	0.7	6.6	1.7	5.4	60.9	16.9	2.1	3.1	3.1
1935..	60.9	1.7	14.5	6.9	7.6	7.8	3.2	1.5	3.7	3.7
1936..	1.9	1.2	7.3	1.4	4.2	8.8	16.6	16.3	3.0	3.0

(c) Decrease. (d) On preceding year.

The types of trade unions in Australia vary greatly, and range from the small independent association to the large interstate organization, which, in its turn, may be a branch of an international union. Broadly speaking, there are four distinct classes of labour organizations, viz.:—(i) the local independent; (ii) the State; (iii) the interstate; and (iv) the Australasian or international.

In the table just given, under the heading "Number of Separate Unions," each union represented in a State is counted once only, regardless of the number of branches in that State. In the total number of separate unions in each State (see last column but one), it is obvious that there will be duplication in the case of interstate and similar unions, since each such union is counted once in each State in which it is represented by a Branch. The figures in the last column, therefore, have been obtained by making due allowance for this duplication.

3. Trade Unions—Industrial Groups, 1932 to 1936.—The following table gives the number and membership of trade unions in Australia in industrial groups at the end of the years 1932 to 1936. In previous Reports it was pointed out that the number of unions classified in Group XIV. (Miscellaneous), increased considerably during the period 1918 to 1920, and a correspondingly large increase occurred in the membership of the group. During recent years many associations of employees of public and semi-public bodies have been organized, and such unions are now included in the tabulations. Public Service, municipal, banking and insurance associations, which were not previously recognized, are now registered under the provision of the Commonwealth and State Industrial Arbitration Acts, and are therefore classified as industrial bodies. The inclusion of these organizations is responsible, to a great extent, for the increase in Group XIV.

Trade Unions—Industrial Groups—Australia.

Industrial Groups.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
NUMBER OF UNIONS (a)					
Manufacturing—					
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	4	4	4	4	4
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	22	22	22	21	21
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	34	34	34	32	33
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	12	11	11	11	11
V. Books, Printing, etc.	10	10	9	9	8
VI. Other Manufacturing	37	37	36	34	35
VII. Building	28	28	28	26	27
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	13	13	14	13	13
IX. Railway and Tramway Services	29	29	29	30	29
X. Other Land Transport	4	4	4	4	4
XI. Shipping, etc.	24	22	22	22	21
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	4	4	6	7	7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	16	16	15	14	15
XIV. Miscellaneous—					
(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical	19	19	19	19	19
(ii) Public Service	45	45	45	47	48
(iii) Retail and Wholesale	7	7	7	8	8
(iv) Municipal, Sewerage, and Labouring	13	12	11	11	11
(v) Other Miscellaneous	40	39	41	42	42
Total	361a	356a	355a	354a	356a

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.					
Manufacturing—					
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	27,054	27,164	25,886	27,079	25,365
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	72,883	69,241	73,363	70,070	70,047
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	61,183	62,103	65,693	68,292	72,120
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	51,151	50,173	56,484	59,184	62,200
V. Books, Printing, etc.	18,128	18,113	18,285	18,808	19,425
VI. Other Manufacturing	40,578	42,577	43,720	44,388	46,832
VII. Building	52,582	52,935	53,110	51,034	56,727
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	32,846	30,166	30,560	30,636	40,184
IX. Railway and Tramway Services	91,889	90,521	91,035	97,443	91,944
X. Other Land Transport	17,158	16,408	13,566	10,539	10,287
XI. Shipping, etc.	32,994	32,691	29,303	26,588	27,346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	21,237	20,907	22,599	28,782	31,810
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	20,993	20,849	19,585	19,043	16,091
XIV. Miscellaneous—					
(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical	28,420	27,884	33,917	34,115	35,315
(ii) Public Service	80,389	79,509	77,365	82,766	83,184
(iii) Retail and Wholesale	24,983	26,126	29,009	32,619	32,178
(iv) Municipal, Sewerage, and Labouring	30,639	30,261	32,482	38,026	39,603
(v) Other Miscellaneous	35,221	41,076	40,515	38,118	41,723
Total	740,831	739,398	762,567	790,830	814,809

4. Trade Unions—Number of Male and Female Members and Percentage to Total Employees.—(i) *States 1936.* The census of 1933 shows the percentage of male and female employees (*i.e.*, persons "in receipt of wages or salary," and persons "unemployed"), 20 years of age and over, on the total male and female population, and by applying these percentages to the estimated total male and female population at 31st December, 1936, an estimate of the number of adult employees of each sex in that year was obtained.

The following table shows separately for males and females and for each State (a) the number of members of trade unions; (b) the estimated number of employees of each sex 20 years of age and over in all professions, trades, and occupations; and (c) the percentage of the former (a) on the latter (b) at the end of the year 1936. The estimated number of employees includes all persons (over the age specified) in receipt of wages or salary, as well as those unemployed, and therefore embraces a large number of adults who are not eligible for membership of any trade union (such as certain persons employed in professional occupations) as well as others who, while eligible for membership so far as the nature of their trade or occupation is concerned do not reside in a locality which is covered by any union devoted to their particular trade or occupation. Moreover, the age at which persons are eligible for membership varies in different unions. The census results are classified in quinquennial age groups, and age 20 years is taken as approximating to the age of admission to membership. A line has been added to show the estimated numbers of "junior" workers under 20 years of age.

Trade Unions—Number of Male and Female Members, and Percentage to Total Employees, 1936.

Particulars	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Nthn. T'tory.	Aus- tralia
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MALES.

Estimated No. of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over)	573,073	383,909	205,720	119,396	98,662	42,932	1,917	1,426,109
No. of Members of Unions	273,794	160,638	132,523	53,109	51,185	13,292	954	685,795
Percentage of Members on Esti- mated No. Adult Employees..	47.3	41.8	64.4	41.5	51.9	31.0	49.8	48.11
Junior Workers (under 20) ..	104,817	70,763	38,713	24,140	16,867	9,390	180	265,176

FEMALES.

Estimated No. of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over)	142,069	124,614	48,037	30,192	21,717	10,502	203	377,334
No. of Members of Unions	42,953	40,978	26,430	6,191	9,577	2,547	38	129,914
Percentage of Members on Esti- mated No. Adult Employees..	30.2	32.9	55.0	21.5	44.1	24.3	18.7	31.2
Junior Workers (under 20) ..	59,168	47,709	20,365	13,930	9,389	4,680	64	155,305

TOTAL.

Estimated No. of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over)	715,142	508,523	253,757	150,088	120,379	53,134	2,120	1,803,143
No. of Members of Unions	316,717	201,616	158,953	59,900	60,762	15,839	992	814,509
Percentage of Members on Esti- mated No. Adult Employees..	44.3	39.6	62.6	39.9	50.5	29.6	46.8	45.2
Junior Workers (under 20) ..	163,985	118,472	59,978	38,370	26,256	14,070	250	420,481

(a) Inclusive of Federal Capital Territory.

(ii) *Australia*.—Similar particulars for Australia for the five years 1932 to 1936 are given in the next table.

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Trade Unions—Number of Male and Female Members and Percentage to Total Employees—Australia.

Particulars.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936
MALES.					
Estimated Number of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over) .. .	1,330,000	1,345,290	1,393,155	1,101,286	1,426,109
Number of Members of Unions .. .	630,688	626,266	611,370	662,447	685,795
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. Adult Employees .. .	47.4	46.6	46.0	47.3	48.1
Junior Workers (under 20) .. .	246,500	249,010	253,682	255,160	265,176
FEMALES.					
Estimated Number of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over) .. .	317,250	321,500	363,255	366,102	377,331
Number of Members of Unions .. .	110,143	113,132	121,197	128,383	129,014
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. Adult Employees .. .	34.7	35.2	33.1	35.1	34.2
Junior Workers (under 20) .. .	139,980	141,960	158,863	160,120	155,305
TOTAL.					
Estimated Number of Adult Employees (20 years of age and over) .. .	1,647,250	1,665,790	1,756,410	1,767,388	1,803,143
Number of Members of Unions .. .	740,831	739,398	762,567	790,830	814,809
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. Adult Employees .. .	45.0	44.4	43.4	44.7	45.3
Junior Workers (under 20) .. .	386,480	390,970	412,515	415,280	420,181

5. Trade Unions—Classification according to Number of Members, 1932 to 1936.—The following table shows the number and membership of all trade unions in Australia for the years 1932 to 1936 inclusive, classified according to size. In this table interstate unions are counted once only:—

Trade Unions—Classification according to Number of Members—Australia.

Classification	10,000 and over.	5,000 and under 10,000.	2,000 and under 5,000.	1,000 and under 2,000.	500 and under 1,000.	300 and under 500.	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50.	Total.
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NUMBER OF UNIONS.

1932 ..	23	14	38	38	47	30	24	50	34	63	361
1933 ..	23	15	38	37	46	30	26	52	30	59	356
1934 ..	25	10	41	37	45	32	24	47	35	59	355
1935 ..	23	12	43	39	50	25	25	41	10	53	351
1936 ..	26	11	41	40	51	27	20	42	38	51	350

MEMBERSHIP

1932 ..	392,095	102,843	128,803	53,784	34,331	11,410	6,269	7,189	2,477	1,632	740,831
1933 ..	394,974	108,067	123,004	50,399	33,779	11,539	6,341	7,400	2,223	1,172	739,398
1934 ..	441,675	71,012	136,263	51,954	32,811	12,330	5,651	6,468	2,828	1,545	761,567
1935 ..	443,398	95,417	136,405	53,710	35,581	9,695	5,961	6,116	3,031	1,526	790,830
1936 ..	490,617	71,449	131,248	56,805	36,645	10,957	6,942	5,890	2,737	1,519	814,809

PERCENTAGE ON TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

1932 ..	52.9	13.9	17.4	7.3	4.6	1.5	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.2	100.0
1933 ..	53.4	14.7	16.7	6.7	4.5	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.2	100.0
1934 ..	57.9	9.3	17.9	6.8	4.4	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	100.0
1935 ..	56.1	12.1	17.1	6.8	4.5	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	100.0
1936 ..	60.2	8.8	16.1	7.0	4.5	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.2	100.0

In the last part of the preceding table the percentage which the membership in each group bears to the total membership of all groups is given for the years 1932 to 1936. The tendency towards closer organization is evidenced by the fact that though membership of trade unions has increased since 1912 by 88 per cent., the number of unions having less than 2,000 members has considerably decreased, viz., from 360 to 278.

6. Interstate or Federated Trade Unions.—The following table gives particulars regarding number and membership of interstate or federated trade unions having branches in two or more States. The figures include interstate unions registered under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, as well as federated unions which are not so registered:—

Interstate or Federated Trade Unions—Number and Membership.

PARTICULARS.	UNIONS OPERATING IN—					TOTAL	
	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	6 States.(a)		
Number of Unions	1932 ..	21	12	19	23	41	116
	1933 ..	20	12	19	21	43	115
	1934 ..	20	14	16	22	42	114
	1935 ..	20	10	19	23	40	112
	1936 ..	19	8	21	19	46	113
Number of Members	1932 ..	31,950	43,191	92,518	180,540	261,835	612,331
	1933 ..	31,792	33,609	99,293	183,247	264,319	612,240
	1934 ..	32,521	40,978	99,762	191,157	280,283	644,701
	1935 ..	31,891	23,923	119,976	200,196	273,934	649,920
	1936 ..	28,233	13,624	123,008	171,517	324,919	661,301

(a) Certain unions in this group have, in addition to branches in each of the six States, branches in the Northern Territory and in the Federal Capital Territory.

The number of organizations operating in two or more States has increased from 72 in 1912 to 113 in 1936, and the percentage of the membership of such organizations on the total membership of all organizations has risen from 65 per cent. to 81 per cent. during the same period.

7. Central Labour Organizations.—In each of the capital cities, as well as in a number of other industrial centres, delegate organizations, consisting of representatives from a group of trade unions, have been established. Their revenue is raised by means of a *per capita* tax on the members of each affiliated union. In the majority of the towns where such central organizations exist, most of the local unions are affiliated with the central organization, which is usually known as the Labour or Trades Hall Council, or the Labour Federation. In Western Australia a unified system of organization extends over the industrial centres throughout the State, and there is a provincial branch of the Australian Labour Party, having a central council and executive, and metropolitan and branch district councils to which the local bodies are affiliated. The central council, on which all district councils are represented, meets periodically. In the other States, however, the organization is not so close, and though provision usually exists in the rules of the central council in the capital city of each State for the organization of district councils, or for the representation on the central council of the local councils in the smaller industrial centres of the State, the councils in each State are, as a matter of fact, independent bodies. The table hereunder gives the number of metropolitan and district or local labour councils, together with the number of unions and branches of unions affiliated therewith in each State at the end of the years 1932 to 1936.

Central Labour Organizations—Number, and Branch Unions Affiliated.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N. Ter.	F.C.T.	Total.
No. of Councils	1932 ..	3	5	6	2	9	3	..	29
	1933 ..	3	5	6	2	9	3	..	29
	1934 ..	3	5	6	2	9	3	..	29
	1935 ..	3	5	6	2	8	3	..	28
	1936 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	27
No. of Unions and Branch Unions Affiliated	1932 ..	95	169	71	55	209	60	10	672
	1933 ..	94	168	77	54	211	60	11	678
	1934 ..	94	168	77	51	211	59	11	677
	1935 ..	92	167	81	51	212	59	11	679
	1936 ..	91	167	84	51	213	59	11	679

The figures regarding number of unions do not necessarily represent separate unions, since the branches of a large union may be affiliated with the local trades councils in the several towns in which they are represented.

Between the trade union and the central organization of unions may be classed certain State or district councils organized on trade lines and composed of delegates from separate unions, the interests of the members of which are closely connected by reason of the occupations of their members such, for example, as delegate councils of bakers, bread carters and mill employees, or of unions connected directly or indirectly with the metal trades, or with the building trades.

A Central Labour Organization, called the Australasian Council of Trade Unions, came into being during 1927. The Council was created to function on behalf of the Trade Unions of the Commonwealth, and was founded at an All-Australian Trade Union Congress, held in Melbourne in May, 1927. The Australasian Council is based on the Metropolitan Trades and Labour Councils in each State, such bodies having the right to appoint two representatives to act on the Executive of the Council. In addition to the representatives from the Metropolitan Councils, the Executive consists of four officers, viz., the President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary, who are elected by and from the All-Australian Trade Union Congress.

The objective of the Council is the socialization of industry, i.e., production, distribution and exchange. The methods to be adopted are:—
 (a) The closer organization of the workers by the transformation of the Australian Trade Union Movement from the Craft to an Industrial basis by the establishment of one Union in each industry; (b) the consolidation of the Australasian Labour Movement with the object of unified control, administration, and action; (c) the centralized control of industrial disputes; and (d) educational propaganda among Unions.

The A.C.T.U. is the first interstate body in Australia with authority to deal with industrial matters of an interstate character affecting the Trade Union movement generally. It is also the body responsible for submitting the names of suitable persons, from which the Commonwealth Government selects the Australian Workers' delegates to the Annual International Labour Conference at Geneva.

S. Organizations Registered under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.—Under Part V. of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act any employer or association of employers in any industry who has employed not less than 100 employees during six months preceding application for registration, and any association of not less than 100 employees in any industry may be registered.* Registered unions include both interstate associations and associations operating within one State only.

At the end of the year 1936 the number of employers' organizations registered under the provisions of the Act was 30, with a membership of approximately 20,000. At the same date the number of unions registered was 138, with a membership of approximately 680,000, representing 81 per cent. of the total membership of all trade unions in Australia.

* Under the Arbitration (Public Service) Act an association of less than 100 employees may be registered as an organization, provided that its members comprise at least three-fifths of all persons engaged in that industry in the Service.

§ 2. Employers' Associations.

1. General:—Associations for trade purposes merely are not included in the present chapter, which deals with those associations only whose members are united for their own protection, and for representation in cases before Arbitration Courts, Wages Boards and other wage-fixing tribunals. Associations of employers and employees are recognized under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act as well as under several State Acts, and such organizations may be registered.

2. Employers' Associations in each State.—The following table gives particulars of the number and membership of employers' associations in each State at the end of the years 1932 to 1936:—

Employers' Associations.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
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NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS.

1932	148	158	85	60	68	30	549
1933	140	153	80	58	62	28	521
1934	..	..	134	157	74	60	54	26	505
1935	..	..	131	156	72	60	56	25	500
1936	..	..	134	150	73	61	58	30	506

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1932	..	..	907	401	185	18	297	10	1,878
1933	..	..	897	508	189	15	288	8	1,905
1934	..	..	810	520	135	15	301	8	1,789
1935	..	..	786	559	135	13	302	8	1,803
1936	..	..	806	608	393	32	296	6	2,141

MEMBERSHIP.

1932	..	..	54,005	37,342	18,929	6,656	30,189	2,504	129,625
1933	..	..	56,384	37,929	18,721	6,452	30,311	2,391	132,188
1934	..	..	458,387	38,276	18,943	6,705	30,464	2,093	4134,930
1935	..	..	459,444	37,705	18,556	7,530	30,791	2,087	4136,179
1936	..	..	460,135	50,262	35,764	8,813	31,193	2,257	4168,424

(a) Includes 1 Association in F.C.T.

The increase in the "Number of Branches" compared with previous years is wholly due to the inclusion since 1927 of associations representing agricultural interests, while the increase in total membership is partly attributable to a more complete collection of statistics relating to these organizations.

3. Employers' Associations in Industrial Groups.—The figures in the next table refer to Australia at the end of the years 1935 and 1936.

Employers' Associations—Industrial Groups—Australia.

Class.	Number of Associations		Number of Branches		Membership	
	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936
Manufacturing—						
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . .	20	20	4	5	986	1,195
II. Engineering, etc. . .	13	13	12	12	2,430	2,378
III. Food, Drink, etc. . .	106	106	86	78	20,225	20,956
IV. Clothing, Hats, etc. . .	17	17	2	5	1,157	1,652
V. Books, Printing, etc. . .	38	39	..	..	2,959	2,991
VI. Other Manufacturing . . .	45	49	1	1	3,161	3,318
VII. Building . . .	28	25	10	4	2,111	2,060
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. . .	10	11	..	..	241	296
X. Other Land Transport . . .						
XI. Shipping, etc. . .	15	13	21	..	2,068	1,835
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. . .	16	19	10	3	226	269
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. . .	48	59	1,638	1,978	81,953	103,280
XIV. Miscellaneous . . .	17	17	..	25	1,994	8,450
Total . . .	500	506	1,803	2,141	136,179	168,424

The female membership of these associations was 6,056 for 1935 and 6,115 for 1936.

The organization of employers is relatively strongest in the pastoral and agricultural industries and in the manufacture and distribution of articles of food and drink. In the former case there has been considerable growth in organization among small farmers, and in the latter the large membership is mainly due to the proprietors of shops purveying foodstuffs being members of grocers', butchers', and other similar associations.

4. Employers' Associations in Membership Groups.—The following table gives information in membership groups for Australia for the years 1932 to 1936:—

Employers' Associations—Membership Groups—Australia.

Membership Groups.	1,000 and over.	500 and under 1,000.	300 and under 500.	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50.	Total.
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NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS.

1932 . . .	21	24	19	21	59	71	334	549
1933 . . .	17	25	24	22	51	72	310	521
1934 . . .	20	25	22	24	50	74	290	505
1935 . . .	19	31	20	21	51	77	281	500
1936 . . .	20	31	21	20	51	79	284	506

MEMBERSHIP.

1932 . . .	80,756	17,228	7,075	5,216	9,143	4,833	6,294	129,625
1933 . . .	29,522	19,158	9,299	5,839	7,463	5,115	5,792	132,188
1934 . . .	85,053	18,353	8,156	5,681	7,203	5,055	5,424	134,930
1935 . . .	85,116	20,392	7,356	5,213	7,506	5,687	5,209	136,179
1936 . . .	109,476	21,895	8,800	6,654	8,242	6,836	6,521	168,424

PERCENTAGE ON TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

1932 . . .	62	13	6	4	6	4	5	100
1933 . . .	60	15	7	4	6	4	4	100
1934 . . .	63	13	7	4	5	4	4	100
1935 . . .	63	15	5	4	5	4	4	100
1936 . . .	65	13	5	4	5	4	4	100

5. Federations of Employers' Associations.—In addition to the associations in various industries, there are central associations in each State, to which many of these separate organizations are affiliated. Examples of this kind of association are provided in the Chamber of Manufactures, Chamber of Commerce, and Employers' Federation in each State. Further, these State Associations are, in some cases, organized on a Federal basis, e.g., there is an Associated Chamber of Manufactures, an Associated Chamber of Commerce, and a Central Employers' Association, to which State branches are affiliated.

The affiliation of these associations is, however, somewhat loose as compared with that of the Federated Trade Unions. Whereas in the latter case the central body has complete control of its State branches, in the case of the Employers' Associations the State body generally has complete independence, the central body acting in a more or less advisory capacity only.

The following table gives particulars for the years 1932 to 1936, so far as can be ascertained, of interstate or federated associations having branches in two or more States:—

Interstate or Federated Employers' Associations.

YEAR	ASSOCIATIONS OPERATING IN—					Total.		
	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	6 States.			
1932	5	4	4	13	19	45
1933	6	4	5	14	16	45
1934	4	2	12	8	17	45
1935	4	2	10	6	20	42
1936	5	2	8	6	17	38

NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS.

YEAR	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	6 States.	Total.		
						1932	1933	
1932	5	4	4	13	19	45
1933	6	4	5	14	16	45
1934	4	2	12	8	17	45
1935	4	2	10	6	20	42
1936	5	2	8	6	17	38

MEMBERSHIP.

YEAR	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	6 States.	Total.		
						1932	1933	
1932	1,132	323	842	59,993	40,872	103,162
1933	1,354	290	1,118	66,144	35,299	104,205
1934	2,438	56	44,745	22,947	34,026	104,212
1935	10,529	57	3,311	63,155	37,723	114,775
1936	11,315	904	1,013	22,324	104,896	140,452

Of the total membership of 168,424 of all employers' associations, 84 per cent. are organized on an interstate basis. The Pastoral, Agricultural, &c., section (Class XII.) is the most important in the federated sphere, their numbers covering no less than 60 per cent. of the total membership of federated organizations. The Food, Drink, &c., section (Class III.) and the Miscellaneous section (Class XIV.) are also well represented in the federations.

§ 3. International Comparisons.

I. The International Labour Conferences.—In Chapter XVII. of Labour Report No. 14, information was given with regard to the clauses in the Peace Treaty referring to labour conditions. Provision was made in the Treaty for the holding of International Labour Conferences, and the institution of the International Labour Office. The Report referred to also contains information regarding the activities of the Labour Office, together with a brief reference to the five Annual Labour Conferences which had then been held. A short summary of the proceedings at the Sixth Conference was given in Labour Report No. 15; of the Seventh in Labour Report No. 16; of the Eighth and Ninth in Labour Report No. 17; and of the Tenth in Labour Report, No. 19.

The subject-matters discussed, and the names of the Australian delegates to the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Conferences appeared in Labour Report No. 20, and a short summary of the proceedings, together with the names of the Australian delegates, at the Fourteenth session of the International Labour Conference held at Geneva from the 10th to the 28th June, 1930, was included in Labour Report No. 21, while an account of the Fifteenth Conference was contained in Labour Report No. 22 for 1931. In Report No. 23 for 1932 a précis is given of the work of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Conferences held in 1932 and 1933, while résumés of the proceedings of the Eighteenth Session (1934), and Nineteenth Session (1935) appear in Labour Reports Nos. 24 and 25 respectively. The twentieth session of the International Labour Conference was held at Geneva from 4th to 24th June, 1936.

The Agenda and decisions reached were as follows:—

- I. *Regulation of certain Social systems of recruiting workers.* (Second discussion.) Conference adopted a *draft convention*.
- II. *Holidays with pay.* (Second discussion.) *Draft Convention* adopted by Conference.
- III. *Reduction of hours of work on public works undertaken or subsidized by Governments.* (Second discussion.) The Conference, confirming the principle laid down in the 40 Hour Week Convention, 1935, adopted a *draft convention*.
- IV. *Reduction of hours of work in the building and civil engineering industry.* (Second discussion.) The Conference decided to request the Governing Body to consider the convening of a tripartite technical conference of Governments and of employers' and work-peoples' representatives in the building and civil engineering industry with a view to reaching an understanding as to hours of work in this industry, account being taken of the report of the Committee on hours of work in building and Public Works of the present session of the Conference.
- V. *Reduction of hours of work in iron and steel works.* (Second discussion.) The Conference decided to request the Governing Body to consider the convening of a tripartite technical conference of Governments and of employers' and work-peoples' representatives in the iron and steel industry with a view to reaching an understanding as to equitable standards based on adequate information concerning wages, hours, and working conditions in the industry throughout the world.

VI. Reduction of hours of work in coal mines. (Second discussion.) The Conference decided to request the Governing Body to consider the convening of a tripartite technical conference of Governments and of employers' and work-peoples' representatives in the coal-mining industry with a view to reaching an understanding as to hours of work in this industry, account being taken of the report of the Committee on hours of work in coal mines at the present session of the Conference.

VII. Reduction of hours of work in the textile industry. (First or single discussion.) The Conference decided to request the Governing Body to convene a tripartite conference which would include the necessary technical and expert assistance from textile-producing countries. The purpose of this Conference would be to consider how the work already undertaken by the International Labour Organization in connexion with the improvement of conditions in the textile industry can best be advanced.

VIII. Safety provisions for workers in building construction. (First discussion.) The Conference decided to place on Agenda for next Session.

Resolutions were also adopted in regard to (a) migration of workers; (b) conditions in Asiatic countries; (c) diseases due to dust; (d) labour inspection; (e) equality of treatment; (f) freedom of association; (g) opium smoking by workers; (h) economic conferences; (i) calendar reform; (j) nutrition; (k) reserving public works for periods of unemployment; (l) German emigration; (m) unemployment; (n) industrial development and standard of living.

The Australian delegation consisted of Colonel E. F. Harrison, M.P., as Government Delegate; and Sir Robert Knox and Mr. P. J. Trainer, as the non-Government Delegates representing respectively the employers and workers of Australia.

2. Unemployment.—In the following table, the percentage of unemployment in various countries is shown for each month of the year 1936. The figures are obtained chiefly from the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, published by the League of Nations, Geneva:—

Unemployment in various Countries during 1936.

Country.	Percentage Unemployed in Month of—											Average for Year.
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
Australia ..	13.4	13.4	13.4	12.8	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.2
Belgium ..	18.6	18.7	15.6	13.1	12.3	11.0	11.4	11.4	11.3	10.8	12.1	14.4
Canada ..	14.8	13.8	14.5	15.1	14.8	13.9	12.5	10.8	10.9	11.0	12.2	13.4
Denmark ..	23.1	30.4	26.2	29.5	12.9	11.3	12.1	12.3	12.9	16.3	20.0	14.3
Germany ..	13.5	13.5	10.3	9.2	7.7	6.8	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.2	7.8
Great Britain ..	13.5	13.3	12.4	11.7	11.0	10.5	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.7	11.3
Holland ..	42.6	41.2	38.5	36.2	35.3	34.8	35.1	31.5	31.4	34.0	33.7	35.0
Sweden ..	19.3	18.4	17.4	15.1	11.2	10.3	9.2	9.2	9.7	11.3	13.2	18.5
Switzerland ..	19.0	18.6	15.6	13.0	11.1	10.4	10.6	10.9	11.3	11.5	12.3	18.5
United States ..	17.2	16.7	15.2	15.1	13.7	12.8	12.3	11.7	11.2	11.0	10.7	13.3

3. Retail Prices of Food—Various Countries.—The following table shows the average retail prices of the chief items of food in the principal cities of the countries specified. The prices have been extracted from official publications and reports:—

Average Retail Prices of Food in Principal Cities—Australia and Other Countries—1936.

(Particulars extracted from Official Publications and Reports.)

Article.	Unit or Quantity.	AUSTRALIA.								NEW ZEALAND.							
		Sydney.				Melbourne.				Wellington.				Christchurch.			
		Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.*	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.*	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	2 lb.	5.47	5.03	5.00	5.48	4.98	4.50	5.00	4.95	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00
Tea ..	1 lb.	3.92	3.31	3.73	4.10	3.70	2.98	3.42	4.00	3.82	3.92	4.00	4.00	4.04	3.82	4.06	4.08
Jam ..	1½ lb.	26.65	26.75	26.60	26.75	26.40	26.50	26.15	27.68	26.75	27.00	27.00	27.25	26.25	27.00	26.25	26.25
Sugar ..	1 lb.	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25
Rice ..	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.15	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Oatmeal ..	"	2.64	2.53	2.53	2.54	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.53	2.70	2.70	2.80	2.80	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.85
Raisins ..	9.12	9.07	9.47	9.39	9.30	9.30	9.35	9.65	6.50	6.73	6.73	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.54	9.32	9.72	12.36	7.06	8.03	8.11	12.33	7.88	8.50	7.03	10.38	6.25	6.13	6.00	6.00
Onions ..	1 lb.	1.93	1.93	2.79	1.59	1.39	1.47	3.00	2.72	2.25	1.75	2.50	2.75	1.25	1.25	1.00	3.00
Milk ..	quart	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.10	6.40	6.45	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Butter ..	lb.	16.00	16.80	16.75	16.75	17.20	17.10	17.15	17.10	13.00	14.50	15.50	14.00	12.50	13.50	15.00	14.25
Cheese ..	12.60	12.40	12.45	12.40	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.22	7.75	7.75	8.25	8.75	7.75	7.75	8.00	9.75	9.75
Eggs ..	dozen	18.70	23.65	16.55	17.15	14.35	22.70	16.40	15.75	19.25	31.25	18.00	18.75	16.75	23.00	15.00	13.00
Bacon ..	1 lb.	13.75	13.05	13.20	13.49	15.20	15.10	15.20	17.20	14.00	14.75	15.25	15.25	14.75	11.25	14.75	14.75
Beef, sirloin ..	"	9.35	9.20	9.60	9.75	8.00	8.94	8.67	7.75	8.00	8.50	8.50	7.75	7.75	8.50	8.50	8.50
" rib ..	"	7.05	6.85	7.20	7.50	6.15	6.25	7.33	7.10	5.75	6.00	6.75	7.00	6.50	6.50	7.25	7.50
Steak, rump ..	"	13.55	13.30	13.25	13.30	12.35	12.55	13.67	12.80	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	9.75	9.75	10.50	11.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.05	7.05	7.45	7.30	6.10	6.60	7.06	7.50	7.50	8.25	8.50	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" chops ..	"	8.50	8.15	9.05	9.00	7.00	7.35	8.72	7.83	7.00	7.30	7.50	6.75	6.50	7.25	7.25	7.25

* New Regimen (1936)

Average Retail Prices of Food in Principal Cities—Australia and Other Countries—1936—continued.

Article	Unit or Quantity	UNITED KINGDOM.				UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA							
						Capetown				Johannesburg			
		Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.
Bread	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary	2 lb.	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.38	7.17	7.39	7.39	7.39	6.59	6.55	6.56	6.62
Tea	1 lb.	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.14	6.39	6.35	6.34	6.33	5.92	5.90	5.82	5.85
Jam	1½ lb.	23.50	24.00	25.25	25.25	26.61	26.21	25.57	25.57	26.03	26.03	25.52	25.61
Sugar	lb.	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	7.55	7.59	7.59	7.59	8.38	8.43	8.43	8.52
Rice	"	"	"	"	"	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92	3.41	3.14	3.45	3.44
Oatmeal	"	"	"	"	"	3.86	3.77	3.69	3.53	3.31	3.27	3.27	3.28
Raisins	"	"	"	"	"	8.31	8.27	8.35	8.50	8.13	8.13	8.20	8.39
Potatoes	7 lb.	7.75	8.00	7.75	6.50	9.93	10.27	10.27	10.62	10.62	9.98	9.70	9.70
Onions	lb.	"	"	"	"	1.83	1.83	1.69	1.78	1.63	1.52	1.53	1.62
Milk	quart	6.75	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.12	6.12	6.10	6.00	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15
Butter	lb.	15.00	14.25	15.50	15.25	17.50	17.43	19.14	19.14	17.15	17.10	19.21	19.00
Cheese	"	9.00	8.50	9.00	9.75	11.18	14.55	15.88	15.40	14.52	14.40	16.01	15.83
Eggs	dozen	21.00	15.00	21.00	30.00	19.29	25.71	17.50	16.21	16.20	29.07	15.20	15.60
Bacon	lb.	"	"	"	"	20.15	20.68	20.68	20.68	18.81	18.64	18.62	18.15
Beef, sirloin	"	(a) 13.25	13.25	13.50	13.50	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.72	8.75	8.83	9.00
" rib	"		8.75	8.75	8.75	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	5.98	5.92	6.00	6.01
" steak, rump	"	"	"	"	"	11.12	11.12	11.12	11.12	11.23	11.15	11.35	11.60
Mutton, leg ..	"	(a) 15.00	15.00	15.00	15.25	8.93	8.93	8.93	8.93	10.41	10.38	10.38	10.45
	"		(b) 9.50	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	"	"	"	"

(a) British.

(b) Chilled or frozen.

Average Retail Prices of Food in Principal Cities—Australia and Other Countries—1936—continued.

Article.	Unit or Quantity	CANADA.								UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (b)			
		OTTAWA.				MONTREAL.				FEB.		MAY.	
		Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.
Bread	2 lb	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
Flour, ordinary	2 lb.	7.80	7.60	7.80	8.80	7.60	7.40	7.40	8.00	16.80	16.40	16.40	16.10
Tea	lb.	50.00	57.40	57.70	55.20	55.20	54.60	53.30	55.50	9.60	9.11	9.60	9.80
Jam	1½ lb.	22.50	(a) 21.83	(a) 21.45	(a) 22.20	(a) 22.50	(a) 21.83	(a) 21.45	(a) 22.20	67.60	67.80	70.00	70.80
Sugar	lb.	5.90	6.00	5.90	5.90	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.60	.	.	.	.
Rice	"	8.80	8.10	9.20	9.00	7.20	7.20	6.80	6.90	8.50	8.50	8.80	8.60
Oatmeal	"	5.20	5.00	5.10	5.50	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.20	7.40	7.40	7.50	7.40
Raisins	"	16.10	16.10	16.50	16.40	15.90	16.10	15.90	16.00	9.50	9.70	9.80	9.50
Potatoes	7 lb	13.67	16.20	18.62	12.83	12.60	16.52	15.54	12.39	16.10	20.30	25.20	20.30
Onions	lb	4.80	6.10	6.40	4.60	4.10	4.10	4.90	3.50	4.20	4.00	3.90	3.00
Milk	quart	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	9.50	11.50	11.80	11.60	12.00	12.40
Butter	lb	29.60	24.70	26.70	27.50	29.40	25.20	27.20	27.80	41.80	37.50	42.50	39.60
Cheese	"	18.90	18.10	19.80	22.10	18.90	19.30	18.50	20.40	27.60	26.80	29.10	29.30
Eggs	dozen	35.50	25.50	31.40	52.10	36.70	26.60	31.60	51.60	35.60	29.00	39.10	46.00
Bacon	lb	27.70	28.00	30.00	28.50	26.00	26.90	29.00	28.40	42.00	40.09	41.10	39.70
Beef, sirloin	"	31.10	31.40	33.30	32.60	29.00	29.40	31.30	30.50	.	.	.	.
" rib	"	22.30	21.00	21.70	20.50	22.10	22.20	22.40	19.60	29.40	29.10	29.40	29.40
" steak, rump	"	26.30	26.00	27.10	25.70	25.30	26.10	27.40	22.80	37.10	37.00	38.20	38.80
Mutton, leg	"	24.40	24.60	26.70	19.50	23.20	23.80	24.50	21.50	.	.	.	.

(a) Dominion average.

(b) Average for all towns.

APPENDIX.

Section I.

Wholesale Prices, Melbourne—Averages for years 1935 and 1936.

COMMODITY.	UNIT.	1935.	1936.	COMMODITY.	UNIT.	1935.	1936.
GROUP I. METALS—				GROUP V. GROCERIES, ETC.—			
Iron—Pig—		s. d.	s. d.	Currits ..	lb.	0 7 ½	0 7 ½
Mixed Nos.	ton	145 0	115 0	Raisins ..	doz.	0 8	0 8 ½
Rod and Bar	"	410 0	410 0	Herrings ..	doz. t-lb.		
Angle ..	"	203 1	200 0	Salmon ..	tins	9 4	9 3
Plate ..	"	340 0	310 0	Sardines ..	doz. lbs.	21 0 ½	22 0
Hoop ..	"	351 0	351 0	Tel. ..	lb.	1 4 ½	1 5 ½
Galvanized—				Coffee ..	"	2 1 ½	3 1 ½
Corrugated ..	"	490 0	490 0	Sugar ..	ton	696 0	696 0
Wire—Fencing ..	"	325 1 ½	293 6	Macaroni ..	lb.	0 34	0 32
Zinc—Sheet ..	"	1,250 0	1,253 2	Tapioca ..	ewt.	28 10 ½	20 0
Lead—Sheet ..	"	586 3	584 2	Rice ..	ton	184 8	115 0
Piping ..	"	716 7	710 11	Salt—Fine ..	"	107 0	103 0
Copper—Sheet ..	lb.	1 0 6	1 0 1	Rock ..	doz. t-lb.	165 0 ½	162 1
Coal (on Wharf)	ton	33 0	31 0	Mustard ..	tins	44 4	44 4
Tinned Plates ..	box	57 2	58 0	Starch ..	lb.	0 16	0 10
Quicksilver ..	lb	2 3	2 3	Blue ..	"	1 0 ½	1 0 ½
GROUP II. WOOL, COTTON, ETC.—				Matches ..	gross	5 6	5 ½
Jute Goods—				Candles ..	lb.	0 84	0 83
Braniags ..	doz.	6 5 ½	5 7	Kerisene ..	gallon	1 3 ½	1 3 ½
Cornacks ..	"	7 5	6 8 ½				
Woolpacks ..	each	3 3	3 0				
Leather—							
Chrome ..	Box						
Hide ..	ft.	0 10 ½	0 11 ½				
Sole Leather—							
Factory ..	lb.	1 1 ½	1 2 ½	GROUP VI. MEAT—			
Sides ..	"			Beef ..	100 lb.	25 11 ½	28 11 ½
Rough-Tanned ..				Mutton ..	lb.	0 3 ½	0 4 ½
—Split ..	"	0 61	0 81	Lamb ..	"	0 3 ½	0 5 ½
Cotton—Raw ..	"	0 81	0 82	Veal ..	"	0 7 ½	0 3
Wool ..	"	0 10 ½	1 2 ½	Pork ..	"	0 6 ½	0 6 ½
Tallow ..	ton	57 4 ½	478 0				
GROUP III. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE—							
Wheat ..	bushel	3 2 ½	4 3 ½	GROUP VII. BUILDING MATERIAL—			
Flour ..	ton	172 6 ½	213 5 ½	Timber, Flooring ..	rooft. lm.	28 10 ½	28 0
Bran ..	"	9 4 ½	120 3 ½	6 x 14 ..	"	21 8 ½	21 10
Pollard ..	"	103 0 ½	127 0 ½	6 x 4 ..	"	19 2 ½	19 3 ½
Oats ..	bushel	2 2 ½	2 3 ½	6 x 2 ..	"	13 10 ½	13 8 ½
Barley—English ..	ton	390 0	356 6	Weatherboards ..	1,000 ft.	15 3 ½	15 6 ½
Barley—English ..	bushel	2 9 ½	3 12	Oregon ..	"		
Maize ..	"	2 4 ½	2 9 ½	Shelving ..	sup.	266 8	270 4
Hay ..	ton	160 0	160 3 ½	Cement ..	"	478 2	482 6 ½
Straw ..	"	47 11 ½	52 9	White Lead ..	ton	21 2	19 8 ½
Pens ..	bushel	4 6	4 4 ½				
Potatoes ..	ton	171 11 ½	168 3				
Malt ..	bushel	5 6	5 6 ½				
Chaff ..	ton	24 1 ½	83 9 ½				
Onions ..	"	162 1 ½	730 11 ½				
GROUP IV. DAIRY PRODUCE—							
Ham ..	lb.	1 2 ½	1 2 ½	GROUP VIII. CHEMICALS—			
Bacon ..	"	0 11 ½	0 11	Cream of Tartar ..	lb.	1 3 ½	1 3 ½
Cheese ..	"	1 0 ½	1 1 ½	B-Carbonate of Soda ..	ton	521 7 ½	317 0
Butter ..	"	1 3	1 3	Soda ..	"	917 3	917 3
Lard ..	"	0 7 ½	0 7 ½	Sulphur ..	"	231 10	231 10
Eggs ..	doz.	1 0 ½	1 1 ½	Caustic Soda ..	"	474 4 ½	455 1 ½
Honey ..	lb.	0 4 ½	0 3 ½	Potassium ..	lb.	1 7 ½	1 7 ½
Bee蜡 ..	"	1 2 ½	1 2 ½	Cyanide ..	ton	766 8	800 0
Condensed Milk	doz. tons	5 10	6 8 ½	Alum ..	"		

Note.—In many instances these prices are the averages of certain brands which have been on the market for a great number of years, and these particular commodities and prices were therefore adopted in the scheme of computing the index-numbers for fluctuations in wholesale prices generally.

Section II.

Sydney—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1936.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October. (a)	November. (a)	December. (a)	Average,(b) 1936.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.47	5.47	4.98	4.98	5.03	4.98	4.98	5.00	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.43	5.15
Flour, ordinary ..	2 "	3.95	3.92	3.34	3.30	3.31	3.28	3.33	3.73	3.80	4.10	5.10	4.15	3.56
" self-raising ..	2 "	5.95	5.90	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	6.00	6.10	6.40	6.40	6.40	5.80	
Tea ..	lb.	26.65	26.65	26.65	26.75	26.75	26.75	26.75	26.60	26.85	26.75	26.65	26.68	
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice ..	"	3.05	3.05	3.05	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.01
Sago ..	"	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.16
Jam, apricot ..	1 lb.	9.90	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.65	8.65	8.65	9.94
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.70	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.66
Oatmeal ..	lb.	2.59	2.64	2.62	2.54	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.31	2.33	2.36	2.56
Raisins, seeded ..	"	9.12	9.12	9.12	9.18	9.07	9.07	9.42	9.47	9.47	9.59	9.59	9.60	9.23
Currants ..	"	8.35	8.35	8.40	8.35	8.35	8.35	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.22	8.22	8.28	8.34
Apricots, dried ..	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.40	13.30	13.35	13.20	13.15	13.25	13.17	13.39	13.50	13.35	
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.58
Pears, canned ..	"	11.15	11.10	10.90	10.65	10.65	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.76
Salmon, in tins ..	3 lb.	14.05	14.00	14.00	14.05	14.05	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95	12.40	12.50	12.40	14.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.29	9.54	9.66	9.11	9.32	9.29	9.07	9.22	9.32	12.07	12.36	16.36	9.37
Onions ..	lb.	2.00	1.93	1.79	1.86	1.93	2.00	1.93	2.79	2.57	2.93	3.50	3.64	2.08
Soap, household ..	"	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.08	4.08	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.06	6.03	6.03	4.18	
Candles ..	1 lb. 10 oz.	11.10	11.15	11.15	11.20	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.15	.	.	.	11.15
Kerosene ..	quart	4.52	4.52	4.52	4.39	4.39	4.39	4.39	4.41	4.28	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.42
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh ..	1 quart	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20
Butter, factory ..	lb.	16.90	16.90	16.00	16.80	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.84
Cheese, mild ..	"	12.60	12.60	12.50	12.40	12.40	12.35	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.47
Milk, condensed ..	1 tin	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.46	
Eggs, fresh ..	1 doz.	16.05	18.70	20.70	23.60	23.65	20.50	19.00	16.55	16.55	16.45	17.15	17.35	19.48
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	13.80	13.75	13.45	13.25	13.05	13.10	13.05	13.20	13.10	13.40	13.40	13.50	13.31
Ham, uncooked ..	"	17.61	17.41	17.56	17.56	17.44	17.33	17.44	17.44	17.44	.	.	.	17.49
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	"	9.45	9.35	9.35	9.40	9.20	9.25	9.25	9.60	9.85	9.80	9.75	9.75	9.41
" ribs ..	"	6.05	7.05	7.05	6.95	6.85	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.45	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.06
" steak, rump ..	1 lb. 55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.20	13.30	13.30	13.35	13.25	13.40	13.30	13.30	13.38	
" stewing ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.05	6.05	5.95	6.05	6.10	6.15	6.15	6.10	6.04	
" sausages ..	"	5.30	5.30	5.10	5.45	5.40	5.40	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.40
" corned round ..	"	7.43	7.40	7.50	7.35	7.20	7.20	7.35	7.40	7.55	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.37
" brisket ..	"	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.68	3.60	3.60	3.65	3.75	3.75	5.95	5.95	6.00	3.68
" with bone ..	"	7.00	7.05	7.15	7.05	7.05	7.10	7.15	7.45	7.30	7.25	7.25	7.15	
Mutton, leg ..	"	5.30	5.25	5.45	5.40	5.50	5.50	5.60	6.05	5.75	5.05	4.85	4.85	5.87
" shoulder ..	"	8.05	8.00	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.35	8.30	8.20	8.25	8.15	8.09
" loin ..	"	8.35	8.50	8.70	8.65	8.45	8.30	8.65	9.15	9.10	9.00	8.90	8.60	8.98
" chops, loin ..	"	7.80	7.90	8.00	7.85	7.90	7.85	7.95	8.15	8.45	8.05	7.95	7.90	7.98
Pork, leg ..	"	10.85	10.65	10.65	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.60	10.80	10.95	10.90	10.95	11.15	10.68
" loin ..	"	11.00	10.90	10.90	10.93	10.90	10.85	10.95	11.55	11.45	11.65	11.60	11.65	11.05
" chops ..	"	10.60	10.55	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.60	10.69	10.90	10.95	11.40	11.35	11.25	10.65
" sausages ..	"	7.75	7.88	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.13	.	.	.	8.06

SECTION II.—continued.

Melbourne—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1936.

Article	Unit	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October (a)	November (a)	December (a)	Average(b), 1936.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	4.98	4.98	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.90	4.95	4.95	4.72
Flour, ordinary	2 "	3.70	3.70	2.95	2.93	2.95	2.95	3.00	3.42	3.49	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.24
" self-raising	2 "	5.55	5.55	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.45	6.70	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.25	6.25
Tea	lb.	26.25	26.40	26.40	26.40	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.15	26.10	27.70	27.68	27.00	26.36
Sugar	"	4.10	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.01
Rice	"	3.28	3.23	3.20	3.25	3.23	3.23	3.20	3.23	3.23	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.23
Sago	"	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.08	3.10	3.10	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.10
Jam, apricot	1 1/2 "	8.70	8.65	8.70	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.70	8.75	8.75	7.50	7.60	7.60	8.69
Golden Syrup	2 "	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15
Oatmeal	lb.	2.54	2.54	2.54	2.59	2.49	2.44	2.46	2.49	2.49	2.60	2.53	2.65	2.51
Raisins, seeded	"	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.25	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.35	9.40	9.60	9.65	9.65	9.31
Currants	"	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.50	8.55	8.55	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.65	8.65	8.57
Apricots, dried	"	14.65	14.65	14.65	14.65	14.73	14.73	14.75	14.75	14.85	14.40	14.40	14.30	14.72
Peaches, canned	30 oz	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.25	9.25	9.30	9.25	9.15	9.29
Pears, canned	"	10.25	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.25	10.25	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.15	9.90	10.28
Salmon, in tins	lb.	16.45	16.30	16.10	16.10	16.10	16.10	16.10	16.25	16.25	16.94	16.95	16.70	16.19
Potatoes	2 lb.	7.45	7.06	7.14	8.56	8.03	7.89	8.42	8.11	8.26	10.43	12.33	12.56	7.88
Onions	lb.	1.50	1.39	1.22	1.31	1.47	1.67	1.94	3.00	2.89	2.83	2.72	2.56	1.82
Soap, household	"	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.96	4.96	4.91	4.91	4.91	6.31	6.31	6.28	4.95
Candles	"	10.95	10.95	11.20	11.10	11.10	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.13
Kerosene	quart	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.21	5.28	5.28	4.93
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh	1 quart	6.05	6.10	6.35	6.40	6.40	6.35	6.35	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.40	6.32
Butter, factory	lb.	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.10	17.10	17.10	17.10	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.10	17.15	17.14
Cheese, mild	"	12.25	12.25	12.05	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.35	12.35	12.15	11.89	12.22	12.23
Milk, condensed	1 tin	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.05	7.70	7.70	7.80	7.95	8.25	8.30	8.35	7.69
Eggs, fresh	1 doz	11.25	14.35	17.25	21.50	22.70	21.05	16.10	16.40	13.15	13.85	15.75	15.25	17.30
Bacon, rashers	lb.	15.20	15.20	15.40	15.40	15.10	15.20	15.10	15.20	15.60	17.10	17.20	17.30	15.27
Ham, uncooked	"	16.38	16.38	16.38	16.38	16.25	16.38	16.25	16.38	16.75	..	..	..	16.39
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin	"	7.05	7.95	7.90	8.10	8.00	8.30	8.65	8.94	9.17	9.00	8.67	8.61	8.33
" ribs	"	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.35	6.25	6.55	7.00	7.33	7.44	7.28	7.10	7.00	6.60
" steak, rump	"	12.45	12.35	13.45	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.67	13.00	13.44	12.30	12.70	12.71	12.71
" stewing	"	5.40	5.45	5.40	5.45	5.35	5.50	5.80	6.11	5.89	6.00	5.78	5.67	5.59
" sausages	"	5.30	5.33	5.38	5.44	5.14	5.56	5.69	5.64	5.61	5.31	5.38	5.31	5.50
" corned round	"	7.30	7.25	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.00	7.35	7.61	7.78	7.72	7.61	7.44	7.35
" " brisket	"	7.30	7.25	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.00	7.35	7.61	7.78	7.72	7.61	7.44	7.35
" " with bone	"	3.60	3.45	3.40	3.55	3.70	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.06	5.88	5.61	5.39	3.69
Mutton, leg	"	6.25	6.10	6.10	6.60	6.60	7.00	7.70	8.66	8.00	7.28	7.06	6.67	6.93
" shoulder	"	3.85	3.85	3.85	4.15	4.35	4.45	5.15	5.33	5.39	4.67	4.28	4.06	4.49
" " tom	"	5.70	5.80	5.90	5.95	6.31	6.50	7.20	7.61	7.78	7.22	6.94	6.72	6.53
" " chops, loin	"	6.85	7.00	6.85	7.25	7.35	7.20	8.10	8.72	8.67	8.33	7.83	7.89	7.61
" " leg	"	7.15	6.05	7.10	7.20	7.20	7.55	8.56	8.83	8.72	8.44	8.22	7.94	7.70
Pork, leg	"	0.85	9.75	9.55	9.65	9.70	9.65	9.65	9.72	9.77	9.80	9.55	9.60	9.70
" loin	"	10.15	9.85	9.80	9.80	9.85	9.90	10.10	10.11	10.06	10.00	9.80	9.90	9.96
" chops	"	10.60	10.50	10.10	10.00	10.20	10.15	10.25	10.22	10.22	10.20	10.10	10.35	10.25
" sausages	"	8.17	7.83	7.67	7.83	7.83	7.92	7.83	8.20	8.20	..	..	..	7.94

(a) New Regimen (1936).

(b) Nine months January to September (Old Regimen).

SECTION II.—continued.

Brisbane—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of Year, 1936.

Article.	Unit	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October. (a)	November. (a)	December. (a).	Average, (b) 1936.
Groceries, &c—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.13	5.23	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	5.15	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.00
Flour, ordinary ..	2 "	4.13	4.12	3.62	3.55	3.56	3.56	3.53	3.78	3.67	3.93	3.93	3.98	3.74
" self-raising ..	2 "	7.36	7.36	6.86	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.73	7.00	7.16	8.05	8.05	8.09	7.00
Tea ..	lb.	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.77	25.77	25.73	25.68	25.64	27.05	27.05	27.05	25.80
Sugar ..	"	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.95	3.96	3.96	3.96	3.96	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.96
Rice ..	"	3.11	3.02	3.05	3.02	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.02
Sago ..	"	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.11	3.11	3.07	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.06
Jam, apricot ..	1/2 "	8.39	8.39	8.42	8.39	8.32	8.32	8.32	8.32	8.35	8.53	8.60	7.60	8.38
Golden Syrup ..	2 "	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.77	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.80
Oatmeal ..	lb.	2.63	2.63	2.60	2.56	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.70	2.73	2.72	2.54
Rainbow, seeded ..	"	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	10.00	10.00	10.05	10.00	10.05	10.00	10.09	10.18	9.93
Currants ..	"	0.12	0.12	0.27	0.27	0.11	0.11	0.14	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.17
Apricots, dried ..	"	13.00	13.50	13.68	13.95	13.95	13.91	13.82	13.91	13.91	13.91	13.91	13.91	13.71
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz	10.68	10.77	10.73	10.55	10.73	10.73	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.86	10.77	10.82	10.62
Peas, canned ..	"	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.36	11.73	11.73	11.77	11.77	11.55	11.77	11.68	11.68	11.50
Salmon, in this ..	lb.	13.01	13.01	13.59	13.59	13.59	13.59	13.18	13.18	13.18	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.48	11.18	10.23	10.99	8.93	8.18	9.50	8.91	9.03	12.23	16.27	10.73	9.62
Onions ..	lb.	1.30	1.30	1.46	1.19	1.84	1.92	2.04	2.08	2.60	2.95	3.14	2.78	1.85
Soap, household ..	"	3.77	3.77	3.73	3.55	3.36	3.32	3.00	3.00	3.11	6.21	6.21	6.31	3.42
Candles ..	"	10.55	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.27	10.36	10.68	10.68	10.68	..	..	..	10.53
Kerosene ..	quart	4.09	4.02	4.06	4.05	4.01	4.05	4.02	4.02	4.30	4.43	4.48	4.48	4.04
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh ..	1 quart	5.60	5.65	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	6.10	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.10	5.82
Butter, factory ..	lb	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.95	16.05	16.09	16.09	16.09	16.09	16.09	17.00	17.05	16.02
Cheese, mild ..	"	11.68	11.68	11.50	11.68	11.61	11.59	11.73	11.64	11.68	11.68	11.73	11.73	11.66
Milk, condensed ..	1 tin	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.86	7.95	8.18	8.18	8.23	8.23	8.55	8.68	8.59	7.93
Eggs, fresh ..	1 doz.	13.11	16.73	18.59	22.27	22.23	19.55	18.11	14.86	13.50	13.68	14.77	15.14	17.70
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	11.32	11.18	11.09	11.09	10.91	10.82	10.95	11.23	11.82	12.32	12.32	12.11	11.16
Ham, uncooked ..	"	18.13	18.00	17.75	16.88	17.25	17.25	17.63	17.50	..	..	..	..	17.52
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	"	7.55	7.55	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.60	7.50	7.75	7.75	7.05	7.56
" fillet ..	"	5.68	5.68	5.48	5.43	5.23	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.35	5.45	5.40	5.58	5.42
" steak, rump ..	"	10.30	10.30	10.25	10.30	10.15	9.95	10.10	10.20	10.10	10.40	10.55	10.18	10.18
" stewing ..	"	5.05	4.95	4.95	4.90	4.80	4.80	4.90	5.00	4.00	4.80	4.70	4.05	4.93
" sausages ..	"	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.70	5.62
" corned, round ..	"	6.40	6.40	6.25	6.25	6.05	6.05	6.20	6.35	6.15	6.90	6.95	7.10	6.23
" brisket ..	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" with bone ..	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mutton, leg ..	"	3.50	3.45	3.40	3.40	3.25	3.10	3.15	3.30	3.25	4.05	5.05	3.20	3.31
" shoulder ..	"	2.55	2.65	2.45	2.49	2.30	2.20	2.50	2.80	2.55	2.70	2.50	2.75	2.49
" loin ..	"	5.20	5.15	5.20	4.15	4.85	4.80	5.15	5.20	5.05	5.20	4.95	5.24	5.08
" chops, loin ..	"	7.55	7.70	7.45	7.35	7.25	7.05	7.15	7.50	7.30	7.40	7.20	7.30	7.30
" leg ..	"	8.80	7.95	7.70	7.65	7.40	7.25	7.75	7.80	7.50	7.60	7.50	7.55	7.66
Pork, leg ..	"	7.05	8.10	7.90	7.00	7.60	7.15	7.05	8.05	7.75	7.85	7.65	7.75	7.85
" loin ..	"	0.25	0.25	0.00	8.05	8.80	8.80	9.15	9.30	0.35	9.40	9.23	9.45	9.10
" chops ..	"	9.35	9.25	9.10	9.00	8.90	8.95	9.30	9.35	9.45	9.55	9.30	9.55	9.18
" sausages ..	"	0.50	0.45	0.20	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.50	0.60	0.60	0.50	0.70	0.30
" ..	"	6.19	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	..	..	..	6.30

(a) New Regimen (1936).

(b) Nine months January to September (Old Regimen).

SECTION II.—continued.

Adeiaide—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1936.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May	June.	July.	August.	September.	October. (a)	November. (a)	December. (a)	Average.(b) 1936.
Groceries, &c.—														
Bread	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary	2 "	4.95	4.95	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.95	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.68
" self-raising	2 "	3.62	3.61	2.92	2.94	2.95	2.90	2.92	3.36	3.48	4.05	4.13	4.10	3.20
Tea	lb.	6.10	6.10	5.30	5.15	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.75	6.25	6.50	6.55	5.67	
Sugar	"	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.65	2.80	2.80	2.40
Rice	"	3.03	3.04	3.92	3.94	3.92	3.92	3.92	3.92	3.92	3.97	3.95	3.91	3.93
Sago	"	2.95	2.95	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.99	
Jam, apricot	1 1/2 "	8.70	8.75	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.00	7.95	7.95	8.68	
Golden Syrup	2 "	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.19	
Oatmeal	lb.	2.24	2.24	2.21	2.19	2.14	2.19	2.19	2.14	2.14	2.63	2.63	2.63	2.19
Raisins, seeded	"	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.65	7.75	7.80	7.80	7.75	7.75	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.20
Currants	"	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.80	7.85	7.70	7.56	7.46	7.70
Apricots, dried	"	12.80	13.10	13.15	13.15	13.05	13.10	14.00	13.00	13.80	13.35	13.22	13.33	13.37
Peaches, canned	30 oz	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.35	9.55	9.55	9.64	9.63	9.51
Pears, canned	"	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.45	9.45	9.50	9.65	9.65	9.70	9.80	9.85	9.85	9.58
Salmon, in tins	lb.	12.00	12.00	11.95	11.95	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	10.85	11.05	11.10	11.93
Potatoes	7 lb.	6.50	7.32	6.63	7.94	8.75	8.66	9.25	9.16	9.16	9.57	12.13	13.71	8.15
Onions	lb.	1.17	1.63	1.44	1.63	1.69	1.71	1.79	2.50	2.57	2.50	2.36	2.07	1.83
Soap, household	"	4.35	4.35	4.25	4.29	4.36	4.05	4.05	3.97	3.97	6.33	6.33	6.33	4.18
Candles	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	.	.	.	10.50
Kerosene	quart	4.20	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.18	4.18	4.18	4.18	4.18	4.67	4.61	4.72	4.19
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh	1 quart	5.60	5.65	5.65	5.85	5.85	5.80	5.75	5.65	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.73
Butter, factory	lb.	17.00	17.50	17.50	18.10	18.10	17.75	17.30	17.20	15.20	16.20	17.10	17.51	
Cheese, mild	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.30	11.30	11.25	11.30	11.30	11.22	
Milk, condensed	1 pint	7.15	7.05	7.25	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.55	7.65	7.60	8.50	8.50	7.38	
Eggs, fresh	1 doz.	8.85	11.35	12.24	18.90	20.25	17.65	16.00	14.05	12.90	12.65	12.70	13.10	14.69
Bacon, rashers	lb.	13.90	13.90	13.90	14.45	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.30	14.45	14.45	14.45	14.45	14.27
Ham, uncooked	"	17.50	17.07	17.07	17.21	17.36	17.36	17.64	17.79	18.07	.	.	.	17.45
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin	"	7.50	7.55	7.60	7.80	7.85	8.00	8.30	8.25	8.10	7.75	7.50	7.40	7.88
" ribs	"	5.65	6.05	6.00	6.20	6.35	6.45	6.65	6.60	6.40	6.60	5.85	5.80	6.28
" steak, rump	"	11.10	11.30	11.30	11.80	11.80	11.00	12.20	11.90	12.00	11.50	11.20	11.30	11.70
" stewing	"	6.80	7.05	6.85	6.95	7.00	7.30	7.55	7.35	6.95	6.95	6.70	6.70	2.00
" sausages	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.10	5.10	5.20	5.80	5.65	5.30	5.60	4.90	4.90	5.21
" corned round	"	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.10	7.90	7.95	8.00	8.00	7.90	8.00	7.95	7.95	
" " brisket	"	4.33	4.29	4.36	4.43	4.50	4.64	4.80	4.86	4.86	5.95	5.85	5.75	4.57
Mutton, leg	"	6.75	6.80	6.90	7.20	7.45	7.60	8.25	8.00	7.85	7.50	7.35	7.50	7.44
" shoulder	"	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.85	6.05	6.45	6.75	6.60	6.10	5.00	4.50	4.55	6.08
" loin	"	6.25	6.30	6.40	6.65	6.70	7.35	7.80	7.60	7.55	7.40	6.75	6.81	6.96
" chops, loin	"	7.30	7.40	7.40	7.60	8.10	8.50	8.85	8.60	8.70	7.95	7.95	8.09	
" " leg	"	7.80	7.80	7.90	8.20	8.60	9.00	9.25	9.10	9.10	8.35	8.15	8.45	8.54
Pork, leg "	"	9.35	9.40	9.40	9.35	9.30	9.25	9.40	9.35	9.45	9.50	9.25	9.55	9.16
" loin	"	9.65	9.55	9.70	9.60	9.65	9.60	9.85	9.80	9.85	9.75	9.60	9.80	9.70
" chops	"	10.10	10.15	10.05	10.15	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.30	10.40	10.40	10.15	10.15	10.21
" sausages	"	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.30	7.10	.	.	.	7.08

SECTION II.—continued.

Perth—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1936.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October (a)	November (a)	December (a)	Average,(b) 1936.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	5 50	5 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 50	5 50	5 50	5 22
Flour, ordinary	2 "	3 98	3 93	3 35	3 33	3 33	3 38	3 41	3 45	4 00	4 80	4 70	4 70	3 63
" self-raising	2 "	7 25	7 20	6 70	6 55	6 50	6 55	7 30	7 30	7 40	7 40	7 40	6 57	
Tea	lb.	27 90	27 90	27 90	27 90	27 70	27 70	27 70	27 70	27 70	28 00	28 00	28 00	27 79
Sugar	"	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Rice	"	3 25	3 30	3 25	3 20	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 20	3 20	3 20	3 20	3 20	3 21
Sago	"	3 20	3 20	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 20	3 20	3 15	3 16
Jam, apricot	14 "	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	8 95	8 90	8 90	8 90	8 15	8 25	8 40	8 96
Golden Syrup	2 "	7 50	7 40	7 45	7 45	7 45	7 40	7 45	7 40	7 45	7 45	7 45	7 44	
Oatmeal	lb.	3 03	3 03	3 03	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 01
Raisins, seeded	"	0 00	0 00	0 05	0 05	0 15	0 25	0 25	0 30	0 30	0 45	0 45	0 35	0 15
Curtants	"	8 55	8 55	8 50	8 50	8 50	8 50	8 50	8 60	8 60	8 44	8 44	8 55	8 53
Apricots, dried	"	13 10	12 90	12 90	13 40	13 50	13 50	13 10	13 70	13 50	13 80	13 80	13 80	13 32
Peaches, canned	30 oz	11 25	11 25	11 20	11 00	11 00	11 00	10 90	10 90	10 90	10 80	10 80	10 90	11 05
Pears, canned	12 00	12 10	11 95	11 90	11 80	11 90	11 95	12 00	11 80	11 75	11 75	11 65	11 91	
Salmon, in tins	lb.	13 20	13 35	13 30	13 30	13 50	13 50	13 30	13 30	13 30	12 30	12 20	12 20	13 34
Potatoes	2 lb.	4 53	4 83	6 33	7 38	9 15	8 80	9 80	9 05	9 35	8 65	9 40	12 75	7 79
Onions	lb.	1 95	1 95	1 95	2 05	2 35	2 45	2 45	3 10	3 30	3 20	3 95	3 10	2 49
Soap, household	"	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	4 13	6 33	6 33	4 13	
Candles	"	11 80	11 60	11 60	11 60	11 60	11 60	11 65	11 75	11 65	..	..	11 05	
Kerosene	quart	4 98	4 90	4 90	4 89	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 96	4 98	4 61	4 59	4 59	4 93
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh	1 quart	6 85	6 85	6 85	6 85	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	6 93
Butter, factory	lb.	17 90	17 90	18 20	18 55	18 50	18 60	18 50	18 40	18 20	18 20	18 20	18 15	18 31
Cheese, mild	"	12 90	12 90	13 10	13 10	13 10	13 30	13 50	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 17	
Milk, condensed	1 tin	9 10	9 10	8 70	8 50	8 50	8 45	8 40	8 40	8 40	8 60	8 70	8 62	
Eggs, fresh	1 doz.	12 20	15 10	17 60	24 90	26 70	26 80	16 70	14 80	13 60	13 90	14 40	14 40	18 64
Bacon, rashers	lb.	14 40	14 30	14 50	14 30	14 30	14 40	14 50	14 50	14 50	15 10	15 10	14 40	
Ham, uncooked	"	18 40	18 40	19 20	17 80	17 80	17 60	18 60	18 60	18 20	..	..	18 00	
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin	"	8 05	8 05	8 05	7 95	8 35	9 40	9 30	9 00	8 80	8 60	8 50	8 60	8 55
" ribs	"	6 70	6 70	6 75	6 75	7 00	8 20	8 10	7 70	7 50	7 30	7 20	7 30	7 27
" steak, rump	"	13 80	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 20	15 20	14 80	14 60	14 50	14 50	14 50	14 50	14 38
" stewing	"	6 60	6 50	6 60	6 60	6 85	6 40	6 20	7 90	7 80	7 70	7 10	7 27	
" sausages	"	5 30	5 40	5 40	5 10	5 40	6 10	6 50	6 50	6 40	6 30	6 10	5 86	
" corned round	"	7 10	7 40	7 40	7 40	7 35	8 30	8 20	8 20	8 25	8 25	7 95	8 05	7 77
" brisket	"	3 94	4 00	4 00	4 15	4 00	5 10	5 10	4 75	4 75	6 30	6 15	6 15	4 42
Mutton, leg	"	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 40	6 85	8 70	8 50	8 25	8 05	7 50	7 45	7 60	7 31
" shoulder	"	4 20	4 15	4 15	4 30	4 05	6 60	6 80	6 30	5 95	4 75	4 20	4 45	5 23
" loin	"	5 90	5 90	5 90	5 90	6 25	8 00	7 85	7 55	7 70	7 00	6 75	7 05	6 77
" chops, loin	"	6 30	6 20	6 30	6 30	7 00	8 70	8 60	8 60	8 30	7 70	7 50	7 37	
" leg	"	6 40	6 30	6 40	6 60	7 10	9 00	8 80	8 80	8 50	8 00	7 70	7 90	7 56
Pork, leg	"	9 70	9 70	9 60	9 70	10 00	10 40	10 60	10 60	10 70	10 50	10 80	10 66	10 11
" loin	"	9 20	9 20	9 10	9 30	9 50	9 90	10 30	10 20	10 20	10 20	10 20	10 50	9 66
" chops	"	9 35	9 45	9 45	9 55	9 65	10 30	10 40	10 50	10 50	10 50	10 70	10 50	9 91
" sausages	"	6 40	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	7 20	7 30	7 30	7 40	..	..	..	6 84

(a) New Regimen (1936)

(b) Nine months January to September (Old Regimen)

SECTION II.—continued.

Hobart—Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1936.

Article	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July	August	September.	October. (a)	November. (a)	December. (a)	Average;(b) 1936.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	3.95	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.48
Flour, ordinary	2 "	3.07	3.15	3.06	2.99	3.02	2.96	3.03	3.53	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.10	3.14
" self-raising	2 "	6.00	6.00	5.90	5.85	5.85	5.80	6.05	6.15	6.05	6.10	5.93	5.93	5.93
Tea	1 lb.	27.45	27.25	27.45	27.45	27.45	27.45	27.40	27.30	27.40	28.00	27.90	27.80	27.40
Sugar	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.45	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.49
Sago	"	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
Jam, apricot	1/2 "	9.75	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.80	9.85	9.85	8.10	7.85	7.95	9.75
Golden Syrup	2 "	7.45	7.45	7.40	7.45	7.40	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.44
Oatmeal	1 lb.	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.12	3.12	3.10	3.17	3.17	3.30	3.25	3.30	3.15
Raisins, seeded	"	9.40	9.35	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.45	9.15	9.50	9.50	9.55	9.55	9.39	9.39
Currants	"	9.00	8.95	8.85	8.85	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.89	8.92	8.92
Apricots, dried	13 13	13 13	13 13	13.13	13.50	13.13	13.13	13.88	14.13	14.13	14.13	14.00	14.00	13.48
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.50	10.40	10.15	10.52
Pears, canned	"	9.90	9.80	9.80	9.75	9.80	9.70	9.70	9.95	9.95	9.75	9.84	9.90	9.82
Salmon, in tins	4 lb.	13.25	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	11.75	13.52	13.52
Potatoes	7 lb.	10.09	9.42	9.90	9.20	8.55	8.70	8.40	8.74	8.65	10.50	11.13	13.83	9.02
Onions	1 lb.	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.95	2.00	2.15	2.25	3.56	3.70	3.55	3.44	3.56	2.37
Soap, household	"	5.12	5.07	5.07	4.93	4.98	4.93	4.88	4.83	4.83	7.07	7.11	4.96	4.96
Candies	"	11.25	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.21	11.21
Kerosene	1 quart	6.77	6.69	6.69	6.79	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.77	5.34	5.34	5.43	6.76
Dairy Produce—														
Milk, fresh	1 quart	5.44	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.45	5.40	5.30	5.30	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.39
Butter, factory	lb.	16.80	16.95	17.50	17.70	17.05	14.00	15.80	17.55	18.00	18.00	18.05	16.32	
Cheese, mild	"	11.75	11.75	11.85	11.85	10.95	10.30	10.80	11.55	11.80	11.80	11.90	11.32	
Milk, condensed	1 tin	7.40	7.40	7.45	7.60	8.05	8.10	8.40	8.60	8.60	8.70	8.75	8.75	7.99
Eggs, fresh	1 doz	13.50	17.50	18.30	23.90	26.60	20.80	21.00	13.60	11.20	11.50	14.60	14.90	18.49
Bacon, rashers	1 lb.	12.00	12.20	12.10	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.30	12.17
Ham, uncooked	"	11.33	14.33	14.33	14.50	14.50	11.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.44	
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin	"	7.67	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	8.10	8.40	9.05	9.65	9.45	9.45	9.55	8.18
" ribs	"	6.44	6.35	6.25	6.40	6.30	6.45	6.75	7.60	8.10	8.00	7.80	8.10	6.74
" steak, rump	"	12.22	12.10	12.10	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.60	13.60	13.40	13.50	13.10	13.10	12.51
" stewing	"	6.56	6.30	6.30	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.50	7.60	7.70	7.60	7.60	7.10	6.69
" sausages	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.10	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.20	6.10	6.10	5.90	6.05
" corned round	"	7.56	7.60	7.60	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.90	8.60	8.80	9.00	9.40	9.00	7.91
" brisket	"	4.56	4.55	4.40	4.55	4.50	4.55	4.70	5.10	5.50	7.70	7.70	7.55	4.71
" with bone	"	7.44	7.40	7.50	7.65	7.60	8.00	8.30	9.20	9.65	9.50	9.30	8.90	8.45
Mutton, leg	"	5.06	5.15	5.05	5.20	5.10	5.50	5.80	6.60	7.15	7.10	7.00	6.15	5.65
" shoulder	"	6.56	6.90	6.90	7.40	7.20	7.65	8.05	8.45	8.90	8.80	8.60	8.40	7.36
" loin	"	8.22	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.30	10.40	10.70	10.70	10.60	10.00	9.07
" chops, loin	"	8.33	8.15	8.60	8.70	8.80	9.10	9.20	10.50	10.80	10.50	10.50	9.90	9.13
Pork, leg	"	9.67	9.50	9.60	9.70	9.40	9.70	10.00	10.60	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.50	9.91
" loin	"	9.56	9.60	9.60	9.70	9.70	10.50	10.90	11.40	11.20	11.20	11.20	10.42	
" chops	"	10.11	10.10	10.10	10.00	9.70	9.90	10.60	11.40	11.90	11.10	11.50	11.20	10.97
" sausages	"	8.56	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.50	8.70	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.68

(a) New Regimen 1936.

(b) Nine months January to September (Old Regimen)

Section III.

Weekly House Rents (a) in Metropolitan and Country Towns.

Town.	WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY RENTS FOR 4 AND 5 ROOMS COMBINED.				
	1932. s. d.	1933. s. d.	1934. s. d.	1935 s. d.	1936 (b) s. d.
NEW SOUTH WALES—					
Sydney	19 8	19 0	19 1	19 7	20 4
Newcastle	17 7	17 1	17 4	18 6	18 5
Broken Hill	13 8	13 10	14 1	14 2	14 0
Goulburn	18 6	17 10	18 1	18 11	18 10
Bathurst	17 2	17 4	17 2	17 1	17 6
Weighted Average	19 3	18 8	18 10	19 5	20 0
VICTORIA—					
Melbourne	17 11	17 7	17 9	18 7	19 3
Ballarat	13 10	14 0	14 4	14 8	14 8
Bendigo	14 2	14 1	14 6	15 2	15 1
Geelong	16 3	15 10	16 4	17 7	18 6
Warrnambool	17 8	17 6	17 8	18 7	17 11
Weighted Average	17 7	17 3	17 6	18 5	18 11
QUEENSLAND—					
Brisbane	14 1	15 0	15 2	15 10	16 0
Toowoomba	14 3	15 7	16 1	16 5	17 2
Rockhampton	12 10	12 6	13 1	13 1	13 0
Charters Towers	11 11	11 4	11 4	11 8	11 0
Warwick	13 7	13 5	13 9	14 2	13 1
Weighted Average	13 11	14 8	15 0	15 7	16 4
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—					
Adelaide	15 2	15 3	14 5	16 2	17 4
Kadina, etc.	8 4	8 4	8 6	8 8	8 2
Port Pirie	13 9	13 3	13 2	13 9	13 6
Mount Gambier	13 5	13 5	13 8	13 9	13 11
Peterborough	15 5	15 7	14 4	11 7	15 6
Weighted Average	14 10	14 10	15 1	15 10	16 10
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—					
Perth	17 10	17 6	17 6	17 5	18 5
Kalgoorlie	16 4	17 11	19 9	23 1	25 2
Northam	17 8	17 3	17 2	16 11	17 1
Bunbury	16 7	17 0	17 1	17 10	19 0
Geraldton	21 7	20 8	20 4	20 8	21 8
Weighted Average	17 9	17 7	17 9	17 11	18 11
TASMANIA—					
Hobart	19 1	18 11	19 0	19 7	19 10
Launceston	16 9	16 11	16 11	17 1	17 5
Burnie	15 5	14 11	14 5	15 4	16 1
Devonport	15 3	14 11	15 0	16 2	15 7
Queenstown	14 10	15 5	15 6	16 1	16 3
Weighted Average	17 11	17 11	17 11	18 5	18 7
Weighted Average, Australia	17 7	17 4	17 7	18 3	18 10

(a) The rents are shown to the nearest penny.

(b) Not strictly comparable.

Section IV.

Minimum Rates of Wage for Adult Male Workers in the Main Occupations in the Capital City of each State for a Full Week's Work, at 31st December, 1936.

NOTE.—Ruling or predominant rates of wage are distinguished from Award Determination or Industrial Agreement rates of wage by an *. Except where otherwise specified by a numerical prefix in small type, the hours of labour constituting a full week's work are forty-eight, vide footnotes below. Award Determination or Agreement Rates are quoted from the latest Awards, Determinations or Agreements which were in force at the 31st December, 1936. Where two or more Award, Determination or Agreement Rates are quoted, the reason for such is that different rates of wage have been fixed for various classes or grades of work. In certain cases of this nature the wages are shown in the form (say), 77s. 8d. to 83s. Id.; indicating that in addition to the two rates specified, there are also certain intermediate rates in force. In other cases the rates are shown in the form 71s. 5d. and 82s. 2d., indicating that there are only two minimum or standard rates in force for different classes or grades of work, and that there are no intermediate minimum or standard rates.

GROUP I.—WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS AND TIMBER YARDS.

Industry & Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Coopering—						
Coopers ..	90 10	*120 0	*106 6	86 0	*102 9	*110 0
Furniture—						
Cabinet makers ..	*96 0	*90 0	*106 11	93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Carpet Planners ..	*96 0	*90 0	93 0	90 0	*93 0	*93 0
Chairmakers ..	*96 0	*90 0	*106 11	93 0	*97 9	*93 0
French Polishers ..	*96 0	*90 0	*106 11	93 0	*94 9	*93 0
Upholsterers ..	*96 0	*88 0	*106 11	91 0	*97 9	*91 0
Woodcarvers ..	*96 0	*90 0	*106 11	93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Wood Machinists ..	*96 0	*75/ to 90/	*106 11	78/ to 93/	*94/9 & 97/9	*76/ to 93/ 97/9
Mattress Making—Wire						
Finishers ..	*91 0	*81 0	*93 6	84 0	*84 0	*84 0
Makers ..	*91 0	*81 0	*93 6	84 0	*91 9	*84 0
Picture Framing—						
Compo. Workers ..	*90 0	*75 0	*93 0	78 0	*88 9	..
General Hands ..	*90 0	*76 0	*93 0	79 0	*88 9	*69 0
Gilders ..	*90 0	*78 0	*93 0	81 0	*89 9	..
Mount Cutters ..	*90 0	*78 0	*93 0	81 0	*88 9	..
Saw Milling and Timber Yards—						
Box and Casemakers ..	*82 0	*81 0	*82 11	*81 0	*83 0	*81 0
Labourers ..	*70 0	*69 0	*82 0	*69 0	*71 0	*69 0
Machinists—						
Box Printing ..	*73 0	*72 0	*82 11	*72 0	*74 0	*72 0
Boultis Carver ..	*71 0	*70 0	*88 6	*70 0	*92 0	*90 0
Nailing ..	*76 0	*75 0	*82 11	*75 0	*77 0	*75 0
Planing ..	*82/ to 88/	*81/ to 87/	*87 7	*81/ to 87/	*83/ to 89/	*81/ to 87/
Shaping ..	*91 0	*90 0	*101 4	*90 0	*92 0	*90 0
Ordeman ..	*82 0	*81 0	*84 10	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0
Saw Doctors ..	*100 0	*99 0	*97 8	*99 0	*101 0	*99 0
Sawyers ..						
Hand or Jig ..	*82/ to 91/	*61/ to 93/	*90 4	*81/ to 83/	*83/ to 95/	*81/ to 93/
Circular ..	*80/ to 88/	*70/ to 87/	*87 7	*70/ to 87/	*81/ to 89/	*79/ to 87/
Stackers ..	*76 0	*75 0	*97 8	*75 0	*77 0	*75 0
Wood Turners ..	*91 0	*90 0	*91 3	*90 0	*92 0	*90 0

GROUP II.—ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.

Industry & Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Agricultural Implements						
Assemblers ..	*84 0	*76/6 & 80/	..	76/6 & 80/	*81/3 & 84/9	..
Bulldozermen						
Drillers ..	*97 0	*81 0	..	81 0	..	..
Flitters ..	*87 0	*75 0	..	75 0	*85 9	..
	*84/ & 96/	*82/ to 86/		82/ to 86/	*88/9 & 91/0	..
Labourers—unskilled						
Machinists—Iron ..	*76 6	*69 0	..	69 0	*73 9	..
	*87 0	*75/ to 96/		75/ to 96/	*85/9 & 97/9	..
Painters—Brush						
Scroll ..	*69 6	*75 0	..	75 0	..	..
Pattermakers ..	*76 6	*84 0	..	84 0	..	..
Sheet Iron Workers ..	*87 0	*87/ & 94/	..	87/ & 94/	*106 9	..
Strikers ..	*74 0	*75/ & 77/	..	75/ & 77/	*82 0	..

Various numbers of hours constituting a full week's work.

(1) 35 hours. (2) 36 hours. (3) 40 hours. (4) 42 hours. (5) 43 hours. (6) 44 hours. (7) 45 hours.
 (8) 46 hours. (10) 46½ hours—Daylight, 48 hours, artificial light, 45 hours. (11) 47 hours. (12) 47½ hours.
 (13) 50 hours. (14) 86 hours per fortnight. (15) 96 hours per fortnight. (16) 48 hours, summer, 46 hours, winter. (17) 88 hours per fortnight. (18) 50 hours. (19) 52 hours.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP II.—ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Boiler Making—						
Journeymen	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*99 0
Railwaymen	*101 6	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*100/9 10 109/9	*99 0
Brassworking—						
Coremakers	*79/ to 97/	*78/ & 96/	*97 8	*78/ & 96/	*97 9	*78/ & 93/
Dressers	*83/ to 86/	*77/ & 79/	*78 4	*77/ & 79/	*81 9	*78/ & 79/
Finishers	*88/ to 97/	*87/ & 96/	*97 8	*87/ & 96/	*97 9	*85/ & 94/
Furnacemen	*82 0	*80 0	*88/ 4 & 87/ 8	*80 0	*85 9	*77 0
Moulder	*79/ to 97/	*78/ & 96/	*94/ to 97/ 8	*78/ & 96/	*97 9	*78/ & 93/
Cycles—						
Assemblers	*77 0	85/ 6 & 90/	*89/ 4 & 97/ 8	*85/ to 100/	*79 9	80 0
Frame Builders	*78 8	90/ & 92/ 3	*97 8	*85/ to 100/	..	80 0
Repairers	*78 8	90/ & 92/ 3	*97 8	*85/ to 100/	..	80 0
Turners (Motor)	*92 6	*93 0	*101 4	*91 0	*97 9	80 0
Electrical Installation—						
Cable Jointers	*106 0	93/ & 95/	*98 1	93/ & 95/	..	93/ & 95/
Fitters	*106 0	*96 0	*100 10	*96 0	*97 9	*95 0
Mechanics	*100 0	*93 0	*98 1	*93 0	*97 9	*89 0
Patrolmen	..	79/ & 89/	*79 9	79/ & 89/	..	79/ & 89/
Wiremen	*100 0	*89 0	*98 1	*89 0	*91 9	*89 0
Other Adults	..	69 0	*77 0	69 0	*73 9	69 0
Electrical Supply—						
Armature Winders	*106 0	96 0	*100 10	96 0	*97 9	95 0
Cable Jointers	*106 0	93/ & 95/	*98 1	93/ & 95/	..	93/ & 95/
Instrument Makers	*106 0	96 0	*100 10	96 0	*97 9	95 0
Linesmen	*100 0	89 0	*98 1	89 0	*91 9	86 0
Meter Testers	*100 0	86/ & 89/	*98 1	86/ & 89/	..	84/ & 87/ 6
Patrolmen—Night	..	79/ & 89/	*79 9	79/ & 89/	..	79/ & 89/
Shift Electricians	*106 0	90/ & 96/	*114 10	90/ & 96/	..	89/ & 93/
Switchboard Attendants	..	87 6	*77 0	87 6	..	87 6
Other Adults	*85 0	69 0	*77 0	69 0	..	69 0
Electrical Trades—						
Fitters	*106 0	*96 0	*100 10	*96 0	*97 9	*95 0
Mechanics	*100 0	*93 0	*98 1	*93 0	*97 9	*89 0
Wiremen	*100 0	93 0	*98 1	*89 0	*91 9	*89 0
Electroplating—						
Platers	*88/ to 97/	*87/ to 96/	*88 0	*87/ to 96/	*97 9	85/ & 93/
Polishers	*86/ 6 to 89/ 6	*90 0	*82/ 6 to 88/	*80 0	*85 9	..
Engineering—						
Blacksmiths	*98 0	*97 0	*101 4	*97 0	*97 9	*94 0
Boilers and Slotters	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Brassfounders	*88/ to 97/	*87/ to 96/	*97 8	*87/ to 96/	*97 9	*85/ to 93/
Coppersmiths	*98 0	*97 0	*101 4	*97 0	*97 9	*94 0
Drillers—Radial	*82 0	*81 0	*85 8	*81 0	*97 9	*81 0
Fitters	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Millers	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Pattern Makers	*106 0	*105 0	*103 0	*105 0	*106 9	*102 0
Planers—						
Rail and Plate, Edge	*88 0	*87 0	*83 0	*87 0	*81/ 9 & 83/ 9	*85 0
Other	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Shapers	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Turners	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Ironworking—Assistants—						
Boilermakers' Helpers	*76 0	*75 0	*78 4	*75 0	*79 9	*75 0
Labourers	*76 0	*75 0	*78 4	*75 0	*73 9	*75 0
Engineers' Labourers	*76 0	*75 0	*76 8	*75 0	*79 9	*75 0
Furnacemen's Assistants	*76 0	*75 0	*76 8	*75 0	*79 9	*75 0
Moulders' Labourers	*76 0	*75 0	*76 8	*75 0	*79 9	*75 0
Strikers	*76/ & 78/	*75/ & 77/	*78 4	*75/ & 77/	*88 9	*75/ & 77/

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP II.—ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.—continued.

Industry and Occupation	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart
Moulding—Iron—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cocemakers—Machine	*79 0	*78 0	*97 8	*78 0	*82 9	*78 0
Other ..	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Dressers and Fettlers	*78/ & 80/	*77 0	*78 4	*77 0	*81 9	*77 0
Furnaceman ..	*81/ to 85/	*83/ & 84/	*78/ 4 to 87/8	*83/ & 84/	*88/ to 90/	*83/ & 84/
Moulders—Machine ..	*79 0	*78 0	*94 0	*78 0	*82 9	*80 0
Other ..	*97 0	*96 0	*97 8	*96 0	*97 9	*93 0
Sheet Metal Working—						
Cylinder Makers ..	*76 6	73/ & 79/	*80 4	70/ to 73/	86 9	*91/8 & 95/1
Japanners—						
Coating or Brush-work ..	*85 0	*74 0	*91 2	73 6		
Ornamental ..	*87 0	*87 0	*91 2	85 6		
Soldiers ..	*76/6 & 80/6	*75/ & 77/	*91 2	72 0	86 9	..
Tinsmiths ..	*90 6	*87/ & 91/	*91 2	82/6 & 89/6	94/3 & 102/9	*91 8
Nailmaking—						
Case Wipers ..	*76 0	*75 0		66 0		
Labourers ..	*76 0	*75 0		66 0		
Setters Up ..	*95 0	*81 0		66/ to 80/6		
Wire Working—						
Journeymen ..	*90 0	*86 0		81 0	82 9	*85 0

GROUP III.—FOOD, DRINK, TOBACCO, ETC

Industry and Occupation	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart
Aerated Water and Cordials—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Bottlers ..	*72/6 & 75/	71/6 to 73/	*71 0	*70 6	78 9	71 0
Drivers (Motor) ..	*79/ to 96/	*78/ to 85/	*83/ to 91/	*76/ to 83/	85 9	1069/3 to 76/6
" (One Horse) ..	*71 0	*73 0	*81 0	*71 0	85 9	1064 10
Packers ..	*76 0	60 0	*74 0	67 6	78 9	72 0
Wirers ..	*76 0	60 0		67 6	78 9	72 0
Baking (Bread)—						
Board Hands ..	*107 0	*108 2	*92/ to 97/	88 0	*107 9	87 6
Carters (One Horse) ..	*93 6	*108 0	*83 0	77 0	*81 3	65 6
Doughmen ..	*107/ & 109/6	*108 2	*99 6	88 0	*112 9	87 6
Ovenmen ..	*112 0	*108 2	*97 0	88 0	*107 9	87 6
Singlehands ..	*109 6	*117 5	*99 6	93 0	*112 9	87 6
Caking (Biscuits and Cakes)—						
Adult Males ..	*76 0	*75 0	*74 0	66 0	81 9	67 0
Bakers ..	*91 0	*81 0	*81 6	71 0	83 9	75 6
Mixers ..	*82 0	*81 0	*81 6	69 0	83 9	79 0
Brewing—						
Adult Males ..	*95 0	*100 0	*82 0	97 6	*100 0	92 6
Bottlers and Washers ..	*95 0	*100 0	*82 0	97 6	*100 0	92 6
Cellarmen ..	*95 0	*103 3	*82 0	97 6	*100 0	92 6
Drivers (Two Horses) ..	*98 0	78 0	*87 0	100 6	*100 0	81 0
" (Motor under 3 tons) ..	*103 0	78/ to 82/	*87/ to 95/	103 6	*110 0	78/ to 82/
Towermen ..	*97 0	*101 0	*82 0	100 6	*100 0	95 6
Butchering (Carcass)—						
Chilling Room Hands ..	*86 0	*70 6	*91 6	95 0	*79 9	
Labourers (Beef) ..	*90 0	*70 6	*79 0	95 0	*83 9	66 6
" (Mutton) ..	*91 6	*76 6	*79 0	95 0	*83 9	
Scalders ..	*102 0	*85 0	*91 6	109 0	*83 9	
Slaughtermen (Beef) ..	*132 6	*99 0	*101 6	130 0	*101 3	108 0
" (Mutton) ..	*99 0	*101 6		130 0	*101 3	108 0

(a) Piecework rate.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP III.—FOOD, DRINK, TOBACCO, ETC.—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Butchering (Retail)—						
Carters (Cash Cutting)	*97 0	87 6	*91 6	*85 6	91 9	80 0
" "	*79 6	75 0	*82 6	73 0	78 9	-
General Hands	..	*89 6	87 6	*91 6	84 6	83 6
Shopmen ..	..	*89/6 & 97/	87 6	*91 6	84 6	85 6
Smallgoodsmen	..	*99 6	85 0	*91 6	84 6	93 9
Cold Storage and Ice—						
Chamber Hands ..	..	*87/6 & 93/6	*90 9	*109 9	65/ to 68/	*87 6
Pullers and Stackers ..	..	*81/ & 90/	*90 9	*115 3	91 0	*76 3
Confectionery—						
Journeymen ..	..	*91 0	86 0	*81 6	71/ & 76/6	*86 3
Storemen ..	..	*72 0	72 6	*78 0	66 0	*86 3
Ham and Bacon Curing—						
Curers—First Hand ..	..	*106 0	95 0	*103 0	95 0	101 9
Cutters Up—First Hand ..	..	*92 0	87 6	*97 0	87 6	101 9
Ham Baggers ..	..	80 0	*91 0	80 6	87 3	80 0
Lardmen ..	..	*78 6	80/6 & 87/6	*91 0	80 6	92 3
Rollers and Trimmers ..	..	*83 6	87 6	*84 9	87 6	87/3 & 92/3
Scalders ..	..	*78 6	87 6	*93 6	87 6	91 9
Slaughtermen ..	..	*92 6	95 0	*103 0	95 0	101 9
Smallgoodsmen—						
First Hand ..	..	*98 6	95 0	*103 0	95 0	101 9
Smokers—First Hand ..	..	*81 6	87 6	*97 0	87 6	86 0
Jam Making and Preserving—						
Adult Males ..	..	75 0	75 0	*71 0	75 0	81 9
Soldiers ..	..	82 0	82 0	*91 2	82 0	81 9
Malting—						
Malsters ..	..	*97/ & 90/	95/ & 96/10	*71 0	*97 6	88 9
Milling—Condiments—						
Grinders ..	..	*81 6	26 6	*75 6	72 0	65 3
Mixers or Blenders ..	..	*77 6	28 6	*75 6	74 0	65 3
Stone Dressers ..	..	*110 0	83 6	*75 6	79 6	65 3
Milling—Flour—						
Millers—Head ..	..	*107 0	*107 0	*96 6	*107 0	*107 0
" Shift ..	..	*94/10	*94/10	*88/10 to 96/	*107 0	*107 0
	..	104/6	104/6			
Packermen ..	..	*82 0	*82 0	*76 6	*82 0	85 6
Purifermen ..	..	*85 0	*85 0	*76 6	*85 0	81 0
Silksoomen ..	..	*85 0	*85 0	*76 6	*85 0	81 0
Storemen—Head ..	..	*87/ & 92/	*87/ & 92/	*81 6	*87/ & 92/	90 0
Topmen ..	..	*85 0	*85 0	*76 6	*85 0	85 6
Truckers and Others ..	..	*78/10 81/	*78/10 81/	..	*78/10 81/	*78/10 81/
Milling—Oatmeal—						
Kilnmen ..	..	*80 0	78 0	*75 6	72 6	81/ & 85/6
Millers—Head ..	..	*90 6	86 0	*79/6 & 94/6	79 6	103 6
Pastrycooking—						
Carters ..	..	*80 0	70 0	*81 0	77 0	83 3
Pastrycooks ..	..	*91 0	100 0	*102 0	88 0	93/9 & 101/3

GROUP IV.—CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Bootmaking—						
Bootmakers	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0
Tailoring—Order—						
Cutters	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0
Pressers	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0
Tailors	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0
Trimmers	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0

Hourly rates—2s. 6d. per hour.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP IV.—CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne	Brisbane.	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Tailoring—Ready-made—						
Cutters ..	*91 0	*91 0	*91 0	*91 0	*90 9	*91 0
Folders ..	*71 6	*71 6	*71 6	*71 6	..	*71 6
Machinists ..	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	..	*88 0
Pressers ..	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*90 9	*88 0
Tailors ..	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*90 9	*88 0
Trimmers ..	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*90 9	*88 0
Textile-Working—Woollen Mills—						
Carders ..	*73 0	*70/6 to 76/6	*71 0	*70/6 to 76/6	*70/6 to 76/6	*70/6 to 76/6
Dyehousemen ..	*71 6	*70/6 to 75/6	*71 0	*70/6 to 75/6	*70/6 to 75/6	*70/6 to 75/6
Labourers—General ..	*73 0	*70 6	*74 0	*70 6	*70 6	*70 6
Pattern Weavers ..	*73 0	*73 6	*74 0	*73 6	*73 6	*73 6
Scourers ..	*73 6	*70/6 to 75/7	*71 0	*70/6 to 75/7	*70/6 to 75/7	*70/6 to 75/7
Spinners ..	*74 0	*70/6 to 72/7	*85 0	*70/6 to 72/7	*70/6 to 72/7	*70/6 to 72/7
Tuners ..	*77/ to 88/6	*71/6 to 87/6	*74/ to 85/	*71/6 to 87/6	*71/6 to 87/6	*71/6 to 87/6

GROUP V.—BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne	Brisbane.	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Bookbinding—						
Bookbinders ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Finishers ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Marblers ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Paper Rulers ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Engraving (Process)—(b)						
Engravers ..	*102 6	*105 0	..	85 0	..	..
Etchers—Flint-stone ..	*108 6	*96/6	*104 0	97 6	..	..
Etchers—Line Operators ..	*102 6	*103 0	*99 0	83 6	..	..
Printers ..	*108 6	*96/6 & 105/-	*104 0	97 6	..	..
Printers ..	*102 6	*98 6	*91 0	73 6	..	..
Router ..	*97 6	*96 6	*91 6	73 6	..	..
Lithographing—						
Printers ..	*92 0	*92 0	*105 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Rotary Machinists ..	*92 0	*92 0	*103 0	*92 0	*90 0	*92 0
Stone Polishers ..	*76 0	*76 0	*85 0	*76 0	*76 0	*76 0
Printing (Daily News-papers)—						
Compositors—						
Day Work ..	*125 0	*113 11	*108 10	*105 0	*135 3	*100 0
Night Work ..	*135 0	*131 4	*116 2	*111 0	*148 0	*108 0
Linotype Attendants—						
Day Work ..	*125 0	*95 6	*95 0	*81 0	*122 6	*80 6
Night Work ..	*135 0	*104 6	*100 0	*90 0	*135 3	*80 6
Linotype Operators—						
Day Work ..	*151/ & 161/	(a)	*120 6	(a)	*141 7	(a)
Night Work ..	*161/ & 171/	(a)	*127 10	(a)	*157 4	(a)
Machinists (First Hand)—						
Day Work ..	*125 0	*110 1	*117 6	*105 0	*126 9	*98 0
Night Work ..	*135 0	*119 4	*122 6	*111 0	*139 6	*108 0
Publishers ..	*8 & *105/	*8 & 80/3	*84/ to 100/	*84/ & 93/	*8 & 111/5	*78/ & 108/
Readers—						
Day Work ..	*133 0	*113 11	*105 0	*108 0	*135 3	*102 0
Night Work ..	*143 0	*131 4	*110 0	*117 0	*148 0	*111 0
Readers' Assistants—						
Day Work ..	*102 0	*80 3	*90 0	*81 0	*106 9	*75 0
Night Work ..	*112 0	*98 3	*95 0	*90 0	*119 1	*84 0
Stereotypers (First Class)—						
Day Work ..	*117 6	*90 3	*97/6 & 105/	*93 0	*120 5	*87 0
Night Work ..	*127 6	*108 3	*102/6 & 110/	*102 0	*133 1	*96 0

(a) Piece-work rates. (b) Other than in newspaper offices.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP V—BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC—continued.

Industry and Occupation	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Printing (Job Offices)—						
Compositors ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Electrotypes ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
General Hands ..	*68 0	*68 0	*85 0	*68 0	*68 0	*68 0
Linotype Operators ..	*101 0	*104 0	*105/- & 112/4	*101 0	*101 0	*101 0
Machinists ..	*92 0	*92 0	*85/- to 101/-	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Monotype Operators ..	*104 0	*104 0	*100/- & 106/-	*104 0	*104 0	*104 0
Monotype Casting						
Machinists ..	*92 0	*92 0	*85 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0
Readers ..	*98 0	*98 0	*101 0	*98 0	*98 0	*98 0
Stereotypers ..	*92 0	*92 0	*101 0	*92 0	*92 0	*92 0

GROUP VI.—OTHER MANUFACTURING.

Industry and Occupation	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brickmaking—						
Burners ..	*100 0	*85 0	*82/10 88/-	71 6	81/3 & 91/4	88 6
Carters—Two horses ..	*88 6	78 0	*86 0	76 0	*88 3	78 0
Drawers ..	*100 0	*84/6 to 86/6	*76 6	79 6	(a)	88 6
Labourers ..	*93 5	*75 0	*71 3	68 6	*81 3	85 6
Machinemen ..	*91 9	*80 6	*76 6	71/6 & 74/6	*81/3 & 84/3	85 6
Panniers ..	*85/- & 100/-	*81/6 to 86/-	*74 8	71/6 & 74/6	*81 3	85 6
Pitmen ..	*97 3	*85/- to 90/-	*76 6	73 6	*81 3	85 6
Setters ..	*100 0	*84/6 to 89/6	*74/8 & 76/6	79 6	*80 3	91 6
Wheelers ..	*91 6	*75 0	*74/8 & 76/6	68 6	*81 3	85 6
Brushmaking—						
Bass Broom Drawers ..	*92 6	90 0	*91 6	81 0	..	..
Finishers ..	*92 6	90 0	*91 6	81 0	..	..
Machinists—Boring ..	*92 6	90 0	*91 6	81 0	..	..
Paint Brush Makers ..	*97 0	91 6	*91 6	85 0	..	..
Candle Making—						
Acidifiers ..	*74 0	81 0	*78 0	71 0	..	..
General Hands ..	*72 0	75 0	*73 0	68 0	*73 9	..
Glycerine Distillers ..	*76 6	81 0	*74 0	71 0	*83 9	..
Moulders ..	*74 0	81 0	*78 0	71 0	*82 9	..
Stillmen ..	*77 0	81 0	*78 0	71 0	..	..
Cardboard Box Makers—						
Guillotine and other Cutters ..	*80/- to 83/-	*80/- to 83/-	*80 0	*80/- to 83/-	*80/- to 83/-	*80/- to 83/-
Other Adults ..	*68 0	*68 0	*76 0	*68 0	*68 0	*68 0
Coachmaking (Road)—						
Rodymakers ..	*91/10 97/-	*93/- to 96/-	*98 0	*93/10 96/-	*97 0	*93/10 96/-
Labourers ..	*70 0	*69 0	*77 0	*69 0	*73 9	*69 0
Painters ..	*94 0	*93 0	*98 0	*93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Smiths ..	*98 0	*97 0	*98 0	*97 0	*97 9	*97 0
Trimmers ..	*94 0	*93 0	*98 0	*93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Wheelmaking Machinists ..	*94 0	*93 0	*98 0	*93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Wheelwrights ..	*94 0	*93 0	*98 0	*93 0	*97 9	*93 0
Fellmongering—						
Date Hands ..	75 0	71 0	*78 6	72 0	..	..
Green Hands ..	75 0	71 0	*75 6	72 0	..	..
Limepit Men ..	75 0	71 0	*78/6 & 81/6	72 0	..	..
Machinists ..	78 0	77 0	*75/6 to 81/6	72 0	..	..
Soakhole Men ..	78 0	77 0	*81 6	72 0	..	..
Wool Sorters ..	88 0	87 0	*81 6	72 0	..	..

(a) Piece-work rates.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP VI.—OTHER MANUFACTURING—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Gas Making and Supply—						
Coke Trimmers ..	*86 3	*80 11	*74 0	*100 6	*76 9	
Gas Fitters ..	*101 9	*101 8	*109 6	*109 6	*84 0	
Labourers ..	*76 0	*78 0	*71 0	*70 6	*73 9	*71 7
Maintainers ..	*89 3	*91 3	*85 0	*96 6 &	*83 9	*84 6
Metermakers ..	*95 0	*99 0	..	*100 6 &	*97 9	*81 6
Meter Testers ..	*89 3	*90 6	..	*88 6	..	
Service Layers ..	*89 3	*91 10	*85 0	*100 6	*88 9	*84 6
Stokers ..	*92 3	*93 4 & 10	*99 6 &	*90 3 &	*82 9	*85 3
Glassounding—				101 1	91 9	
Furnace-men ..	*83 0	*81 0	*83 0	*78 0	*97 0	
Labourers ..	*76 0	*75 0	*74 0	*69 0	*88 0	
Lehrmen ..	*79 6	*78 6	*77 6	*72 6	*88 0	
Sorters ..	*78 6	*77 6	*76 6	*72 6	*90 6	
Glass Working and Glazing—						
Bevellers ..	*97 10	*88 0	*97 0	*91 0	*91 9	*91 0
Cutters and Glaziers ..	*96 0	*88 0	*91 0	*91 0	..	
Lead Light Glaziers ..	*96 0	*88 0	..	*91 0	*97 9	..
Silversers ..	*97 10	*88 0	*97 0	*91 0	*91 9	..
Jewellery, Clock and Watchmaking—						
Chainmakers ..	*90/ & 92/6	85 0	*86 0	*83 0	*97 9	*180/ 10 85/
Engravers ..	*92 6	*92/ 10 103/	*86/6 & 89/	*85 0	*97 9	*180/ 10 85/
Mounters ..	*90 0	85 0	*86/6 & 89/	*91 0	*97 9	*180/ 10 85/
Setters ..	*92 6	85 0	*89 0	*91 0	*97 9	*180/ 10 85/
Watch and Clock-makers and Repairers ..	*96 0	*90/6 & 100	*91 6	*91 0	*98 9	*185 0
Masonry—Marble and Stone—						
Carvers ..	*144 2	*131 1	*118 8	*132 11	*104 3	..
Machinists—						
Carborundum ..	*117 6	85 0	*118 8	*96/3 10 107/3	*109 3	..
Other ..	*103/7 & 112/9	97 0	*118 8	*96/3 10 107/3	*109 3	..
Masons ..	*117 6	103 11	*118 8	*107 3	*109 3	*90 0
Paper Bag Making—						
Gillotine Cutters ..	*80 0	*80 0	*92 6	*80 0	*80 0	*80 0
Machinists ..	*83 0	*83 0	*92 6	*83 0	*83 0	*83 0
Paper Making—						
Bleatermen ..	*95/ & 07/	90 0	..	..	..	..
Brenkermens ..	*23 0	73 0	..	..	..	..
Gillotine Men ..	*73 0	72 0	..	..	..	..
Machinists ..	*83/ & 100/	93 0	..	..	..	..
Ragboilermen ..	*82 0	72 0	..	..	..	..
Other Adults ..	*73 0	60 0	..	..	..	..
Potteries—General—						
Burners—Head ..	*85 0	82 0	*82 0	*80 0	..	*79 6
Hollow-ware Presser ..	*90 0	72 0	*74 8	*85/ 10 100/	..	*79 6
Sanitary Pressers ..	*96 0	78 0	*71 8	..	..	*79 6
Throwers—1st Class ..	*96 0	81 0	*76 6	*87 0	..	*82 6
Potteries—Pipemaking—						
Burners—Head ..	*85 6	82 0	*88 0	87 0	*87 9	*79 6
Drawers ..	*79 0	76 0	*74 8	87 0	*73 9	
Moulders ..	*87 0	72 0	*74 8	..	*87 9	73/6 & 78/
Mould Makers ..	*82 0	81 0	*76 6	87 0	*85 9	
Setters ..	*81 0	80 0	*74 8	..	*79/9 & 87/9	*76 6
Quarrying—						
Borers—						
Hand or Machine ..	*80 10	*88 0	*83 2	83 6	*82 6	*82 0
Dressers ..	*98 8	*93 0	*77 2	77 6	*78 0	..
Face-men ..	*91 8	*91 0	*83 2	77 6	*69 0	
Hammermen ..	*87/6 & 90/	*95 0	*83 2	77 6	*82 6	*78 0
Machine Feeders ..	*93 6	*86 6	*78/7 & 82/8	77 6	*88 3	*75 0
Quarrymen ..	*88 8	..	*86 10	77 6	*82 6	*92 0

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP VI.—OTHER MANUFACTURING—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
Rubber Working—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Calendar Hands ..	*90/- & 94/-	*89/- & 93/-				
Cycle Tyre Makers ..	*74 0	*73 0				
Dough Mixers ..	*74 0	*73 0				
Hosemakers ..	*76/- & 83/-	*75/- & 82/-				
Mechanical Lathe Hands ..	*76/- & 80/6	*75/- & 79/0				
Mill Hands ..	*72/- & 83/-	*75/- & 82/-				
Spreaders ..	*77/- & 83/-	*76/- & 82/-				
Surgical Packing, and other Makers ..	*76/- & 83/-	*75/- & 82/-				
Tyre Moulders ..	*80 6	*79 0				
Saddlery and Harness making—						
Harness makers ..	91 0	91 0	91 0	85 0	93 0	91 0
Saddlers ..	91 0	91 0	91 0	85 0	93 0	91 0
Sail Making—						
Sailmakers ..	91 0	91 0	91 0	78 0	..	91 0
Ship Building—						
Carpenters and Joiners ..	*107 6	*107 6	*107 6	*107 6	*107 6	*107 6
Dockers ..	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	..
Painters ..	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	*102 8	
Shipwrights ..	120 0	*110 0	*110 0	120 0	120 0	*110 0
Soap Making—						
General Hands ..	*72 0	75 0	*74 0	68 0	73 9	..
Mixers ..	*72 0	81 0	*71 0	74 0	80 9	
Soap Makers ..	*84 0	85 6	*74 0	79 0	78 9	
Tanning and Currying—						
Beamsmen ..	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0
Curriers ..	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0	*88 0
Japaners or Enamellers ..	*78 6	*78 6	*78 6	*78 6	*78 6	*78 6
Limemakers and Yardmen ..	*70 0	*70 0	*70 0	*70 0	*70 0	*70 0
Machinists—						
Fleshing ..	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0	*81 0
Scouring ..	*72 0	*72 0	*72 0	*72 0	*72 0	*72 0
Splitting ..	*86 0	*86 0	*86 0	*86 0	*86 0	*86 0
Unhaizing ..	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6
Rollers and Strikers ..	*77 6	*77 6	*77 6	*77 6	*77 6	*77 6
Tablemen ..	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6	*75 6
Tent and Tarpaulin Making—						
Cutters ..	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	78 0	78 9	85/- to 91/-
Machinists ..	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	78 0	78 9	85/- to 91/-
Sewers—Hand ..	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	78 0	78 9	85/- to 91/-
Tent Makers ..	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	85/- to 91/-	78 0	78 9	85/- to 91/-

GROUP VII.—BUILDING.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Building—						
Bricklayers—						
Surface ..	*105 2	*112 9	*90 7	*108 0	*108 9	*90 0
Sewer and Tunnel ..	*110 8	*121 0	*90 7	*101 0	*108 9	*105/- 111/-
Carpenters ..	*105 2	*101 6	*90 7	*101 6	*107 9	*101 6
Labouring (Builders) ..	*79 9	*79 9	*82 11	*77 11	*81/3 to 86/8	*78 10
Lathers ..	*105 2	*104 6	*90 7	(a)	..	*70 10
Metal Ceiling ..	*101 6	*101 9	*99 7	..	*99 3	*99 0
Masons ..	*117 6	*103 11	*108 0	*107 3	*100 3	*99 0
Painters, Paperhangers ..	*103 4	*99 0	*99 7	*103 4	*107 9	*105 6
Signwriters ..	*110 8	*99 0	*90 7	*93 4	*107 9	*95 6

(a) Mainly piece-work.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP VII.—BUILDING—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane	Adelaide.	Perth	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Building—continued—						
Plasterers—						
Surface ..	*105 2	*108 2	*99 7	*101 0	*109 7	*95 6
Sewer or Tunnel ..	*110 8	*111 0	*105/7 to 108/7	*101 0	*109/7 to 115/7	*101/6 & 107/6
Plumbers, Gasfitters..	*111 4	*101 8	*99 7	*99 11	*109 9	*91/8 & 113/8
Slaters ..	*111 4	*110 0	*99 7	(a)		*94 5
Tilers ..	*111 4	*101 6	*99 7	*101 0	*95 1	*94 5
Tuckpointers ..	*105 2	*105 5	*99 7	*101 0	(a)	..
Water Supply and Sewerage—						
Concrete Workers ..	*76/10 to 98/2	*98 8	*85/10 to 94/2	73 6	*79 9	..
Labourers ..	*79/7 to 90/10	*76/2 & 79/1	*76 0	70 6	*73 9	..
Miners—Sewer	1 & *99/7 to 125/	*80/2 to 91/8	*101 6	..	*82 9	..
Pipe-jointers and Setters ..	*85/1 to 95/9	*88 2	*79/6 & 81/4	*73/6 & 76/6	*82/9 & 91/9	..

GROUP VIII.—MINING.

Industry and Occupation	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queensland	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Coal Mining—						
Blacksmiths ..	*113/6 to 122/	*100/ & 107/6	*114/6 to 126/6	(b)	*1 & 97 2	*121 6
Bracemen ..	*112 0	*84/6 & 91/	*100/ to 117/6	..	..	..
Carpenters ..	*109/6 to 124/6	*101 6	*109/6 to 126/6	..	..	*107 0
Deputies ..	*132/6 to 133/	*114/6 & 123/1	*117/6 to 133/6	..	..	*126 0
Engine Drivers—						
Winding and Loco.	*117/ to 135/	*106/6 & 114/6	*108/5 to 140/5	..	*108/3 to 118/3	*113/6 to 124/6
Other ..	*108/6 to 119/	*96/6 to 111/6	*103/1 to 129/7	..	..	*111 6
Labourers—						
Surface ..	*105 0	*72 0	*97/ to 114/	..	*77 9	*105 0
Underground ..	*105/ to 108/6	*87/6 & 94/	*97/6 to 114/	..	*82 3	*105 0
Miners—						
Machine ..	(a)	(a)	*114/6 to 131/6	..	*94/8 to 102/8	..
Manual—Dry Work	(a)	(a)	(a)	..	*93 2	(a)
Platmen or Banksmen	*108/ to 112/	*99/ & 106/6	*97/6 to 114/	..	*81 8	*105 0
Shiftmen—						
Dry Work ..	*105/ to 129/6	*99/ & 106/6	*110/3 to 126/6	..	*94 2	*110/6 to 123/3
Wet Work ..	*105/ to 129/6	*106/ & 113/6	*120/3 to 136/6	..	..	..
Shooflers ..	*126/6 to 137/	..	*110/3 to 126/6	..	*91 2	..
Timbermen ..	*105/ to 129/6	*99/ & 106/6	*110/3 to 126/6	..	*91 2	..
Weighmen ..	*112 0	*104 6	*100/6 to 119/	..	*84/8 to 93/8	*114 0
Wheeler ..	*105/ to 112/	*91/ & 98/				*105 0
Gold and Other Mining (except Coal)—						
Battery Feeders ..	* & 74/6 to 83/6	63/ to 71/	*54/4 to 80/10	(c)	*94/ to 100/	66 4
Bracemen ..	* & 77/6 to 83/6	*67/ to 76/	*89/10 to 95/4	..	*103/ to 109/	*70 0

(a) Piece-work rates. (b) Not mined. (c) South Australia—Particulars relating to rates of wage and hours of labour in the mining industry are not shown, owing to the difficulty of obtaining reliable data on account of the depression in the industry.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP VIII.—MINING—continued.

Industry and Occupation	N.S.W.	Victoria	Queensland	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania
Gold and Other Mining (except Coal)—contd.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Engine Drivers— Stationary ..	* & 75/ to 82/ 10	68/ to 86/	* 88/ to 109/	..	111/ 7 to 118/ 7	68/ to 86/
Winding and Loco ..	* & 84/ to 93/ 7	78/ to 92/	* 98/ to 120/	..	120/ 7 to 132/ 7	78/ to 92/
Firemen ..	* & 67/ 6 to 79/ 2	64/ to 71/	* 83/ to 100/ to	..	100/ to 106/	66/ to 73/
Labourers ..	* & 74/ 6 to 77/ 6	* 63/ to 71/	* 84/ 4 to 89/ 10	..	* 94/ to 100/	* 66 o
Miners— Machine ..	* & 83/ 6 to 86/ 6	* 67/ to 92/	* 98/ to 103/ 6	..	* 106/ to 114/	* 75/ to 78/
Manual— Dry Work ..	* & 83/ 6 to 86/ 6	* 71/ to 88/	* 89/ 10 to 95/ 4	..	* 102/ to 109/	* 75/ to 78/
Wet Work ..	* 92 o	* 77/ to 94/	* 98/ to 104/ 6	..	* 111/ to 118/	* 78/ to 81/
Platmen ..	* & 77/ 6 to 83/ 6	* 67/ to 79/	* 89/ 10 to 95/ 4	..	* 103/ to 109/	* 71 o
Shaft Sinkers— Dry Work ..	* & 86/ 6	* 77/ to 92/	* 89/ 10 to 104/ 6	..	* 105/ to 114/	* 81 o
Wet Work ..	* & 92/ 6 to 95/ 6	* 83/ to 98/	* 98/ to 104/ 6	..	* 114/ to 123/	* 87 o
Timbermen ..	* & 82/ to 92/ 6	* 72/ 6 to 88/ 6	* 98/ to 103/ 6	..	* 105/ to 114/	* 78/ to 83/

GROUP IX.—RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY TRANSPORT.

Industry and Occupation	Sydney.	Melbourne	Brisbane.	Adehalde	Perth	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Railways— Engine Drivers (Loco)						
1st Class ..	* 117 o	117 o	* 109 * 1	117 o	* 119 9	* 115 o
2nd Class ..	* 111 o	111 o	* 103 7	111 o	* 111 9	* 109 o
3rd Class ..	* 105 o	105 o	* 97 2	105 o	* 103 9	* 103 o
4th Class ..	* 99 o	99 o	* 90 9	99 o	* 100 9	* 97 o
5th Class ..	* 93 o	93 o	* 90 9	93 o	* 100 9	* 91 o
Firemen— 1st Class ..	* 90 o	87 o	* 84 4	87 o	* 94 9	* 85 o
2nd Class ..	* 87 o	78/ & 81/	* 85 10	81 o	* 86 9	* 79 o
3rd Class ..	* 81 o	75 o	* 78 10	75/ & 77/	* 83 9	* 76 o
Guards— 1st Class ..	* 85/ to 101/ 6	97/ 6 & 100/ 6	* 101 6	97/ 6 to 100/ 6	* 97 9	* 84 o
2nd Class ..	* 82/ to 98/ 6	93/ & 96/	* 99 o	93/ 10 96/	* 91 9	* 88 o
3rd Class ..	* 76/ to 83/	78/ to 87/	* 88 11	75/ to 78/	* 91 9	* 82 o
Porters ..	* 73/ to 97/	69/ to 87/	* 75/ 2 to 78/ 10	69/ 10 73/ 6	* 73 9	* 67 o
Shunters— 1st Class ..	* 82/ to 118/	119/ to 101 6	* 101 6	119/ to 91/ 6	* 91 9	* 82 o
2nd Class ..	* 79/ to 112/	119/ 6 to 94/ 6	* 97 2	118/ 10 87/	* 88 9	..
3rd Class ..	* 76/ to 97/	118/ & 87/	* 93 6	..	* 82 9	..
Ordinary ..	* 76 o	1175/ to 81/	* 85 3	..	* 82 9	* 79 o
Signallers— Special ..	..	105 o	* 98/ 1 & 106/ 4	91/ 6 to 100/ 6	* 100 9	..
1st Class ..	* 106 o	96 o	* 96 3	88 6	* 91 9	* 79 o
2nd Class ..	* 100 o	96 o	* 91 3	85 6	* 85 9	* 76 o
3rd Class ..	* 95 o	85 6	* 85 3	79 6	* 79 9	..
4th Class ..	* 79/ to 91/	81 o	* 80 8	76 6	* 76 9	..

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP IX.—RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY TRANSPORT—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Tramways (Electric and Cables)—						
Car Washers or Cleaners	*70 0	75 0	*81 7	72 0	..	72 0
Conductors—						
1st Year ..	*76/ & 79/	75 0	*77 0	71/ & 76/	*75 9	70 6
2nd Year ..	*79 0	78 0	*82 0	76 0	*85 9	73 6
3rd Year ..	*82 0	81 0	*92 0	80/ to 82/	*85 9	76 6
Horse Drivers ..	*76 0	76 0	*81 0	..	..	..
Labourers ..	*70 0	69 0	*74 0	70 0	*73 9	72 0
Maintenance Men ..	*73/ to 79/	78 0	*81 7	73 0	*79 9	75 0
Motormen or Grip-men—						
1st Year ..	*80 0	75 0	*77 0	76 0	*85 9	72 0
2nd Year ..	*85 0	78 0	*82 0	79 0	*85 9	75 0
3rd Year ..	*85 0	81 0	*92 0	82/ & 83/6	*85 9	78 0
Overhead Wiremen—						
Leading ..	*100 0	95 0	*113 1	85 6	*91 9	95 0
Other ..	*79/ to 107/	89 0	*98 1	76 0	..	89 0
Pitmen ..	*85 0	87 0	..	76/ & 79/	*85 9	84 0
Signalmen ..	*80/ to 95/	84 0	*88/ & 92/	82/ to 88/6	..	..
Track Cleaners ..	*70 0	75 0	*77 0	73 0	*88 9	72 0

GROUP X.—OTHER LAND TRANSPORT.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Carrying—Merchandise—						
Cartiers—						
One Horse ..	*81 0	73 0	*81 0	73 0	81 3	73 0
Two Horses ..	*86 0	78 0	*86 0	78 0	88 3	78 0
Corporation Carters—						
One Horse ..	*85 0	73 0	*81 0	73 0	*81 9	73 0
Two Horses ..	*92 6	78 0	*86 0	78 0	*86 9	78 0
Jinkers—						
One Horse ..	*81 0	79 0	*88 0	79 0	91 3	79 0
Two Horses ..	*86 0	84 0	*93 0	84 0	96 3	84 0
Sanitary Carters ..	*89/ & 94/	*76/ to 87/	*82 0	76/ to 87/	*91 9	76/ to 87/
Stable Hands ..	*80/6 & 85/6	71 0	*74 0	71 0	82 3	71 0
Motor Lorries and Wagons—						
Under 3 tons ..	*83/ to 93/	78/ to 82/	*83/ to 91/	78/ to 82/	88/3 to 92/3	78/ to 82/
3 tons or over ..	*93/ to 97/6	85 0	*96/ to 101/	85 0	96 3	85 0
Lift Attendants—						
Goods ..	*73 0	77 6	*80 0	*58/6 to 90/	76 3	..
Passenger ..	*73 0	77 6	*74/ & 76/	*58/6 to 90/	76 3	..

SECTION IV.—continued.
GROUP XI.—SHIPPING, WHARF LABOUR, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queensland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania
Waterside Working—						
Wharf Labourers per hour ^a	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
	2 6½	2 6½	2 6½ to 3 2½	2 6½	2 6½	2 6½
Passenger Vessels—Inter-state ^b—						
Bakers per month				270/- to 350/-		
Barbers ..				260/-d		
Butchers ..				280/- to 330/-e		
Cooks—						
Chief ..				400/- to 430/-e		
Second ..				320/-c		
Third ..				260/-c		
Ships ..				310/-c		
Pantrymen ..				280/-c		
Scullerymen ..				240/-c		
Stewards—						
Chief Saloon ..				350/-d		
Second ..				300/-d		
Second Saloon ..				300/-d		
Fore Cabin ..				280/-d		
Bedroom and Other ..				250/- to 260/-d		
All Vessels—Interstate ^b—						
A.B. Seamen per month				292/-		
Boatswains ..				312/-		
Donkeymen ..				352/-		
Firemen ..				332/-		
Greasers ..				332/-		
Lamp Trimmers ..				312/-		
Fuel Trimmers ..				292/-		
Marine Engineers ^{b c e g}—						
Chief per month					Vessels (Steam).	
Second ..				598/- to 653/-	100 N.H.P. and over.*	
Third ..				493/-	683/- to 1063/-	
Fourth ..				438/-	493/- to 683/-	
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th ..				..	438/- to 563/-	
					379/- to 503/-	
						369/-
Merchant Service ^{b f g}—						
Masters per month					Seagoing Passenger Vessels.	
Officers—					125 tons or under. Over 10,000 tons	
Chief ..				609/-	609/-	
Second ..				469/-	683/-	
Third ..				409/-	603/-	
Fourth and Fifth ..				..	513/-	
					369/-	
						Seagoing Cargo Vessels.
					60 tons or under. Over 10,000 tons	
					521/-	1,283/-

^a Rate of wage quoted is for other than special cargo to victualling and accommodation. ^b Rates of wage quoted are in addition to victualling and accommodation. ^c Not more than 8 hours per day. ^d Not more than 10 hours per day when at sea, 9 per day when in intermediate ports, not more than 8 per day when in terminal ports. ^e Minimum rates under the Commonwealth Award are classified according to nominal horsepower of vessels. ^f Minimum rates under the Commonwealth Award are classified for interstate vessels, and for vessels within a State according to tonnage; the lowest and highest classes for interstate passenger and cargo vessels are here given. ^g Marine Engineers—Not more than 8 hours per day. Masters and Officers—Ordinary length of duty in a day at sea or in port or partly at sea and partly at port shall be 8 hours. ^h Not more than 8 hours per day.

GROUP XII.—AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queensland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.
Farming ^c—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
General Hands ^{a b} ..	25/- to 30/-	15/- to 30/-	15/- to 30/-	15/- to 25/-	15/- to 30/-	30/- to 42/-
Harvesters ^{a b} ..	30/- to 55/-	30/- to 50/-	30/- to 60/-	30/- to 50/-	25/- to 40/-	42/- to 60/-
Milkers ^{a b} ..	25/- to 35/-	20/- to 25/-	15/- to 20/-	15/- to 25/-	15/- to 25/-	20/- to 35/-
Ploughmen ^{a b} ..	27/- to 32/-	20/- to 25/-	20/- to 30/-	20/- to 30/-	20/- to 40/-	31/- to 37/-
Chaffcutters—						
Portable ..	..	*90 0	..	..	78/- to 85/-	1200 0
Stationary ..	..	*84 0	..	..	78/- to 85/-	1290 0

For footnotes, see next page.

SECTION IV.—continued.

GROUP XII.—AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, ETC.—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Queensland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania
Gardening—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Gardeners ..	60 0	* & 74/ to 77/11	* 85 8	66/ to 69/	79 9	73 0
Labourers	48/ to 60/	* & 67/ to 70/7	* 76 0	63/ to 66/	73 9	70 0
Nurserymen ..	60 0	74 0	83 6	69/ to 75/	85 9	73 0
Labourers	48/ to 60/	67 0	77 0	63/ to 69/	73 9	70 0
Pastoral Workers ^d —						
Cooks ^b ..	84 0	84 0	* 140/ & 150/	84 0	83 0	84 0
Shearers .. per 100	32 6	32 6	36 0	32 6	30 6	32 6
Shed Hands ^b ..	80 6	80 6	* 81 0	80 6	89 0	80 6
Wool Pressers ^b ..	88 0	88 0	* 99 0	88 0	92 0	88 0
Rural Workers—						
Fruit Harvesters ..	63/ to 65/8	59/2 to 62/11	* 74 0	59/2 to 62/11	..	..

a Ruling or predominant rates, see note at commencement of table. b Rates of wage quoted are in addition to board and lodging provided. c Hours in the farming industry vary considerably, and no reliable particulars can be published. d Shearers' and woolpressers' hours are 44 per week; shed hands' hours are the same as shearers with such additional time as may be necessary to finish picking up fleeces, &c. Should the time engaged picking up, &c., exceed 30 minutes per day, all time thereafter must be paid as overtime. The hours of cooks are not regulated.

GROUP XIII.—DOMESTIC, HOTELS, ETC.

NOTE.—The rates of wage specified for employees in Cliffs, Hotels, and Restaurants represent the weekly cash payment where Board and Lodging are not provided.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart
Cooks (Hotels and Restaurants)—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Chefs ..	* 92/6 to 185/	85/6 to 115/	* 101/ & 106/	93/ to 116/	98 1	72/5 to 127/11
Cooks—Second ..	* 82/6 to 135/	70/6 to 97/6	* 91 0	76/ to 86/	82 8	57/7 to 102/1
Cooks—Third ..	* 80/ to 105/	70 6	* 91 0	76 0	75 11	57/7 to 82/4
Kitchenmen ..	* 72 0	73 6	* 78 6	66 0	73 9	64 2
Hairdressing—						
Hairdressers ..	* 91 0	93 0	* 89 0	91 0	93 9	80/ to 105/
Hotels—						
Barmen ..	* 70 0	78 0	* 80 0	83 0	93 9	88 0
Billiard Markers ..	* 70 0	73 6	* 76 0	66 0	75 3	64 2
Handymen ..	* 70 0	73 6	* 76 0	66 0	73 9	52/7 & 58/8
Lift Attendants ..	* 70 0	77 6	* 76 0	58/6 to 90/	76 3	55/11 & 64/2
Porters—Day Work ..	* 70 0	73 6	* 76 0	66 6	73 9	55 11
Porters—Night Work ..	* 75 0	73 6	* 76 0	68 6	75 11	64 2
Waiters—Head ..	* 79 0	79 0	* 76 0	76/ to 79/	..	82/4 & 94/6
Waiters—Other ..	* 72 0	73 6	* 76 0	71 6	74 11	63/10 75/8
Restaurants—						
Pantrymen ..	* 70/ & 72/6	66 0	* 78 6	68 0	73 9	64 2
Waiters ..	* 70/ to 75/	66 0	* 78 6	71/6 to 72/6	73 9	63/10 75/8

GROUP XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL LABOUR.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
Factory Engine Driving—						
Engine Drivers (Stationary)—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1st Class ..	83/6 to 86/6	82/6 & 85/6	* 101 0	82/6 to 85/6	83/ to 86/	81/ to 81/
2nd Class ..	80/6 to 83/6	79/6 & 82/6	* 93 0	79/6 to 82/6	79/ to 83/	78/ to 81/
3rd Class ..	80/6 to 83/6	79/6 & 82/6	* 85 0	79/6 to 82/6	79/ to 83/	78/ to 81/
Firemen—						
1st Class ..	80 6	79 6	* 83 0	79 6	76 0	75 0
2nd Class ..	76/ to 77/6	75/ to 76/6	..	75/ to 79/6	73/ to 74/6	72/ to 74/
Greasers ..	74 0	73 0	* 83 0	73 0	73 0	72 0
Trimmers ..	74 0	73 0	* 79 0	73 0	72 6	70 0

SECTION IV.—*continued.*GROUP XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL LABOUR—*continued.*

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart
Municipal—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Labourers ..	*85 0	71 0	*76 0	66 0	*73 9	71 6
Street Sweepers ..	*85 0	76 0	*76 0	66 0	*73 9	71 6
Shop and Other Assistants						
Boot Salesmen ..	*87 0	1 ¹ 92 0	*89 0	78 0	90 6	*80/ to 95/
Chemists' Assistants ..	*98 0	105 6	*100 6	80 0	*90 6	110 0
Clerks	*85/ & 90/	8 & 10 84/	*89 0	74 6	*81/7 10	*99 0
Drapery Salesmen ..	*87 6	92 6	*89 0	83 6	90 6	*80/ to 95/
Furniture Salesmen ..	*88 0	95 0	*89 0	77 6	90 6	107 0
Grocery Salesmen ..	*82 6	83 6	*89 0	75 6	90 6	85 6
Hardware Salesmen ..	*86 6	85 0	*89 0	77 6	90 6	90 0
Railway Bookstall Assistants ..	*85 0	81 0	*89 0	78 0	90 6	90 0
Tobacconists' Assts. ..	*78 6	85 0	*89 0	76 0	90 6	79 3
Storemen — Packing, Cleaning, &c.—						
Night Watchmen ..	*74/ & 77/6	1 ¹ 78/7 & 91/1	*77 0	1 ¹ & 72/6	..	69 0
Office cleaners ..	*76/6 & 86/6	*74 0	*74/ & 79/	66 6	*81 3	1 ¹ 70 0
Packers—General ..	*81/10 83/6	72 0	*79 0	69 0	90 6	69/ to 75/3
Storemen—General ..	*79/6 to 81/	72 0	*79 0	69 0	90 6	69/ to 75/3
Wholesale Grocery—						
Packers	*79 6	77 6	*79 0	69 0	90 6	67 11
Storemen	*78 0	77/6 & 83/	*79 0	69 0	90 6	67 11
Wholesale Hardware—						
Packers	*81/ to 83/	74 0	*79 0	69 0	90 6	67 11
Storemen	*78/ to 80/	74 0	*79 0	69 0	90 6	67 11

SECTION V.

Minimum Rates of Wage for Adult Female Workers in the Main Occupations in the Capital City of Each State for a Full Week's Work at 31st December, 1938.

(See Explanatory Note at top of page 159.)
GROUP III.—FOOD, DRINK, TOBACCO, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Biscuit Making—						
Adult Females ..	*40 6	*38 0	*39 0	33 6	*42 3	29 6
Confectionery—						
Adult Females ..	*41 0	*38 0	*39 0	33 6	*43/10 to 55/9	41 4
Jam Making and Pre- serving—						
Fillers ..	47 0	47 0	*41 6	47 0	*39 10	47 0
Other Adults ..	41 0	41 0	*41 0	41 0	*39 10	41 0
Tea Packing—						
Head Women ..	*38 9	40 6	*40/6 to 50/	..	..	..
Other Adults ..	*38 9	40 6	*39 0	38 0	40 4	..
Tobacco Working						
(Cigars)—						
Ringers ..	*41 6	*15 6	..	..	38 10	..
Wrapper Leaf Strippers ..	*49 0	*33 0	..	..	38 10	..

GROUP IV.—CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Bootmaking—						
Mechanists — Wax Thread ..	*50 3	*50 3	*50 3	*50 3	*50 3	*50 3
Other Adults ..	*42 9	*42 9	*42 9	*42 9	*45 9	*42 9
Dressmaking—						
Adult Females ..	*39/ to 59/6	*39/ to 59/6	*39/ to 59/6	*39/ to 59/6	*44/8 & 46/4	*39/ to 59/6
Dyers and Cleaners—						
Adult Females ..	*39/ to 45/6	*39/ to 45/6	*39/ to 45/6	*39/ to 45/6	*54 4	*39/ to 45/6
Hat Making (Straw)—						
Finishers & Mechanists ..	*43 0	*43 0	*43 0	*43 0	..	*43 0
Millinery—						
Adult Females ..	*39/ to 42/	*39/ to 42/	*39/ to 42/	*39/ to 42/	*43 1	*39/ to 42/
Shirt Making—						
Adult Females ..	*39/ to 54/6	*39/ to 54/6	*39/ to 54/6	*39/ to 54/6	*43/1 & 49/7	*39/ to 54/6
Tailoring (Order)—						
Mechanists—						
Coat Hands ..	*49 6	*49 6	*49 6	*49 6	*57 9	*49 6
Trousers, Vest Hands ..	*44 0	*44 0	*44 0	*44 0	*48/5 to 50/9	*44 0
Tailoresses—						
Coat Hands ..	*49 6	*49 6	*49 6	*49 6	*57/9 to 58/10	*49 6
Trousers, Vest Hands ..	*44 0	*44 0	*44 0	*44 0	*48/1 to 50/9	*44 0
Tailoring (Ready-made)—						
Mechanists—						
Coat Hands ..	*47 0	*47 0	*47 0	*47 0	*45 7	*47 0
Trousers, Vest Hands ..	*42 0	*42 0	*42 0	*42 0	*43 1	*42 0
Tailoresses—						
Coat Hands ..	*47 0	*47 0	*47 0	*47 0	*45 7	*47 0
Trousers, Vest Hands ..	*42 0	*42 0	*42 0	*42 0	*43 1	*42 0
Textile Working (Woollen Mills)—						
Comb Minders ..	*43 0	*38 3	*42 0	*38 3	*43 0	*43 0
Drawers and Menders ..	*46/ & 52/	*38/3 to 44/3	*45/ to 51/	*38/3 to 44/3	*46/ & 52/	*46/ & 52/
Warpers ..	*47/ & 52/	*40 3	*46/ to 51/	*40 3	*47/ & 52/	*47/ & 52/
Weavers—Loom	*52 0	*41 3	*51 0	*41 3	*52 0	*52 0
Other Adults ..	*43 0	*38 3	*42 0	*38 3	*43 0	*43 0
Underclothing—						
Adult Females ..	*39/ to 52/6	*39/ to 52/6	*39/ to 52/6	*39/ to 52/6	*44/8 & 46/4	*39/ to 52/6

SECTION V.—continued.

GROUPS I., II., V., AND VI.—PRINTING AND OTHER MANUFACTURING.

Industry and Occupation	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
Bedding and Furniture—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Bedding Machinists ..	*43 0	*45 0	*44 0	*41 0	57 10	*41 6
Picture Frame Workers ..	*45 0	*45 0	..	*43 6	54 10	*45 6
Bookbinding—						
Folders and Sewers ..	*44 6	*44 6	*43/9 & 49/	*44 6	*44 6	*44 6
Brush Making—						
Adult Females ..	*36 6	40 0	*41 0	36 6	..	..
Candle and Soap Making—						
Adult Females ..	*39 0	39 3	*40 0	36 3	..	*6 7
Cardboard Box Making—						
Box Makers ..	*41/6 to 46/6	*41/6 to 46/6	*42 0	*41/6 to 46/6	*41/6 to 46/6	..
Other Adults ..	*36/6 & 40/6	*36/6 & 40/6	*42 0	*36/6 & 40/6	*36/6 & 40/6	..
Jewellery—						
Chainmakers ..	*46/6 to 51/6	85 0	*61 0	..	52 3	..
Gilders ..	*48 6	77 6	*51 0	*55 0	52 3	..
Polishers ..	*46 6	85 0	*51 0	*55 0	52 3	..
Scratch Brushers ..	*46 6	40 0	*51 0	*55 0	52 3	..
Leather Goods—						
Adult Females ..	*45 0	*45 0	*45 0	*36/ to 43/6	47 2	*45 0
Paper Making—						
Adult Females ..	*37 6	38 1	..	..	..	..
Paper Bag Making—						
Adult Females ..	*36/6 to 41/6	*36/6 to 41/6	*43 1	*36/6 to 41/6	*36/6 to 41/6	..
Potteries—						
Adult Females ..	*38 0	*37 0	*44 0	..	..	..
Printing—						
Jobbing Office Assistants ..	*41 6	*44 6	*43 9	*44 6	*44 6	*44 6
Lithographic Feeders ..	*43 6	*43 6	*43 9	*43 6	*43 6	*43 6
Rubber Working—						
Adult Females ..	*37 6	*37 6	..	..	..	..
Tent and Tarpaulin Making						
Machinists ..	*45 0	*45 0	*45 0	*45 0	*41 10	*45 0

GROUP XIII.—HOUSEHOLD, HOTELS, ETC.

NOTE.—The rates of wage mentioned herein for employees in Hotels and Restaurants represent the weekly cash payment where Board and Lodging are not provided.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
Hotels—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Barmaids ..	58 6	62 0	74 0	50 0	93 9	61 0
Housemaids ..	47 0	49 0	42 6	42 0	53 11	48 0
Launderesses ..	52 6	52 0	48 6	46 0	53 11	51 0
Waitresses—Head ..	53 0	52 0	42 6	47 0	..	51 0
" Other ..	48 0	48 0	42 6	42 0	53 11	47 0
Laundries—						
General Hands ..	*37 6	*36 6	*40 0	36 0	45 4	24 0
Machinists—						
Shirt and Collar ..	*39 6	*45 0	*40 0	40 0	49 0	*24/ & 30/
Sorters ..	*39 6	*36 6	*40 0	40 0	45 4	24 0
Starchers ..	*37 6	*42 9	*40 0	36 0	45 4	24 0
Washers ..	*37 6	*47/6 to 72/9	*40 0	36 0	53 7	36 0
Office Cleaning—						
Adult Females ..	*46/ & 48/3	*67 10	*51/ to 58/	*39 0	40 5	..
Restaurants—						
Pantry Maids ..	*43 0	36 9	*43 6	37 0	*45 2	46 0
Waitresses ..	*41/ & 42/6	36 9	*43 6	*38/6 & 46/	*43 3	*45/ to 52/

SECTION V.—*continued.*

GROUP XIV.—SHOP ASSISTANTS, CLERKS, ETC.

Industry and Occupation.	Sydney.	Melbourne	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Clerks, &c.—						
Cashiers ..	*45 3	*45 3/	*69 0	*46 6/	(a) 56 1	54 0
Clerical Assistants ..	*45/3 10 54/	*45/3/	*69 0	*46/6		54 0
Saleswomen—						
Boot ..	*51 6	147 0	*54 6	38 0	*50/5 & 55/8	45 0
Drapery ..	*51 6	45 0	*54 6	38 0	*50/5 10 59/4	45 0
Fruit and Confectionery ..	*42 0	42 6	*54 6	..	*50 5	49 6
Newagent and Book- stall ..	*51 6	42 6	*54 6	38 0	*50 5	45 0
Tobacconists ..	*52 6	70 0	*54 6	45 0	*50 5	49 6

(a) 38 hours, except in special circumstances.

APPENDIX.

Section VI.

Weekly Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour—Australia and Other Countries.

Industry and Occupation.	AUSTRALIA (SYDNEY).				GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (LONDON).				NEW ZEALAND (AUCKLAND).				CANADA (MONTREAL). ^(a)			
	July, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936.		August, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936		March, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936		Sept., 1914.		1st Oct., 1936	
	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.
Furniture—	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		\$		\$	
Cabinet Makers	60 0	48	96 0	44	39 5	46 ¹ to 54	78 4	47	60 8 ¹	47	99 0	40	20.41	60	17.89	49
Upholsterers	60 0	48	96 0	44	38 8	46 ¹ to 54	78 4	47	60 8 ¹	47	99 0	40	20.41	60	17.60	48
French Polishers	60 0	48	96 0	44	37 5	46 ¹ to 54	76 5	47	60 8 ¹	47	99 0	40	20.41	60	17.60	50
Sawmilling—																
Machinists, Planing	63 0	48	82 0 to 88 0	46	.. ..	.. ..	52 0	47	102 6	40	14.58	55			18.04	50
" Shaping	69 0	48	91 0	46	.. ..	.. ..	45 0	47	102 6	40	16.56	55				
Sawyers, Band or Jig	68 0	48	82 0 to 94 0	46	.. ..	.. ..	48 0	47	94 2	40	16.56	55	20.20	50		
" Circular	54 0 to 60 0	48	80 0 to 88 0	46	.. ..	.. ..	54 0	47	100 0	40	14.99	55				
Engineering, and Metal Working—																
Fitters and Turners	70 0	48	97 0	44	38 11	53 to 54	66 11	47	64 7	47	100 0	40			24.82	47

Patternmakers	74	0	48	106	0	44	42	1	53	71	3	47	69	0	49	100	0	40	21.38	55	27	12	47
Moulders (Iron)	..	..	..	68	0	48	79	0	44	41	8	54	66	11	47	64	75	47	100	0	40	18.95	60	23.78	46
Tinsmiths	..	..	..	60	0	48	90	6	44	..	..	54	..	..	..	62	8	47	99	0	40	14.30	54	21.10	45
Milling (Flour)— Millers (shift)	..	..	..	63	0	48	94	0	44	..	..	71	0	and to	44	48	0	48	96	0	40	18.95	60	25.50	51
Packermen	..	..	..	70	0	48	104	6	44	..	..	73	0	..	..	48	0	48	92	0	40	14.58	60	20.00	50
Bootmakers	..	..	..	51	0	48	82	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	6	45	88	11	40	22.60	55	..	..
Tailoring (Ready made)— Cutters	..	..	..	65	0	48	91	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	0	45	97	6	40	17.50	49	30.51	44
Pressers (Coat)	..	..	..	60	0	48	88	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	0	45	87	6	40	19.41	44	26.37	44
Trimmers	..	..	..	65	0	48	88	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	0	45	87	6	40	14.58	49	26.08	44
Bookbinding— Bookbinders	..	..	..	65	0	48	92	0	44	33	II	50	80	0	48	60	0	48	102	6	42	17.50	48	33.60	48
Paper Rulers	..	..	..	65	0	48	92	0	44	33	II	50	80	0	48	65	0	48	102	6	42	19.44	48	33.60	48
Printing (Daily Newspapers)— Compositors (Day work)	..	..	..	85	0	48	125	0	44	35	8	50	89	0	48	65	0	48	102	6	42	21.30	48	40.75	48
Readers	..	..	..	80	0	48	133	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	110	0	45	12.50	48	..	..	..	..
Compositors (Jobbing Offices)	..	..	..	65	0	48	92	0	44	35	8	50	89	0	48	65	0	48	102	6	42	17.98	48	35.60	46
Linotype Operators	..	..	..	80	0	48	104	0	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	0	48	110	0	41	..	..	..	..
Building— Bricklayers	..	..	..	78	0	48	105	0	44	40	7	49	73	4	44	70	6	47	104	6	40	28.75	54	30.80	44
Carpenters	..	..	..	72	0	48	105	2	44	39	II	49	73	4	44	64	78	47	101	8	40	23.61	54	26.40	44
Labourers—Carpenters	..	..	..	60	6	44	79	9	44	27	0	49	55	0	44	51	4	47	80	8	40	15.63	54	15.40	44
Concrete Workers	..	..	..	60	6	44	79	9	44	27	0	49	56	10	44	54	10	47	80	8	40	15.63	54	15.40	44
Earth Excavators	..	..	..	60	6	44	79	9	44	27	0	49	55	0	44	54	10	47	80	8	40	15.63	54	15.40	44

(a) The rates of wage shown for occupations in the manufacturing industries are the average of the rates paid in various establishments.

(b) Kilnmen (Christchurch.)

SECTION VI.—*continued.*WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND HOURS OF LABOUR—AUSTRALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Industry and Occupation.	AUSTRALIA (SYDNEY).				GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (LONDON).				NEW ZEALAND (AUCKLAND).				CANADA (MONTREAL). ^(a)			
	July, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936.		August, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936.		March, 1914.		31st Dec., 1936.		Sept., 1914.		1st Oct., 1936.	
	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.	Rates of Wage.	No. of Hours.
Building—contd.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Painters ..	64 0	48	103 4	44	36 3	49½	69 8	44	60 6	44	100 0	40	21.00	54	26.40	44
Paperhanglers ..	64 0	48	103 4	44	36 3	49½	73 4	44	60 6	44	100 0	40	21.00	54	26.40	44
Masterers ..	78 0	48	105 2	44	40 0	49½	73 4	44	66 0	44	104 6	40	25.65	48	28.00	40
Plumbers ..	72 0	48	114 4	44	39 6	49½	73 4	44	62 4	44	99 2	40	22.31	54	27.30	42
Tramways—																
Conductors—																
1st year ..	48 0	48	76 0 and 79 0	44	27 5 (b)	71 0 to 80 0	42 0 and 48 0	90 to 95 0	12.84 12.84 13.41	60 60 60	.. .. 30.24	.. .. 54				
2nd year ..	51 0	48	79 0	44												
3rd year ..	54 0	48	82 0	44												
Motormen—																
1st year ..	54 0	48	82 0	44	30 11 (b)	71 0 to 80 0	43 0 and 54 0	95 0 and 98 4	12.84 12.84 13.41	60 60 60	.. .. 30.24	.. .. 54				
2nd year ..	57 0	48	85 0	44												
3rd year ..	60 0	48	88 0	44												
Carrying (Merchandise)—																
Carters (1 horse) ..	50 0	56½	81 0	44	45 7 (c)	57 0 and 58 8	48 0 and 58 8	88 0	20.41	54	16.50	54				
Municipal—Labourers	..	57 0	48	85 0	44	26 9 (c)	58 8 to 64 6	47 to 58 9	90 0	40	11.83	54	18.00	48		

(a) Average of various establishments.

(b) Hours were reduced in 1919.

(c) Not available.

Section VII.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—1911.—Base.—The index-numbers in the following tables are computed for the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on a different basis from those given in previous sections of this Report. As indicated in the headings to the tables the rent constituent is based upon the weighted average of all houses. The index-numbers are directly comparable with those published in Labour Report, No. 15, and in Quarterly Summaries of Australian Statistics previous to No. 99.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Food and Groceries Only.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000)

Town.	1932.				1933.				1934.				1935.				1936.			
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.
	NEW SOUTH WALES.																			
Sydney ..	1,555	1,540	1,510	1,480	1,423	1,428	1,444	1,423	1,454	1,468	1,478	1,490	1,476	1,475	1,527	1,518	1,512	1,497	1,508	1,549
Newcastle ..	1,519	1,507	1,503	1,452	1,406	1,415	1,446	1,449	1,467	1,495	1,494	1,510	1,509	1,518	1,532	1,573	1,547	1,519	1,520	1,564
Broken Hill ..	1,745	1,719	1,728	1,624	1,571	1,580	1,565	1,573	1,594	1,639	1,650	1,667	1,679	1,670	1,677	1,660	1,663	1,689	1,703	1,751
Goulburn ..	1,466	1,504	1,501	1,459	1,402	1,408	1,407	1,393	1,435	1,462	1,462	1,466	1,474	1,440	1,451	1,500	1,490	1,494	1,497	1,534
Bathurst ..	1,492	1,492	1,463	1,406	1,363	1,379	1,420	1,411	1,436	1,450	1,470	1,441	1,434	1,471	1,483	1,508	1,497	1,499	1,489	1,509
Weighted Average— Five Towns ..	1,555	1,541	1,523	1,480	1,425	1,430	1,447	1,428	1,459	1,473	1,482	1,503	1,482	1,482	1,530	1,534	1,517	1,502	1,512	1,553
VICTORIA.																				
Melbourne ..	1,405	1,378	1,345	1,291	1,230	1,256	1,295	1,312	1,298	1,330	1,342	1,370	1,384	1,391	1,416	1,415	1,397	1,420	1,480	1,486
Ballarat ..	1,432	1,386	1,354	1,313	1,275	1,295	1,330	1,332	1,355	1,396	1,379	1,402	1,430	1,445	1,464	1,466	1,445	1,461	1,536	1,556
Bendigo ..	1,428	1,413	1,390	1,340	1,288	1,294	1,334	1,325	1,354	1,406	1,420	1,419	1,427	1,451	1,457	1,450	1,427	1,439	1,500	1,521
Geelong ..	1,421	1,412	1,393	1,336	1,288	1,307	1,346	1,336	1,373	1,373	1,351	1,374	1,411	1,432	1,435	1,420	1,382	1,417	1,473	1,485
Warrnambool ..	1,462	1,452	1,429	1,385	1,301	1,323	1,363	1,350	1,360	1,415	1,400	1,425	1,449	1,469	1,461	1,459	1,451	1,455	1,474	1,507
Weighted Average— Five Towns ..	1,408	1,381	1,349	1,297	1,237	1,262	1,301	1,315	1,305	1,345	1,346	1,373	1,388	1,397	1,420	1,418	1,400	1,422	1,482	1,490
QUEENSLAND.																				
Brisbane ..	1,361	1,335	1,304	1,279	1,238	1,245	1,255	1,262	1,286	1,306	1,301	1,306	1,333	1,331	1,393	1,399	1,400	1,378	1,410	1,468
Toowoomba ..	1,330	1,326	1,297	1,254	1,204	1,202	1,218	1,222	1,233	1,252	1,231	1,250	1,279	1,288	1,316	1,352	1,345	1,331	1,345	1,424
Rockhampton ..	1,508	1,458	1,421	1,393	1,338	1,355	1,342	1,322	1,350	1,392	1,362	1,371	1,397	1,404	1,436	1,505	1,519	1,496	1,492	1,545
Charters Towers ..	1,605	1,583	1,548	1,531	1,470	1,443	1,412	1,437	1,456	1,433	1,442	1,478	1,481	1,539	1,570	1,595	1,562	1,543	1,504	
Warwick ..	1,390	1,396	1,372	1,347	1,283	1,295	1,306	1,311	1,314	1,332	1,292	1,296	1,302	1,313	1,359	1,422	1,410	1,364	1,364	1,447
Weighted Average— Five Towns ..	1,381	1,355	1,324	1,298	1,253	1,260	1,267	1,271	1,294	1,313	1,304	1,310	1,336	1,336	1,393	1,408	1,409	1,387	1,413	1,473

SECTION VII.—continued.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES ONLY—continued.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

Town.	1932.				1933.				1934.				1935.				1936.			
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.																				
Adelaide ..	1,406	1,397	1,351	1,289	1,271	1,307	1,328	1,324	1,357	1,405	1,348	1,371	1,377	1,394	1,408	1,398	1,381	1,429	1,458	1,438
Kadina, &c. ..	1,561	1,538	1,519	1,447	1,19	1,435	1,432	1,449	1,489	1,529	1,483	1,529	1,528	1,527	1,548	1,547	1,523	1,545	1,583	1,597
Port Pirie ..	1,528	1,459	1,452	1,373	1,334	1,345	1,344	1,336	1,379	1,443	1,415	1,447	1,444	1,459	1,448	1,464	1,530	1,555	1,597	
Mount Gambier ..	1,409	1,490	1,370	1,341	1,322	1,321	1,323	1,325	1,330	1,350	1,309	1,338	1,371	1,369	1,390	1,424	1,396	1,428	1,405	1,459
Peterborough ..	1,522	1,482	1,443	1,388	1,367	1,378	1,390	1,391	1,419	1,449	1,400	1,426	1,447	1,442	1,460	1,456	1,433	1,485	1,543	1,530
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,418	1,407	1,362	1,300	1,281	1,315	1,334	1,330	1,363	1,409	1,354	1,378	1,385	1,400	1,414	1,406	1,389	1,436	1,467	1,450
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.																				
Perth, &c. ..	1,477	1,492	1,423	1,358	1,318	1,387	1,355	1,349	1,402	1,472	1,446	1,449	1,455	1,480	1,471	1,461	1,451	1,526	1,576	1,551
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,770	1,767	1,734	1,696	1,662	1,686	1,683	1,660	1,694	1,800	1,793	1,768	1,740	1,745	1,749	1,756	1,739	1,784	1,815	1,802
Northam ..	1,553	1,571	1,523	1,453	1,414	1,473	1,449	1,436	1,487	1,555	1,524	1,504	1,498	1,538	1,536	1,515	1,506	1,522	1,580	1,629
Bunbury ..	1,481	1,524	1,489	1,449	1,374	1,433	1,439	1,423	1,475	1,548	1,516	1,507	1,521	1,530	1,512	1,505	1,559	1,573	1,556	
Geraldton ..	1,609	1,609	1,531	1,474	1,334	1,300	1,304	1,377	1,385	1,485	1,485	1,487	1,500	1,525	1,516	1,507	1,502	1,589	1,603	1,718
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,512	1,526	1,461	1,398	1,357	1,420	1,393	1,385	1,435	1,500	1,473	1,475	1,479	1,502	1,494	1,486	1,475	1,548	1,593	1,574
TASMANIA																				
Hobart ..	1,456	1,450	1,410	1,385	1,319	1,341	1,390	1,364	1,333	1,404	1,427	1,456	1,410	1,417	1,410	1,416	1,419	1,425	1,512	1,566
Launceston ..	1,430	1,413	1,375	1,348	1,299	1,315	1,338	1,315	1,304	1,377	1,383	1,410	1,410	1,404	1,413	1,402	1,396	1,454	1,515	
Burnie ..	1,535	1,501	1,466	1,431	1,371	1,382	1,366	1,345	1,329	1,432	1,430	1,474	1,470	1,484	1,493	1,490	1,471	1,477	1,570	1,599
Devonport ..	1,527	1,500	1,430	1,424	1,365	1,374	1,368	1,370	1,346	1,425	1,437	1,472	1,433	1,443	1,463	1,445	1,432	1,486	1,577	
Queenstown ..	1,634	1,624	1,606	1,600	1,553	1,569	1,563	1,558	1,563	1,617	1,625	1,626	1,621	1,623	1,605	1,600	1,586	1,586	1,650	
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,462	1,451	1,411	1,386	1,326	1,345	1,380	1,357	1,334	1,406	1,422	1,449	1,426	1,428	1,420	1,426	1,423	1,424	1,495	1,551
Weighted Average—Thirty Towns ..	1,471	1,454	1,423	1,376	1,325	1,344	1,365	1,361	1,378	1,410	1,407	1,427	1,426	1,432	1,465	1,466	1,451	1,460	1,493	1,517
Weighted Average—Six Capital Cities ..	1,465	1,448	1,416	1,360	1,317	1,357	1,359	1,355	1,371	1,404	1,401	1,422	1,420	1,425	1,461	1,460	1,445	1,455	1,489	1,510

SECTION VII.—continued.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Housing—All Houses.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

Town.	1932				1933				1934				1935				1936			
	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter																

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney	1,504	1,496	1,477	1,468	1,461	1,453	1,458	1,457	1,462	1,463	1,459	1,457	1,458	1,460	1,482	1,488	1,500	1,511	1,530	1,533
Newcastle	1,222	1,209	1,208	1,198	1,193	1,192	1,193	1,193	1,197	1,205	1,220	1,227	1,253	1,264	1,273	1,293	1,297	1,310	1,330	1,332
Broken Hill	887	887	894	893	897	897	899	904	913	924	928	930	908	908	908	914	915	933	933	913
Goulburn	1,398	1,391	1,380	1,372	1,374	1,370	1,372	1,369	1,371	1,373	1,375	1,369	1,321	1,324	1,375	1,374	1,386	1,394	1,382	1,380
Bathurst	1,721	1,710	1,100	1,103	1,102	1,107	1,107	1,102	1,107	1,103	1,102	1,102	1,088	1,095	1,088	1,096	1,106	1,106	1,187	1,212
Weighted Average— Five Towns	1,460	1,452	1,435	1,426	1,420	1,413	1,418	1,416	1,422	1,429	1,427	1,426	1,429	1,431	1,451	1,458	1,460	1,480	1,499	1,503

VICTORIA.

Melbourne	1,434	1,412	1,406	1,397	1,401	1,391	1,390	1,393	1,394	1,403	1,421	1,424	1,432	1,442	1,453	1,464	1,489	1,499	1,523	1,527
Ballarat	1,233	1,231	1,237	1,236	1,240	1,240	1,242	1,241	1,239	1,240	1,250	1,248	1,259	1,256	1,255	1,260	1,262	1,264	1,281	1,285
Bendigo	1,082	1,074	1,074	1,068	1,072	1,073	1,072	1,068	1,066	1,066	1,105	1,112	1,112	1,131	1,142	1,146	1,155	1,158	1,157	1,159
Geelong	1,395	1,383	1,368	1,355	1,355	1,353	1,354	1,355	1,356	1,365	1,372	1,371	1,431	1,445	1,445	1,463	1,466	1,470	1,482	1,483
Warrnambool	1,426	1,416	1,417	1,409	1,393	1,387	1,396	1,404	1,401	1,408	1,412	1,414	1,399	1,397	1,395	1,398	1,397	1,401	1,402	1,402
Weighted Average— Five Towns	1,411	1,392	1,386	1,377	1,381	1,372	1,372	1,375	1,376	1,389	1,406	1,408	1,417	1,427	1,437	1,448	1,471	1,481	1,503	1,506

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane	1,187	1,175	1,164	1,159	1,148	1,181	1,162	1,187	1,192	1,188	1,187	1,194	1,211	1,223	1,229	1,238	1,244	1,254	1,333	1,377
Toowoomba	1,138	1,105	1,156	1,175	1,195	1,178	1,183	1,184	1,170	1,188	1,270	1,251	1,282	1,223	1,224	1,279	1,316	1,266	1,277	
Rockhampton	1,016	1,049	1,040	1,034	1,017	1,006	1,021	1,020	1,026	1,033	1,037	1,040	1,046	1,038	1,053	1,064	1,065	1,065	1,068	1,016
Charters Towers	804	791	775	754	725	725	723	727	726	717	717	745	745	715	756	756	756	756	712	699
Warwick	1,047	1,034	1,015	1,027	1,028	1,013	1,013	1,013	1,011	1,130	1,130	1,107	1,107	1,101	1,103	1,069	1,025	1,025	1,026	
Weighted Average— Five Towns	1,151	1,147	1,136	1,132	1,123	1,116	1,132	1,152	1,155	1,164	1,167	1,176	1,102	1,201	1,204	1,213	1,221	1,231	1,306	1,325

SECTION VII.—continued.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—HOUSING—ALL HOUSES—continued.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

Town.	1932.					1933.					1934.					1935.					
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.		March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.		March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.		March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA																					
Adelaide . . .	1,145	1,134	1,131	1,125	1,133	1,130	1,142	1,138	1,146	1,145	1,130	1,138	1,148	1,158	1,160	1,178	1,189	1,210	1,227	1,243	
Kadina, &c. . .	601	612	612	614	613	615	615	615	620	626	626	626	623	619	621	623	620	634	653		
Port Pirie . . .	973	972	962	958	948	946	951	945	949	954	945	942	944	949	950	943	946	949	943	946	
Mount Gambier . . .	921	916	915	916	916	916	915	915	915	915	920	943	943	947	961	961	966	965			
Peterborough . . .	1,087	1,084	1,088	1,089	1,104	1,101	1,101	1,107	1,105	1,103	1,103	1,102	1,093	1,088	1,089	1,094	1,101	1,106	1,109	1,108	
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,112	1,102	1,099	1,094	1,101	1,104	1,110	1,106	1,113	1,118	1,104	1,112	1,120	1,129	1,131	1,148	1,158	1,177	1,193	1,208	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA																					
Perth, &c. . .	1,195	1,198	1,166	1,170	1,163	1,165	1,166	1,160	1,154	1,165	1,165	1,150	1,158	1,154	1,162	1,167	1,184	1,193	1,167	1,169	
Kalgoorlie, &c. . .	955	1,043	1,046	1,055	1,062	1,073	1,094	1,132	1,135	1,164	1,168	1,195	1,284	1,305	1,310	1,327	1,337	1,350	1,461	1,462	
Northam . . .	978	1,015	1,031	1,017	1,014	1,003	1,003	1,038	1,039	1,048	1,053	1,052	1,052	1,052	1,052	1,055	1,066	1,083	1,084		
Bunbury . . .	907	905	920	945	946	947	946	945	947	944	946	960	991	1,000	993	1,011	1,030	1,016	1,098		
Geraldton . . .	1,152	1,166	1,147	1,149	1,147	1,161	1,172	1,150	1,148	1,148	1,156	1,156	1,157	1,156	1,160	1,197	1,203	1,206	1,237		
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,159	1,155	1,145	1,149	1,144	1,147	1,151	1,150	1,158	1,158	1,147	1,160	1,159	1,168	1,173	1,180	1,198	1,185	1,188		
TASMANIA																					
Hobart . . .	1,449	1,464	1,456	1,451	1,448	1,446	1,447	1,445	1,445	1,439	1,433	1,441	1,431	1,449	1,456	1,458	1,462	1,465	1,462	1,464	
Launceston . . .	1,327	1,324	1,322	1,320	1,330	1,335	1,331	1,330	1,333	1,332	1,313	1,317	1,316	1,320	1,318	1,321	1,331	1,331	1,345	1,345	
Burnie . . .	1,133	1,128	1,113	1,109	1,108	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,100	1,098	1,102	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,118	1,154	1,164	1,165		
Devonport . . .	1,206	1,213	1,204	1,196	1,204	1,210	1,201	1,204	1,204	1,206	1,213	1,210	1,204	1,223	1,225	1,226	1,227	1,224	1,213	1,243	
Queenstown . . .	898	907	914	913	920	938	938	938	938	938	934	941	970	970	977	991	978	989	989		
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,371	1,380	1,374	1,370	1,371	1,372	1,371	1,370	1,370	1,365	1,356	1,362	1,357	1,369	1,373	1,375	1,380	1,382	1,380	1,388	
Weighted Average— Thirty Towns . . .	1,355	1,344	1,333	1,326	1,325	1,322	1,323	1,325	1,328	1,339	1,342	1,343	1,350	1,357	1,369	1,378	1,392	1,403	1,426	1,432	
Weighted Average— Six Capital Cities . . .	1,391	1,378	1,367	1,359	1,357	1,354	1,355	1,357	1,360	1,365	1,367	1,368	1,374	1,381	1,391	1,403	1,419	1,430	1,454	1,461	

SECTION VII.—continued.

Retail Price Index-Numbers ("A" Series)—Food, Groceries and Rent—All Houses.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1921 = 1,000.)

Town	1932.				1933				1934.				1935.				1936.				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sent. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.													
NEW SOUTH WALES.																					
Sydney . . .	1,534	1,522	1,502	1,473	1,436	1,436	1,448	1,434	1,456	1,465	1,470	1,482	1,469	1,469	1,508	1,512	1,507	1,503	1,517	1,542	
Newcastle . . .	1,397	1,385	1,382	1,346	1,316	1,321	1,341	1,342	1,355	1,376	1,381	1,394	1,404	1,413	1,438	1,458	1,444	1,433	1,442	1,469	
Broken Hill . . .	1,393	1,372	1,385	1,322	1,290	1,296	1,288	1,295	1,311	1,342	1,356	1,364	1,362	1,357	1,361	1,351	1,355	1,359	1,387	1,423	
Goulburn . . .	1,438	1,458	1,451	1,422	1,388	1,390	1,390	1,380	1,407	1,424	1,426	1,428	1,432	1,443	1,420	1,453	1,447	1,453	1,450	1,471	
Bathurst . . .	1,339	1,335	1,313	1,279	1,252	1,204	1,289	1,282	1,299	1,306	1,283	1,302	1,292	1,317	1,321	1,338	1,336	1,338	1,336	1,387	
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,516	1,504	1,487	1,457	1,420	1,421	1,433	1,421	1,442	1,454	1,460	1,471	1,460	1,461	1,498	1,503	1,497	1,493	1,507	1,512	
VICTORIA.																					
Melbourne . . .	1,417	1,392	1,369	1,332	1,294	1,307	1,332	1,343	1,335	1,364	1,375	1,392	1,403	1,412	1,431	1,435	1,435	1,453	1,498	1,503	
Ballarat . . .	1,350	1,322	1,304	1,279	1,256	1,268	1,291	1,292	1,305	1,333	1,326	1,338	1,360	1,367	1,378	1,381	1,370	1,380	1,432	1,445	
Bendigo . . .	1,286	1,274	1,259	1,226	1,200	1,225	1,224	1,245	1,282	1,291	1,293	1,298	1,320	1,328	1,335	1,310	1,324	1,363	1,372		
Geelong . . .	1,410	1,400	1,383	1,342	1,312	1,323	1,348	1,342	1,342	1,369	1,360	1,373	1,419	1,437	1,439	1,438	1,416	1,338	1,478	1,486	
Warrnambool . . .	1,147	1,437	1,424	1,393	1,334	1,346	1,374	1,369	1,374	1,411	1,405	1,420	1,429	1,439	1,430	1,433	1,420	1,431	1,444	1,461	
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,409	1,385	1,363	1,327	1,290	1,303	1,327	1,337	1,331	1,362	1,370	1,387	1,400	1,409	1,427	1,431	1,420	1,446	1,491	1,497	
QUEENSLAND.																					
Brisbane . . .	1,289	1,269	1,246	1,229	1,190	1,215	1,214	1,223	1,245	1,256	1,254	1,260	1,283	1,288	1,326	1,333	1,336	1,327	1,387	1,337	
Toowoomba . . .	1,251	1,260	1,239	1,210	1,195	1,188	1,199	1,202	1,201	1,226	1,222	1,250	1,280	1,261	1,278	1,306	1,318	1,325	1,313	1,301	
Rockhampton . . .	1,318	1,290	1,263	1,244	1,204	1,210	1,207	1,195	1,214	1,243	1,228	1,235	1,253	1,254	1,279	1,324	1,332	1,319	1,317	1,340	
Charters Towers . . .	1,376	1,257	1,230	1,213	1,164	1,148	1,128	1,130	1,145	1,153	1,139	1,155	1,177	1,179	1,218	1,235	1,251	1,231	1,201	1,222	
Warwick . . .	1,249	1,247	1,226	1,210	1,175	1,186	1,184	1,187	1,189	1,199	1,223	1,228	1,232	1,228	1,255	1,289	1,284	1,243	1,225	1,274	
Weighted Average— Five Towns . . .	1,288	1,269	1,246	1,228	1,197	1,210	1,209	1,219	1,234	1,250	1,247	1,255	1,277	1,280	1,315	1,328	1,332	1,303	1,369	1,412	

SECTION VII.—continued.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS ("A" SERIES)—FOOD, GROCERIES AND RENT—ALL HOUSES—continued.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000)

Town.	1932.				1933.				1934.				1935.				1936.			
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec. Quarter.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.																				
Adelaide ..	1,209	1,289	1,258	1,218	1,210	1,234	1,249	1,245	1,268	1,297	1,258	1,275	1,283	1,297	1,306	1,308	1,302	1,339	1,363	1,358
Kalina, &c. ..	1,100	1,157	1,146	1,103	1,086	1,096	1,094	1,105	1,130	1,157	1,132	1,145	1,156	1,167	1,166	1,153	1,169	1,193	1,201	
Port Pirie ..	1,299	1,280	1,250	1,199	1,171	1,178	1,179	1,172	1,200	1,241	1,222	1,239	1,239	1,249	1,250	1,243	1,251	1,291	1,323	1,330
Mount Gambier ..	1,208	1,201	1,182	1,164	1,153	1,152	1,154	1,154	1,171	1,170	1,153	1,170	1,195	1,194	1,208	1,234	1,217	1,236	1,200	1,256
Peterborough ..	1,313	1,319	1,296	1,262	1,254	1,260	1,267	1,270	1,287	1,305	1,278	1,293	1,301	1,297	1,307	1,307	1,297	1,330	1,305	1,357
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,292	1,282	1,253	1,222	1,203	1,225	1,239	1,235	1,258	1,289	1,251	1,268	1,276	1,289	1,298	1,300	1,204	1,330	1,354	1,350
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.																				
Perth, &c. ..	1,361	1,363	1,316	1,277	1,250	1,293	1,273	1,268	1,299	1,346	1,331	1,326	1,333	1,346	1,344	1,340	1,341	1,389	1,408	1,394
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,435	1,469	1,450	1,431	1,412	1,431	1,437	1,436	1,459	1,535	1,536	1,533	1,532	1,504	1,572	1,580	1,573	1,605	1,670	1,662
Northam ..	1,317	1,343	1,319	1,274	1,246	1,278	1,263	1,268	1,300	1,345	1,330	1,319	1,315	1,338	1,337	1,328	1,326	1,378	1,435	1,405
Bunbury ..	1,245	1,270	1,254	1,239	1,192	1,229	1,232	1,223	1,255	1,299	1,281	1,276	1,290	1,308	1,302	1,299	1,302	1,342	1,377	1,369
Geraldton ..	1,427	1,427	1,372	1,300	1,250	1,271	1,278	1,277	1,282	1,344	1,350	1,351	1,359	1,373	1,372	1,380	1,379	1,430	1,479	1,520
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,367	1,373	1,330	1,292	1,265	1,305	1,289	1,284	1,314	1,359	1,345	1,340	1,348	1,361	1,360	1,357	1,358	1,404	1,428	1,416
TASMANIA.																				
Hobart ..	1,453	1,456	1,427	1,410	1,367	1,381	1,411	1,395	1,375	1,417	1,430	1,450	1,424	1,430	1,429	1,433	1,435	1,440	1,493	1,520
Launceston ..	1,387	1,377	1,352	1,334	1,307	1,319	1,332	1,317	1,311	1,357	1,354	1,371	1,371	1,372	1,369	1,375	1,373	1,369	1,400	1,445
Burnie ..	1,370	1,347	1,320	1,297	1,259	1,265	1,255	1,242	1,229	1,294	1,299	1,319	1,319	1,328	1,334	1,332	1,326	1,344	1,368	1,420
Devonport ..	1,395	1,382	1,335	1,328	1,294	1,302	1,295	1,298	1,282	1,332	1,345	1,365	1,339	1,352	1,353	1,366	1,356	1,347	1,374	1,440
Queenstown ..	1,331	1,329	1,321	1,317	1,291	1,307	1,303	1,300	1,303	1,337	1,341	1,344	1,353	1,353	1,357	1,347	1,350	1,336	1,341	1,378
Weighted Average—Five Towns ..	1,424	1,422	1,394	1,377	1,340	1,352	1,374	1,359	1,345	1,388	1,395	1,413	1,398	1,404	1,401	1,405	1,403	1,407	1,451	1,484
Weighted Average—Thirty Towns ..	1,423	1,409	1,386	1,354	1,321	1,332	1,345	1,344	1,355	1,380	1,380	1,392	1,395	1,401	1,425	1,430	1,427	1,436	1,466	1,482
Weighted Average—Six Capital Cities ..	1,435	1,419	1,395	1,363	1,330	1,342	1,355	1,354	1,365	1,387	1,387	1,400	1,401	1,407	1,433	1,437	1,434	1,445	1,475	1,490

SECTION VII.—continued.

Retail Price Index-Numbers ("A" Series)—Capital Cities—Annual Figures—1901 to 1936. The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the weighted average cost for the six capital cities taken together in 1911 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

FOOD AND GROCERIES ONLY.

City.	1901.	1907.	1911.	1914.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	
Sydney	917	936	989	1,156	1,898	1,703	1,820	1,732	1,785	1,867	1,846	1,948	1,759	1,567	1,524	1,430	1,475	1,502	1,517	
Melbourne	965	925	935	1,091	1,901	1,644	1,802	1,684	1,748	1,774	1,732	1,684	1,795	1,632	1,414	1,355	1,273	1,337	1,402	1,446
Brisbane	965	947	1,018	1,078	1,812	1,608	1,693	1,690	1,734	1,788	1,680	1,671	1,701	1,508	1,392	1,320	1,250	1,300	1,364	1,414
Adelaide	1,028	951	1,020	1,215	1,906	1,723	1,823	1,791	1,840	1,863	1,841	1,775	1,887	1,674	1,411	1,361	1,308	1,370	1,394	1,427
Perth	1,184	1,197	1,346	1,302	1,995	1,770	1,828	1,891	1,938	1,866	1,796	1,882	1,938	1,719	1,491	1,438	1,352	1,442	1,467	1,526
Hobart	1,011	1,010	1,058	1,212	2,025	1,794	1,863	1,849	1,810	1,868	1,788	1,727	1,833	1,702	1,459	1,425	1,354	1,405	1,445	1,479
Weighted Average— Six Capitals	972	955	1,000	1,144	1,902	1,684	1,805	1,732	1,785	1,829	1,789	1,761	1,866	1,682	1,477	1,425	1,342	1,400	1,442	1,475

HOUSING—ALL HOUSES.

Sydney ..	..	858	911	1,090	1,279	1,474	1,535	1,617	1,687	1,729	1,813	1,808	1,857	1,870	1,839	1,637	1,486	1,457	1,460	1,472	1,519
Melbourne ..	..	733	804	970	1,126	1,502	1,597	1,672	1,729	1,742	1,839	1,850	1,835	1,836	1,729	1,497	1,412	1,394	1,411	1,448	1,510
Brisbane ..	..	488	575	767	832	1,079	1,206	1,247	1,242	1,251	1,459	1,480	1,487	1,505	1,344	1,203	1,171	1,170	1,190	1,227	1,307
Adelaide ..	..	629	812	1,112	1,040	1,289	1,360	1,450	1,551	1,565	1,553	1,601	1,665	1,607	1,477	1,334	1,137	1,140	1,161	1,217	1,217
Perth ..	..	801	684	810	914	1,055	1,092	1,124	1,134	1,154	1,316	1,331	1,382	1,395	1,197	1,304	1,177	1,166	1,159	1,160	1,178
Hobart ..	..	667	708	805	914	1,440	1,445	1,602	1,665	1,634	1,650	1,603	1,565	1,580	1,568	1,492	1,455	1,447	1,440	1,449	1,462
Weighted Average— Six Capitals ..	..	751	816	1,000	1,135	1,404	1,480	1,551	1,609	1,632	1,725	1,734	1,758	1,760	1,685	1,483	1,374	1,356	1,365	1,388	1,443

FOOD, GROCERIES AND HOUSING—ALL HOUSES—COMBINED.

Sydney ..	..	893	926	1,031	1,206	1,744	1,634	1,737	1,774	1,762	1,844	1,830	1,839	1,916	1,792	1,596	1,508	1,439	1,468	1,490	1,517
Melbourne ..	..	870	875	950	1,105	1,737	1,625	1,749	1,703	1,745	1,801	1,781	1,746	1,812	1,672	1,448	1,378	1,319	1,367	1,420	1,472
Brisbane ..	..	769	794	915	997	1,511	1,442	1,510	1,506	1,535	1,653	1,598	1,595	1,620	1,441	1,315	1,258	1,214	1,254	1,308	1,370
Adelaide ..	..	864	864	1,058	1,143	1,653	1,574	1,670	1,693	1,727	1,739	1,742	1,730	1,722	1,593	1,341	1,266	1,235	1,275	1,299	1,341
Perth ..	..	1,027	986	1,126	1,143	1,600	1,495	1,538	1,580	1,616	1,610	1,605	1,677	1,715	1,591	1,416	1,329	1,271	1,326	1,341	1,383
Hobart ..	..	869	886	954	1,090	1,785	1,651	1,756	1,773	1,738	1,776	1,713	1,661	1,729	1,647	1,472	1,437	1,389	1,418	1,429	1,472
Weighted Average— Six Capitals ..	..	880	897	1,000	1,140	1,667	1,600	1,700	1,682	1,722	1,786	1,766	1,760	1,822	1,683	1,479	1,403	1,345	1,385	1,420	1,461

Section VIII.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.—The “Harvester-All Items” Index.— (“D” Series).—The following table gives the equivalent “Harvester” index-numbers for the towns and States shown, derived by applying the variations of the “All Items” index-numbers (“C” Series) to the “All Houses” base index-numbers (“A” Series), in accordance with the Award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration delivered on the 5th May, 1933.

Base.—Relevant “Harvester” Index-Number (“A” Series) for each Town or Combination of Towns affected for 4th Quarter, 1929.(a)

Town.	Dec. Quarter, 1929 (Base).	Dec. Quarter, 1935.	March Quarter, 1936.	June Quarter, 1936.	Sept. Quarter, 1936.	Dec. Quarter, 1936.	Year ended— Dec., 1936.
NEW SOUTH WALES—							
Sydney	1,929	1,551	1,551	1,550	1,546	1,582	1,557
Newcastle	1,769	1,493	1,482	1,440	1,404	1,368	
Broken Hill	1,793	1,437	1,443	1,453	1,529	1,546	1,593
Goulburn	1,926	1,514	1,514	1,521	1,483	1,491	1,502
Bathurst	1,642	1,382	1,397	1,395	1,392	1,404	1,397
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,910	1,543	1,543	1,541	1,536	1,572	1,548
VICTORIA—							
Melbourne	1,815	1,478	1,478	1,485	1,529	1,529	1,505
Ballarat	1,655	1,304	1,383	1,493	1,468	1,456	1,428
Hendige	1,659	1,397	1,383	1,387	1,428	1,421	1,405
Geelong	1,734	1,465	1,456	1,488	1,530	1,522	1,501
Warrnambool	1,688	1,496	1,491	1,195	1,300	1,500	1,497
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,799	1,473	1,470	1,480	1,525	1,543	1,500
QUEENSLAND—							
Brisbane	1,624	1,370	1,385	1,381	1,432	1,457	1,411
Poowoompa	1,508	1,291	1,287	1,292	1,335	1,363	1,321
Rockhampton	1,559	1,371	1,378	1,368	1,390	1,393	1,382
Charters Towers	1,539	1,326	1,337	1,326	1,313	1,330	1,328
Warwick	1,495	1,348	1,241	1,227	1,253	1,277	1,250
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,603	1,365	1,370	1,367	1,413	1,434	1,396
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—							
Adelaide	1,755	1,306	1,393	1,418	1,440	1,118	1,120
Kadina, &c.	1,506	1,225	1,215	1,228	1,227	1,219	1,222
Port Pirie	1,621	1,308	1,313	1,341	1,353	1,370	1,314
Mount Gambier	1,466	1,245	1,235	1,247	1,257	1,230	1,245
Peterborough	1,749	1,388	1,390	1,115	1,435	1,114	1,414
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,736	1,385	1,382	1,406	1,436	1,407	1,368
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—							
Perth, &c.	1,628	1,359	1,364	1,393	1,134	1,405	1,399
Kalgoorlie	1,579	1,359	1,562	1,582	1,379	1,559	1,571
Northam	1,623	1,326	1,323	1,353	1,425	1,395	1,374
Bunbury	1,586	1,408	1,414	1,434	1,427	1,421	1,427
Geraldton	1,629	1,378	1,386	1,417	1,488	1,494	1,446
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,663	1,373	1,378	1,405	1,444	1,415	1,411
TAIWANIA—							
Hobart	1,740	1,479	1,486	1,493	1,502	1,502	1,497
Launceston	1,668	1,444	1,440	1,437	1,451	1,466	1,440
Burnie	1,669	1,375	1,372	1,387	1,418	1,446	1,406
Dicksonport	1,635	1,393	1,387	1,387	1,385	1,423	1,396
Queenstown	1,520	1,354	1,353	1,330	1,301	1,323	1,320
Weighted Average—5 Towns ..	1,704	1,457	1,450	1,462	1,471	1,481	1,468
Weighted Average—30 Towns ..	1,803	1,473	1,473	1,478	1,501	1,511	1,491
Weighted Average—6 Capitals ..	1,825	1,480	1,480	1,488	1,512	1,523	1,501

(a) For explanation of this Index, see p. 17 of this Report.

(Note.—The “Powers’ 3s.” for any town may be varied by the ratio which its “base” index-number (4th Quarter, 1929) bears to that of the period required.)

SECTION IX—RETAIL PRICES.

“Court” Series Index.*—In the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration—
Quarterly Retail Prices Index Numbers.—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms),
Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Expenditure.—“Court” Series for
Quarter ended June, 1937.

(Base : Weighted Average—Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 81.0).

Cities and Towns	1936.			1937.		Year ended June, 1937
	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	
NEW SOUTH WALES—						
Sydney .. .	69.8	69.6	71.2	71.6	71.6	71.0
Newcastle .. .	69.7	67.7	68.9	68.5	68.5	68.4
Broken Hill .. .	66.8	70.3	71.1	71.1	72.2	71.1
Goulburn .. .	70.8	69.0	69.4	69.4	69.8	69.1
Bathurst .. .	67.3	67.2	67.7	68.2	67.9	67.7
Weighted Average—5 Towns	69.7	69.4	71.1	71.2	71.2	70.7
VICTORIA—						
Melbourne .. .	67.3	69.4	69.4	69.1	69.9	69.4
Ballarat .. .	65.6	68.7	68.2	67.5	67.6	68.0
Bendigo .. .	65.6	67.5	67.2	67.4	67.8	67.5
Geelong .. .	68.1	70.3	69.6	68.6	68.6	69.3
Warrnambool .. .	68.8	69.0	69.0	68.7	69.0	69.0
Weighted Average—5 Towns	67.3	69.4	69.3	69.0	69.7	69.4
QUEENSLAND—						
Brisbane .. .	63.5	65.9	67.0	67.7	67.4	67.0
Toowoomba .. .	63.5	65.6	67.3	68.2	68.2	67.3
Koondhampton .. .	64.2	65.2	65.4	67.8	67.9	66.6
Townsville .. .	65.5(a)	64.8(a)	66.0(a)	71.3	71.4	..
Bundaberg .. .	61.8(b)	63.1(b)	64.3(b)	65.2	65.4	..
Weighted Average—5 Towns	63.6	65.8	66.8	67.9	67.7	67.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—						
Adelaide .. .	67.8	69.3	67.8	68.4	69.1	68.6
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo .. .	62.2	62.2	61.8	61.9	62.2	62.0
Port Pirie .. .	65.6	66.2	67.0	67.2	68.0	67.1
Mount Gambier .. .	66.3	66.9	65.9	66.8	67.1	66.7
Peterborough .. .	68.3	69.3	68.2	68.3	68.6	68.6
Weighted Average—5 Towns	67.5	69.0	67.6	68.1	68.8	68.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—						
Perth, Fremantle .. .	69.0	71.0	69.5	69.6	70.0	70.3
Kalgoorlie, Boulder .. .	83.7	83.5	82.5	83.2	83.8	83.3
Northam .. .	68.6	72.2	70.7	71.0	72.4	71.6
Bunbury .. .	71.6	71.7	70.9	71.6	72.9	71.8
Geraldton .. .	74.0	77.7	78.0	78.4	78.3	78.3
Weighted Average—5 Towns	70.2	72.1	70.7	70.8	72.1	71.5
TASMANIA—						
Douglas .. .	69.4	69.9	70.1	70.0	70.6	70.2
Launderston .. .	67.4	68.1	68.8	68.4	69.1	68.6
Burnie .. .	65.0	66.5	67.7	67.7	69.5	67.8
Devonport .. .	65.1	65.0	66.9	66.8	67.4	66.5
Queenstown .. .	69.3	67.3	68.5	68.5	69.5	68.5
Weighted Average—5 Towns	68.5	68.9	69.4	69.2	69.9	69.4
Weighted Average—30 Towns	68.1	69.1	69.6	69.8	70.2	69.7
Weighted Average—6 Capitals	68.2	69.3	69.8	69.9	70.3	69.9

SPECIAL TOWNS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE WEIGHTED AVERAGES.

Charters Towers (Q.) .. .	65.5	68.8	66.0	66.2*	66.4	65.9
Warwick (Q.) .. .	61.8	62.1	64.3	63.2	62.8	63.4
Port Augusta (S.) .. .	68.6	68.3	67.5	67.7	68.2	67.9

(a) Charters Towers

(b) Warwick.

* See pp. 17 and 86 for explanation.

Section X.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(* Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Food and Grocer- ies.	Rent.		Food and Rent.		All Items of House- hold Ex- penditure.	Whole- sale Prices Mel- bourne.	Nominal Wages Adult Males	Real Wages. (δ)	Percentage of Unemploy- ment among Trade Unionists.
		All Houses.	1 and 5 Rooms.	All Houses.	4 and 5 Rooms.					
Year—										
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	(a) 1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914 ..	1,144	1,135	1,082	1,140	1,121	1,110	1,149	1,081	9.8	8.3
1921 ..	1,903	1,401	1,410	1,697	1,717	1,680	1,903	1,826	1,076	11.2
1930 ..	1,682	1,685	1,711	1,683	1,693	1,618	1,596	1,839	1,152	19.3
1931 ..	1,477	1,183	1,473	1,479	1,475	1,418	1,428	1,185	1,185	27.4
1932 ..	1,425	1,374	1,336	1,403	1,391	1,377	1,411	1,639	1,168	29.0
1933 ..	1,342	1,356	1,314	1,345	1,333	1,335	1,409	1,584	1,178	25.1
1934 ..	1,400	1,365	1,324	1,385	1,371	1,355	1,521	1,590	1,148	20.3
1935 ..	1,142	1,388	1,372	1,420	1,416	1,380	1,469	1,609	1,233	16.5
1936 ..	1,475	1,441	1,437	1,461	1,461	1,409	1,543	1,635	1,119	12.2
Quarter—										
1926.										%
March ..	1,808	1,719	1,670	1,771	1,756	1,667	1,841	1,892	1,068	8.2
June ..	1,888	1,727	1,679	1,823	1,810	1,699	1,892	1,901	1,015	6.7
Sept ..	1,820	1,726	1,678	1,781	1,766	1,675	1,831	1,922	1,079	7.6
Dec ..	1,803	1,726	1,680	1,773	1,757	1,669	1,704	1,938	1,094	5.7
1927.										
March ..	1,782	1,723	1,673	1,758	1,741	1,656	1,737	1,944	1,106	5.9
June ..	1,758	1,721	1,678	1,743	1,728	1,648	1,743	1,942	1,114	6.1
Sept ..	1,794	1,746	1,690	1,774	1,755	1,666	1,882	1,914	1,096	6.7
Dec ..	1,820	1,746	1,694	1,789	1,773	1,678	1,904	1,955	1,093	8.9
1928.										
March ..	1,771	1,765	1,744	1,768	1,761	1,675	1,810	1,966	1,112	10.7
June ..	1,784	1,760	1,743	1,771	1,769	1,684	1,820	1,963	1,107	11.2
Sept ..	1,745	1,752	1,741	1,746	1,744	1,670	1,764	1,903	1,123	11.4
Dec ..	1,746	1,752	1,742	1,719	1,744	1,670	1,741	1,959	1,120	9.9
1929.										
March ..	1,849	1,763	1,758	1,820	1,821	1,713	1,788	1,958	1,076	9.3
June ..	1,805	1,759	1,753	1,821	1,823	1,713	1,794	1,977	1,086	10.0
Sept ..	1,867	1,761	1,754	1,823	1,824	1,713	1,834	1,979	1,086	12.1
Dec ..	1,873	1,755	1,751	1,825	1,827	1,712	1,799	1,974	1,081	13.1
1930.										
March ..	1,751	1,752	1,782	1,752	1,763	1,670	1,680	1,973	1,126	14.6
June ..	1,734	1,721	1,744	1,730	1,738	1,653	1,667	1,956	1,131	18.5
Sept ..	1,673	1,662	1,692	1,668	1,680	1,607	1,599	1,939	1,163	20.5
Dec ..	1,568	1,600	1,625	1,582	1,590	1,542	1,438	1,837	1,193	23.4
1931.										
March ..	1,538	1,557	1,560	1,546	1,516	1,500	1,453	1,814	1,173	25.8
June ..	1,496	1,507	1,501	1,501	1,498	1,465	1,437	1,764	1,175	27.6
Sept ..	1,435	1,494	1,447	1,447	1,439	1,423	1,406	1,735	1,199	28.3
Dec ..	1,430	1,466	1,382	1,425	1,418	1,406	1,418	1,691	1,189	28.0
1932.										
March ..	1,465	1,391	1,358	1,435	1,425	1,403	1,311	1,680	1,171	28.3
June ..	1,448	1,378	1,345	1,419	1,409	1,389	1,410	1,672	1,178	30.0
Sept ..	1,416	1,307	1,327	1,304	1,382	1,370	1,418	1,608	1,153	29.6
Dec ..	1,306	1,359	1,314	1,303	1,348	1,346	1,381	1,597	1,172	28.1
1933.										
March ..	1,317	1,357	1,318	1,330	1,318	1,307	1,335	1,585	1,192	26.5
June ..	1,337	1,351	1,314	1,312	1,329	1,334	1,401	1,595	1,180	25.7
Sept ..	1,359	1,355	1,311	1,355	1,347	1,340	1,467	1,587	1,171	25.1
Dec ..	1,355	1,357	1,311	1,355	1,339	1,337	1,433	1,570	1,160	23.0
1934.										
March ..	1,371	1,360	1,315	1,365	1,350	1,344	1,456	1,572	1,152	21.6
June ..	1,401	1,365	1,319	1,387	1,372	1,358	1,463	1,593	1,118	29.9
Sept ..	1,401	1,367	1,331	1,387	1,375	1,357	1,492	1,596	1,151	20.1
Dec ..	1,422	1,368	1,332	1,400	1,391	1,361	1,474	1,599	1,142	18.8
1935.										
March ..	1,420	1,374	1,356	1,401	1,396	1,368	1,451	1,601	1,145	18.6
June ..	1,425	1,381	1,363	1,407	1,402	1,371	1,456	1,605	1,141	17.8
Sept ..	1,461	1,394	1,379	1,433	1,430	1,389	1,491	1,603	1,123	15.6
Dec ..	1,466	1,403	1,390	1,437	1,434	1,391	1,479	1,617	1,123	13.7
1936.										
March ..	1,415	1,419	1,413	1,434	1,433	1,391	1,475	1,620	1,130	13.1
June ..	1,455	1,430	1,425	1,445	1,444	1,397	1,520	1,625	1,125	12.8
Sept ..	1,459	1,454	1,449	1,475	1,474	1,420	1,570	1,637	1,110	12.0
Dec ..	1,510	1,461	1,461	1,490	1,491	1,430	1,607	1,656	1,111	10.7
1937.										
March ..	1,510	1,468	1,470	1,493	1,495	1,433	1,638	1,650	1,111	9.0

(a) Taken back from true base (November, 1911) by means of the Food and Rent of All Houses ("A" Series) Index.

(b) Calculated by Food and Rent of all Houses ("A" Series) Index. See p. 69 for Real Wages under the "C" Series regimen.

* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

Section XI.

RETAIL PRICES.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE STATISTICIANS HELD AT CANBERRA IN APRIL, 1936.

A.—RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

I. "C" Series Index Numbers.

1. Action necessary with respect to Capital Cities, Provincial and other Towns.—That in view of the extensive use now made of the "C" series index-numbers for comparisons of the levels of retail prices and rents in different towns at the same date, it is desirable that—

(a) *Six Capital Cities and six Provincial Towns.*—Every effort should be made to maintain, quarter by quarter, true determination of the relative costs in all towns of the regimen adopted, but especially as between the six capital cities and certain provincial towns, viz., Broken Hill, Geelong, Townsville, Port Augusta, Kalgoorlie and Launceston;

*(b) *Other Towns.*—In the case of towns for which such prices are collected, other than those specifically mentioned in sub-section (a) above, periodic attempts should be made to check the maintenance of standard grades at intervals of not more than one year;

*(c) *Explanation necessary regarding Other Towns.*—In the case of towns referred to in sub-section (b) above, the Commonwealth Statistician and the Statisticians of the several States should take appropriate steps to explain to the public and wage-fixing tribunals that the measurement of relative prices given by the "C" series index-numbers is only approximate;

*(d) *Continuation of quarterly collection, Other Towns.*—Subject to the above explanations, the quarterly collection of prices from the towns mentioned in sub-section (b) above should be continued.

2. Five Towns Index not intended as a State Index.—That attention be drawn in published tables to the fact that the weighted average Five Towns Index for any State is not intended to be a complete index of the level of prices for the whole of that State.

3. Queensland Towns.—That the Commonwealth Statistician confer with the Queensland Statistician regarding the selection of representative Queensland towns.

II. Field Officers.

4. Personal Collection Essential.—That the employment of a special staff of field officers for the personal collection and checking of returns of retail prices and rents is essential.

5. Minimum Number of Field Officers Required.—That the minimum requirements, under present circumstances, are six field officers, one to be permanently attached to each State Statistical Office; and one supervising officer, to be attached directly to the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics.

* In actual practice it has been found that these towns can be visited personally by the Field Officer more frequently than once a year. The inferiority of these index numbers to those referred to in (a), implied in these Resolutions, is therefore almost wholly removed.

SECTION XI.—RETAIL PRICES—*continued.*

6. (a) **Duties of Field Officers.**—That the duties of each field officer should be to undertake, under the general control and direction of the State Statistician, the regular collection and checking in person of returns of retail prices and rents in the capital city and, so far as may be practicable, a specified town in the State, and the periodic checking of returns in the other provincial towns for which index-numbers are compiled, with the object of securing accurate particulars of prices of goods and services of the standard grade and quality originally established.

(b) **Employment of Supervising Officer.**—That the duties of the supervising officer should include the establishment and maintenance of definite standards and commodity specifications in each State, the co-ordination of the work of the field officers with the object of ensuring the retention of comparable standards in each State, and the investigation in the field of such special problems as may from time to time arise.

7. **Employment of Second Supervising Officer in Initial Stages.**—That, in view of the large area to be covered, and the necessity for introducing revised regimens and standard grades simultaneously in all States as soon as practicable, the employment of a second supervising officer during the initial stages of the investigation would be necessary.

8. **Purchase of Certain Standard Articles.**—That the work of the field officers in each State could be much more satisfactorily performed if standard samples of certain articles were purchased and retained for reference purposes in each State Statistical Office.

9. **Qualifications of Field Officers.**—That, in the appointment of officers in pursuance of these resolutions, due weight should be given to the following qualifications:—

- (a) Special knowledge of the drapery and hardware trade, and a good knowledge of retail trade generally;
- (b) Maturity of judgment and personal character;
- (c) Ability to understand and appreciate fully the statistical purposes to be served by the data collected.

10. **Administrative and Financial Arrangements.**—That the practicability of giving effect to the above recommendations, from the administrative and financial point of view, should be immediately investigated by the Commonwealth Statistician and reported to the Statisticians of the several States.

III. Regimen.

11. **Common Standards should be Specified.**—That it is desirable that, as far as practicable, the regimen adopted for the measurement of variations in retail prices and rents should be the same in all towns in the six States, and that the same standard grades and qualities should be specified in all cases. This requirement shall not preclude the allowance of certain minor differences (as, for example, in the weight of fabrics) where the influence of special climatic factors renders a more exact comparison impossible.

12. **Revision of Regimen (see Appendix A*).**—That it is desirable—

- (a) **New Regimen.**—That in view of the difficulty of collecting accurate particulars of the prices of certain items at present included in the regimen of the "C" series index-numbers of retail prices and rents, this regimen should be altered as soon as practicable along the lines of that set out in Appendix A* hereto.

* See pages 14 and 27 for Regimens.

SECTION XI.—RETAIL PRICES—*continued*

- (b) *Further revision on Field Officers' experience.*—That, in giving effect to sub-section (a) above, the Commonwealth Statistician should be guided by the experience of the field officers mentioned in Resolution 4.
- (c) *Detailed specification of each commodity to be established.*—That detailed specifications of each commodity and service included in the revised group regimen should be established with the assistance of trade experts, and that these specifications should be finally settled after consultation between the Commonwealth Statistician and the Statisticians of the several States.

13. **Relative Weights for four major groups.**—That it is desirable, until such time as more extensive and reliable data become available, either from family budget inquiries or from other sources, that the revision of the regimen from time to time should not be allowed to influence the relative weights at present allotted to each of the four major groups of expenditure.

14. **Family Budget inquiry.**—That it is desirable that the Commonwealth Statistician should investigate the practicability of instituting a family budget inquiry at an early date.

15. **Fuel.**—That it is desirable—

- (a) that the regimen for fuel should be revised to include, where applicable, the items "Electricity, power" and "Gas, cooking" as well as "Firewood, blocks";
- (b) that the present mass-unit for firewood (1.5 cwt.) be redistributed among the above items in the following proportions :—

	Mass unit.
Firewood, blocks, cwt.	0.5
Electricity, power, unit (K.w.hour)	x
Gas, cooking, 1,000 cubic feet	y

NOTE*.—(i) The value of x to be determined by dividing "the weighted average price of 0.5 cwt. of firewood in the six capitals in 1935" by "the average price of a unit of electric power in 1935 in those capital cities in which such a price can be satisfactorily ascertained". (In ascertaining the price of electric power, where graduated tariffs are in force, it will be necessary to assume a common annual (or quarterly) consumption of power. The latter should be based on data collected in accordance with Resolution 16.)

(ii) The value of y to be determined by dividing "the weighted average price of 0.5 cwt. of firewood in the six capitals in 1935" by "the average price of 1,000 cubic feet of gas in the six capitals in 1935".

(iii) As an alternative to (i), the value of x might be determined by comparison with the value of y , on the basis of the same number of British Thermal Units.

- (c) that in the case of any town where gas and/or electricity are not available, or the use of such for domestic purposes is negligible, the mass-units for the items of fuel which are commonly consumed should be correspondingly increased;

* The procedure for determining the mass-units for fuel was subsequently amended by mutual agreement.

SECTION XI.—RETAIL PRICES—*continued.*

- (d) that, for the purpose of applying sub-section (c) of this Resolution, each State Statistician furnish the Commonwealth Statistician with a report on the predominant usage of the relevant towns within his State, in the following form:—

Usage	Capital City (1)	Town (2)	Town (3)	Town (4)	Town (5)	Town. (6)
Firewood, gas, electric power ..						
Firewood, gas ..						
Firewood predominant, some gas ..						
Firewood, electric power ..						
Firewood, some electric power ..						
Firewood predominantly ..						

16. Tariff Rates, Electricity.—That it is desirable—

- (a) that the Commonwealth Statistician should circulate questionnaires to each State Statistician with a view to ascertaining sufficient information about the tariff rates on electricity and the actual consumption of electricity by private households to enable him to formulate proposals for recording variations in the price of electric lighting on the basis of tariff rates;
- (b) that such proposals should be circulated to the State Statisticians for comment before they are put into force;
- (c) that, in cases where it may be found impossible to ascertain with sufficient accuracy the tariff prices separately of electric light and electric power, the mass-units for electric light and power should be amalgamated in the actual tabulations;
- (d) that, in averaging the prices charged by several suppliers in any one town, attention be given to the practicability of weighting the prices roughly in accordance with the domestic sales of each supplier.

17. Tariff Rates, Gas.—That it is desirable that the Commonwealth Statistician should circulate questionnaires to each State Statistician with respect to tariff rates and consumption of household gas, similar in form to those mentioned in Resolution 16.

18. Rents—(a) *Calculation of Averages.*—That in calculating for any town the average rent of houses of any given material and of any given number of rooms, the total rents charged in respect of all houses of the given material and size returned by house-agents within that town shall be divided by the total number of houses whose rents are so aggregated.

NOTE.—“Rent” shall include the total additional weekly charges (if any) payable by the tenant in respect of sanitation, garbage, water (other than excess), or any other similar charges usually payable by the landlord.

(b) *Weighting of Wood and Brick Houses.*—That in calculating for any town the average rent of houses of any given number of rooms, the average rent of houses of “wood”, and of “brick, stone, &c.” (as ascertained under (a) above) shall be weighted by the respective numbers of houses of those materials and of that size within that town, as ascertained from the results of the 1933 Census.

SECTION XI.—RETAIL PRICES—*continued.*

(c) *Weighting of Houses for Number of Rooms.*—That in calculating for any town the average rent of houses containing different numbers of rooms, the averages for each size of house (as ascertained under (b) above) shall be weighted by the respective numbers of houses of the relevant size within the Commonwealth as a whole, as ascertained from the results of the 1933 Census.

(d) *Weighting of Houses for Towns.*—That in calculating average rents for two or more towns, the average rent (ascertained as above) for each separate town shall be weighted by its population.

19. ***Standard Selection of Houses to be made.**—That in order to secure a reasonable degree of uniformity in standard in the houses in respect of which rental particulars are collected, the following method shall be investigated by the Commonwealth Statistician and State Statisticians with a view to its gradual adoption as early as practicable:—

(a) A selection to be made from the rent rolls of the principal house-agents or owners in the respective towns of an appropriate number of “sample” houses in each class, such houses to conform strictly to the prescribed requirements (*vide* instruction No. 4 in the Rent Book issued by the Commonwealth Statistician) and to be adequately representative of the several varying conditions pertaining to the suitable houses of that particular type, e.g., local situation, distance from town, type of construction, &c.

(b) It shall be the duty of the field officer mentioned in Resolution 4 to supervise such selection.

(c) In the event of a “sample” house being removed from the agent's or owner's rent roll, it shall be replaced immediately by a house possessing similar characteristic features.

(d) When making the selection, the field officer should be guided by the 1933 Census results showing the proportion of the various types of house in each Local Government Area.

20. **Miscellaneous Group.**—That, in respect of those items in the regimen of the “Miscellaneous” group commencing with “Union Dues” and ending with “School Requisites”, it is recommended that the following procedure should be adopted:—

(a) “Union Dues” should be varied in the second quarter of each year in accordance with the changes shown by an index of variation for Commonwealth as a whole, to be compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician on as wide a basis as possible, 6d. per week being taken as the weighted average amount for the six capital cities for 1934.

(b) “Lodge Dues”, and “Medicine, Dentist, &c.” should be amalgamated and kept unchanged at 24d. per week in all towns.

(c) “Newspapers, &c.” should be varied in the second quarter of each year in accordance with the changes shown by an index of variation for each State, to be computed from the prices of the leading morning and evening papers in each capital city, 15d. per week being taken as the basic amount for Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and 18d. per week for Brisbane, Perth and Hobart for 1934.

* After the investigation recommended a modified form of the method outlined was adopted by mutual agreement in respect of the towns mentioned in Resolution 1 (a) above.

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- (d) “*Recreation, &c.*” should be kept unchanged at 2*d.* per week in all towns.
- (e) “*Smoking*” should be varied in the second quarter of each year in accordance with the changes shown by an index of variation for the Commonwealth as a whole, to be computed from the prices of pipe tobacco, cigarette tobacco, cigarette papers and matches, 2*d.* being taken as the weighted average amount for the six capital cities for 1934.
- (f) “*Fares*” should be varied in the second quarter of each year in accordance with the changes shown by an index of variation for each State, to be compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician after consultation with the Statisticians of the several States, 36.6*d.* per week being taken as the weighted average amount for the six capital cities for 1934.

NOTE.—In the compilation of this index, regard should be had to second class fares (only) on the railways, and to all relevant concessional rates allowed on rail and tram journeys. Fares between specified points should be taken where practicable in preference to such averages as receipts per passenger or ear mile.

- (g) “*School requisites*” should be kept unchanged at 3*d.* per week in all towns.
- (h) *Provincial Towns.*—The amounts so ascertained for the whole of this sub-group in the capital city of each State should be regarded as applicable to the provincial towns, of that State.

NOTE.—The decision to refrain from making retrospective variations prior to 1934 in the weighted averages for the six capital cities of the items “Union dues”, “Newspapers, &c.”, “Smoking” and “Fares” is based chiefly on the fact that a new determination of the Commonwealth basic wage was made in May, 1934. It has been considered desirable, however, to place each town in its correct relation to the weighted average for the six capital cities, by taking the amounts set down by the Basic Wage Commission in 1920 as the standard from which to calculate.

IV. Family Unit.

21. Family Unit.—That it is desirable—

- (a) *Average Private Household.*—That the unit for which variations in the “Cost of living” (at a given standard) are measured should continue to be the average Australian private household.
- (b) *1933 Census Results.*—That this unit should be determined, for the Food and Groceries, Housing, Clothing and Miscellaneous groups of expenditure, from the results of the 1933 Census of Population.
- (c) *Method of Determination.*—That the method of determination of the unit for which costs are to be tabulated following the adoption of a new base year be as follows:—
 - (i) *For Food and Groceries.*—The actual number of inmates of occupied private dwellings in 1933.
 - (ii) *For Housing.*—The actual number of occupied private dwellings in 1933.

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- (iii) *For Clothing.*—The actual number of inmates of occupied private dwellings in 1933 sub-divided into the age-groups—

Children 0-4; children 5-9; children 10-16; females 17 and over; males 17 and over, on the basis of the age-distribution of the population in 1933.

- (iv) *For Miscellaneous.*—The actual number of occupied private dwellings in 1933.

V. Base Year.

22. **New Base Year to be Adopted.**—That, in view of the extensive nature of the revisions to the regimen of the retail price index-numbers already made or in progress, it is desirable that the index-numbers should be computed on a new base year as soon as practicable.

VI. Returns.

23. **Returns to be Signed and Dated.**—That it is desirable that all returns in respect of retail prices and rents should be signed and dated by the individual or firm responsible for furnishing the returns, or by a responsible employee as the duly accredited agent of the individual or firm concerned.

24. **Instructions for Filling in Monthly Returns.**—*Milk.*—Quality of goods and prices to be quoted. The following should be inserted, instead of the instructions at present set out under the above heading:—

“If you sell milk both in bulk and in sealed bottles either quote for milk per sealed bottle if you sell more milk in that manner than you sell by bulk, or quote for milk per quart sold in bulk if you sell more milk in that manner than you sell in sealed bottles.”*

* Subsequently amended, by mutual agreement, to read: “If you sell milk both in sealed bottles and unbottled either quote for milk per quart in sealed bottles (cash delivered) if you sell more bottled than unbottled milk or quote for milk per quart unbottled (cash delivered) if you sell more unbottled than bottled milk, but do not change from one basis to the other in future returns.”



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