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PREFACE

This Labour Report, which is the fiftieth of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the years 1962 and 1963, in addition to providing comparisons for previous years.

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

New material in this issue includes summaries of judgments in the 1963 and 1964 Basic Wage Inquiries, the 1964 Employers' Total Wage Case, the 1963 Margins Case, and the 1963 Three Weeks' Annual Leave Inquiry. The chapter dealing with Employment and Unemployment has been extensively revised and includes new material relating to the 1961 Population Census, a new section dealing with the Work Force Survey now conducted in the six Capital Cities, and revised estimates of wage and salary earners in employment for the period from 1947 to 1963.

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