CHAPTER I.—RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 1. Collection of Information as to Retail Prices.

The retail prices of the extensive range of commodities and services in common demand (generally referred to as the "regimen") used in compiling the All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index (see list on pages II-I3 hereof) have been ascertained at frequent and regular intervals since 1923 for each of the six capital cities and for 27 of the more important towns of Australia. Comparable information is available for the month of November in each year 1914 to 1922 for each of the six capital cities.

The retail prices of food and groceries in approximately 200 towns throughout Australia were collected as at November of each year from 1913 to 1942 when collection was discontinued.

Retail prices of food and groceries and average rentals of houses for earlier years extending back to 1901 were collected by this Bureau, and in some cases have been recorded by the Statisticians of various States as far back as 1864.

The methods by which prices used in the "C" Series Index are ascertained and the measures adopted to ensure their accuracy and comparability are briefly as follows:—

- (i) Representative and reputable retailers are selected for each city and town covered by the index and each is required to furnish information as to prices monthly in respect of food and groceries and quarterly in respect of other items. Prices for each item are obtained where practicable from ten or more retailers in each of the capital cities, and from five or more retailers in each of the provincial towns. To cover all commodities in the regimen, collection is made from approximately 60 retailers in each capital city and 30 in each provincial town.
- (ii) Information is collected under authority of the Census and Statistics

 Act 1905–1949 which requires that information be supplied accurately and promptly and ensures that particulars supplied by individual retailers will not be divulged to any other person or Government authority. Penalties are provided against failure to supply information, against supplying false information and against failure to answer truthfully any question asked by an authorized officer in respect of the contents of any return.
- (iii) The actual collection of returns is carried out by qualified Field Officers of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics working under the supervision of the Statisticians of the respective States. These Field Officers have very wide powers of investigation, including entry of premises and inspection of goods, records, etc.
- (iv) The Field Officers not only receive and check returns but visit the retail shops concerned, whenever necessary, to obtain requisite information. In respect of articles of clothing and the like where variation of quality may be considerable Field Officers are equipped with samples of the goods used for price comparisons. In such cases the Field Officers visit every retail informant at each quarterly collection and personally inspect the relevant goods and prices thereof.

- (v) Before each quarterly collection Supervising Field Officers review the standards of the whole of the items for which prices are collected after making extensive inquiries among manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. These Supervising Field Officers periodically accompany Field Officers at their price collections and check their work. This not only ensures accuracy and assiduity but also that all Field Officers work on uniform lines and that, as far as care and effort can make it possible, prices for identical goods and quality will be recorded at all times and for all places.
- (vi) The list of items in the regimen and the standards thereof are revised from time to time to keep them in harmony with changing conditions. Where such changes become necessary suitable adjustment is made in computing the retail price index to ensure that it reflects changes in price with due precision and that it is not vitiated by the influence of other changes. (See also § 9, p. 32 below.) Because of rapidly changing conditions since 1948, prices have been ascertained for a large number of items not embraced in the index and for an increasing number of types of "regimen" items. The purpose of this is to ensure that the index is kept representative and reliable within its definition.
- (vii) Returns of rents for unfurnished houses of four and five rooms are made at the middle of each quarter by a representative number (ranging up to 30) of house agents in each city and town covered by the index, for brick and wooden houses respectively, classified according to number of rooms. These returns show the weekly rental of a substantial number of individual houses each of which is selected by the Field Officer as suitable for inclusion in a sample designed to measure the quarterly ratio of change in weekly rentals. The aim is to measure variations equivalent to change in price for a constant standard. The ratio of change is used to vary basic average rentals derived from the Census of 1933 and other records and was checked with the results of the Census of 1947. Although expressed in money terms, the average rentals as published are essentially indexes. As such they do not necessarily indicate the average amount of rental actually paid for all rented houses, and still less do they indicate the rental at which vacant or new houses can be rented (see footnote on p. 10).

§ 2. Retail Price Indexes.

1. General.—The basic principle of a retail price index is relatively simple. It is to select commodities representative of the field to be covered and to combine their prices at regular intervals in accordance with their relative importance in that field. The aim is to measure the degree of change in prices for the selected field taken as a whole.

In practice the application of this principle over a term of years presents great difficulty by reason of the numerous changes which occur in the type, grade and relative quantities of many of the items commonly used.

A full explanation of the methods adopted and an analysis of problems involved is contained in the Appendix to Labour Report No. 9.

For convenience the group of selected items is called a "regimen", and the quantities consumed per annum of each item used in the index are called "mass units" or "weights". These terms are used herein. In compiling the index the price of each item is multiplied by its quantity "weight" and then by its appropriate population or household "weight". The sum of these products for all items at any given date represents an "aggregate expenditure". The "aggregate expenditures" for successive periods are converted into an index by denoting the aggregate of a selected or "base" period as 1000, and calculating all index-numbers to such base by the proportions which their aggregates bear to that of the base period. (See par. 2, p. 13.)

- 2. Essential Features.—Apart from clear thinking, common sense and sound arithmetic, the prime essentials in compiling a retail price index are—
 - (a) that prices be accurately ascertained at regular intervals for goods of constant grade and quality;
 - (b) that the regimen be as representative as possible of the field to be covered;
 - (c) that the weights be in approximate proportion to quantities actually used in the selected field.
- 3. The Regimen.—The regimen must be a selected regimen because it is impossible in practice to ascertain at regular intervals prices of every item of goods and services entering into household expenditure. Even in normal times there is considerable difficulty in ensuring that the selected items are always a true sample. Some items which it would be desirable to include must be excluded because comparative prices cannot be accurately ascertained for them at different times and different places. It is deemed better to limit the regimen of the index to items for which price variations can be ascertained with reasonable accuracy than to distend the regimen by including items for which price comparisons are necessarily inaccurate. Similarly, many items of small aggregate or individual importance are excluded. The regimen of the index therefore is not (as is sometimes erroneously supposed) a basic wage regimen nor yet is it a full list of component items in a standard of living. It does not imply that any particular goods or any selected grades or quantities of these goods should enter into determination of a basic or living wage. In fact the regimen used for the "C" Series Index is simply a selected list of items combined in certain proportions for the purpose of measuring price variations. The items are representative of the fields covered, and the proportions approximate to those in average consumption so far as can be ascertained.

The regimen and," weights" used in the "C" Series Index are published in full on pages 11 to 13.

4. Purpose of Retail Price Indexes.—Retail price indexes are designed to measure the extent of changes in price levels only. While they may be used as indicating proportionate variations in cost of a constant standard of living, they do not measure the absolute cost of any standard of living, nor the cost of changes in the standard of living. In other words, they measure as nearly as may be the proportionate change in the aggregate cost of specified quantities and qualities of the selected regimen of items included in the index. The regimen is representative of a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households. (See top of page 37.)

5. Effects of Abnormal Conditions on Indexes.—Under abnormal conditions since 1940 scarcity of certain types of goods, erratic supply and changes of grades in common use have created unusual difficulty in obtaining the data necessary for measuring variations in prices. In some instances, this has rendered it necessary to substitute new grades, qualities or types of articles for those formerly used as indicators of changes in price. This has been the case more particularly in the clothing, household drapery and household utensils sections of the regimen. Substitutions of similar kind were necessary at times under normal conditions in order to meet changes of fashion and usage. Such substitutions are not injurious to the index provided the transitional difficulties can be solved as they arise. No change in principle is involved. The index continues to measure, as accurately as may be, price variations, and price variations only. Just as in the pre-war period, those differences in prices which are solely due to substitution of a new item for one which has ceased to be available or in common use are neutralized by taking the price of the old item as typical of price variation in its class up to the time of substitution, and the prices of the new item as typical of such changes in price thereafter.

In normal times, popular usage of items in general consumption changes slowly and the weight of items and groups in the regimen is changed only at long intervals. In abnormal times, scarcity of supplies of some goods, rationing and kindred factors actually produce short term changes in usage. The "weights" applicable to the items in the regimen cannot, however, be changed frequently and at short intervals. (See § 9 (5), page 35.)

§ 3. Various Retail Price Indexes.

Two main series of retail price index-numbers are compiled and shown in some detail in the following pages, namely:—

- (i) the "B" Series Index relating only to food, groceries and housing, continuously available from 1907;
- (ii) the "C" Series Index relating to food, groceries, housing, clothing, household drapery and atensils, fuel and light, and other miscellaneous items of household expenditure, continuously available from 1914.

The "B" Series Index comprises only the food, groceries and housing sections of the "C" Series Index. Reference is made on pages 37 to 40 of this Report to the "A" Series Index and the "D" Series Index (which are no longer compiled), the "Court" Series Index and various other series of retail price index-numbers.

- The "C" Series Index in total provides a reliable measure of aggregate variations in retail prices (as well as of group indexes for component sections) of a high percentage of goods and services used in wage-earner households. This index is compiled for:—
 - (a) the capital city of each of the six States,

(b) four other principal towns in each of the six States,

- (c) weighted average of five towns (including capital city) in each of the six States.
- (d) weighted average for the Six Capital Cities combined,
- 'e) weighted average for the Thirty Towns (including capital cities),
- (f) separate indexes for Warwick, Port Augusta, Whyalla and Canberra.

The "C" Series Index forms the basis of the "Court" Series Index used by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the "cost of living" adjustments of wages prescribed by awards made by the Court. (See §§ 10 and 11 of this Chapter.)

§ 4. Retail Price Levels ("C" Series Index) 1914-1951.

1. Significant Dates.—The aggregate indexes for November, 1914, 1921 and 1922, and the years 1923 to 1951, for the Thirty Towns are published in summary form on pages 21-23 hereof, while the following table furnishes the relevant index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities as a whole, for certain significant dates since November, 1914—the earliest date for which this index is available.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base: 1923-27 = 1,000.)

1914, November	., 683	(Beginning of War I.)
1918, November	90	(End of War I.)
1920, November .	1,160	(Post-War peak)
1922, November	975	(Post-War trough)
1929, Year		(Pre-Depression peak)
1933, Year	802	(Depression trough)
1939, September Quarter	. 916	(Pre-War II.)
1943, March Quarter	., 1,123	(Pre-Price Stabilization)
1943, June Quarter	I,14	(War II. peak)
1945, September Quarter	1,126	(End of War II.)
1951, December Quarter	'2,042	2
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The index reveals a rise of approximately 32 per cent. during the first world war, followed by a further rise of 29 per cent. in the two post-war years (November, 1918, to November, 1920). From November, 1920 to November, 1922, there was a fall of 16 per cent., and the index remained relatively stable until the onset of the depression in 1929. During the four years of the depression 1929 to 1933 the index fell by 22 per cent., rising thereafter steadily until 1939 when it was nearly 14 per cent. above the level of 1933, and approximately at the level it had occupied at the date of the Armistice of 1918. Between the outbreak of war (September, 1939) and March, 1943 (pre-price stabilization), the index rose by approximately 23 per cent. to a level slightly below that reached at the height of the post-war boom in 1920. Compared with March Quarter, 1943, the index-number at the close of the war was practically unchanged. At December Quarter, 1951, the level was approximately 75 per cent. above that of the 1920 peak period.

Immediately after the outbreak of the war price control was established by the Government under Regulations dated 28th September, 1939, and a national policy of price stabilization was applied as from 12th April, 1943, backed by more stringent price control and price subsidies. The retail price level, as measured by the index, remained relatively steady

throughout 1944 and 1945 at the level of March, 1943. This stabilized level was approximately 23 per cent. above that of 1939 and 63 per cent. above the level prevailing at the beginning of the first world war in 1914. Since June Quarter, 1946, war-time controls, subsidies, etc., have been progressively modified and inflationary influences have supervened. The retail price index for December Quarter 1951 was 123 per cent. above that of September Quarter 1939, and 81 per cent. above the level of September Quarter 1945.

An account of price control measures and of price stabilization in Australia was published in Official Year Book of the Commonwealth No. 37, pages 458-463 and No. 38, page 414.

2. All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index, Six Capital Cities, 1914-1951.—The movement in the various groups of the index, and in the index as a whole for each year for which it has been compiled is shown in the following table for the six capital cities as a whole:—

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index and its "Group" Index-Numbers (a) for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1951.

(Base of Each Group	: Weighted Average	of Six Capital Cities.	1023-27 = 1.000.
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	Period.		Food and Groceries,	Housing (4 and 5- roomed Houses) (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5- roomed Houses) (" H" Series).	Clothing.	Miscell- ancous.	All Rems ("C" Series) Index.
1914 (c)			641	649	644	754	749	687
urs (c)	::	::	842	659	777	792	786	782
016 (c)		::	812	665	760	881	802	705
1917 (4)			836	685	782	997	882	847
1916 (4)	•••	- ::	188	722	812	1,097	972	905
919 (0)			1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (¢)	- •		1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
(¢)		• •	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
(922 (0)	1.5	.,	945	929	939	t,052	999	975
1923	••	• • •	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
024			959	088	975	1,003	1,004	982
005	••		908	1.008	1,002	100	992	997
926	• •	••	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
927	• • •		1,000	1,030	1.011	975	1.008	1,002
1928	••	••	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
919			T,044	1,075	2,054	996	1,007	1,033
930	• •	•••	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
931	• •	• •	826	901	852	853	973	873
931 933	• • •	::	796 751	817 804	803 768	804 787	958 950	830 804
934			783	810	792	785	944	817
935	• •	••	806	839	8:8	783	946	832
935	**	•••	825	879	844	797	947	850
937	-:		851	913	872	811	960	873
938	•••	•••	886	943	906	829	961	897
010			927	963	939	841	962	920
040		••	939	973	950	956	998	957
941	• •	٠. ا	947.	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
947			1,031	976	1,007	1,308	t,tta	1,091
945	••		1,037	975	1,011	1,440	\$,16a	1,131
944	••		E;026	976	1,004	I,435	1,165	1,126
945	••	• •	1,034	975	1 000	1,425	1,161	1,126
946	• •	••	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	3,145
947	••	• • •	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
918		••	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,257	1,295
949	••	••	1,304	982	1,230	1,997	1,338	1,415
950	••	• •	1,566	987	1,335	2,286	T 435	1,560
951	• •	• • •	2,041	1,009	1,634	2,749	1,679	1,883

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10.

⁽b) See footnote (b) on page 10.

⁽c) November.

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index and its "Group" Index-Numbers (a) for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1951—continued.

(Base of Each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	ļ 	Food and Grocerles.	Housing (4 and 5- roomed Houses) (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing, (4 and 5- roomed Houses) ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscell- aucous.	All Items ("C" Berles) Index,
luarter— 1939—September	Ţ.,	920	967	936	836	190	916
702			!		•		-
1945—March		1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,125
June	**	1,037	975	1,011	1,416	1,16t	1,125
September		1,040	975	1,019	1,415	1,161	1,120
December		1,030	- 975	1,007	1,448	1,161	1,12
1946 March		1,036	976	1,010	1,456	1,164	1,13.
June	٠. ا	1,042	976	1,014	1,494	1,167	1,14
September	I	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,14
December		1,037	976	1,011	2,550	1,170	7,150
1947 March	,.	1,071	976	1,032	1,525	. 1.781	1,16
June	!	1,088	076	1,043	1,534	2,184	1.12
September		1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,19:
December		1,138	977	1,073	1,639	1,217	1,22
1948-March	[1,190	978	1,105	1,661	1,231	1,24
June		1,229	979	1,129	1,720	1,248	1,27
September	1	1,274	979	1,156	1,778	1,271	1,35
December		1,330	980	1,190	1,818	1,277	1.34
1949March	j	1,361	981	1,209	1,849	1,304	1,36
June	٠. ا	1,388	981	1,226	1,963	1,325	1,40
September		1,396	98:	1.232	2,043	1,345	1. (2)
December		1,429	983	1,252	2,132	1,378	1,46
1950-March	.]	1,473	984	1,279	2,156	1,402	1,49
June		1,520	986	1,308	2,261	1,413	1,53
September	1	1,582	987	1,346	2,316	1,433	1,57
December		1,689	989	1,412	2,410	1,492	1,64
1951 March		1,790	1,004	1,480	2,487	1,564	1,71
June	!	1,925	1,007	1,503	2,745	1,641	1,83
Sentember	1	2,136	1,010	1,602	2,833	1,715	1,94
December	- 1	2,311	1,013	1 800	2,930	1,794	2,04

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10.

§ 5. Increases in Retail Prices since Outbreak of War in 1939.

1. Australia.—The following statement shows for the six State capitals and Canberra separately and for the six State capitals as a whole, the percentage increases which have taken place in retail prices of items included in the "C" Series Index from September Quarter, 1939, to December Quarter, 1951, inclusive. The proportionate increase in the total index for each capital city is shown in the line marked "Total." In the column headed "C" Series Index the total percentage rise is dissected to show what part of it was due to the rise in prices in each of the four main groups of items. Thus, of the 125.1 per cent. increase for Sydney, 56.8 was due to food and groceries, 0 4 to house rent, 50.1 to clothing and 17.8 to miscellaneous items. The column headed "Group Index" shows the percentage increase in prices of items in each group considered as a group. Thus, for Sydney, prices in the food and groceries group increased by 158.2 per cent., house rents by 1.6 per cent., prices of clothing by 252.4 per cent. and prices of miscellaneous

⁽b) See footnote (b) on page ro.

items by 95.5 per cent. These when weighted and combined in the proportion of the "C" Series Index showed a rise of 125.1 per cent. For the Six Capital Cities as a whole the increase over the period was 122.9 per cent.

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index.

Percentage Increases September Quarter, 1939, to December Quarter, 1951.

^	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.		Adelaide.	
Group.	" C " Series Index.	Group Index.	" C " Series Index.	Group Index.	" O " Series Index.	Group Index.	"C" Series Index	Group Index.
Food and Groceries Housing (4 and 5-	(a)56.8	158.2	(a)55.1	150.4	(a)53.6	150.9	(4)51.4	144,9
roomed Houses)	(a) 0.4	_	(a) 0.6	,	(a) 2.4		(a) I.8	
	(a)50.1 (a)17.8		(a)49.4 (a)16.4		(a)51.5 (a)15.8		(a)51,2](a)16.0	244.0 76.7
Total	125.1	125.1	121.5	T21.5	123.3	123.3	120.4	120.4

	Por	rth.	Hot	art.	Six : Capit	State als.(b)	Canberra,	
Group.	"C" Series Index.	Group Index.	"C" Series Index.	Group Index.	"C" Series Index.	Group Index.	"C" Series Index.	Group Index.
Housing (4 and 5- roomed Houses) Clothing	(a) 4.9 (a) 52.0 (a) 55.7	21.8 256.1	(a)53.1 (a) 3.3 (a)50.7 (a)16.5	14.0 245.3	(a)54.7 (a) 1.2 (a)50.2 (a)16.8	4.8 250.5		137.5 230 258.2 91.9
Total	120.0	120.0	123.6	123,6	122.9	122,9	121.1	121.1

⁽a) Dissection of percentage rise in total index to show amount due to rise in each group (b) Weighted average.

The foregoing comparisons refer to two points of time (i.e., the months immediately preceding the war and the closing months of 1951), at each of which special temporary factors may have influenced relative price levels. For instance, prices of certain foods (e.g., meat) fluctuate with seasonal conditions. The percentage increases shown do not, therefore, necessarily indicate the degree of increase due solely to causes peculiar to the war and post-war period.

2. International Comparisons.—The following table shows the increase during this period in Australia and certain other countries. The increases during the first world war have also been included...

United

States of

America.

Ualon of

Africa.

South

Zealand.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.
(Food, Rent, Clothing, Miscellaneous Household Expenditure.)

Canada.

United

Kingdom.

Australia.

Date.

	1	1 1		, ,		
		· (A): 1914	-1919.			-
	(a)	1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Ī 1	(b)	
1914 July	. 100	100	100	100	100(c)	100
	. 114	125	97	108	103	102
	. 116	148	102	115	106	100
	. 123	180	130	125	114	128
0	120	203	146	135	118	156
	. 149	208	155	145	126	175
(a) November.		Fuel, Light an			e for year 19	
(a) northwest.	(v) roou,	-		(c) Averag	0101 3001 19	
		(B): 1939	-1951.			
939		1 1		1 4	(a)	
September Quarter	100	100	100	100,	100	100
940Year(b) .	. 105	110	105	104	104	100
	. 110	104	111	108	109	105
942- , (b) .	. 119	120	116	117	118	116
943-,, (b).	. 124	128	117	114	126	123
		f		(c)		
944 ,, (b) .	, 123	129	118	116	130	125
	. 123	131	119	811	133	127
946 ,, (b)	. 125	131	123	т18	135	138
- n -	130	102(d)	134	122	141	158
	. 141	108	154	132	149	170
	154	111	160	134(e)	154	168
111	. 170	114	165	142	160	171
	206	124	183	157	172	185
951						
950—March Quarte	r 163	113	. 101	136	157	166
June ,.	167	114	163	140	160	168
Sept. ,,	172	114	167	145	160	172
Dec. "	1.79	116	169	147	164	176
951—March Quarte	r 187	118	`174	149	168	182
Tuna	200	123	181	155	171	184
	212	127	187	191	173	185
Sept. " Dec. "	223	129	189	164	176	187
Dec. ,,	1 223	1 149	109	1 104	1/0 .	197

(a) Food Rent and Miscellaneous Expenditure. (b) Quarterly indexes appear in preceding issues. (c) War-time Index linked to former series. (d) July-December new Series. Base: 17th June, 1947 = 100. (e) Consumers' (Retail) Price Index linked to former series.

At various stages during the first world war most of these countries introduced some measures of price control. But in the second world war they introduced price control measures at an early stage and these became more stringent as the war progressed, culminating in a policy of price stabilization.

Immediately after the outbreak of war in September, 1939, the Commonwealth Government took steps to control prices, and, by proclamation issued from day to day, pegged prices of various commodities at those ruling on 31st August, 1939. The National Security (Prices) Regulations proclaimed on 28th September, 1939, under the authority of the National Security Act. established the basic principles of war-time price control, provided for the appointment of a Commonwealth Prices Commissioner and conferred upon him extensive powers to control the price of goods declared for that purpose by the Minister for Trade and Customs. In Official Year Book of the Commonwealth, No. 37, pages 458-463, a brief summary of the development of this control is published, while in No. 38, page 414, reference is made to the transfer in September, 1948, of price control to the Governments of the States.

§ 6. Construction of All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index.

I. The Regimen.—The regimen from which the "C" Series Index is compiled consists of a list of commodities and services which commonly enter into the consumption of the average household and in respect of which comparative prices can be ascertained with due precision from time to time and place to place. (See § 2 (3) and (4) page 3 above.) The regimen is divided into the following Groups and Sections:—

Group.	Section,
I. Food and Groceries	$$ $\left\{ egin{aligned} & A. \text{Groceries.} \\ & B. \text{Dairy Produce.} \\ & C. \text{Meat.} \end{aligned} \right.$
II. Housing	DHouse Rent.
III. Clothing	E.—Clothing—Man. F.—Clothing—Woman. G.—Clothing—Boy (10½ years). H.—Clothing—Girl (7 years). J.—Clothing—Boy (3½ years).
IV. Miscellaneous	K.—Household Drapery. L.—Household Utensils. M.—Fuel and Light. N.—Other Miscellaneous.

The "C" Series Index includes the whole of the foregoing Groups, but for many purposes indexes are required for individual Groups or Sections. For this reason the following indexes are regularly compiled at the intervals shown, and published in this Report and other publications issued by the Bureau:—

Group. (a)	Content.	Frequency.	
l.	Food and Groceries	Monthly	
11.	Housing (4 and 5-roomed houses) (b)	Quarterly	
I, and II.	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5-roomed houses) ("B" Series)	Quarterly	
111.	Clothing	Quarterly	
ıv.	Miscellaneous Household Requirements	Quartorly	
., II., III. and IV.	Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5-roomed houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series)	Quarterly	

For convenience of reference two of the indexes mentioned above have been given the "scries" designation shown against them. These indexes are dealt with in turn in the following pages.

⁽a) "Group" or "Sectional" index-numbers in the various tables throughout this Report cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of Food and Groceries, Housing, Clothing or Miscellaneous requirements, since each "Group" or "Section" (or combination thereof) has its own Base = 1,000, viz., the weighted average cost for the Six Capital Cities as a whole during the five-yearly period 1923-27 for that "Group" or "Section". (b) Rent —The rent index-numbers shown in the tables of the subject measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only "The average of rents actually paid is a secretained periodically by Crusus methods—(see also page 2 above). Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the weat are not taken into account.

The articles and 'services included in the various regimens now used for the purposes of the indexes referred to are shown in the following table:—

Retail Price Indexes—Regimen.
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

No.	Item.	Unit.	"Weight" or Mass Unit (per capita).	Cost of Items in Regimen as percentage of aggregate cost-Melbourne, Dec. Quarter, (a)
	Section A.—G	ROCERIES.		
1	Bread, white flour (cash delivered)	2-lb, loaf	001	[3,41]
2	Flour, ordinary	2 lb	25	0.58
3	Flour, self-raising	2 lb. pkt	12	0.48
4	Tea	1-lb. pkt	8	1.28
6	Sugar, white granulated, IA	īlb	100	2.01
	0	1.11	-:	
7	Sago, seed tapices	i 1 lb 14-lb. tin	1 8	0.03
9	Golden Syrup	2-lb. tin	, ,	0.04
10	Oats, flaked, loose	i lb.	8	0.21
l I	Raisins, seeded	r-lb. pkt	5	0.40 12.7
[2	Currante, loose, 2-Crown	ılb	ž	0.12
.13	Apricots, dried, loose, 2-Crown	ı lb	,	0.10
14	Ponches, canned	30-0z. tin	3	0.25
15	Pears, canned	30-0z. tin	1	0.09
16	1	ł	٠.	••
17	Potatoes, new and old	7 lb	18	2.09
81	Onions, brown	1 lb	14 16	0 28
19 20	Kerosene, lighting, bulk			0.74
40	·	<u></u>	4	1 0.12)
	SECTION B.—DAH			
2 I	Butter, factory "choicest"	1 jp	30	[3.v3]
22	Cheese, ordinary, mild	1 lb		0.28
23	Eggs, standard, new laid	1 doz 1 lb	6	0 89
24	Bacon, rashers, best middle Milk, condensed, sweetened	A	13	2.06 + 9.76
25 26	Milk, fresh—in sealed bottles or not	1 tin .,	5	[0.29]
**	bottled	quart	72	1 3.35
	Section C		· ·	.,.,,,
	Beef (fresh)—	Manual.	····	
27	Sirloin (Roast) (bone in)	1 lb	18	1.68)
28	Prime Rib (Roast) including bone	1 lb	22	1.79
29	Steak-Rump	ı lb.	11	1.44
30	Steak-Chuck (stewing)	1 lb	20	1.38
31	Sausages	1 lb	7	0.40
•	Beef (corned)—		,	'
32	Silverside	1 lb	14	t.25
33	Brieket, rolled	1 lb	15	1.00
	Mutton (fresh)—	11.		15.2
34	Leg	1 lb	20	1.38
35	Forequarter	լլի, լվե	15	0.68
36	Loin, without flap	1 . 0.	4	2.00
37.	Chops—Loin	1 lb	30 10	0.70
38	Pork (fresh)—	* 10		~.,~
	Leg	ılb	3	0.42
10	Tall back and	1 lb	3	0.43
39 40	i Loid, dest sad			
40		1 lb		0.44
	Chops	1 lb	3	0.44]
40	l '	1 lb	3	0.44]

⁽a) Percentages for the various sections of the remaining Groups—III. Clothing and IV. Miscellaneous—of the "C" Series Index are shown on page 16. (b) Four and five-momed houses. (c) Perhousehold.

Retail Price Indexes-Regimen-continued.

GROUP III .-- CLOTHING.

No					
	Item.	" Weight" or Mass Unit (per capita).	No.	1tem	". Weight " or Mass Unit (per
	SECTION E CLOTHING MAN.	<u>-</u>	990	tion G.—Clothing—Boy (10} TBlas	
- i	Suit, ready-mode, Worsted (Aus-) SEC	TION G.—CROTHING—BOT (TO TELES	сонд.
2	tralian) Trousers, working, Cotton Tweed	0.67	46	Overcoat, ready-made, Tweed (Aus-	Ï —
3	(Australian) Overcoat, ready-made, Twoed (Aus-	2.60	42	trakan) Cap, Skull, Cloth	0.53
4.	le-lion)	1.00	48 49		3.00
5 I	Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Shirt, Fashion	1.67	50	Shirt, Sports Singlet, Wool (short sleeves) Singlet, Cotton (athletic)	1.00
6	Shirt, Working, Drill	4.00	51 52		1.00
8	Singlet, Wool (short sleeves) Singlet, Cotton (athletle) Underpants, Wool (full length) Underpants, Cotton "Shorts" Sox, All Wool a (4.65)	1.00	53	Stockings, Golf, All Wool Pylamas, Winceyette Pullover, All Wool	1.00
9	Singlet, Cotton (athletic)	1.00		Pyjamas, Winceyette	1.50
10	Underpants, Wool (full length)	1,00 1,00 1,00	55	Pullover, All Wool	0.50
11	Underpants, Cotton "Shorts"	1.00	56	Shoes, Box Yearning a (3.13)	1.00
12	Sox, All Wool	2,00	57		
13 14	Braces	1.33	ļ		<u> </u>
15		6.00			
16	Pyjamas, Winceyette	1.50	l		
17		1.00			
18	Shoes (for best wear), Box Call	0.50		SECTION II.—CLOTHING—GIRL (7 YE.	
19	Boots, working, Box Hide	1.50		SECTION 11.—CESTRING—STRE (7 TE	a 110)
20	SECTION F.—CLOTHING—WOMAN.(Costume, ready-made, Tweed (Australian)		60 61 62 63	Tunic, Wool Dress, Cotton Top Coat, Tweed (Australian) Hat, Wool Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Dettleoat, Rayon	9.00 0.33 1.00 2.00
21	Skirt, ready-made, Tweed (Aus-	1.25	66	Singlet, Wool and Rayon	1.00
21	tralian)	1.45	65 66 67	Singlet, Wool and Rayon	1.00 0.50 9.50
‡2 ‡3	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau)	0.75	65 66 67 68	Singlet, Wool and Rayon	1.00 0.50 9.50 2.00
22 13 24	tsalian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat Steam	1.25 0.75 1.50	65 66 67 68 69	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bioomers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Dioomers, Rayon Soy Arslet, Rayon and Listo	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 1.00
12 13 14 15	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloquers, Catton, fleery-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Friamas, Winceyette	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 1.00 4.00
22 13 24 15	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bioomers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Bioomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyiamas, Rayon	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 1.00 4.00 0.33
12 13 24 15	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon	1.45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 4.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, seecy-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Fyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Fullover, All Wool	1.00 0.30 0.50 2.00 2.00
22 13 24 25 16 17 27	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, seecy-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Fyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Fullover, All Wool	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33
22 13 24 15 16 17 23 29	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rrasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bioomers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Bioomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyiamas, Rayon	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 1.00 4.00 0.33
22 13 24 15 16 17 29 50	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rrasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biomiers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50
22 13 24 15 16 17 23 29	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australian) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rrasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biomiers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 50 31 32 31	tralian) Hat, Fut Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rrasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Hoomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biomiers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50
22 24 24 25 26 27 29 50 31 32 33 34 35	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon Stockinge, Silk, Nylon Stockinge, Lisle Gloves, Fabric	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biomiers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50
22 24 23 24 25 27 27 29 30 31 32 31 34 35 36	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon Stockinge, Silk, Nylon Stockinge, Lisle Gloves, Fabric	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biooniers, Catton, fleecy-lined Mooners, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling	1.00 0.30 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 31 32 34 35 36 37	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon Stockinge, Silk, Nylon Stockinge, Lisle Gloves, Fabric	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biomiers, Cotton, fleecy-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather	1.00 0.30 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67
22 43 24 25 27 29 30 31 32 30 31 35 36 37 38	tralian) Hat, Fut Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Places Silp, Rayon Princess Silp, Rayon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Pryamas, Winceyette	1.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 4.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Biooniers, Catton, fleecy-lined Mooners, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling	1.00 0.30 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67
22 24 24 25 26 27 29 29 31 32 31 35 36 37 36 37 36	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Rappa Nightdress Rayon Agron, Cotton	1-25 	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Cotton, fleery-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Section J.—Clothing—Boy (34 Yx	1.00 0.50 9.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50
22 23 24 25 26 27 29 29 31 35 35 35 36 37 38 39 41	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Siip, Ravon Stockinge, Silk, Nylon Stockinge, Lisle Gloves, Pabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Pyjamas, Winceyette Apron, Cotton	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6 00 3.00 2.25 0.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, fleery-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Sinces (school), Box Yearling Section J.—Clothing—Bot (32 Yz Shirt, Ranger	1.00 0.30 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67
22 24 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 31 35 36 37 38 39 40 40 41 42	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Aron, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Olace Kid	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00 6.00 3.00 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, seecy-sined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Whoeveste Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Section J.—Clothing—Boy (34 Yz Shirt, Ranger Pants, rendy-made, Tweed (Aus-	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50
22 23 24 25 26 27 29 29 31 35 35 35 36 37 38 39 41	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Rasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Rappa Nightdress Rayon Agron, Cotton	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00 6.00 3.00 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 73 73 74 75	Singlet, Wood and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bioomers, Catton, fleery-lined Moomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Sinces (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, rendy-made, Tweed (Australian)	1.00 0.50 9.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50
22 24 24 25 26 27 29 29 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Aron, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Olace Kid	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00 6.00 3.00 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	Singlet, Wood and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Cotton, seecy-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, rendy-made, Tweed (Australian)	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50
22 24 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 31 35 36 37 38 39 40 40 41 42	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Aron, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Olace Kid	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00 6.00 3.00 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 73 74 75 76 77 78	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, fleery-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Whoevette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Sloces (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Overcoat, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Hat, Cloth	1.00 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.30
22 24 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 31 35 36 37 38 39 40 40 41 42	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Aron, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Olace Kid	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6.00 3.00 6.00 3.00 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, fleery-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Whoevette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Sloces (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Overcoat, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Hat, Cloth	1.00 0.50 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50 3.00 3.00 0.33 1.33 1.33
22 24 25 26 27 28 29 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 40 41 42	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Pabric Gloves, Pabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon April, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Claes Kid Shoes (for ordinary wear), Box Calf	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6 00 3.00 2.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, fleecy-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Slices (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Overcoat, ready-made, Tweed (Australian) Hat, Cloth Singlet, Wool Singlet, Cotton (athletic)	1.00 0.50 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50 3.00
22 24 25 25 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	tralian) Hat, Fur Felt (Australiau) Hat, Straw Frock, ready-made, Cotton Frock, ready-made, Rayon Frasslere Undervest, Wool and Rayon Undervest, Rayon Bloomers, Rayon Princess Silp, Ravon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Silk, Nylon Stockings, Lisle Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Fabric Gloves, Nappa Nightdress, Rayon Aron, Cotton Cardigan, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Olace Kid	1-45 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 6 00 3.00 2.25 0.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	65 66 67 68 69 71 72 73 74 75 77 78 79 80 81	Singlet, Wool and Rayon Singlet, Rayon Singlet, Rayon Bloomers, Catton, fleecy-lined Bloomers, Rayon Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle Pyjamas, Winceyette Pyjamas, Rayon Pullover, All Wool Shoes (for best wear), Patent Leather Shoes (school), Box Yearling Shirt, Ranger Pants, rendy-made, Tweed (Australian) Overcoat, rendy-made, Tweed (Australian) Hat, Cloth Singlet, Wool Singlet, Cotten fathletic) Sox, Anklet, Rayon and Lisle	1.00 9.50 2.00 2.00 2.00 4.00 0.33 0.33 0.50 0.67 1.50 3.00 3.00 0.33 1.30 1.30 4.00
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⁽a) Mass unit actually applicable, and inclindes "weight" transferred from similar article now detected (b) The mass units were rused by 50 per cent throughout this Section to restore its due proportionate "weight" in the Clathing Group of the Index as from September Quarter, 1936

Retail Price Indexes-Regimen-continued.

GROUP IV.-MISCELLANEOUS.

No.	Item.	"Welght" or Mass Unit (per household).	No.	Item	"Weight" or Mass Unit (per household).
	SECTION K HOUSEHOLD DRAW	BRY.	Se	otion L.—Household Utbrails	-continued.
1 . 5 6	Blankets, D.B. (pair) Blankets, S.B. (pair) Quitt, D.B.	0.07 0.14 0.25	26 27 28 29 30 31	Kuife, Table (stainless) Spoon, Tea #. Spoon, Pessort Fork, Table Globe, Electric Light (gas-filled) Iron, Electric (full size)	0.10 0.08 0.08 0.10 1.00
6 7 8 9	Sheets, S.B. (pair) Pillow Silp, Cotton Towel Table Cloth Tea Towel (yard)	1.00 \$.00 \$.00 0.20 4.00	33	SECTION M.—FURL AND LIG Firewood (blocks) (cwt.) (b)	#7.
!	SECTION L.—HOUSEROLD UTENS!	<u>'</u>	33 34 35	Gas, cooking (units) (5) Electric lighting (units) Electric power (units) (5)	1,518 130 130
11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	Cup and Saucer	2,60	No.	Item.	Amount per week (per household),
19 14 15 16	Jug, Quart (Earthenware) Teapot Basin, Pudding (Enamel), 61-jach Tumbler (8-oz.)	1.00 0 25 1.00 1.00		SECTION NOTHER MISCELLAN	
17 18 19 20	Kettle, Enamel (4-plnt) a (0.37) Saucepan, Enamel (3-plnt) Bucket, Galvanized (11-inch) Dipper	0.40 0.20 0.20	36 37 38	Union Dues Lodge Dues Medicine Newspapers	d. (c) (c) (e)
12 15 24 25	Broom, Millet Broom, Halr, complete (12-inch) Brush, Scrubbing (10-inch) Mop, Polishing, complete	0.50 0.33 1.50 0.20	40 41 42 43	Recreation	(c) (e) (d) (r)

⁽a) Mass unit actually applicable, and includes "weight" transferred from similar article now detected.

2. The Mass Units (or "Weights") and Method of Tabulation.—
(i) The "mass units" (or "weights") are multipliers representing the approximate average annual consumption per head or per household under normal conditions. The index-numbers are computed on a "total annual aggregative expenditure" basis, i.e., the total annual expenditure from time to time by a standard population in respect of the selected regimen of commodities and services commonly entering into household consumption, and of a constant standard quality. As a first step, therefore, it is necessary to multiply the price of each item by its "weight" per head or per household as the case may be. Thus, the "weight" of bread is 100 2-lb, loaves per head; of sugar 100 lb, per head: of towels 3 per household: and of housing 52 rent-weeks per household. The result of this initial calculation is designated the "P.MU" aggregate (i.e., Price x Mass Unit).

⁽b) Standard mass units. In certain provincial towns where gas and/or electricity are not used the mass units differ from the standard.

⁽e) A basic amount per week is varied quarterly (where necessary) in accordance with changes shown by an index of variation

The sum of the above "P.MU" results for each Section or Group is then multiplied; by its appropriate population or household "weight" to produce the respective annual aggregate expenditures. Thus, Sections A to C (Food and Groceries) would be multiplied by the total population; Section D (Housing) by the total number of households; Sections E to J (Clothing) by the proportion of the total population applicable to each; and Sections K to N (Miscellaneous) by the total number of households.

The combination of the aggregates from the last paragraph gives the "total annual aggregate expenditure" for the whole regimen, from which the "C" Series index-number is derived by applying to 1,000 the ratio which the aggregate for any period bears to the aggregate for the base period of the index. In the process of tabulation all prices are converted to pence for these final aggregates.

For tabulating purposes some of these "mass units" are varied when necessary to make up a deficiency or cancel out an excess in the aggregate resulting from a change in the standard of any item upon which prices are collected, to ensure that such changes shall not be wrongly recorded by the index as variations in prices. The "mass units" published above, however, still continue to show the correct relative consumption "weights" actually applicable to the commodities and services in the regimen for the constant standards used in the index See also § 2 (3) and § 6 (3) of this chapter.

- (ii) The five sections into which the clothing group is divided are somewhat arbitrary, but they follow those adopted by the Royal Commission on the Basic Wage (see p. 106). The sections for men and women are now regarded as being applicable to persons aged seventeen years and upwards. The section for a boy aged ten and a half years is taken as representative of both sexes from ten to sixteen years; the section for a girl aged seven as representative of both sexes from five to nine years; and the section for a boy aged three and a half years is taken as representative of children aged four years and under.
- (iii) In estimating the annual average consumption per head of food and groceries for household purposes, small adjustments in the crude average consumption were made in two ways. Consumption by factories, when the product did not go into household use in Australia, was deducted. On the other hand, the "weights" given to some foods, such as dried apricots and canned peaches, cover also the consumption of other similar foods. The "weights" of individual food items were not adjusted to take account of war-time scarcities and rationing.
- (iv) Some foods of some importance, such as fresh fish, and fresh fruit and vegetables other than potatoes and onions, are not included in the regimen because comparable prices for a standard grade cannot be obtained from time to time or place to place and because of marked seasonal

fluctuations in supplies and consumption. The inclusion of such items, therefore, would impair the accuracy of the index. In the original regimen certain omissions were made partly on account of the difficulty of securing comparable prices. Some cuts of meat, for example, are excluded because they are not uniformly standardized. Mutton is included and not lamb because the latter, in many places, is available only seasonally. However, the appropriate total weight for meat is distributed amongst the cuts included in the regimen. Proprietary lines of breakfast foods are excluded because they are not universally available.

- (v) In the case of Food and Groceries (Group I.) the "weights" adopted are, approximately, the annual average consumption per head for household purposes of the various articles during the years 1927 to 1929. The "weights" allotted to items in Clothing (Group III.) and Household Drapery (Section K of Group IV.) are based largely on the results of the inquiries of the Royal Commission on the Basic-Wage, which reported in 1920 and 1921. After exhaustive inquiries the Commission published a "regimen" for an average working family of five persons, and set out the constituent items in its "Indicator List". This list, so far as it related to the articles in question, was followed substantially in the original compilation of the "C" Series Index and has been adjusted by subsequent investigations of the Bureau to accord with changes in popular usage. The mass units used for fuel and light are based, indirectly, on the findings of the Commission. Until September Quarter, 1936 fixed amounts were used for the miscellaneous items of Section N, but since the date mentioned, provision has been made to vary certain of these amounts periodically, in accordance with ascertained changes.
- (vi) The "weights" allotted to the items were not adjusted to take account of war-time shortages or rationing, and the index therefore measured war-time price changes in relation to a normal (or pre-war) apportionment of household expenditure. (See § 2 (5) and § 9 (5) of this chapter.)
- 3. Relative "Aggregate Expenditure" of Items and Groups.—In the base period of the index (the years 1923 to 1927) the relative importance of each of the four main groups, expressed as a percentage of the weighted average "aggregate expenditure" in the Six Capital Cities (from which all relative index-numbers are derived) was as shown in the third column of the following table. Although the "weights" of each item in the regimen are kept virtually constant, the relative "aggregate expenditure" of the various items and groups varies from time to time as relative prices change.

The percentage distribution for Melbourne in the base period was practically identical with that of the Six Capital Cities as a whole, and has continued to be representative of the relative movement of prices in the capital cities up to the present time. For this and other reasons, therefore, the percentage distribution of the Melbourne "aggregate expenditures"

has been published in previous issues of this Report, and these figures for December quarter, 1950, are shown in the last column of the table for comparison with those of the base period.

		Proportion of Aggr	egato Expenditure.
Group.	Section.	1923-27. (Base). Six Capital Cities.	Dec. Qtr., 1950. Melbourne.
I. Food and Groceries II. Housing III. Clothing IV. Miscellaneous	A Groceries B Dairy Produce C Meat D House Rent— (4 and 5-roomed houses) E Man F Woman G Boy, 10½ years H Girl, 7 years J Boy, 3½ years K Household Drapery L Household Utensils M Fuel and Light N Other Miscellancous	21.26 10.94 38.66 10.94 38.66 21.26 8.69 9.12 2.89 2.3.04 1.36 0.98 1.09 0.49 4.92 10.54	12.77 9.70 15.24 13.74 12.48 14.45 2.33 1.75 0.87 2.17 0.66 4.34 9.50
		100.00	100.00

4. Base Periods of the Indexes.—The base period originally adopted by the Bureau for its retail price indexes was the year 1911. When the collection of the prices of clothing and miscellaneous items was undertaken for the purposes of the "C" Series Index, the month of November, 1914, was adopted as the base period for this series. The desirability of computing retail price indexes to a new base was considered by a Conference of Statisticians in 1929, and it was resolved that from 1st January, 1930, the five years 1923–27 should be adopted as the base period. Commencing with Labour Report No. 21 for 1930, therefore, the retail price indexes have been published on this base. The aggregate to which all index-numbers are related is the weighted "aggregate expenditure" of the regimen in the six capital cities during the period taken as base expressed as an index-number of 1,000.

Conferences of statisticians in 1949 and 1950 left consideration of the adoption of a new base period to be made in conjunction with the next general review of the index. In the Monthly Review of Business Statistics the index is recomputed with the three years ended June, 1939, as base.

Indexes on the earlier bases mentioned will be found in previous issues of the Labour Report, as follows:—

- (i) 1911 Buse.—Food and groceries; rent of all houses; and food, groceries and rent of all houses ("A" Series Index)—Labour Reports Nos. I to 15.* Food and groceries; rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses; and food, groceries and rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses ("B" Series Index)—Labour Reports Nos. 16 to 20.
- (ii) 1914 Base.—Food and groceries; rent of all houses; clothing; miscellaneous; all items of household expenditure (subsequently retrospectively revised to include rents of 4 and 5-roomed houses only)—

^{*} These Index-numbers appear in the Appendix to each Labour Report Nos 16 to 28 and also in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics up to No 135, June, 1938.

Labour Reports Nos. 12 to 16. Food and groceries; rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses; clothing; miscellaneous; all items of household expenditure ("C" Series Index)—Labour Reports Nos. 17 to 20.

The conversion of these indexes from one base to another may be readily effected by multiplying the index-number to be converted by the appropriate factor shown in the following table:—

Group:	1911 to 1914 (a).	1914 (6) to 1911.	1911 to 1923-27.	1923-27 to 1911.	1914 (a) to 1923-27.	1923-27 to 1914(a).
Food and Groceries Housing (4 and 5-100med	0.87230	1.14639	0.55929	1.78800	0.64116	1.55970
houses) Food. Groceries and	0.94279	₹.06068	·0.61161	1.63500	0.64872	1.54150
Rent ("B" Series)	0.89750	1.11420	0.57785	1.73060	0.64384	1.55320
Clothing				} ~~.	0.75412	1.32610
Miscellaneous			•		0.74891	1.33530
All Items ("C" Series)		••	•••	•	0.68715	1.45530

(a) November.

The results obtained by the method above will, of course, be only approximate, but the error will not be greater than one point in the unit figure.

5. Relative Population Weights for Towns.—Weighted averages for any combination of towns or States may be calculated approximately by multiplying the index-numbers* of the towns or States to be included by their population weights, and dividing the sum of the products by the sum of the multipliers. The population weights used in the computations of these weighted averages for 1934 and succeeding years are as follows:—

Relative Population Weights Used for Different Towns.

New Sou Wales,		Victoria		Queenslan	ığ.	South, Aust	ralia.	Wester Australi		Tasmania	ı.
Town.	Weight.	Town.	Weight.	Town.	Weight.	Town.	Weight.	Town.	Weight.	Town.	Weight.
Sydney Newcastle Broken Hill Goulburn Bathurst Total	105 27 15	Melbourne Ballarat Bendigo Geelong W'nambool Total	38 29 39	Brisbane T'woomba Rockham'n †Townsville †Bundaberg †Total	26 29 26	Adelaide Kadina,ete. Pt. Pirie Mt. Gamb'r Peterbor'gh Total	11 12 5	Perth, etc. Kalg'ile,etc Northem Bunbury Geraldton Total	17 5 5	Hobart Launceston Burnie Devonport Queenst'wn Total	60 33 4 5

[†] Townsville and Bundaberg were substituted for Charters Towers (7) and Warwick (7) in the "five towns" tabulation in March Quarter, 1937.

The weights used are based on the 1933 Census results, and represent to the nearest 1,000 the actual population at that date.

These weights produce results which differ only very slightly from those obtained from the weights previously in use. The latter were based upon the 1921 Census results, and were last published in Labour Report, No. 23.

^{*} The official index-numbers are calculated by operating on the "aggregates" of the towns concerned, a procedure which may produce slightly different results from the above.

§ 7. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index-Numbers.

- 1. General.—The results of inquiries into price movements are available as follows:—
- (i) Monthly.—The Monthly Review of Business Statistics contains annual, quarterly and monthly index-numbers to the latest available date.
- (ii) Quarterly.—A statement is issued about three weeks after the end of each quarter giving the "C" Scries index-numbers for that quarter and immediately preceding quarters in respect of each of the 30 cities and towns originally adopted and for certain other towns, e.g., Canberra, for which "C" Series index-numbers are now compiled. The Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics contains annual, quarterly and monthly index-numbers to the latest available date. This publication also contains the average prices of the items of food and groceries, for each month of the last available quarter, in the 30 towns covered by the investigation. Particulars of movements in certain average rents of 4 and 5-roomed houses in these towns are also shown therein.
- (iii) Annual.—The Labour Report contains index-numbers over a number of past years, and the monthly and quarterly results for at least the last available year. The average prices for the last year of the items of food and groceries, and house rents, are also published in this Report. The Official Year Book also contains information similar to, but in less detail than that published herein.
- 2. All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index.—On pages 6-7 above is published a table of weighted averages for the six capital cities combined, of "C" Series index-numbers, together with index-numbers for the four main groups of items in the "C" Series Index for each year 1914-1951.

In the pages immediately following are published:-

- (i) the "C" Series index-number for the last quarter of each of the years 1939 and 1945 to 1950 (page 19) and for the month of November of each of the years 1914 to 1920 (page 20), for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, and showing also separate indexes for each of the four groups of items;
- (ii) the "C" Series index-numbers for November, 1914, 1921 and 1922, the years 1923 to 1950, the September Quarter, 1939, and each quarter during the period March Quarter, 1944, to December Quarter, 1950, for each of the 30 towns, with the weighted averages of the 5 towns in each State, 30 towns and the six capital cities (pages 21-23);
- (iii) the "C" Series index-numbers for the years 1939 to 1950 and the twelve quarters ended 31st December, 1950, for four additional towns not included in the weighted averages in (ii) above, and showing also separate indexes for each of the four groups of items (page 24);
- (iv) "Group" index-numbers for each of the four groups of items in the "C" Series Index for places mentioned in (ii) above for November, 1914 and 1921, the years 1939 and 1943 to 1950 and the four quarters ended 31st December, 1950 (pages 25-27).

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index-Numbers(a): Capital Cities.

(Base of each Group: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

	Period.			Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane,	Adelaide.	Perth,	Hobart,	Six Capitals, (b)
				GR	оџе І.—Б	OOD AND	GROCERII	88.		
Dec.	Qtr.	1939	٠.	940	942	859	888	926	941	927
7#	**	1945	• •	1,029	1,055	963	1,001	1,051	1,062	1,030
**	**	1946	• •	1,047	1,044	996	1996	1,052	1,084	1.037
**	**	1947	- •	1,138	1,160	1,280	1,112	1,132	1,180	1,138
,,	**	1948 1949	• •	1,326	1,355	1,367	1,305	7,324 1,488	1,416	1,330
,,	,,	1950		1,713	1,724	1,551	1,606	1,707	1,665	1,689
			GR	OUP II	Housing	(4 AND 5	-ROOMED	Houses).(c)	
Dec.	Qtr.	1939		1,040	960	855	891	882	930	969
**	**	1945		1,043	973	863	892	886	934	975
**	**	1946		1,043	973	863	895	886	936	976
**	**	1947		1,045	974	864	899	887	936	977
**	13	1948	• •	1,047	974	866	905	890	938	980
**	**	1949	• •	1,049	977	873	914	897	941	983
-,,		1950	·	1,050	1 979	898	937	904	94T	989
	Gво	jes I.	AND	H.—Foo	n, Groce	RIES AND	Housing	("B" 8	eries In	DEX).
Dec.	Qtr.	1939		977	947	855	887	907	935	941
**	**	1945	• •	1,032	1,021	922	957	984	1,010	1,007
**	**	1946	• •	1,043	1,014	942	955	985	1,024	1,011
**	**	1947		1,099	1,084	1,001	1,026	1,034	1,082	1,073
**	**	1948	٠.	1,214	1,203	1,116	1,740	1,152	1,226	1,190
,,	**	1949	• •	1,273	1,263	1,171	1,206	► I,254	1,287	1,252
**	>1	1950	-:-	1.451	[.429	1,293	1,341	τ,390	1,379	1 1,412
					GROUP	ш.—Със	THING.			
Dec.	Qtr.	1939		854	862	865	869	840	867	858
	**	1945		1,459	1,445	1,446	1,433	1,423	1,447	1,448
**	**	1946	• •	1,555	1,551	1,552	1,529	1,548	1,558	1,550
**	**	1947	٠.	1,639	1,649	τ,619	1,618	1,647	1,653	1,639
**	,,	1048	• •	1,831	1,801	1,817	1,809	1,835	1,807	1.818
77	**	1949	• •	2,161	2,117	2,072	2,113	2,155	2,129	2,132
*	*	1950	• •	2,447	2,389	2,355	1 2,390	2,408	1 2,401	2,410
				(GROUP IV	.—Міясві	LLANEOUS.			
Dec.		1939	٠.	943	983	960	1,027	957	945 1	967
**	P#	1945		1,163	1,158	1,133	1,213	1,139	1,099	1,161
**	**	1946	• • •	1,175	1,165	1,141	1,222	1,147	1,110	1,170
**	••	1947	٠.	1,245	1,201	1,157	1,266	1,160	7,140	1,217
**	••	1948	• •	1.279	1,273	1,249	1,350	1,242	1,191	1,277
**	11	1949		1,389	1,397 1,482	1,316	1,410	1,305	1,234	1,378
12	**	1930		1 1172/	1 1400	1,411	1,555	1 3,5/4	1,383	1,492
			GRO	urs I. to	IV.—AL	L ITEMS	(" C " Sei	ries) Ind	EX.	
Dec.	Qtr.	1939		943	932	874	906	899	919	926
19	**	1945	••	1,147	1,137	1,074	1,106	1,107	1,120	1,129
**	97	1946	• •	1,177	1,157	1,110	1,128	1,136	1,155	1,156
**	**	1947	• •	1,242	1,227	1,163	1,198	1,189	1,216	1,221
٠,	**	1948	•	1.359	1,345	1,291	1,327	1,316	1.344	1,341
"	**	1949	• •	1,486	1,472	1,393	1,440	1,459	1,459	1,466
-**	*1	1950		1,680	1 1,646	1,546	j r,608	1,607	1,601	+ 1,643
(a)	See fo	ostasta	(n) i	on base 10	. (b) We	elghted ave	rage. (c) See footn	ote (b) en	page 10.
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All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index-Numbers(a): Capital Cities. (Base of each Group: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

	Period.		Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart,	Sin Capitals (b)
				GROUP I.—	FOOD AND	GROCERIE	s.		·
Jan	1914		638	616	614	683	216	687	641
		٠. ا			86o		746		
P-7	1915	• •	844	835		858	819	858	842
**	1916	٠.	833	79I	748	835	854	807	812
F)	1917	•••	877	798	825	805	828	949	836
**	1918	٠٠)	877	843	882	862	816	918	861
*1	1919	[1,073	975	1,069	1,012	987	1,041	1,026
9 P	1920	· · · · ·	1,225	1,220	1,117	1,225	1,113	1,293	1,209
			GROUP LI	.—Housing	3 (4 AND 5	-ROOMED 1	touses).(c)	
lov.	1914		758	608	463	611	586	525	649
**	1915		780 ·	611	472	574	581	571	659
••	1916		791	625	467	573	592	574	665
,,	1917		797	657	492	606	602	586	685
	1918		832	699	526	656	бта	614	722
	1919		866	744	604	707	650	746	768
**	1920	}	980	807	634	783	718	904	851
<u>.,,</u>				<u>-</u>			 -		
	GROUP	8 1	мъ 11.—1	Food, Gro	CERIES ANI	11QUSING	(88	ERIES IN	obx).
Joe.	1914		68o	613	560	658	689	630	644
	1915		825	756	722	758	734	756	277
**	1916		818		648		761	724	760
••	-	• •	848	732 748	707	742 734	748	820	782
••	1917 1918	٠. ا	861			789		810	812
••	-	ا ٠٠٠	1,000	792	756		746		
••	1919			893	904	904	867	936	934
**	1920	<u>··· l</u>	1,138	1,074	945	1,068	973	1,155	1,082
				GROU	P III.—CL	OTHING.	<u> </u>	1	
Nov.	1914		755	780	657	756	698	825	754
••	1915		805	797	690	821	760	833	792
	1916	- : :	903	870	779	919	849	940	881
••	1917		1,009	976	899	1,049	980	1,041	992
**	1918	::	1,102	1,103	1,025	1,066	1,135	1,200	1,097
**	1919	• • •	1,237	1,213	1,192	1,303	1,277	1,344	1,238
**	1920		1,323	1,422	1,274	1,384	1,359	1,430	1,365
"	-,	<u> </u>		 -	V.—Misor		-1555	1 -143*	, -,,-,
				GROUP	. v.—-Musok	LLANEOVS.		· ·	i
VOV.	1914]	766	728	728	. 770	780	699	749
**	1915		798	770	756	803	822	779	786
**	1916		808	784	766	832	869	780	802
**	1917		889	879	836	883	926	865	882
	1918	٠,	988	950	931	988	1,035	945	972
	1919		1,059	1,016	968	1,035	1,120	1,006	1,036
**	1920		1,209	1,181	1,139	1,200	1,262	1,124	1,194
			GROUPS I.	то IV.—.	ALL ITEMS	(" C " See	ies) Ind	EX.	
Jo-	1914		212	637	611	699	707	687	687
		•••	712	671	L		707		
	1915	••	816	768	721	780	755	776	782
**	1916	••	836	773	698	798	800	783	795
"			892 .	823	773	832	832	879	847
	1917	•••							
**	1918	,	938	890	848	887	885	923	905
1) 11				890 988 1,172	848 981 1,054	387 1,018 1,164	1,005 1,111	923 1,042 1,213	1,021 1,160

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10. (b) Weighted average. See pages 21-23 for corresponding figures for years 1921 to 1950. (c) See footnote (b) on page 10

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

		NEW SOUTH WALES.								VICT	ORIA.		
	erlod.	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulbura.	Bathurat.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Wartdam.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.
	1914 (a) 1921 1922	712 1,046 1,021 1,023	1,041 967 992	975 933 958	1,033 983 1,024	947 893 924	1,042 1,011 1,018	671 1,003 963 1,004	992 936 924	7,002 935 937	1,019 982 966	1,034 914 956	1,003 960 996
,,	1923 1944 1925	1,002 1,016	967 986	930 972	1,039	917	997	976 984	896 914	937	933 950	960 942	968 977
11 14 2)	1926 1927 1928 1929 1930	1,033 1,029 1,042 1,073 1,026	1,010 1,015 1,014 1,028	988 1,000 997 1,018 973	1,050 1,062 1,074 1,108 1,039	978 952 964 979 959	1,030 1,027 1,038 1,067	998 990 992 1,017 956	931 922 929 957 909	933 940 936 969 926	984 985 973 980 917	946 945 941 960 939	992 965 987 1,011 951
**	1931 1932 1933	922 867 832 842	888 840 819 834	882 834 806 819	922 877 843 852	867 820 801 807	918 863 830 841	846 813 789 801	608 776 760 781	833 808 789 811	822 794 772 782	860 838 813 826	843 817 787 801
n D	1935	852 866 889 913 936	856 853 849 877 901	819 848 893 940 955	864 867 893 916	814 833 842 860 683	852 865 886 911 933	824 844 868 896 924	803 826 839 850 874	820 821 840 854 875	824 848 855 884 911	850 857 856 892 918	824 843 866 893 920
** ** **	1940 1941 1942 1943	974 1,028 1,107 1,151	945 997 1,069 1,109	981 1,049 1,132 1,172	949 1,005 1,087	923 974 1,050	972 1,026 1,304 1,147	964 1,008 1,100 1,139	900 950 1,037 1,084	920 963 1,054 1,096	941 984 1,065 1,110	954 998 1,078 1,126	960 1,004 1,095 1,135
" ",	1944 1945 1946	1,144 1,142 1,165 1,212	1,100 1,110 1,119 1,167	1,179 1,192 1,216 1,257	1,118 1,114 1,134 1,177	1,088 1,091 1,116 1,162	1,140 1,139 1,162 1,208	1,135 1,135 1,149 1,188	1,083 1,086 1,094 1,132	1,101 1,099 1,107 1,141	1,113 1,113 1,124 1,170	1,139 1,139 1,153 1,186	1,131 1,131 1,145 1,184
*,	1948 1949 1950 Sept Qtr.	1,318 1,439- 1,593	1,279 1,402 1,543 897	1,528 1,692 943	1,291 1,426 1,578	1,277 1,403 1,552 881	1,437 1,591 930	1,294 1,415 1,565 918	1,243 1,365 1,509 875	1,244 1,365 1,520	1,278 1,397 1,549	1,283 1,398 1,558	1,290 1,411 1,561
1944	Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,,	1,143 1,143 1,146 1,146	1,097 1,089 1,093 1,095	1,175 1,174 1,184 1,184	1,118 1,119 1,117 1,116	1,085 1,086 1,090 1,089	1,139 1,139 1,142 1,138	1,129 1,133 1,140 1,138	1,074 1,082 1,087	,I,095 I,10I I,104 I,102	1,103 1,112 1,118 1,116	1,115 1,122 1,138 1,140	1,125 1,129 1,136 1,134
1945-	Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,,	1,138 1,141 1,142 1,147	1,093 1,099 1,103 1,106	1,184 1,193 1,194 1,198	I,IIO 1,111 1,112 I,I2I	1,086 1,089 1,090	1,135 1,138 1,139 1,145	1,132 1,134 1,135 1,137	1,086 1,086 1,085 1,085	1,099 1,098 1,099 1,099	1,114 1,112 1,114 1,112	I,135 I,135 I,139 I,145	1,129 1,131 1,132 1,133
1946	Mar. Qtr. June Sept Dec	1,351 1,165 1,167 1,177	1,108 1,117 1,119 1,131	1,203 1,218 1,218 1,223	1,123 1,133 1,134 1,145	1,105 1,116 1,120 1,122	1,148 1,161 1,163 1,174	1,141 1,150 1,149 1,157	1,089 1,094 1,095 1,096	1,101 1,105 1,107 1,114	1,117 1,126 1,121 1,132	1,146 1,154 1,152 1,159	1,137 1,146 1,145 1,153
1947	Mar. Qtr. June Sept Dec	1,192 1,194 1,218 1,242	1,149 1,150 1,169 1,199	1,234 1,237 1,258 1,298	1,155 1,160 1,183 1,211	1,137 1,147 1,169 1,196	1,189 1,191 1,214 1,239	1,159 1,175 1,189 1,227	1,104 1,123 1,132 1,170	1,118 1,130 1,139 1,177	1,144 1,161 1,170 1,203	1,164 1,175 1,185 1,219	1,156 1,171 1,185 1,223
1948	Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	1,270 1,305 1,337 1,359	1,233 1,263 1,266 1,324	1,324 1,364 1,396 1,419	1,243 1,271 1,309 1,341	1,229 1,263 1,298 1,318	1,267 1,302 1,334 1,357	1,249 1,272 1,309 1,345	1,199 1,222 1,256 1,294	1,206 1,222 1,256 1,290	1,233 1,256 1,296 1,325	1,240 1,266 1,297 1,329	1,246 1,268 1,305 1,341
	Mar. Qtr. June Sept Dec	1,391 1,425 1,452 1,486	1,352 1,393 1,413 1,449	1,461 1,504 1,554 1,593	t,380 1,421 1,434 1,467	1,358 1,393 1,411 1,448	1,389 1,424 1,451 1,485	1,363 1,402 1,422 1,472	1,315 1,355 1,369 1,420	1,314 1,355 1,366 1,424	1,344 1,385 1,401 1,457	1,349 1,387 1,404 1,451	1,359 1,399 1,417 1,468
1950	Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	1,515 1,564 1,613 1,680	1,473 1,519 1,552 1,628	1,624 1,646 1,717 1,790	1,495 1,555 1,557 1,664	1,475 1,522 1,570 1,641	1,513 1,562 1,610 1,678	1,501 1,542 1,569 1,646	1,456 1,480 1,513 1,588	1,462 1,495 1,529 1,592	1,493 1,523 1,559 1,619	1,483 1,531 1,571 1,648	1,498 1,538 1,566 1,642

⁽s) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, 800 page 20

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns-continued.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

		1	QUEENSLAND.							SO	JTH A	USTRA	LIA.	
¥	Period.		Brisbane.	Тоочоошра.	Rock. hampton.	Townsville	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt Gembier.	Peter- borough.	Weighted Average, § Towns.
Nov.	1914 (a) 1921 .		611 923	049 841	972 883	1,0250	9940	941 873	699 989	998	I,025	1,029	9.48 868	992
Year	1922 . 1923 . 1924 . 1925 .	:	877 923 915 923	899 890 919	884 872 907	8656 9108 9036 8968	891d 910d 896d 903d	917 909 920	954 1,008 1,015 1,028	903 952 929 930	922 936 943 969	906 930 914 937	934 969 1,013	947 1,001 1,007 1,011
1		:	950 922 917 923 859	945 914 906 916 885	947 929 903 904 868	9258 9188 9258 9398 8836	9516 9466 9146 9316 8826	949 923 915 922 863	1,026 1,018 1,027 1,037 952	935 932 927 943 885	988 979 960 980 927	956 945 948 969 918	1,016 1,023 1,017 1,043 980	1,020 1,012 1,019 1,030 948
" " " " " " "	1931 . 1937 . 1933 .		798 764 751 762 780	816 788 778 785 785	806 779 752 759 726	827b 794b 762b 759b 789b	815c 777c 757c 761c 761c	801 768 753 764 780	837 802 789 806 820	801 772 747 758 763	834 791 762 778 789	831 816 800 800 800	884 848 832 832 833	836 801 787 804 817
,, ,, ,, ,,	1936 . 1937 . 1938 . 1939 .	- 1	804 1 837 852 870 908	802 840 843 858 898	802 840 853 867 905	810b 883 902 918 950	7790 809 831 847 879	803 840 854 871 909	839 859 888 906 936	765 769 786 810 833	813 844 868 896 919	818 830 849 872 894	843 851 868 897	835 855 885 902 931
;; ;; ;;	1941 . 1942 . 1943 .		963 1,033 1,072 1,071 1,072	951 1,033 1,080 1,085 1,087	959 1,032 1,073 1,074 1,079	1,004 1,075 1,114 1,117 1,114	938 1,015 1,057 1,057 1,054	964 1,035 1,075 1,075 1,075	988 1,075 1,102 1,098 1,102	882 962 998 995	976 1,057 1,087 1,081 1,085	946 1,024 1,061 1,064 1,070	974 1,053 1,087 1,087 1,093	983 1,069 1,093 1,093
**	1946 . 1947 . 1948 .	:	1,093 1,137 1,241 1,348 1,472	1,107 1,152 1,246 1,360 1,486	1,096 1,140 1,241 1,357 1,491	1,136 1,181 1,282 1,404 1,525	1,074 1,115 1,221 1,335 1,404	1,097 1,140 1,244 1,352 1,478	1,120 1,165 1,277 1,393 1,521	1,020 1,067 1,166 1,295 1,423	1,106 1,152 1,260 1,369 1,500	1,093 1,134 1,235 1,340 1,499	1,108 3,152 1,253 1,368 1,496	1,116 1,160 1,274 1,388 1,516
1939	Sept Q		866	853	861	912	843	867	903	812	897	866	896	899
1944	Mar. Qt June Sept. Dec.	:	1,072 1,072 1,071 1,069	1,087 1,085 1,084 1,084	1,075 1,076 1,074 1,071	1,116 1,119 1,117 1,116	1,056 1,060 1,057 1,056	1,075 1,076 1,075 1,073	1,098 1,096 1,101 1,098	996 992 995 996	1,081 1,077 1,084 1,080	1,057 1,057 1,071 1,070	1,083 1,082 1,095 1,089	1,093 1,091 1,093
1945	Mar. Qt June Sept. , Dec. ,	:	1,071 1,072 1,069 1,074	1,086 1,088 1,085 1,088	1,077 1,083 1,077 1,080	1.117 1,115 1,109 1,114	1,056 1,053 1,049 1,056	1,075 1,076 1,073 1,077	1,098 1,100 1,103 1,106	993 996 1,003 1,005	1,080 1,084 1,086 1,090	1,067 1,068 1,073 1,073	1,089 2,090 1,096 1,097	1,094 1,096 1,096
1946 .;	Mar. Qt June Sept. , Dec. ,	,	1,081 1,090 1,092 1,110	1,093 J,101 1,106 1,125	1,086 1,092 1,093 1,111	1,123 1,129 1,135 1,156	1,061 1,070 1,073 1,090	1,084 1,093 1,095 1,114	1,110 1,121 1,121 1,128	1,009 1,017 1,023 1,031	1,092 1,110 1,107 1,115	1,079 1,095 1,095 1,103	1,098 1,109 1,108 1,118	1,100 1,110 1,117 1,12
1947 17	Mar. Qt June , Sept. , Dec. ,	;	1,123 1,125 1,136 1,163	1,139 1,141 1,153 1,175	1,126 1,129 1,142 1,163	1,172 1,169 1,181 1,201	1,107 1,108 1,111 1,132	1,127 1,129 1,140 1,165	1,137 1,154 1,169 1,198	1,041 1,061 1,072 1,095	1,125 1,142 1,156 1,185	1,113 1,121 1,137 1,163	1,124 1,143 2,159 1,181	1,13 1,13 1,16 1,16
1948	Mar. Qt June , Sept. , Dec ,	·	1,193 1,227 1,251 1,291	1,199 1,232 1,260 1,292	1,191 1,225 1,259 1,290	1,230 1,263 1,300 1,335	1,165 1,203 1,241 1,276	1,195 1,229 1,256 1,294	1,226 1,262 1,293 1,327	1,124 1,150 1,181 1,207	1,215 1,244 1,273 1,308	1,197 1,223 1,250 1,271	1,213 1,238 1,266 1,295	1,22: 1,25: 1,28: 1,32:
1949	Mar. QI June , Sept. , Dec	<u>.</u>	1,295 1,338 1,364 1,393	1,304 1,349 1,377 1.408	1,307 1,349 1,373 1,399	1,356 1,397 1,418 1,444	1,287 1 337 1.352 1.374	1,300 1,343 1,368 1,397	1,347 1,377 1,408 1,440	1,241 1,290 1,300 1,340	1,322 1,356 1,381 1,416	1,291 1,331 1,354 1,382	1,317 1,352 1,382 1,419	1,34: 1,37: 1,40: 1,43:
1950 "	Mar Qt June , Sept. , Dec. ,	;	1,414 1,446 1,482 1,546	1,429 1,455 1,496 1,562	1,428 1,461 1,497 1,577	1,469 1,506 1,528 1,595	1,401 1,437 1,471 1,548	1,419 1,451 3,487 1,553	1,456 1,492 1.527 1,608	1,359 1,397 1,431 1,503	1,433 1,468 1,501 1.597	7,405 1,452 1,516 1,622	1,435 1,475 1,501 1,571	1,45; 1,48; 1,52; 1,60;

⁽a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see page 20. Towers. (c) Warwick.

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(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 == 1,000.)

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Period.	Perth and Fremantle.	Kelgeorhe and Boulder.	Northem.	Banbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Av'ge, 5 Towns.	Hobert.	Launeston.	Burnie.	Devonport	Qurentown.	Weighted Av'ge, 5 Towns.	Weighted Average, Six Capital Cities.	Weighted Average, 30 Towns, Australia.
Nov. 1914(a) 1921 1922 Year 1923 1924 1925	707 1,008 931 977 982 994	1,009	969 1,008	1,045 968 962 983 985	1,056 970 1,016 1,012 1,027	1,020 941 982 986 996	1,05t 1,028	1,067 976 985 985 988	61,003 6919 971 968 952	#904 #798 956 950 941	1,031 944 968 954 978	1,057 975 1,016 1,020 1,002	687 1,013 975 1,003 1,003 987 997	1,013 967 996 980 991
1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931	992 984 1,012 1,026 977 885 840	7,002 984 995 1,032 986 937 940	998 988 1,003 1,022 969 878 844	978 963 963 978 966 877 842	1,012 1,010 1,029 1,051 1,029 951 904	994 985 1,009 1,026 979 891 852	7,035 998 980 1,000 956 875 844	973 953 957 967 949 865 832	957 936 941 966 918 837 811	948 925 909 948 920 831 800	956 932 934 972 949 881	977 966 986 986 951 869 838	1,011 1,002 1,009 1,033 975 873 830	1,006 997 1,003 1,026 971 870 829
1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938	811 830 834 856 869 882 901	937 975 1,011 1,027 1,030 1,048 1,066	814 825 829 860 890 900	824 843 865 880 897 914 936	851 846 886 933 970 957 965	852 825 842 848 870 884 897	825 837 849 860 875 887 908	817 823 834 840 856 872 838	275 780 792 814 854 865 879	773 787 801 809 833 848 861	875 867 876 873 850 857 873 903	820 831 841 850 860 879	804 817 8:2 850 873 897 920	803 816 831 846 871 894 917
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945	932 993 1,061 1,104 1,105 1,107	1,099 1,165 1,175 1,192 5,199 1,202	947 1,017 1,079 1,111 1,113	902 1,018 1,065 1,102 1,110 1,115	990 1,055 1,114 1,165 1,176	946 1,008 1,070 1,112 1,113 1,116	945 1,001 1,078 1,117 1,105 1,107	926 974 1,040 1,078 1,067	917 971 1,035 1,088 1,065	896 951 1,012 1,058 1,040 1,045	936 987 1,045 1,096 1,102 1,110	936 989 1,060 1,101 1,089 1,092	957 1,008 1,091 1,131 1,126 1,126	954 1,006 1,087 1,127 1,122 1,123 1,142
1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1939 Bept. Qtr	1,127 1,161 1,264 1,410 1,538	1,223 1,265 1,368 1,502 1,636	1,133 1,171 1,272 1,420 1,550	1,136 3,173 1,277 1,424 1,559	1,187 1,221 1,327 1,475 1,611	1,136 1,170 1,273 1,418 1,547	1,138 1,178 1,292 1,419 1,526	1,099 1,147 1,254 1,389 1,493 886	1,093 1,132 1,232 1,367 1,484	1,079 1,119 1,220 1,351 1,481	1,139 1,170 1,280 1,400 1,494	1,121 1,164 1,274 1,404 1,511	1,145 1,188 1,295 1,415 1,560	1,185 1,292 1,413 1,556
Mar. Qtr. June ., Sept, Dec,	1,102 1,103 1,110 1,104	1,193 1,195 1,204 1,203	1,109 1,113 1,118 1,110	1,104 1,109 1,118 1,110	1,174 1,177 1,181 1,168	1,110 1,112 1,118 1,112	1,105 1,100 1,110 1,106	1,067 1,061 1,072 1,067	1,076 1,056 1,069 1,059	1,040 1,031 1,045 1,042	1,095 1,096 1,110 1,108	1,089 1,083 1,094 1,089	1,124 1,125 1,129 1,126	1,120 1,121 1,125 1,122
Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,, 1946— Mar. Qtr.	1,104 1,108 1,108 2,207	1,107 1,204 1,204 1,202	1,111 1,115 1,114 1,110	1,111 1,116 1,115 1,115	1,167 1,171 1,172 1,168	1,113 1,117 1,117 1,115 1,115	1,101 1,099 1,107 1,120	1,064 1,067 1,073 1,085	1,053 1,055 1,065 1,080	1,037 1,038 1,045 1,060	1,104 1,106 1,112 1,118	1,085 1,085 1,092 1,105	1,123 1,125 1,126 1,129	1,120 1,122 1,123 1,126
June Sept Dec 1947— Mar. Qtr. June	1,127 1,128 1,136 1,136 1,131	1,224 1,223 1,231 1,231 1,239	1,135 1,134 1,141 1,145 1,160	1,136 1,137 1,145 1,149 1,163	1,189 1,188 1,195 1,196 1,209	1,135 1,137 1,145 1,160	1,132 1,143 1,155	1,096 1,102 1,114 1,119	1,091 1,098 1,103 1,106 1,115	1,091 1,094 1,105	1,134 1,151 1,153	1,117 1,126 1,137 1,137 1,147	1,145 1,146 1,156 1,165	1,142 1,143 1,153 1,162 1,171
Bept Dec 1948— Blar Qtr. June	1,167 1,189 1,221 1,238 1,282	1,297	1,177 1,200 1,227 1,248	1,180 1,201 1,232 1,249	1,239 1,251 1,280 1,300	1,230 1,247	1,187 1,216 1,240 1,276	1,133 1,153 1,183 1,208 1,241	1,188 1,188 1,218	1,126 1,149 1,172 1,213	1,163 1,188 1,213 1,237 1,267	1,177 1,201 1,225 1,260	1,192 1,221 1,248 1,278 1,311	1,189 1,218 1,245 1,275 1,308
Sept. " Dec. " 1049— Mat. Qtr. June " Sept. " Dur. "	1,338 1,406 1,435 1,459	1,383 1,415 1,441 1,441 1,408 1,525 1,544	1,289 1,322 1,347 1,419 1,416 1,467	1,298 1,327 1,355 1,421 1,447 1,447	1,344 1,383 1,411 1,472 1,494 1,521	1,291 1,325 1,348 1,414 1,443 1,467	1,412	1,267 1,301 1,316 1,385 1,398 1,425	1,243 1,279 1,323 1,355 1 382 1,406	1,237 1,259 1,306 1,337 1,364 1,398	1,392 1,325 1,361 1,395 1,407 1,436	1,288 1,324 1,363 1,363 1,441 1,443	1,364 1,364 1,403 1,428 1,466	1,362 1,362 1,401 1,425 1,463
1950— blar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,, ,	1,479 1,517 1,547 1,607	1,571 1,616 1,652 1,706	1,494 1,532 1,561 1,614	1,499 1,532 1,573 1,633	1,546 1,590 1,623 1,686	1,487 1,526 1,557 1,617	1,455	1,424 1,465 1,513 1,560	1,417 1,459 1,492 1,566	1,413 1,454 1,487 2,571	1,431 1,471 1,518	1,441 1,485 1,531 1,587	1.491 1,534 1,572 1,643	1.488 1.530 1.568 1.639 Midland

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see page 20 (b) Midland Junction. (c) Zechan. (d) Benconsfield.

Retail Price Index-Numbers: Group (a), "B" Series and All Items ("C" Series) Additional Towns not included in Weighted Average, Thirty Towns.

(Base of each " Group", &c. : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

(Base of each " (roup '	'', &c.	: Wei	ghted /	4 verage	e of Si	x Capi	tal Cit	ies, 19	23-27	= 1,0	000.)
ANNUAL.												
Town.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	T945	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
			GROUP	IFo	OD AND	GROC	BRIES,					
Warwick, Qtd. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A.	860 995	1,011	2,033	1,091	966 1,063	984 1,054	1,063	1,010	1,091 1,130 1,173	1,223 1,284 1,320	1,360 1,414 1,439	1,484 1,592 1,617
Canberra, A.C.T	1,057	1,059	1,059	1,142	1,133	1,108	E, 109	1,114			1,472	
	G	ROUP I	I.— H o	UBING (4 AND	5-ROOM	ed Hot	(8E8).)			
Warwick, Qld. Port Augusts, S.A Whyalla, S.A	667 665	689	693 688	702 690	730 688	737	740	745	751 721 770	756 725 771	763 729 773	772 749 773
Canberra, A.C.T	983	985	984	985	986	986	987	988	988	989	990	993
	UPS I -			OCEBIE		Housin		" Serii				
Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, 8,A Whyalla, S.A.	783 864	799 878	817 896	932	872 914	914	925	904	956 968 1,013	1,039 1,063 1,103	1,124 1,144 1,176	1,260 1,260 1,284
Canberra, A.C.T	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,052		1,191		1,381
W	0 -			ROUP I								
Warwick, Qld Port Augusta, S.A	834 851	928	1,107	1,292	1,427	1,417	1,419	1,484	1,561 1,595 1,584	1,788	2,007	2,268
Whyalla, S.A Canberra, A.C.T	852	961	1,150	1,334	1,508	1,485	1,468	1,550	1,607	1,757 1,826	1,986	2,255
•			GRO	OP IV.	—Misch	LLANBO	σε.				7	
Warwick, Qid. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A.	1,009 993	1,023	1,072	1,159	1,213	1,215	1,214	1,218	1,235	1,287 1,318 1,284	I,359 I,374	1,431
Canberra, A.C.T.	868	909	967	1,016	1,082	1,078	1.077	1,080	1,225	1,192	1,328 1,251	1,397
		GROUPS		-ALL	Ітвыя ("0" s	BRIES)	Index.				
Warwick, Qld Port Augusta, S.A	834 883	915	926 980	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,087	1,138 1,157 1,175	1,234 1,267 1,277	1,349 1,373 1,379	1,46r 1,512 1,515
Canberra, A.C.T.	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,170	1,210	1,327	1,456	1,600
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Town.			48.			19	49-		1		150	
Town.	Mar. Q'tr.	June	48. Sept. Q'tr.	QUA Q'ur.	Mar. Q'tr.		Sept	Dec.	Mar. Q'tr	June	Sept.	Dec.
Town.		June	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.	June Q'ir.	Sept Q'tr.	Dec.	Mar. Q'tr.	June	Sept.	
Warwick, Qld.	Q'tr.	June Q'tr.	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236	Dec. Q'tr. I.—F0	Mar. Q'tr.	June Q'tr. GR00	Sept Q'tr. RRIES.	Q'tr.	Q'tr.	June Q'tr.	Sept. Q'tr.	Q'tr.
Warwick, Qld, Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A.	1,168 : 1,211 1,255	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,305 1,337	Dec. Q'tr. I.—Fo 1,290 1,363 1,392	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405	June Q'tr. GROC 1,360 1,391 1,413	Sept Q'tr. ERIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133	1,388 1,464 1,503	1,422 1,506 1,543	June Q'tr.	Sept. Q'tr. 1,491 1,602 1,611	Q'tr.
Warwick, Qld, Port Augusta, S.A	1,168 : 1,211 1,255 1,261	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,305 1,337 1,333	Dec. Q'tr. 1,-F0 1,290 1,363 1,392 1,410	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449	June Q'ir. GROC 1,360 1,391 1,413 1,456	Sept Q'tr. RRIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511	1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539	June Q'tr.	Sept. Q'tr.	Q'4r.
Warwick, Qld, Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A Canberra, A.C.T	1,168 ; 1,211 1,255 t,261	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,305 1,337 1,333	Dec. Q'tr. 1,F0 1,290 1,363 1,392 1,410	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449 4 AND	June Q'tr. 0 GROO 1,360 1,391 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM	Sept Q'tr. ERIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472 BD HOU	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511	1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,562	Sept. Q'tr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654	Q'tr.
Warwick, Qld, Pott Augusta, S.A. Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A. Wayalla, S.A.	1,168 1,211 1,255 1,261 6 754 724 771	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1800P 1 754 724 771	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,337 1,333 T.—Ho 758 726 771	Dec. Q'tr. I.—F0 1,290 1,363 1,392 1,410 Ueine (758 726 771	Mer. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449 4 AND 763 726 773	19 June Q'ir. 0 GROO 1,360 1,361 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM 763 726 773	Sept Q'tr. ERIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472 ED HOU 763 726 773	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 18E8).(b) 763 738 773	1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539 763 739 773	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,562 763 739 773	Sept. Q'tr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654 781 756 773	Q'tr. 1,577 1,724 1,757 1,781 781 762 773
Warwick, Qld, Pott Augusta, S.A. Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T.	754 771 989	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1800P J 754 724 771 989	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,335 1,337 1,333 T.—Ho 758 726 771 989	Dec. Q'tr. I.—F0 I,290 I,363 I,392 I,410 T,58 726 771 989	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,440 763 726 773 990	June Q'tr. GROO 1,360 1,391 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM 763 726 773 990	Sept Q'tr. RRIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472 BD HOU 763 726 773 990	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 1888).(b) 763 738 773 990	Q'tr. 1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539 763 739 773 990	June Q'tr. 1,535 1,558 1,558 1,562 739 773 990	Sept. Q'tr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654	Q'tr. 1,577 1,724 1,757 1,781 781 762
Warwick, Qld. Pott Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Pott Augusta, S.A Wayalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Grot	1,168 1,211 1,255 1,26r 6 754 724 771 989 1,267	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1800P 1 754 724 771 989	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,335 1,337 1,333 T.—Ho 758 726 771 989 DD, GB	Dec. Q'tr. I.—F0 I,290 I,363 I,392 I,410 758 726 771 989 OCERIES	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,440 763 726 773 990 AND H	19 June Qur. O GROOD 1,360 1,391 1,415 1,456 5 ROOM 773 990 COUSING	Sept Q'tr. RRIES. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472 BD HOU 763 725 773 990 ("B")	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 1511 1888).(b) 763 738 773 990 88RIE	Q'tr. 1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539 763 739 773 990 B INDE	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,562 739 773 990	Sept. Q'tr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654 781 756 773 991	Q'4r. 1,757 1,724 1,757 1,781 762 773 1,002
Warwick, Qld, Port Augusta, S.A. Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. GROU Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A.	1,168 1,211 1,255 1,261 6 754 774 771 989 178 11	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1800P J 754 724 771 989 1.—Foo	Sept. Q'tr. Q'tr. 1,236 1,337 1,333 T.—Ho 758 726 726 726 00, Gg	Dec. Q'tr. I.—F0 I.303 I.392 I.392 I.400 DEING (758 726 771 989 OCERNES I,080 I,080	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449 4 AND 763 726 773 990 AND H 1,103	June Q'ir. O GROO 1,360 1,360 1,413 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM 763 773 990 [OUSING	Sept Q'tr. Q'tr. 1,366 1,409 1,133 1,472	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 (SE8).(b) 763 773 990 SERIE	Q'tr. 1,422 1,506 1,543 1,539 763 773 990 1,162 1,204	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,558 1,562 739 773 990 K).	Sept. 1,491 1,602 1,611 7,81 756 773 991 1,211 1,268	Q'41. 1,577 1,724 1,757 1,781 781 762 773 1,002
Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. GROU Warwick, Qld.	754 724 771 989 794 71	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1800P J 754 771 989 1.—Fo	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,337 1,333 T.—Ho 758 726 771 989 DD, GB	Dec. Q'tr. 1.—F0 1,290 1,363 1,392 1,420 UEING (758 726 726 727 989	Mar. Q'tr. HOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449 4 AND 763 726 726 729 AND H	19 June Q'ir. 0 GROO 1,360 1,391 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM 763 726 773 990 [OUSING	Sept Q'tr. RRIES. 1,366 1,409 1,433 1,472 ED HOU 763 726 773 990 ("B" 1,123 1,123 1,173	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 1888).(b) 763 738 773 990 88RIES	Q'tr. 1,422 1,506 1,543 7,539 763 773 990 8 INDES	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,558 1,562 763 773 990 8). 1,175 1,221 1,249	Sept. Qtr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654 781 756 773 991 1,211 1,268 1,280	Q'4r. 5,577 1,724 1,757 1,781 781 762 773 1,002
Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A Wayalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T. GROU Warwick, Qld. Port Augusta, S.A Whyalla, S.A. Canberra, A.C.T.	1,168 1,211 1,255 1,261 6 754 724 724 724 721 989 UPS II	June Q'tr. 1,199 1,257 1,296 1,290 1,290 1,754 771 989 1.—Fo 1,023 1,047 1,048	Sept. Q'tr. GROUP 1,236 1,337 1,337 1,333 1,—Ho 758 726 771 989 DD, GB	Dec. Q'tr. I.—Fo 1,290 1,363 1,392 1,410 USING (758 726 771 989 OCERIES	Biar. Q'tr. BOD ANI 1,326 1,391 1,405 1,449 763 726 723 990 AND H	19 June Q'ir. 0 GROO 1,360 1,391 1,413 1,456 5 ROOM 763 726 773 990 [OUSING	Sept Q'tr. RRIES. 1.366 1.409 1.433 1.472 BD HOU 763 726 773 990 1.128 1.128 1.149 1.149 1.128	1,388 1,464 1,503 1,511 1988).(b) 763 738 738 990 88RIES	Q'tr. 1,422 1,506 1,543 7,539 763 773 990 1,162 1,204 1,239	June Q'tr. 1,444 1,535 1,558 1,558 1,562 763 739 773 990 K). 1,175 1,221 1,249	Sept. Qtr. 1,491 1,602 1,611 1,654 781 756 773 991 1,211 1,268 1,280	Q'41. \$1,577 1,724 1,757 1,781 762 773 1,002 1,263 1,345 1,369
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⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10.

⁽b) See footnote (b) on page 10.

Retail Price "Group" Index-Numbers(a): Thirty Towns.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 4,000.)

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			Gво	UP II	-Housi	NG (4 A	ND 5-R		Hovers):(c)			
Nov. Year	1914 (b) 1921 1939	758 1,000 1,035	885 890 902	559 764	881 871 882	596 843	966 1,015 1,023	608 845 955	479 714 709	527 731	668 876	685 921	789 938
"	1943 1944 1945	1,042 1,043 1,043	903 903 904	753 753 760 761	882 -885 886	814 843 843 843	1,023	974 974 973 973	711 710 713	742 743 744 744	889 888 887 887	934 934 934 934	956 955 955 955
2	1947 1948 1949 .	1,044 1,047 1,049 1,050	904 906 908 908	763 764 776 782	887 888 890 892	844 845 847 848	1,025 1,027 1,030 1,031	974 974 976 979	715 720 724 729	743 746 748 764	888 888 889 890	934 934 934	956 958 958 961
1950	Mar. Qtr. June "	1,049	908	779 783	891 891	848 848	1,030	978 978	728 728	754 762	889 890	945 945 945	96z
11	Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	1,050 1.050	908 908	783 783	892 892	848 848	1,031	979 979	728 732	766 773	890 890	945 945	961
					GRO	OP III.	-CLOTE						
Year	1914 (b) 1921 1939	755 1,255 843 1,450	1,327 823	1,269 850 1,438	1,374 861 1,463	1,261 840 1,471	1,264 842 1,450	780 1,271 832	1,599 851 1,473	1,570 841 1,466	1,463 846 1,450	1,612 842 1,462	1,326 833 1,456
» »	1944 1945 1946	1,440 1,425 1,516	1,446 1,407 1,430 1,510	1,439 1,455 1,548 1,588	1,458 1,448 1,538	1,459 1,455 1,545	1,438 1,427 1,517	1,455 1,446 1,431 1,502	1,471 1,470 1,497 1,566	1,490 1,478 1,510	1,477 1,480 1,519	1,472 1,480 1,515 1,588	1,450 1,436 1,503
16 67 17	1947 1948 1949 .	1,573 1,766 2,022 2,329	1,573 1,778 2,063 2,347	1,588 1,792 2,079 2,384	1,607 1,805 2,092 2,381	1,610 1,822 2,106 2,379	1,574 1,768 2,027 2,333	1,563 1,723 1,975 2,259	1,566 1,744 1,996 2,269	1,582 1,742 1,991 2,259	1,572 1,735 1,981 2,279	1,588 1,738 1,981 2,280	1,564 1,725 1,977 2,260
1950	Mar. Qtr. June Sept.	2,190 2,307 2,373	2,218 2,323 2,378	2,246 2,341 2,429	2,252 2,350 2,427	2,254 2,353 2,418	2,195 2,309 2,376	2,138	2,151 2,220 2,301	2,762 2,234 2,286	2,173 2,253 2,310	2,148° 2,258 2,318	2,141 2,234 2,278
<u> </u>	Dec. ,	2,447	2,468	2,518	2,496	1 2,490	2,451	2,275 2,389	2,403	2,353	2,380	2,395	2,388
Nov.	1914 (b)	766	ī	· · ·	GROUP	I	lisor el la	728	1		i	<u> </u>	
Year	1931 1939	1,009 040 1,166	995 901	1,102 1,048 1,276	951 908 1,112	989 888 1,094	1,011 938 1,160	1,021 977 1,155	956 990 1,193	1,012 1,004 1,216	1,033 980 1,188	951 1,159	1,015 978 1,159
"	1944 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,171 1,163 1,170 1,216	1,079 1;030 1,083 1,125	1,287 1,280 1,296 1,350	1,108 1,107 1,111 1,156	1,096 1,098 1,101 1,147	1,165 1,158 1,165 1,210	1,158 1,159 1,164 1,187	1,198 1,198 1,197 1,197	1,221 1,217 1,217 1,239	1,190 1,192 1,193 1,213	1,167 1,165 1,164 1,185	1,162 1,163 1,168 1,191
** ** **	1948 1948 1949 1950	1,268 1,364 1,470	1,184 1,266 1,361	1,445 1,520 1,640	1,214 1,296 1,402	1,208 1,271 1,359	1,264 1,358 1,464	1,249 1,321 1,426	1,276 1,351 1,449	1,295 1,358 1,470	1,272 1,340 1,442	1,240 1,320 1,417	1,252 1,324 1,428
1950	Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	1,435 1,446 1,473 1,527	1,337 1,343 1,354 1,411	1,602 1,610 1,636 1,713	1,351 1,392 1,405 1,461	1,332 1,338 1,355 1,411	T 429 1,440 1,466 1,520	1,401 1,407 1,414 1,482	1,427 1,429 1,436 1,502	I,441 I,452 I,456 I,530	1,417 1,423 1,428 1,498	1,375 1,390 1,406 1,498	1,403 1,409 1,416 1,485

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10. (b) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see page 20. (c) See footnote (b) on page 10.

Retail Price "Group" Index-Numbers (a): Thirty Towns—continued.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

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Period,	Brindane.	Тооwcomba.	Rock. hampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.	Adelaido.	Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.	Port Pirle.	Mt. Gambier,	Peter. borough.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.
	·	` <u> </u>	Gr	OUP I	~Food	AND G	ROOKRI	20.				
Nov. 1914 (b) 1921 Year 1939 1943 1944 1945 1946 1948 1949	614 955 864 975 965 966 981 1,055 1,208	895 823 974 1,003 1,009 1,018 1,092 1,228 1,358	949 904 995 1,002 1,016 1,016 1,097 1,244 1,373	981c 961 1,041 1,049 1,055 1,071 1,148 1,295 1,442	936d 912 1,033 1,027 1,025 1,039 1,112 1,255 1,383	950 872 982 977 980 993 1,068 1,219	683 941 897 1,003 993 1,002 1,006 1,067 1,230 1,351	915 973 1,044 1,030 1,034 1,049 1,103 1,234 1,386	968 996 1,076 1,074 1,074 1,079 1,141 1,294	923 937 984 996 1,014 1,027 1,071 7,220 1,332	997 981 1,039 1,033 1,054 1,056 1,117 1,269 1,393	943 904 1,007 997 1,006 1,071 1,071 1,233 1,355
, 1950 1950 Mar. Qtr. , June ,, , Sept. ,, ,, Dec. ,,	T,462 T,402 I,421 I,473 I,551	1,480 1,418 1,441 1,486 1,574	1,523 1,444 1,461 1,529 1,658	1,560 1,499 1,537 1,568 1,635	1,515 1,438 1,464 1,517 1,639	1,476 1,414 1,435 1,485 1,568	1,494 1,428 1,446 1,496 1,606	1,531 1,457 1,481 1,541 1,643	1,585 1,501 1,516 1,591 1,733	1,557 1,413 1,448 1,592 1,776	1,524 1,467 1,485 1,525 1,620	I,500 I,432 1,450 I,502 I,614
Nov. 1914 (b)	463	GE0	υν ΙΙ 	-110000	NO (4 A	ND 5-RC	OMED :	1008E8).(e) 	T	· · ·	
Year 1939 1943 1944 1945 1946 1946 1948 1948 1948	\$54 853 863 863 863 864 866 869 883	547 847 859 869 861 862 864 874 883	470 753 768 767 768 773 780 785 706 823	528c 865 865 865 866 866 866 866 866 868	535d 640 668 672 674 681 682 685 689 704	594 840 850 851 851 853 853 853 853	819 888 893 892 892 894 897 903 912	566 388 383 385 386 390 398 402 407	503 710 713 713 712 711 710 710 712	492 686 715 715 716 718 718 722 731	753 753 754 755 755 755 755 757 762 764	781 862 866 866 866 867 870 876 885 900
,, 1950 1950 Mar. Qtr. ,, June ,, ,, Sept. ,,	873 878 884 898	898 898 906 915	816 816 823 837	868 868 868 868	692 692 716 716	865 868 875 887	921 925 932 937	407 407 407 407	710 710 714 714	729 729 732 734	762 762 762 762 770	893 896 903 908
Nov. 1914 (b)	657	1	l	l	UP III	—Сьо т н	756	<u> </u>	1	1	<u>. </u>	1
Year 1939 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949	1,125 840 1,420 1,427 1,431 1,503 1,564 1,735 1,948 2,226	1,408 838 1,426 1,406 1,405 1,478 1,543 1,685 1,932 2,223	1,452 856 1,445 1,454 1,454 1,519 1 568 1,725 1,954 2,238	1,5686 855 1,460 1,455 1,437 1,507 1,571 1,728 1,957 2,246	1,519d 852 1,435 1,438 1,121 1,405 1,541 1,728 1,968 2,252	t,235 843 1,425 1,430 t,431 1,503 1,563 1,730 1,949 2,229	1,195 863 1,409 1,409 1,413 1,482 1,554 1,727 1,991 2,256	t,435 852 r,388 1,305 r,405 J,466 I,557 I,721 r,976 2,250	1,480 854 1,409 1,410 1,410 1,403 1,579 1,759 1,989 2,250	1,697 852 1,424 1,420 1,410 1,495 1,581 1,724 1,954 2,231	1,180 844 1,413 1,429 1,462 1,569 1,722 1,986 2,290	1,238 862 1,408 1,409 1,413 1,482 1,556 1,728 1,990 2,256
1950 Mar. Qtr. ,, June ,, ,, Sept. ,, ,, Dec. ,,	2,099 2,197 2,251 2 355	2,116 2,195 2,244 2,338	2,124 2,225 2,256 2,347	2,124 2,221 2,260 2,379	2,128 2,239 2,264 2,376 IV,M	2,105 2,202 2,252 2,356	2,125 2,227 2,283 2,390	2,130 2,231 2,279 2,359	2,129 2,234 2,253 2,382	2,082 2,211 2,261 2,369	2,151 2,275 2,322 2,412	2,125 2,228 2,282 2,388
Nov. 1914 (b)	728	1	1	T	1	i .	770	1 +:	1]	1	1
1921 1943 1943 1944 1945 1946 1948 1949 1949 1950	944 955 1,129 1,137 1,133 1,136 1,154 1,215 1,290 1,363	953 983 1,167 1,169 1,166 1,167 1,288 1,251 1,307 1,378	1,002 969 1,163 1,171 1,169 1,172 1,188 1,257 1,317 1,408	1,0096 996 1,180 1,187 1,178 1,183 1,190 1,274 1,373 1,453	988# 992 1,159 1,169 1,167 1,156 1,176 1,248 1,326 1,411 1,381	962 1,138 1,146 1,142 1,163 1,225 1,302 1,375	1,033 1,022 1,211 1,213 1,213 1,213 1,251 1,327 1,394 1,470	1,065 989 1,229 1,235 1,237 1,242 1,277 1,351 1,416 1,530	1,065 999 1,207 1,207 1,209 1,216 1,242 1 317 1,383 1,458	1,032 1,017 1,229 1,232 1,233 1,239 1,267 1,358 1,424 1,506	1,000 994 1,224 1,227 1,226 5,233 1,215 1,311 1,370 1,442 1,393	1,036 1,019 1,211 1,214 1,224 1,220 1,328 1,396 1,472
" June " " Sept. " " Dec. "	1,340 1,364 1,418	1,331 1,395 1,458	1,392 1,407 1,463	1,427 1,441 1,526	1,392 1,413 1,457	1,351 1,376 1,433	1,448 1,466 1.555	1,510 1,520 1,617	1,443 1,446 1,534	1,492 1,494 1,576	1,428 1,435 1,512	1,450 1,467 1 556

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10 (b) For Index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see page 20. (c) Charters Towers (d) Warwick. (e) See footnote (b) on page 10.

Retail Price "Group" Index-Numbers(a): Thirty Towns -continued (Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000)

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	į		WES	TERN /	AUSTR	ALIA				TASM	IANIA.			Average, of Cities.	ş
Per	lod.	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoortte and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraidton.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns	Hobert.	Launceston.	Burnle.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Average,	Weighted Aver	Weighted Aver 30 Towns, Australia.
			`	·	Gr	00P I	-Гоор		ROCERI	EB.				·	<u> </u>
Year :	1914 (b) 1921 1939 1943 1945 1946 1948 1948 1950	746 1,005 938 1,059 1,056 1,060 1,059 1,104 1,251 1,437 1,597	1,120 1,092 1,179 1,180 1,191 1,192 1,239 1,387 1,572 1,728	1,0546 972 1,071 1,066 1,069 1,073 1,125 1,272 1,455 1,613	1,049 967 1,039 1,036 1,045 1,057 1,109 1,257 1,443 1,610	1,031 947 1,080 1,095 1,084 1,133 1,279 1,471 1,636	1,033 951 1,068 1,066 1,070 1,070 1,115 1,262 1,448 1,608	687 1,027 923 1,062 1,035 1,643 1,069 1,132 1,316 1 495 1,574	958 914 1,017 988 999 1,018 1,092 1,273 1,459	1,108d 941 1,096 1,030 1,024 1,048 1,108 1,276 1.469 1,582	9966 933 1,057 1,020 1,026 1,052 1,112 1,280 1,473 1,612	1,077 1,018 1,137 1,135 1,153 1,173 1,233 1,407 1,560 1,613	1,011 925 1,052 1,023 1,032 1,055 1,121 1,303 1 484 1,565	641 950 927 1,037 1,026 1,034 1,100 1,256 1,394 1,566	954 931 1,048 1,029 1,037 1,040 1,104 1,260 1,399 1,570
s	dar. Qtr. Tune Sept. Doc.	1,514 1,559 1,608 1,707	1,648 1,694 1,737 1,833	1,537 1,584 1,623 1,708	1,517 1,561 1,630	1,554 1,662 1,650	1,525 1,570 1,619 1.717	1,498 1,537 1,597 1,665	1,455 1,492 1,556 1,631	1,514 1,549 1,577 1,686	1,545 1,568 1,595 1,738	1,566 1,566 1,638 1,682	1,490 1,526 1,585 1,660	1,473 1,520 1,582 1,689	1,477 1,524 1,585 1,692
		*****			P II.—	Housi:	(G (4 A		OMED	Hotses					
Year 1	914 (b) 1921 1939 1943 1944 1946 1948 1910 1950	586 254 881 885 886 886 887 889 895 901	578 1,318 1,038 1,036 1,037 1,055 1,080 1,082 1,095 1,126	616c 886 898 899 899 900 900 917 956	. 649 t,005 970 974 975 980 981 985 T,005	779 1,064 1,058 1,059 1,061 1,064 1,066 1,080 1,094	709 919 902 902 904 907 910 917	525 870 925 931 932 933 936 936 937 940 941	859 861 862 864 866 871 873	2944 836 850 850 851 853 853 853 853 853	7506 761 770 770 770 770 770 770 771 778	495, 806 803 804 804 809 814 815 817	729 887 894 895 896 898 899 901 906	9649 877 965 976 976 976 977 979 982 982	928 947 956 956 956 957 958 960 964
"J	Mar. Qtr June Sept. ,, Dec	901 902 904	1,122 1,122 1,129 1,129	967 967 967 967	1,019 1,026 1,032 1,034	1,092 1,095 1,095 1,095	922 925 927 928	941 941 941 941	874 876 877 877	855 855 855 855	778 778 778 778	817 817 817 821	905 905 906 906	984 986 987 989	966 967 969 971
						GROU		-Clots							
Tear 1	914 (b) 1 921 939 1943 1944 1946 1946 1949 1949	698 1,232 832 1,396 1,401 1,410 1,497 1,565 1,756 2,033 2,289	1,376 855 1,400 1,429 1,436 1,516 1,594 1,769 2,014 2,285	1,382c 8,42 1,390 1,408 1,407 1,478 1,552 1,706 1,975 2,239	1,454 849 1,374 1,403 1,413 1,482 1,555 1,733 2,003 2,265	1,320 847 1,396 1,419 1,412 1,489 1,553 1,745 2,011 2,376	1,277 834 1,396 1,404 1,412 1,497 1,567 1,755 2,029 2,287	825 1,427 856 1,427 1,428 1,420 1,510 1,572 1,748 1,992 2,286	1,670 853 1,404 1,406 1,414 1,497 1,570 1,719 1,981 2,273	1,525d 843 1,409 1,423 1,426 1,513 1,570 1,720 1,932 2,273	1,4058 844 1,416 1,407 1,425 1,538 1,599 1,753 1,996 2,299	1,504 853 1,391 1,425 1,430 1,521 1,579 1,732 1,903 2,282	1,513 854 1,418 1,420 1,419 1,508 1,573 1,738 1,000 2,282	754 1,246 841 1,440 1,435 1,425 1,505 1,566 1,744 1,997 2,286	1,290 841 1,440 1,435 1,427 1,506 1,567 1,745 1,999 2,287
" J	Var. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	2,170 2,264 2,315 2,408	2,133 2,258 2,335 2,413	2,116 2,206 2,271 2,361	2,159 2,228 2,290 2,382		2,166 2,261 2,315 2,407	2,143 2,272 2,328 2,401	2,141 2,258 2,307 2,386	2,131 2,251 2,297 2,412	2,147 2,283 2,335 2,433	2,118 2,293 2,336 2,381	2,141 2,268 2,321 2,397	2,156 2,261 2,316 2,410	2,158 2,262 2,317 2,410
Nov. 1	914 (b)	780	1	1	· · · ·	GROUP	IV.—M	ISCELLA 699	NEOUS.	1			1	749	
Year 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	933 1939 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1950	1,029 954 1,136 1,144 1,138 1,158 1,202 1,288 1,357	1,030 971 1,179 1,189 1,176 1,173 1,181 1,239 1,390 1,361	1,016e 948 1,140 1,143 1,136 1,153 1,170 1,224 1,302 1,372	977 912 1,084 1,100 1,098 1,1098 1,166 1,252 1,318	1,102 1,034 1,205 1,216 1,208 1,212 1,220 1,274 1,368 1 453	1,029 956 1,140 1,147 1,146 1,160 1,206 1,200 1,358	932 938 1,105 1,100 1,100 1,100 1,150 1,175 1,219 1,293	985 947 1,101 1,097 1,096 1,103 1,126 1,171 1,218 1,291	941d 874 1,005 997 1,004 1,029 1,067 1,108 1,171	960e 882 1,011 1,002 996 999 1,060 1,060 1,166	959 881 1.014 1.052 1.053 1.058 1.080 1.105 1.145	952 934 1,093 1,089 1,089 1,091 1,113 1,163 1,206 1,278	1,010 962 1,160 1,165 1,161 1,167 1,199 1,257 1,338 1,435	1,009 962 1,159 1,164 1,166 1,197 1,256 1,336 1,432
" J " D	lar. Qtr lune ,, lept. ,, Dec. ,,	1,346 1,349 1,357 1,374	1,348 1,357 1,363 1,377		1,309 1,312 1,318 1,331	7,418 1,136 1,444 1,515	•	_		1,113 1,127 1,196 1,247 Capital	1,107 1,122 1,189 1,244 Citles	1,149 1,157 1,220 1,278	1,216 1,230 1,301 1,366	1,402 1,413 1,432 1,492	1.398 1,410 1,429 1,489

⁽a) See tootnote (a) on page 10.
page 20. (c) Midland Junction.

⁽b) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see (d) Zoehan. (e) Beaconsfield. (f) See footnote (b) on page 10.

3. "B" Series Retail Price Index: Food, Groceries and Rent.—This index measures the prices of food and groceries and the rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It was first compiled for the year 1925, and retrospectively for several earlier years. It was designed to replace the "A" Series Index (food, groceries and rent of all houses), which was the original index compiled in 1912. The first of the following tables covers only the six capital cities and gives index-numbers for the two Groups of the regimen involved split up into their various Sections, while the second table gives the "B" Series Index dissected into its two Groups for each of the 30 towns, the weighted averages of the 5 towns in each State, the six capital cities and the 30 towns. The "B" Series Index (split up into its two Groups) for four additional towns not included in the weighted averages appears on page 24.

Retail Price Index-Numbers(a): Capital Cities... By Series. (Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Town.	1907.	1911.	1914.	191L	1939.	1946,	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950				
SECTION A.—GROCERIES.														
Sydney	\$10	574	627	1,115	994	969	1,026	1,167	1,298	1,411				
Helbourne	462	5 21	562	1,070	957	929	991	1,153	1,296	2,426				
Brisbane	547	614	607	1,105	944	935	994	1,165	1,305	1,387				
Adelaide	510	541	598	1,076	939	944	995	1,144	1,263	1,374				
Perth	572	710	628	1,103	966	966	1,032	т,183	T.268	1,380				
Hobart ;.;	501	\$66	604	1,087	947	934	991	1,143	1,272	1,390				
SIX CAPITALS (b)	499	564	599	1,093	969	950	1,90\$	1,161	1,292	1,404				
			SECTIO	н В.—1	AIRY P	TODUCE.								
Sydney	551	574	656	1,080	851	956	977	1,165	1,306	1,439				
Meibourne	571	367	635	1,087	885	965	998	1,180	1,330	1,441				
Briabane	495	581	588	983	793	أ مُعمَا	955	1,175	1,233	1,312				
Adolaide	346	651	705	1,018	800	893	928	1,136	1,258	1,353				
Perth	700	733	735	1,152	870	981	1,000	1,1ó6	1,292	1,436				
Hobart	564	733 587	695	1,091	844	963	989	1,181	1,319	1,410				
SIX CAPITALS (b)	563	192	654	1,072	853	952	978	1,165	1,301	1,418				
			SE	CTION C.	"—MRAT.									
SBOTION C.—MRAT.														
Bydney	519	101	668	960	935	1,202	1,343	1,456	1,571	1,899				
Melbourne	\$57	485	663	1,030	968	1,288	1,365	1,502	1,649	2,000				
Brisbane	535	488	610	897	822	1,079	1,223	1,343	1,453	1,695				
Adelaide	553	\$4°	784	1,095	929	1,188	1,288	1,423	1,543	1,776				
Perth	789	824	681	1,103	958	1,248	1,290	1,411	1,785	2,025				
Hobert	668	638 :	780	1,244	961	1,338	1,446	1,662	1,945	1,952				
SIX CAPITALS (b) 558 522 651 1,010 936 1,223 1,332 1,458 1,603 1,909 SECTIONS A, B AND C COMBINED.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.														
	0807	TONS A,	D AND C	COMBIN	BD.—FO	OD AND	GROCHEI:	85. I						
Sydney	523	553	646	1,062	936	1,039	1,110	1,258	1,388	1,572				
Melbourne	517	523	610	1,063	942 864	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,418	1,605				
Brisbane	530	569	603	1,014		981	1,055	1,203	1,332	1,462				
Adelaide	532	570	670	1,066	897	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,351	1,494				
Perth	, 670	753	728	1,166	938	11,059	1,104	1,251	1,437	2,597				
Hobert	\$65	592	678	1,133	923	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,495	1,574				
SIX CAPITALS (0)	533	559	640	1,064	927	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,394	1,566				
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Sydney	593	701	760	989	1,035	1,043	1,044	1,047	1,049	1,050				
Melbourne	455	369	628	820	955	973	974		976	979				
Briebane	283	373	466	630	854	663	864	974 866	869	883				
Adelaide	310	700	655	809	888	894	897	903	912	929				
Perth	458	524	589	739	188	886	887	889	895	100				
Hobart	405	452	91B	881	925	936	936	937	940	941				
SIX CAPITALS (b)	497	612	662	862	965	976	977	979	982	987				
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Sydney	548	606	687	1,036	972	1,038	T,082	1,173	1,252	2,365				
Melbourne	495	539	616	977		1,010	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,357				
Brisbane	442	500	554	877	945 858	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,233				
Adelaide	324	618	671	975	891	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,270				
Perth	594	672	679	982	914	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,322				
Hobert	508	342	621	1,044	922	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,324				
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SIX CAPITALS (6)	520	578	648	992	939	1,010	1,030	1,145	τ,230	1,336				

"B" Series Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns:
(Base of each Group (a): Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

		NEW	sout	TH WA	LES.	•			VICT	ORIA.		
Period,	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn,	Bethurst.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong	Wartham- bool.	Weighted Average. 5 Towns.
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Nov. 1914 " 1921 " 1943 " 1943 " 1945 " 1945 " 1947 " 1948 " 1948 " 1950 1950 Mar. Qtr " June Sept " Dec " Dec	638 964 936 1,042 1,035 1,035 1,110 1,288 1,388 1,572 1,459 1,519 1,713	977 965 1,045 1,048 1,049 1,123 1,277 1,407 1,477 1,570 1,570 1,527 1,527	972' 1,106 1,234 1,252 1,278 1,277 1,337 1,494 1,699 1,899 1,789 1,819 1,943 2,051	950 991 1,090 1,073 1,070 1,126 1,290 1,445 1,634 1,510 1,558 1,658	935 940 1,024 1,036 1,048 1,114 1,271 1,414 1,616 1,492 1,560 1,643 1,768	964 942 1,048 1,048 1,044 1,116 1,264 1,395 1,579 1,466 1,525 1,525	616 923 942 1,055 1,049 1,055 1,052 1,110 1,274 1,418 1,605 1,565 1,566 1,564 1,724	928 939 1,049 1,037 1,045 1,051 1,104 1,269 1,413 1,595 1,530 1,533 1,534 1,592	919 930 1,042 1,046 1,050 1,090 1,245 1.395 1,513 1,513 1,513 1,612 1,701	941 946 1,013 1,006 1,012 1,095 1,45 1,41 1,597 1,521 1,521 1,521 1,521 1,514	948 955 1,035 1,036 1,079 1,115 1,267 1,395 1,595 1,595 1,596 1,596 1,514 1,619	 924 942 1,053 1,045 1,055 1,051 1,109 1,272 1,417 1,604 1,517 1,515 1,513 1,721
1950 January February March April May June July Cotober November December	1,447 1,457 1,472 1,514 1,520 1,521 1,536 1,595 1,665 1,673 1,713	1,456 1,466 1,479 1,518 1,530 1,533 1,548 1,575 1,618 1,629 1,779	1,782 1,781 1,808 1,812 1,816 1,830 1,958 2,040 2,031 2,044 2,077	1,500 1,505 1,525 1,525 1,583 1,597 1,608 1,624 1,649 1,702 1,711 1,717 1,815	1,480 1,491 1,595 1,555 1,561 1,563 1,597 1,693 1,693 1,696 1,774 1,833	1,455 1,464 1,480 1,527 1,529 1,544 1,601 1,669 1,672 1,772 1,763	1,492 1,518 1,539 1,568 1,570 1,582 1,665 1,701 1,726 1,724	1,512 1,532 1,537 1,557 1,553 1,555 1,573 1,566 1,643 1,670 1,725	1,496 1,524 1,524 1,543 1,555 1,562 1,586 1,588 1,662 1,662 1,6708 1,728	1,496 1,527 1,540 1,552 1,552 1,552 1,578 1,588 1,676 1,680 1,717	1,473 1,503 1,512 1,514 1,557 1,562 1,589 1,596 1,671 1,689 1,768	1,492 1,519 1,539 1,566 1,568 1,593 1,582 1,665 1,698 1,724 1,742
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1950 Mar. Qtr. ,, June ,, ,, Sept. ,, ,, Dec. ,,	1,295 1,332 1,381 1,451	1,246 1,282 1,315 1,391	1,391 1,407 1,486 1,552	1,265 1,317 1,356 1,426	1,238 1,279 1,329 1,405	1,293 1,329 1,377 1,448	1,303 1,334 1,363 1,429	1,214 1,228 1,252 1,320	1,215 1,241 1,278 1,335	1,271 1,290 1,328 1,381	1,277 1,313 1,352 1,425	1,296 1,326 1,355 1,421

"B" Series Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns-continued.

(Base of each Group (a): Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

			QUEEN	SLAND				SOU	TH AU	ISTRAL	.IA.	
Period,	Brisbane.	Тоочоовы	Rockhamp- ton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, 5 Towns.	Adelaide,	Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambler.	Peter- borough.	Weighted Averaga, 9 Towns.
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Nov. 1914	614 955 864 975 965 966 981 1,055 1,208	895 823 974 1,003 1,009 1,018 1,092 1,228 1,358	949 901 995 1,002 1,016 1,016 1,097, 1,244 1,373	9816 961 1,041 1,049 1,055 1,071 1,148 1,295	936e 912 1,033 1,027 1,025 1,039 1,112 1,255 1,383	950 872 982 987 980 993 1,068 1,219	683 941 897 1,003 993 1,002 1,006 1,067 1,230	945 973 1,044 1,030 1,034 1,049 1,103 1,234 1,386	968 996 1,076 1,061 1,074 1,079 1,141 1,294	923 937 984 996 1,014 1,027 1,071 1,220 1,332	997 981 1,039 1,033 1,054 1,056 1,117 1,269 1,393	943 904 1,007 997 1,006 1,011 1,071 1,233 1,355
,, 1950 1950 Mar Qtr ,, June ,, Sept ,, Dec	1,462 1,402 1,421 1,473 1,551	1,480 1,418 1,441 1,486 7,574	1,523 1,444 1,461 1,529 1,658	1,560 1,499 1,537 1,568 1,635	1,515 1,438 1,464 1,517 1,639	1,476 1,414 1,435 1,485 1,568	1,494 1,428 1,446 1,496 1,606	1,531 1,457 1,481 1,541 1,643	1,585 1,501 1,516 1,591 1,733	1,557 1,413 1,448 1,592 1,776	1,534 1,467 1,485 1,525 1,620	1,500 1,432 1,450 1.502 1,614
Ioso January February March April May June Juty August September October November December	1,395 1,402 1,409 1,416 1,425 1,423 1,442 1,519 1,540 1,548 1,564	1,411 1,416 1,425 1,437 1,443 1,457 1,464 1,537 1,574 1,563 1,583	1,434 1,443 1,455 1,458 1,461 1,465 1,480 1,484 1,623 1,649 1,643 1,682	1,493 1,497 1,507 1,533 1,536 1,536 1,551 1,602 1,623 1,626 1,656	1,434 1,436 1,445 1,459 1,463 1,471 1,500 1,548 1,623 1,630 1,665	t,407 1,413 1,421 1,430 1,438 1,436 1,467 1,534 1,558 1,564 1,583	1,419 1,431 1,435 1,447 1,447 1,463 1,465 1,559 1,571 1,612 1,634	1,443 1,461 1,466 1,474 1,482 1,486 1,501 1,517 1,604 1,615 1,639 1,675	1,495 1,502 1,506 1,512 1,517 1,517 1,550 1,684 1,717 1,723 1,759	1,398 1,413 1,427 1,438 1,440 1,467 1,502 1,533 1,740 1,757 1,761 1,811	1,462 1,466 1,473 1,479 1,479 1,496 1,517 1,545 1,557 1,627 1,675	1,423 1,435 1,435 1,436 1,451 1,453 1,468 1,471 1,567 1,580 1,619 1,643
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year 1939 1943 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1949 1950 Mar. Qtr.	840 858 929 923 924 932 978 1,072 1,149 1,233	771 830 927 945 949 955 1,001 1,087 1,170 1,252	779 843 904 908 917 919 971 1,063 1,145 1,247	8208 920 970 975 979 989 1,036 1,125 1,211 1,286	7946 804 888 886 886 897 942 1,030 1,110 1,195	926 928 936 982 1,071 1 153 1,238	898 891 958 951 957 960 998 1,100 1,177 1,270	811 743 784 776 779 790 825 907 1,001 1,089	839 882 932 923 931 933 971 1,063 1,141 1,241	770 838 877 884 895 903 931 1,022 1,091 1,232	844 890 926 927 935 936 973 1,067 1,144 1,224	883 885 950 944 949 952 990 1,168 1,262
, June ,, ,, Sept. ,, Dec ,,	1,206 1,240 1,293	1,226 1,257 1,313	1,206 1,250 1,334	1,273 1,291 1,332	1,160 1,201 1,275	1,211 1,244 1,299	1,240 1,272	1,058 1,095 1,157	1,198 1,245 1,332	1,165 1,253 1,366	1,199 1,224 1,285	1,231 1,265 1,335

⁽a) See footnote (a) on page 10. (b) Charters Towers. (c) Warwick. (d) See footnote (b) on page 10.

continued. "B" Series Retail Price Index-Numbers : Thirty Towns-

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GROUP L.-FOOD AND GROCERIES.

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	9904	200.7	020	1.026	1,052	1,112	1,280	1,473	1,012	1,545	1,568	1,595	1,738		1,560	1,532	1,543	1,500	1,571	7.00		1.628	1,726	1,735	1,754
	2001,1	900	1,030	1,0,1	1,048	. 108	1,276	1,469	1.532	1,514	1,549	1,577	1,686		1,512	1,517	1,514	1,551	5,549	17.	1,568	1.602	1.686	1,682	169'1
	950	1.5	886	666	1,018	1,092	1,273	1,459	1,534	1,455	1,492	1,556	1,631		1,485	1,428	1,453	1.180	1,490	7.7	200	200	1,507	1,622	1,67
289	1,027	1 063	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,134	918'1	1.495	1.574	1.498	1,537	1,597	1,665		1,521	1,486	1.486	1,528	1,541	, . , .	200		879.1	1,649	66971
	1,033	36	1,066	1,070	1,070	1,115	1,262	244.5	1,008	1,545	1,570	1,619	1,717		1,516	1,521	1,537	526	1,572	27.	200	672	1,742	1,699	1,711
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:	6,049	2001	1,075	1,045	1,057	1,109	1,257	1,443	010'1	1,517	1,561	1,630	1,733		1,507	1,519	1,524	1,548	1,503	1,573	2	1,714	1.770	1 711	812,1
	1,0540	7,61	1,066	1,06	1,073	1,125	1,272	1,455	1,613	1,537	1,584	1,623	1,768		1,521	1,535	1,554	1,573	÷25	1.594 4.504 5.504	3		683	1,713	1,729
:	1,120	1,092	1.180	1,191	1,192	1,239	1,367	1,572	1,728	1,648	1,694	1,737	1,833		1,639	1,649	1.657	1,683	1,696	,70		780	800	1,820	14841
246	1,005	930	0	90	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,437	1,597	1,514	1,559	90,	1,707		1,506	1,500	1,527	1,548	1,561	200		,,,	7.73	1.688	1,699
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GROUP II.-HOUSING (4 AND 5-ROOMED HOUSES).(6)

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	7	676	821	859	96	862	100	366	871	873	876	874	877	877	_
	525	870	616	931	032	933	936	936	937	0+6	15	941	120	41	_
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	:	178	816.1	800.	1,036	1,037	1,055	1,080	1,082	1,095	1,126	1,122	1,122	1,129	_
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	:	2000	865	942	920	924	939	920	1.078	1,107	1,283	1,242 1,257 1,273 1,360
	:	8190	808	908	986	954	96	1,006	1,108	1,325	1,295	1,254 1,275 1,292 1,358
	:	858	687	953	936	943	936	100.	1,113	1,227	1,274	1,226 1,248 1,287 1,333
	630	971	0.72	1,009	992	96	1,01	1,053	1.165	1,275	1,324	1.277 1.301 1.337 1.379
	:	918	910	100,1	1,000	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,122	1,237	1,338	1,286 1,315 1,345 1,406
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	:	918	1,178	1,122	121,1	877,1	961.	1,174	1,266	1,382	1,489	1,467 1,496 1,496 1,554
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⁽d) Beaconsfield. (e) See footnote (b) on page 10 (e) Zeehan. (b) Midland Junction. (a) See footnote (a) on page 10

§ 8. Retail Price Index-Numbers, 200 Towns.

To supplement the information collected monthly for the 30 towns specified in the preceding pages, a special investigation into prices in 70 additional towns was undertaken in November, 1913. This investigation was repeated in November, 1914, and again in November, 1915, when the number of additional towns was increased to 120. In November, 1923, the number was further increased to 170. Information in regard to prices obtained in November of each of the years 1923 to 1942 related, therefore, to 200 towns. After 1942, collection of returns of these prices was discontinued. The results of the first investigation were published in Labour Bulletin No. 5 (pp. 26-33), and details respecting succeeding investigations were incorporated in the Labour Bulletins and Reports issued subsequently by this Bureau.

§ 9. Changes in the Regimen.

- 1. General.—Since the original compilation of retail price indexes by the Bureau in 1912, the regimens of the several Groups and Sections have undergone some modifications, with the object of improving the indexes as measures of the variations in retail prices in individual towns, as between the many towns covered, and in the weighted average of all towns or the various combinations thereof. These modifications are briefly as follows:—
- (i) Food and Groceries.—The regimen for food and groceries, originally introduced in 1912, was based upon the relative consumption of the years 1906 to 1910, and the first revision was made in September Quarter, 1932 and was based on the relative consumption of the years 1927 to 1929. The regimen in use up to that date will be found on page 13 of Labour Report No 23. A second revision took place in September Quarter, 1936, as part of the general revision of the regimen by the Conference of Statisticians of April, 1936. The main features of this revision are referred to in page 2 below.
- (ii) Housing.—The housing constituent of the regimen has also been revised. Originally the rentals of all houses from "3 rooms and under" to "8 rooms and over" were tabulated, and they were continuously used in the "A" Series Index (food and rent of all houses) from 1912 to 30th June, 1938, when this series was discontinued. They were also used in the "C" Series Index up to and including the year 1924. From the following year rentals of 4 and 5-roomed houses only were used in the "C" Series Index, and in the same year they were combined with food and groceries to form the "B" Series Index.

Following on the resolutions of the 1936 Conference of Statisticians (see para. 2 below), the rentals of 4 and 5-roomed houses in each of the six capital cities and "second" important town in each of the States (excepting Western Australia) have been determined on a somewhat different basis (for convenience designated the "Census" basis) from that previously used. For the six capital cities, this base was introduced into the indexes at the December Quarter, 1936, and for the "second" towns at the March Quarter, 1937. The basis adopted was that of the average rents, as disclosed by the 1933 Census, of 4 and 5-roomed houses occupied by fully-employed wage and salary earners in all industrial groups with the exception of "Fishing and Trapping," "Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying" and

"Forestry," brought up to the above-mentioned quarters by applying the percentage variations in rent since the 1933 Census shown for corresponding houses at both periods in the rent rolls of the house-agents. At the same time, these rent rolls were carefully revised, after personal inspection of all houses included, to ensure a satisfactory "sample" of houses upon which to measure rent variations in future. Thus, the rent levels having been established for the towns in question, the rent rolls ceased to be used for the determination of the average rent from quarter to quarter, and were used only for the purpose of measuring the percentage variations from quarter to quarter by means of corresponding houses in the rolls for the current and the preceding quarter—the percentage variations being applied progressively to the basic averages from the 1933 Census, as explained above. The new standard, so far as the towns in question are concerned, affected the indexes only in respect of the relative levels of rents in the different towns, and in respect of their absolute height.

The "Census" basis not being generally applicable to the circumstances of small provincial towns, on account of the great diversity of average "quality" of houses, the levels, as previously determined from a sample of houses selected by the house agents in accordance with definite standards originally laid down, were continued in the indexes until such time as the rent rolls were completely revised on the basis mentioned above. The revision was completed by June Quarter, 1939, but in the meantime as each town was completed the rent level then reached on the old basis was established as the base to which the percentage variations disclosed by the rent rolls were progressively applied thereafter.

- (iii) Clothing and Miscellaneous.—The regimen for clothing and miscellaneous household requirements was originally introduced in 1921, and the first revision was made in March Quarter, 1935. Details of the original regimen were not published, but the revised regimen of 1935 appeared in Labour Report No. 26. A second revision took place in September Quarter, 1936, as part of the general revision of the regimen by the Conference of Statisticians of April, 1936. The main features of this revision are referred to in para. 2 below. Some minor alterations have since been made in the regimen.
- 2. Revision of 1936.—The revision of the regimen by the Conference of Statisticians of April, 1936, was of a comprehensive nature. The Resolutions of the Conference are reprinted in Appendix XI. of Labour Report No. 27. This Conference not only recommended extensive revisions of the regimen from which the indexes are compiled, but also considered methods of collection and compilation. As a result of its deliberations, and subsequent discussions by correspondence, many improvements and refinements were introduced.

The changes in the regimen made by this Conference comprised chiefly the elimination or replacement of articles no longer in demand, or which experience had shown to be unsuitable media for the measurement of price variations; the alteration of units of quantity in certain cases to conform with those in most general use; the adjustment of the mass unit allotted to certain articles to bring them into accord with present-day consumption habits; and the re-adjustment of the population and household weights applicable to the several groups and sections of the regimen in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Definite grades or qualities were also established for each article in the regimen; to ensure that quotations should be given, as far as possible, for the same article at all times and in

all places, and expert field officers were appointed to collect, personally, prices to the standard qualities laid down. Improved methods of collecting and weighting average house rentals were also adopted (see para. I (ii) above).

3. Method of Effecting Changes.—Changes of the nature mentioned are commonly made in price indexes without seriously impairing their continuity. In accordance with established principles of procedure in changing the regimen (see Labour Report No. 9, Appendix I., Part II., paras. 14 and 18), the general level of the index is taken as determined by the old regimen for the quarter in which the change is made, and the new regimen is used to measure variations in the price level after that date. The linking up of the index-numbers on the old and the new basis is effected by the usual method of equating the respective weighted aggregate costs of the old and the new regimens in the six capital cities.

There are two methods of effecting this, as follows:-Up to June Quarter, 1942, all such changes were made by equating the new aggregate of the section embodying the changes to the former aggregate. This course was adopted when items were added to or omitted from the regimen, and when a change was made in the standard of any item. From September Quarter, 1942, however, all changes of standard were effected by an appropriate adjustment of the "mass unit "or "weight" so as to preserve the percentage weight which the item carried in the aggregate from time to time, and wherever possible the " weight " of any item dropped from the regimen was transferred to an article of a similar nature which would serve as a more appropriate medium for the measurement of the variations of the article dropped than the remaining items of the section, the "mass units" of which under the former procedure in effect were proportionately increased to carry the aggregate of the item dropped, or reduced to admit a new item added. (See also para. 3 on pages 15 and 16.)

- 4. Continuity of Indexes.—While the above involves no break of continuity in the index-numbers for the six capital cities as a whole, upon the basis of which all such changes are effected, slight alterations of the relative positions of individual towns are inevitable on account of the alteration of former standards. The effect, however, is more noticeable in the group index-numbers than in those covering a combination of groups, wherein the losses and gains tend to balance out. Thus, in comparing group index-numbers for individual towns in respect of periods including the dates of change referred to in paras. I to 3 above, the following considerations should be kept in mind:—
 - (a) Food and Groceries.—These index-numbers are substantially comparable throughout the period up to June Quarter, 1936. From and including September Quarter, 1936 the index-numbers for individual towns are comparable with each other, but are not strictly so with those for previous quarters.
 - (b) Housing.—No change was ever made in the method of calculating the rentals of "All Houses", and consequently these indexnumbers were comparable throughout the whole period of their existence.* In regard to rentals of houses of 4 and 5 rooms, however, the index-numbers for individual towns are comparable with each other up to June Quarter, 1936. In September

The tabulation of the "A" Series Index, for which these rents were used, was discontinued after the issue for June Quarter, 1938

Quarter, 1936, a change was made in the methods of averaging and weighting the data from house-agents, which gave rise to slight disparities not due to rental fluctuations, and rendered the rent figures for individual towns not strictly comparable with those of former periods. The change, however, thereafter made the index-numbers for any one town more comparable with those of other towns. In December Quarter, 1936, the rent tabulations in the two principal towns of each State were placed on an entirely new basis, which rendered them incomparable individually with average rents of previous periods. This change was also introduced with the object of making the index-numbers for the principal towns more comparable inter se in any given quarter (see para. I (ii) above).

- (c) Clothing and Miscellaneous.—The index-numbers for individual towns up to and including 1934 are comparable with those for previous periods. Those for 1935, and the March and June quarters of 1936, are comparable for those periods, but not with the index-numbers of former or subsequent periods. From and including September Quarter, 1936 the index-numbers for individual towns are substantially comparable with each other, both from quarter to quarter and from town to town, but for individual towns they are not strictly continuous with those of previous periods.
- 5. The Regimen under War Conditions.—Between the comprehensive revision of 1936 and the outbreak of war in 1939 changes in conditions did not require any appreciable revision of the regimen or mass units of items therein. The adjustments made in 1936 had brought the basis of the index "up-to-date" in the sense that it conformed reasonably closely to normal pre-war usage. Although the effects of the war produced some variations from normal consumption in 1940 and 1941, it was not until 1942 (as explained in § 2 (5) of this Chapter) that fundamental changes began to occur. As there explained, the years 1942, 1943 and 1944 produced temporary changes of a far-reaching character which, if permanent and stable, must have necessitated fundamental re-adjustments in the regimen and mass units of the index. But the resultant changes in the index would have been so extensive as virtually to create a new index which would not have been continuously comparable with the "C" Series Index as compiled either pre-war or post-war. Consideration of the matter led to the conclusions—
 - (i) that it was desirable to continue the "C" Series Index substantially on its pre-war regimen in order to ensure continuity of comparison of price movements on a clearly defined basis;
 - (ii) that it was impossible to reconstruct the "C" Series Index to take account of recurrent temporary departures from normal consumption.
- 6. The Regimen since 1945.—The "C" Series Index was reviewed at the Conferences of Commonwealth and State Statisticians in 1949 and 1950. The resolutions of the 1949 Conference are reprinted on page 157 of Labour Report No. 38. Those of the 1950 Conference are reprinted as Section V. of the Appendix to this Report (see page 161).

§ 10. Retail Price Indexes and Basic Wage Variations.

Two distinct procedures are adopted by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in fixing and varying basic or living wages as follows:—

- (i) the Court periodically fixes the amount of wage in the light of evidence submitted by parties appearing before it. Such evidence usually covers a wide range of facts as to economic conditions;
- (ii) having determined the amount of basic wage the Court further determines whether or not it shall be subject to automatic adjustment for changes in price level and, if so, by what method such variation shall be made. This again is decided in the light of evidence and of representations by the parties concerned.

The "C" Series Index is used by the Court to derive the "Court" series of retail price index-numbers upon which the basic portion* of the wages prescribed in awards is varied automatically for changes in price levels quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. These are commonly referred to as "cost of living" adjustments although in fact they relate only to that part of the change in cost of living which is due to variations in prices. The Court itself determines from time to time at public sittings the amount of the basic wage, having regard to evidence submitted in relation to other aspects of "cost of living" and other relevant considerations. In fixing the amount of the basic wage the Court does not have regard to either the regimen used in compiling the retail price index or the cost of such regimen. The regimen of the index would not be suited to such a purpose.

The considerations upon which the basic wage is fixed are set out in successive judgments of the Court and briefly summarized in Chapter III (§ 3) of this Report. On this matter, reference should be made to the Basic Wage Judgments of the Court, particularly those of 1934, 1937, 1941 and 1950†, and to the general statement of principles set out in the judgment on the "Munition Workers' Case" of 1943.‡ Cortain State industrial tribunals use the index-numbers directly for automatic or quasi-automatic adjustment of the rates of wages determined by them as tribunals, while some State tribunals have regard to the index-numbers and other factors in considering what "cost of living" variations they should make in rates of wages.

The use of indexes by industrial authorities for purposes of adjusting rates of wages for changes in price level is a practice of long standing, dating in the case of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, for example, back to the year 1913. The tribunals form their own judgment as to the relevance of the indexes to their purposes, and periodically hear the representatives of employers and employees on the issues involved, including questions as to whether the index is satisfactory for the purposes to which it is applied by the tribunal. In such proceedings the Statistician or his officers are called at times as witnesses on questions of fact and technical matters relating to the indexes.

^{*} The "needs" portion only was adjustable from July, 1937 to December, 1950. † 33 C.A.R., p. 144, 37 C.A.R., p. 583; 44 C.A.R., p. 41; 68 C.A.R., p. 698. ‡ 50 C.A.R., p. 101.

The automatic adjustments in wages prescribed in awards of the Court on the basis of retail price index-numbers are sometimes referred to as "cost of living" adjustments and the index is popularly referred to as a "cost of living index". This at times creates misconceptions as to the nature of the retail price index since the term "cost of living" connotes not only change in cost of living due to changes in prices, but also changes in cost of living due to changes in standard of living. Beyond that, use of the term "cost of living" index sometimes creates the erroneous impression that the retail price index purports to embrace all that should be included in a desirable standard of living. As pointed out in para. 4, page 3 of this chapter, the "C" Series Index is a retail price index of specific meaning. As there indicated the regimen or list of items, on which the index is based, is representative of a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households. While this statement remains broadly true, it relates (in the circumstances of 1951) more specifically to what may be termed the basic wage portion of wage-earner expenditures. The index has hitherto been used by industrial tribunals to provide automatic adjustments in the basic wage itself and, until December, 1950, to a basic wage which did not vary very much in real terms of purchasing power in relation to "C" Series units. In 1950 and especially in 1951 various factors produced both a steep rise in prices and an increasingly wide dispersion of price movements as affecting consumer expenditures on items within and without the index. There has been arising concurrently a tendency to assume, without inquiry, that the index (constructed primarily to measure the incidence of price changes on expenditures from incomes at or about basic wage level) is equally applicable to such diverse matters as measuring the changing incidence of price variations on secondary or marginal portions of wages, on total wages or on total incomes in groups considerably higher than the basic wage, and even on money settlements in some business transactions. While such assumptions may be reasonably reliable during periods in which all prices tend to move together, they should not be made at any time without due inquiry and particularly not in periods (such as the present) when price movements are very marked and are subject to wide dispersion.

The following is a brief statement of the indexes considered or used by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration from time to time:—

(i) "A" Series Index.—The "A" Series Index covers food and groceries and the rent of all houses, with the year 1911 as the base (1,000). This Index was first compiled in 1912, and is available yearly for the six capital cities from 1901 to 1911, and quarterly for 30 important towns of Australia from 1912 to June Quarter, 1938, after which it was discontinued.

The Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration adopted this Index in 1913 to determine the relative basic wage for towns throughout Australia, and to vary what is popularly known as the "Harvester" Basic Wage of 1907—the wage (42s. per week for Melbourne) declared by Mr. Justice Higgins to be sufficient to meet the "normal needs of the average employee, regarded as a human being, living in a civilized community." For this purpose the base index-number (1,000) of the series was selected by the Court as equivalent to a basic wage of 48s. per week. This Index

had very little application after May, 1933, because of the adoption by the Court successively of the "D" Series Index at that date, the "C" Series Index in May, 1934, and the "Court" Series Index in July, 1937.

- (ii) "B" Series Index.—The "B" Series Index covers food and groceries and rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses, with the prices ruling in the years 1923-1927 as the base (1,000), and is actually the food and rent constituent of the "C" Series Index described in (iii) below. This index was first compiled in 1925, and is available for the six capital cities for the years 1907 and 1911, and for the month of November of the years 1914 to 1920, and quarterly thereafter for the 30 important towns of Australia. It was designed to replace the "A" Series Index but was never used in connexion with the adjustment of wages by Industrial Tribunals. This series appears on pages 28 to 31 of this Report.
- (iii) "C" Series Index.—The "C" Scries Index covers food and groceries; rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses; clothing (man, wife and three children); household drapery, household utensils, fuel, lighting and other miscellaneous items, with the prices ruling in the years 1923—1927 as the base (1,000). The regimen is published in full on pages II to 13 of this Report.

This Index was constructed as the result of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Basic Wage of 1920, and the regimen adopted was substantially that of the "Indicator" Lists of the Commission with periodical-adjustments as explained in this chapter. It was first compiled in 1921 and is available for the month of November for the six capital cities for the years 1914 to 1921, quarterly for these cities from June Quarter, 1922, and quarterly for the 30 important towns from March Quarter, 1925 to date.

The Index was not used in connexion with the variation of wages until its partial adoption by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in May, 1933, when the Court introduced the "D" Series Index explained below. In its judgment of 17th April, 1934, the Court adopted as from 1st May, 1934, the "C" Series Index as the sole basis for the adjustment of the wages declared in the judgment, for which purpose the Court equated a "needs" basic wage of 81s. per week to the base indexnumber (1923-27 = 1,000) of the series. In its judgment of 23rd June, 1937, the Court adopted this index as the basis of the "Court" Index (First Series) for the adjustment of the "needs" portion of the Court's new basic wage (see (vii) below).

(iv) "D" Series Index.—The "D" Series Index is a combination of the "A" and "G" Series Indexes, and was introduced by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the adjustment of wages of those employees who were subject to the full 10 per cent. reduction in real wages determined by the Court in January, 1931. It came into operation from 1st May, 1933.

The Index has for its base the "A" Series Index for each town for December Quarter, 1929, which is varied according to the ratio of change indicated by the "C" Series index-number for the whole of 1929 and the

corresponding "C" Series index-number of the town for the quarter for which the adjustment is to be made. It will thus be seen that, whereas the "D" Series Index for each town from December Quarter, 1929 fluctuated in the same way as the "C" Series Index for the same town, the relationship of different towns was that of the "A" Series Index for December Quarter, 1929, slightly modified by the difference in movement between the "A" Series and the "C" Series Indexes for each town since that quarter.

This Index was superseded as from 1st May, 1934, by the judgment of the Court referred to under "C" Series Index. The index-numbers of this series were published in Appendix VIII. of Labour Reports Nos. 24 to 27.

- (v) Food and Groceries.—The regimen of food and groceries is a component part of each of the series of retail price index-numbers mentioned above. Details of the regimen will be found on page II. This index was first compiled in 1912 and is available yearly for the six capital cities from 1901 to 1911 and monthly for the 30 important towns of Australia from 1912 to date. An index computed from the prices of food and groceries only was for a time used for the adjustment of old-age and invalid pensions, and also for the adjustment of the wages of members of the North Australian Workers' Union above the 20th parallel. Both these adjustments were later effected by means of the "C" Series Index, but the provisions for the adjustment of pensions were repealed as from 6th April, 1944.
- (vi) The "200 Towns" Series.—This series was tabulated for the month of November each year in respect of 200 of the more important towns of the Commonwealth. Up to November, 1936, it covered the cost of food and groceries combined with the rent of 4 and of 5-roomed houses respectively. but thereafter the tabulation was limited to food and groceries only. This table has been used mostly in discussions of suitable relative rates for country towns, but the index-numbers have not been directly employed by industrial tribunals in this connexion. The base of this table is the weighted average cost of food and groceries in the six capital cities in 1923-27 = 1,000. This series has been compiled for the month of November since 1913. It was originally confined to 100 towns, but was increased to 150 in 1915, and 200 in 1923. The tabulation of this index was discontinued after November, 1942. A reference to these index-numbers will be found on page 32.
- (vii) The "Court" Index.—The "Court" Index was created by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in its basic wage judgment of 23rd June, 1937, and operated from 1st July, 1937. Its purpose was to provide a set of index-numbers which would be published by, and under the direct control of, the Court. It was created primarily for the purpose of removing conditions which tended to engender the impression that the Commonwealth Statistician was in some way responsible for the fixation and adjustment of wage-rates. Its introduction has the added advantage of enabling the index-numbers to be specially numbered in the manner most convenient for adjustment purposes, and of enabling the Statistician to change the base of his index-numbers without upsetting the wage and adjustment provisions of the Court's awards. There have been three Series of the "Court" Index and the base of each Series has been

related to the "C" Series Index (Base 1923-27 = 1,000). For each Series this relationship has been so determined that the weekly amount in shillings of basic wage ("needs" basic wage in the case of the First and Second Series) as subsequently adjusted for changes in price level, shall equal the "Court" Series index-number according to which it is adjusted. (A "Court" Series index-number ending in .5 or more is regarded as the next higher number for this purpose).

Particulars of the three "Court" Index Series are as follows:--

- (a) The "Court" Index (First Series) (Base 1923-27 = 81.0). This index operated from 1st July, 1937; and a description of its construction is given on page 36 of Labour Report No. 34.
- (b) The "Court" Index (Second Series) (Base 1923-27 = 87.0). This index operated from 1st December, 1946, and a description of its construction is given on page 38 of Labour Report No. 38. For a table of index-numbers under this Series for 1950 see Section IV. of Appendix to this Report.
- (c) The "Court" Index (Third Series) (Base 1923-27 = 103.0). On 23rd November, 1950, the Court announced that the new basic wage (i.e., the "needs" portion plus a standardized "prosperity" loading plus an additional 20s.), to operate from the beginning of the first pay-period in December, 1950, would be adjustable, as from February, 1951, in accordance with the "Court" Index (Third Series). This "Court" Series is constructed (see (vii), page 81) by multiplying the "C" Series index-number (on 1923-27 base) by the factor 0.103. The result to the first decimal place (as it stands) is the corresponding "Court" (Third Series) index-number, which, as explained above, expresses in shillings the amount of basic wage as fixed by the Court for that index-number—with the proviso that any decimal point of .5 or more shall be regarded as the next higher number of shillings in the automatic adjustment scale. Third Series "Court" index-numbers are shown in Section (IV) of the Appendix, and a "Ready Reckoner" for the weekly basic wage equivalents of "Court" (Third Series) and "C" Series index-numbers is shown at the end of the following section (see next page).

§ 11. Scales Used for Automatic Wage Adjustment.

The following table shows the automatic scales of quarterly, half-yearly or yearly adjustment adopted by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in accordance with its announcement of 23rd November, 1950. As indicated in the preceding section, this automatic adjustment scale is applied to an amount of basic wage fixed by the Court after hearing evidence and argument by representatives of employers and employees covering a wide range of relevant factors (primarily relating to "capacity of industry" to pay and general economic conditions). The amount of wage shown constitutes the basic wage payable.

Automatic Scales for Quarterly, Half-yearly or Yearly Adjustment of Basic Wage.*

(As adopted by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, 23rd November, 1950 and operative as from February, 1951.)

†Basis—

(a) "C" Series Index.—Index-number 1,000 (Base 1923-27) = 1038, per week (1s. = 9.708738), or £269 per annum (£1 = 3.717472).‡

(b) "Court" Index (Third Series).—"C" Series index-number 1,000 (Base 1923-27)
—"Court" Index (Third Series) index-number 103.0. (One "C" Series
"point"—0.103)

Index-numbe	r Divisions.	Wage	Index-number	Divisions.	Wage
" C " Series Index.	" Court " Index (Third Series).	per Week.	" C " Series Index.	" Court " Index (Third Series).	per Week.
,,		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1500-1509	154-5-155-4	7 15 0	1850-1859	190.5-191.4	9 11 0
1510-1519	155.5-756.4	7 16 0	1860–1868	191.5-192.4	9 I2 C
1520-1529	156.5-157.4	7 17 0	1869-1878 .	192.5-193.4	9 13 0
1530-1538	P57.5-158.4	7 18 0	1879-1888 .	193.5-194.4	9 14 0
1539-1548	158-5-159-4	7 19, 0	1889~1898	194.5-195.4	9 15 0
1549-1558	159.5-160.4	800	1899-1907	195.5-196.4	9 10 0
1559-1567	160.5-161.4	8 10	1908-1917	196.5-197.4	9 T.7 O
1568-1577	161.5-162.4	8 2 0	1918-1927 .	197.5-198.4	9 18 0
1578-1587	162.5-163.4	830	1928-1936	198.5-199.4	9 19
1588-1597	163.5-164.4	8. 4 0	1937-1946	199.5-200.4	10 0 0
1598-1606	164.5-165.4	8 5 0	1947-1956	200.5-201.4	10 1 0
1607-1616	165.5-166.4		1957-1966 .	201.5-202.4	10 2 0
1617-1626 .	166.5-167.4	8 7 0	1967-1975 .	202.6-203.4	10 3 0
1627-1635	167.5-168.4	8 8 0	1976-1985 .	203.5-204.4	10 4 0
1636-1645 .	168.5-169.4	890	1986-1995	204.5-205.4	10 5 0
1646-1655	160.5-170.4	8 10 0	1996-2004 .	205.5-200.4	10 6 0.
1656-1665	170.5-171.4	8 11 0	2005-2014 .	206.5-207.4	10 7 0
1666-1674	171.5-172.4	8 12 0	2015-2024 .	207,5-208.4	10 8 0
1675-1684	172.5-173.4	8 13 0	2025-2033	208.5-209.3	10 9 0
1685-1694	173.5-174.4	8 14 0	2034-2043 .	209.5-210.4	10 10 0
1695-1703 .	174.5-175.4	8 15 0	2044-2053	210,5-211.4	10 11 0
1704-1713	175.5-176.4	8 16 0	2054-2063	211.5-212.4	10 12 0
1714-1723	176.5-177.4	8 17 0	2064-2072	212.5-213.4	10 13 0
1724-1733	177.5-178.4	8 18 0	2073-2082	213.5-214.4	10 14 0
1734-1742	178.6-179.4	8 19 0	2083-2092	214.5-215.4	10 15 0
1713-1777	179 5-180.4	900	2093-2101	215.5-216.4	10 16 0
1753-1760 .	180.5-181.4	9 10	2102-2771	216.5-217.4	10 17 0
1763-17	181.5-182.4	920	2[12-212]	217,5-218.4	10 18 0
1772-1781	182.5-183.4	930	2122-2131 .	218.5-219.4	10 10 0
1782-1701	183.5-184.4	9 4 0	2132-2140	219.5-220.4	11 0 0
1702-1800	184.5-185.4		2141-2150	220.5-221.4	11 1 0
1801-1810	185.5-186.4	9 5 0	2151-2160	221 5-222.4	11 2 0
1811-1820	186.5-187.4	9 7 0	2161-2169	222.5-223.4	11 3 0
1821-1830	187.5-188.4	980	2170-2179	223.5-224.4	11 4 0
1831-1839	188.5-189.4	اه و و	2180-2189	224.5-225.4	11 5 0
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^{*} For "Court" (First Series) Equivalents (Base = \$1.0) see Labour Report No. 34, p. 38. For "Court" (Second Series) Equivalents (Base = \$7.0) see Labour Report, No. 38, p. 40.

†Formulae for Construction of Tables—

(a) "C" Series.—Let N = number of shillings in wage per week. Then 9.708738 × (N - .5) + 1 gives the first, and 9.708738 × (N + .5) gives the second of the pair of numbers in the index-number division for N shillings. Decimal fractions in result are to be disregarded.

Decimal fractions in result are to be disregarded.

(b) "Court" Series.—Each "C" Series Index point = 0.103, and each of the first of the pair of index-number divisions for the "C" Series Index in above table when multiplied by this factor gives to the first decimal place (as it stands) the first of the pair of index-number divisions for the "Court" Index (Third Series)—from which the second of the pair becomes obvious. (NOTE.—All "Court" Series index-numbers must be derived through their corresponding "C" Series index-numbers.)

‡ For general purposes, the Annual Rate (in £'s) is obtainable by multiplying the Weekly Rate (in Shillings) by 2,6083333 (i.e. 52\$ (weeks) divided by 20 (shillings),—a deemnal joint of .5 or more being taken to the next higher ...

Both the amount of wage and the adjustment scale operate only until the Court otherwise determines, and representatives of employers and employees have the right to approach the Court for variation of the wage or for variation of the adjustment scale. As from February, 1951, the whole basic wage is adjustable for wages varied according to the "Court" Index (Third Series). Under the First and Second Series only the "Needs" portion was varied.

§ 12. International Comparisons: Retail Price Index-Numbers.

The following tables give index-numbers of retail prices for various countries. Except where otherwise noted, the average prices for the year 1937 are taken as base (= 100). The figures, which have been taken from the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations, show fluctuations in prices in each country, and do not measure relative price levels as between the various countries included.

Index-Numbers of Retail Prices in various Countries.*

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(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.)

(Base: 1937 = 100.)

	AUSTRALIA.	Belotu.	BRAZIL.(4)	CANAVA.	Cuile.	DENKARE.	Egypt.(b)	FINEAND.	Jadia.	TRELAND.
Town or Number of Localities.	30	62	Sao Paulo.	69	San- tiago.	Whole.	Сано.	36	Bom- bay.	120
1937 1938 1939	100 103 105	100 104 104	100	001 101 001	100 104 106	100 102 104	 ::	100 103 105	100 100 100	100 102 105
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945	110 115 125 129 129 129	117 324c	105 117 130 150 191 232 276	104 110 115 117 117 118	119 137 173 201 224 244 283	130 150 156 158 160 162 161	113 138 184 242 279 293 287	125 148 174 197 209 292 467	106 117 148 218 224 222 244	121 133 146 166 174 173
1947 1948 1949	136 148 162 179	340 390 378 374	328 361 359 380	134 153 159 165	378 446 529 609	166 170 171 181	279 281 278 293	606 815 830 945	263 286 290 295	1816 186 187 190
March Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	171 176 180 188	369 366 376 386	370 379 384 385	160 162 167 169	567 586 613 670	174 178 179 185	284 289 295 306	872 921 968 1,019	288 293 303 296	188 181 191 188

^{*} The index-numbers in the above table are based on the prices of food, housing, clothing and miscellaneous items.

⁽a) Base: 1939 = 100. (b) Base: June-August, 1939 = 100. (c) October-December (d) New interim index linked to the old.

Index-Numbers of Retail Prices in Various Countries*-continued.

(Base: 1937 = 100.)

	NETHER- LANDS.	NBW Zealand	NORWAY.	Pero.	SOUTHERN Внорезіл.	Sweden.	SWITTER- LAND.	UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.	UNITED KINGDOM.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.	URVOUAY.
Town or Number of Localities.	6	4-25	31	Lima.	6	60	34	9	24-509	32-51	Monte- video.
1937 1938	100 101 102	100 103 107	100 103 105	100 101 100	102 103 102	100 102 105	100 100 101	100 104 104	100 101 103	ioo 98 97	100 99 105
1940 1941 1942	117 134 143	112 116 120	122 143 152	107 116 131	103 107 113	118 134 144	110 127 141	107 112 122	119 129 130	98 102 114	109
1943	149 1530 1760 1920	123b 125 127 128	155 157 160 164	142 163 182 199	119 124 127 131	146 145 145 145	149 152 153 152	129 133 137 139	129 130 132 132	120 122 135 136	118 121 139 153
1947 1948	199 206	132	165 164	258 338	135 145	150 157	159 164	145 153	1024	! ·	177
1950	210 239f	1458	164 1739	388 435	153 165	160 162	160h	159	114	166 167	181
March Qtr. June Sept. Dec.	233 238 240 247	146 151 156 159	165 171 174 181	426 430 429 453	162 163 166 167	161 161 162 164	159 150 161	165 165 169	113 114 114 116	164 165 169 172	180 181 179 184

[.] The index-numbers in the above table are based on the prices of food, housing, clothing?and

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		AUSTRALIA.	Bracil.(a)	CAMADA.	Сапъв.	DENMABE.	Earpt. (b)	FINLAND.	France.	INDIA.	IRELAND.
Town or Nu of Locality		30	Sao Paulo.	69	San- tlago.	Whole	Cairo.	36	Parls	Bom- bay,	130
1937		100		100	100	100		100	100	100	100
1938	.,	104		101	105	104		101	116	99	102
1939		109	100	97	103	106		105	125	100	104
1940	1	110	707	102	120	129	112	128	149	110	117
1941		711	121	112	137	157	141	151	172	123	129
1942		121	134	123	179	162	194	177	201	158	143
1943		122	153	127	212	161	263	197	259	221	159
1944		120	207	127	227	162	312	200	319	231	168
1945	. 1	121	245	129	242	163	325	312	436	238	169
1946	- ' '	122	312	135	281	163	310	491	746	278	169
1947		129	373	155	377	170	298	719	1,207	302	(e)183
1948]	148	425	189	439	173	290	950	1,923	305	188
1949		164	409	197	504	175	303	979	rood	321	188
1950	:_i	184	409 438	204	589	204	331	1,124	111	334	188
March Qtr. June ,. Sept. ,. Dec. ,		173 179 185 198	425 438 446 443	195 200 210 212	538 547 589 681	186 193 206 215	318 326 333 342	1,043 1,111 1,170 1,174	109 108 109 117	324 330 348 334	188 192 185 188

⁽a) Base: 1939 = 100. (b) Base: June-August, 1929 = 100. to the old. (d) New index, base: 1949 = 100. (c) New interim index linked

[&]quot;The index-hambers in the above table are cased on the prices of food, nothing, cooling; and mycollaneous items.

(a) Base: August, 1939 = 100 Index-numbers for years 1937-40 include only food, fuel, light and rent.

(b) War-time index linked to former series.

(c) Average of less than twelve months.

(d) July-December. Interim index.

Base: 17th June, 1947 = 100.

(e) Consumers' (Retail) Price Index linked to former series.

(f) Now interim index.

(g) New index linked to former index.

Index-Numbers of Retail Prices in Various Countries-continued.

(Base: 1937 = 100.)

INDEX-NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD-continued.

	MEKICO.	NETHER- LANDS.	NEW ZEALAND.	NOBWAT.	PERU.	SOUTHERN RHODESIA.	SWÍTZEŘ- LAND.	UNION OF SOUTH	Синтер Клифром.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.	URUGUAY.
Town or Number of Localities.	Mexi- co City.	6	25	31	Lima.	6	34	9	24-509	32-51	Monte- video.
1937 1938 1939	100 115 115	100 103 104	100 104 110	100 101 106	100 98 92	 	100 100 102	100 105 10‡	001: 101 101	100 93 90	100 96 102
1940 1941 1942	115	122 147 160	113 115 118	152 158	101 115 129	110	113 135 155	107 115	118 121 116	92 100 118	107 107 111
1943 1944 1945	168 217 234 303	162 1676 1716 1976	119 121 120 131	160 161 163 163	143 163 182 196	121 124 127 132	163 166 166 162	138 144 147 151	119 121 122 122	131 129 132 152	118 122 146 163
1947 1948	348 367 383	215 233 254	128 145	162 158 156	271 364	144 163	171 177 176	159 164 160	101d 108	184 200	202 197
1949 1950	398	2826	163	169f	488	173	1789	179	123	194	180
March Qtr. June Sept. Dec.	387 394 401 409	277 284 279 286	150 159 169 174	155 169 173 181	476 481 477 516	191 197 201 204	172 176 180 182	173 181 180 182	121 123 122 125	186 190 199 202	181 180 177 180

⁽a) Base: August, 1939 = 100. (b) Average of less than twelve months. (c) Consumers' (Retail) Price Index linked to former series. (d) July-December Interim index. Base: 17th June, 1947 = 100. (c) New interim index. (f) New index linked to former index. (g) New index, beginning March, 1950, linked to former series.