## CHAPTER VI.—RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS, 150 TOWNS.

- 1. Introduction.—To supplement the information collected each month for the 30 towns specified in the preceding Section, a special investigation was initiated in November, 1913, as to retail price indexnumbers in 70 additional towns in Australia. This investigation was repeated in November, 1914, and again in November, 1915, when the number of additional towns was increased to 120, and it is intended to carry it out in that month each year, thus making information available annually for 150 towns. The results of the first investigation were published in Labour Bulletin No. 5 (Section IV., pages 26 to 33), where some description was given of the methods adopted in making the investigation and in computing the index-numbers. The results of the succeeding yearly investigations have appeared in the Labour Bulletins and Reports of this Bureau.
- 2. Detailed Results, 1920 to 1922.—The results of the investigation made in November, 1922, are set out in the tables on pages 47 to 49. (See end of last column on page 47). The aggregate expenditure on food and groceries separately is shown in the form of index-numbers for each year in column A. In columns B and C the corresponding aggregate expenditure on food, groceries and rent of 4-rooms and food groceries, and rent of 5 rooms are shown for each year for each individual town. index-number 1525 (see page 49) represents the weighted average expenditure in 150 towns on food, groceries, and rent of 5-roomed houses; 1415 represents the average weighted expenditure on food, groceries, and rent of 4-roomed houses on November 1922. Similarly, in column A. the index-number 998 represents the relative weighted average expenditure on food and groceries only for November 1922. The figures given in the table are comparable throughout. Thus, taking the average weighted expenditure for all 150 towns on food, groceries, and rent of 5-roomed houses as equal to 1525, the expenditure on the same items in Melbourne is 1570, while if 4-roomed houses were substituted for 5roomed the expenditure in Melbourne would be represented by 1431.

A change has been made in the basis on which the index-numbers in this table are computed. Previously the weighted average expenditure on food, groceries and rent of 5-roomed houses for the 150 towns in each year was taken as base. In the tables on the following pages the same basis is taken as in the case of the tables referring to 30 towns and 6 capital cities given in the preceding Section, i.e., the weighted average expenditure on food, groceries, and housing accommodation in the 6 capital cities in 1911 is made equal to 1000.

Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries and Housing Accommodation in 150 Towns for November 1920, 1921 and 1922 compared with the Weighted Average Cost of Food, Groceries, and Rent for all houses in the Six Capital Cities in 1911 as base (=1000).

New South Wales	Cities in 1911	#9 nese	\—					<del>,</del>		
New South Wales										
New South Wales	State and Town.	Food and Grocerles only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4. Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Grocenes and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Grocerles only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses
Newesald   1,300   1,707   1,808   1,033   1,408   1,574   1,008   1,419   1,526   1,600   1,781   1,005   1,787   1,005   1,375   1,005   1,375   1,005   1,371   1,000   1,0	New South Wales-	A	. 12	c		в	c			e
Bathurst	Sydney	1,291	1,772	1,853	1,015	1,506	1,589 1,574	1,034	1,553	1,041
Bathurst	Broken Hill .	1,504	1,785	1,857	1.023	1,305	1,376	1.050	1,331	1.402
Aldeong 1,319 1,484 1,533 1,035 1,196 1,235 1,046 1,230 1,238 Albury 1,203 1,722 1,816 1,003 1,481 1,521 386 1,518 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,521 386 1,518 1,525 1,338 800 1 1,518 1,528 1,528 1,538 1,538 1,538 1,300 1,338 808 1,525 1,338 800 1 1,518 1,528 1,538 1,5	Goulburn	1,347	1,690	1,793	1,001	1,373 1,232	1.328	986	1,409	1,527
Rourke 1,375 1,533 1,585 1,060 1,071 1,381 1,571 1,051 1,232 1,235 Rowrat 1,332 1,684 1,706 1,000 1,411 1,574 1,061 1,235 1,235 Rowrat 1,332 1,684 1,706 1,000 1,411 1,514 1,011 1,473 1,484 1,000 1,204 1,305 1,489 1,592 1,133 1,232 1,205 1,043 1,411 1,174 (Cooma 1,241 1,707 1,773 1,101 1,393 1,569 1,006 1,321 1,330 Coonamble 1,413 1,720 1,808 1,049 1,365 1,474 1,045 1,352 1,435 (Cooramandra 1,412 1,805 1,101 1,033 1,475 1,562 1,043 1,411 1,174 (Cooramandra 1,412 1,805 1,101 1,053 1,474 1,045 1,352 1,435 (Cooramandra 1,566 1,600 1,652 1,052 1,052 1,335 1,476 1,045 1,352 1,435 (Cooramandra 1,566 1,600 1,652 1,052 1,052 1,328 1,337 1,013 1,309 1,381 1,300 1,626 1,697 997 1,312 1,434 974 1,372 1,434 1,401 1,300 1,626 1,697 997 1,312 1,434 974 1,372 1,434 1,041 1,040 1,300 1,626 1,937 997 1,312 1,434 1,401 1,300 1,300 1,626 1,897 997 1,312 1,434 1,401 1,301 1,301 1,501	Adelong .	1,319	1,484	1.533	1.035	1 106	1,235	1,046	1 220	I 1.2988
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RowTat   1,582   1,689   1,700   1,090   1,431   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,480   1,481   1,791   1,773   1,101   1,383   1,472   1,506   1,048   1,411   1,174   1,045   1,382   1,435   1,4	Bega	1,300		1 447	1.073	1,314	1.398	983	1 950	1,404
RowTat   1,582   1,689   1,700   1,090   1,431   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,489   1,680   1,481   1,516   1,011   1,273   1,480   1,481   1,791   1,773   1,101   1,383   1,472   1,506   1,048   1,411   1,174   1,045   1,382   1,435   1,4	Bourke	1,375	1,533	1,585	1,066	1,211	1,277	1,055	1.232	1,285
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Coomamble	Cobar	1 961	1.489	1,522	1,133	1.282	1.265	1.043	1,141	1,174
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Corrimal	Cootamundra .	1,412	1.805	1,916	1,053	1.472	1,562	921	1.004	1,430
Forbes Fo	Corrimal	1,356	l 1.600	1,652	1,052	1.328	1,387	1,013	1,309	1,381
Forbes Fo	Cowra Denilianin	1,200	1,698	1,731	907	1.298	1,934	1.008	1,372	
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Taylor   1,303	Grenfell .	1,326	1.672	1,804	1,014	1,422	1.560	977	1,444	1,569
Taylor   1,303	LTAN	1,335	1,651	1,723	1,024	$\frac{1,320}{1.342}$	1,432	1 004	1,296	1,358
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Mose	Lithgow	1,315	1,655	1,729	1,035	1,416	1,486	1,018	1 1 11 11 11 11	1,472
Matrabri	Morec	1,429	1,785	1.890 I	1,073	1,395	1,481	1.079	1,487	1,605
Natrabri	Moss Vale	1,360	1,778	1,887	1,026	1,470	1,509		1,394	1,559
Nowra         1,369         1,698         1,698         1,698         1,498         1,491         1,952         1,078         1,952         1,073         1,491         1,493         1,491         1,052         1,078         1,592         1,073         1,411         955         1,502         1,701         1,411         955         1,503         1,000         1,444         1,553         1,000         1,444         1,553         1,000         1,444         1,553         1,407         1,402         1,503         1,000         1,434         1,353         1,444         1,458         1,467         1,458           Tamworth         1,277         1,003         1,700         952         1,383         1,498         921         1,339         1,497           Temora         1,363         1,731         1,797         1,002         1,424         1,523         1,006         1,497         1,532           Weighted Magga         1,242         1,594         1,679         986         1,385         1,447         951         1,352         1,477         1,602         1,424         1,523         1,407         1,407         1,602         1,412         1,341         1,961         1,403         1,412         944	Narrabri	1,311	l 1.676 l	1.758 I	1,031	1 270	1,403	990	1.292	1,804
Parkes         1,318         1,670         1,778         1,019         1,420         1,503         1,000         1,434         1,559           Queanbeyan         1,382         1,652         1,709         1,041         1,343         1,395         1,010         1,434         1,553           Tamworth         1,277         1,003         1,700         952         1,383         1,498         921         1,339         1,447           Yenora         1,360         1,731         1,797         1,662         1,424         1,523         1,006         1,467         1,532           Waga Waga         1,242         1,594         1,679         986         1,385         1,447         951         1,339         1,478           Wollongour         1,339         1,678         1,734         1,051         1,387         1,449         1,911         1,349         1,918         1,399         1,425         1,310         1,412         944         1,226         1,313         1,478         1,411         1,481         1,491         1,918         1,399         1,481         1,226         1,311         1,481         1,491         1,918         1,399         1,385         1,441         1,411         1,483	Nowra	1,369	1,698	1,764	1,073	1,402	1.400	1,052	1,678	1,657
Wollington   1,268   1,553   1,661   1,032   1,310   1,412   944   1,226   1,313   Wollongong   1,339   1,678   1,734   1,051   1,387   1,449   1,918   1,399   1,465   Wystong   1,364   1,025   1,712   1,310   1,385   1,472   983   1,329   1,446   Young   1,295   1,618   1,703   1,014   1,310   1,387   950   1,306   1,408   Weighted A verage for State   1,308   1,740   1,828   1,020   1,463   1,553   1,024   1,493   1,589   1,408   1,408   Wictoria	Urange Parkes	1,259	1,542		1 010	1,318	1,411	1 000	1,307	1,410
Wollington   1,268   1,553   1,661   1,032   1,310   1,412   944   1,226   1,313   Wollongong   1,339   1,678   1,734   1,051   1,387   1,449   1,918   1,399   1,465   Wystong   1,364   1,025   1,712   1,310   1,385   1,472   983   1,329   1,446   Young   1,295   1,618   1,703   1,014   1,310   1,387   950   1,306   1,408   Weighted A verage for State   1,308   1,740   1,828   1,020   1,463   1,553   1,024   1,493   1,589   1,408   1,408   Wictoria	Qucanbeyan .	1,382	1.052	1,709	1.044	1,343	1.395	1,014	1 378	1.458
Wollington   1,268   1,553   1,661   1,032   1,310   1,412   944   1,226   1,313   Wollongong   1,339   1,678   1,734   1,051   1,387   1,449   1,918   1,399   1,465   Wystong   1,364   1,025   1,712   1,310   1,385   1,472   983   1,329   1,446   Young   1,295   1,618   1,703   1,014   1,310   1,387   950   1,306   1,408   Weighted A verage for State   1,308   1,740   1,828   1,020   1,463   1,553   1,024   1,493   1,589   1,408   1,408   Wictoria	Tamworth .	1,277	1,603	1,700	952	1.003	1,498	921	1,839	1,497
Wollington         1,208         1,558         1,681         1,032         1,311         1,412         944         1,225         1,313         1,678         1,344         1,051         1,349         1,918         1,225         1,138         1,472         1,491         1,918         1,349         1,918         1,329         1,448         1,329         1,448         1,252         1,416         1,287         1,411         1,483         1,099         1,385         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,411         1,483         1,099         1,385         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,411         1,483         1,099         1,385         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,449         1,329         1,448         1,448         1,669         1,441         1,341         1,448         1,553         1,024         1,493         1,589         1,441         1,448         1,543         967         1,431         1,570         348         1,444	Wagga Wagga .		1,731	1.679	986	1,424	1,523	951	1.350	1.477
Young         1,476         1,697         1,698         1,993         1,411         1,287         1,099         1,411         1,287         295         1,368         1,408           Weighted Average for State         1,308         1,740         1,828         1,020         1,463         1,558         1,024         1,493         1,589           Victoria         Melbourne         1,285         1,707         1,837         972         1,418         1,543         967         1,431         1,570           Balfarat         1,305         1,508         1,596         977         1,178         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Bendigo         1,245         1,487         1,576         968         1,710         1,315         977         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Geclong         1,238         1,552         1,652         991         1,330         1,492         959         1,822         1,431           Ararat         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,504         1,002         1,331         1,371         1,496           Bairnsdale         1,322         1,568         1,752         1,689<	Wellington .	1,268	1.558 .	1.661	1 0000 1	1,310	1,412	944	1 226	1,313
Young         1,476         1,697         1,698         1,993         1,411         1,287         1,099         1,411         1,287         295         1,368         1,408           Weighted Average for State         1,308         1,740         1,828         1,020         1,463         1,558         1,024         1,493         1,589           Victoria         Melbourne         1,285         1,707         1,837         972         1,418         1,543         967         1,431         1,570           Balfarat         1,305         1,508         1,596         977         1,178         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Bendigo         1,245         1,487         1,576         968         1,710         1,315         977         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Geclong         1,238         1,552         1,652         991         1,330         1,492         959         1,822         1,431           Ararat         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,504         1,002         1,331         1,371         1,496           Bairnsdale         1,322         1,568         1,752         1,689<	Wollongong . Wyolong	1,339	1.678 :	1,734	1,051	1,387	1,449	1,018	1,399	1,460
Young         1,295         1,618         1,703         1,014         1,310         1,387         950         1,306         1,408           Weighted Average for State         1,308         1,740         1,828         1,020         1,463         1,558         1,024         1,493         1,589           Victoria—         Melbourne         1,285         1,707         1,837         972         1,418         1,543         967         1,431         1,570           Ballarat         1,305         1,508         1,506         977         1,178         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Bendigo         1,245         1,487         1,576         968         1,710         1,815         977         1,234         1,381           Glectong         1,238         1,552         1,552         991         1,330         1,492         959         1,822         1,434           Ararat         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,444         982         1,271         1,348         932         1,233         1,395           Balrandale         1,322         1,654         1,766         999         1,202         1,909         1,371 <td>Yaas</td> <td>1,476</td> <td>1,797</td> <td>1,867</td> <td>1,093</td> <td>1,411</td> <td>1,483</td> <td>1,009</td> <td>1,385</td> <td>1,449</td>	Yaas	1,476	1,797	1,867	1,093	1,411	1,483	1,009	1,385	1,449
State         1,308         1,740         1,828         1,020         1,463         1,558         1,024         1,403         1,589           Victoria—         Melbourne         1,285         1,707         1,837         972         1,418         1,543         967         1,431         1,570           Ballarat         1,305         1,508         1,596         977         1,178         1,284         976         1,217         1,320           Bendigo         1,245         1,487         1,570         968         1,710         1,815         977         1,234         1,381           Geclong         1,238         1,552         1,652         991         1,330         1,432         959         1,822         1,433           Warrnambool         1,322         1,654         1,766         999         1,335         1,484         932         1,273         1,431         1,395           Bairnedale         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,426         1,002         1,303         1,395           Bocohworth         1,335         1,532         1,589         7,99         1,106         1,202         906         1,228         1,276	Young	1,295	1,618	1,703	1,014	1,310	1,387	950	1,306	1,408
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Bendition         1,305         1,506         1,507         968         1,710         1,315         977         1,217         1,327           Benditgo         1,245         1,487         1,576         968         1,710         1,315         977         1,224         1,381           Gleckong         1,238         1,552         1,652         991         1,330         1,432         959         1,822         1,431           Warrnambool         1,322         1,654         1,766         999         1,335         1,484         982         1,273         1,431           Ararat         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,504         1,002         1,331         1,395         1,395           Bairnedale         1,322         1,607         1,728         1,048         1,377         1,504         1,009         1,371         1,496           Bocolworth         1,335         1,532         1,589         979         1,202         996         1,223         1,276           Bonalla         1,283         1,566         1,629         1,004         1,304         1,406         947         1,276         1,385	Melbourne .	1,285	1,707	1,837	972	1,418	1,543	967	1,431	1,570
tietong         1,238         1,532         1,632         991         1,330         1,484         982         1,532         1,654         1,766         999         1,335         1,484         982         1,273         1,431           Ararat         1,355         1,640         1,761         1,084         1,327         1,426         1,002         1,303         1,395           Bairmedale         1,322         1,607         1,728         1,048         1,377         1,504         1,009         1,371         1,496           Bocohworth         1,335         1,532         1,589         979         1,106         1,202         996         1,223         1,276         1,386           Benalla         1,283         1,568         1,291         1,004         1,304         1,406         947         1,276         1,386           Beleibt         1,284         1,287         1,288         1,277         1,504         1,406         947         1,276         1,386	Banarat Rendigo	1,305		1,596	977 968	1,178	1,284	976 977	1,217     1,284	1,320
Rairnadale     1,322     1,607     1,728     1,048     1,327     1,504     1,009     1,371       Bairnadale     1,322     1,607     1,528     1,048     1,377     1,504     1,009     1,371       Bechworth     1,335     1,582     1,589     979     1,106     1,262     996     1,223     1,276       Benalla     1,233     1,566     1,629     1,004     1,304     1,406     947     1,276     1,385       Height     1,223     1,07     1,562     1,07     1,562     1,07     1,066     1,276     1,068	Geclong	1,238	1,502	1.052	991	1,330	1,432	959	1,822	1.439
Rairnadale     1,322     1,607     1,728     1,048     1,327     1,504     1,009     1,371       Bairnadale     1,322     1,607     1,528     1,048     1,377     1,504     1,009     1,371       Bechworth     1,335     1,582     1,589     979     1,106     1,262     996     1,223     1,276       Benalla     1,233     1,566     1,629     1,004     1,304     1,406     947     1,276     1,385       Height     1,223     1,07     1,562     1,07     1,562     1,07     1,066     1,276     1,068	Warrnambool	1,322	1,654	1,765	999	1,335	1,484	932	1,273	1.431
Benalla 1,283 1,506 1,629 1,004 1,304 1,406 947 1,276 1,386		1 322	1.607	1,701	1.048	1,327	1.504	1,002	1,303 ]	1.494
tenname         1,283         1,566         1,629         1,004         1,364         1,406         947         1,276         1,387           bright         1,326         1,497         1,568         1,077         1,258         1,377         1,052         1,230         1,305         1,305         1,307         1,052         1,230         1,330         1,339         1,539         1,339         1,339         1,339         1,339         1,339         1,339         1,332         1,670         1,743         1,028         1,489         1,804         973         1,504         1,382         1,575         1,445         970         1,075         1,121         921         1,053         1,092           Creswick         1,310         1,406         1,445         970         1,075         1,121         921         1,053         1,092	Beechworth	1,335	1,532	1.569	979	1,106	1,262	996	1,223	1,276
Camperdown         1,258         1,557         1,646         982         1,324         1,426         983         1,339         1,539           Castlemaine         1,333         1,547         1,658         1,001         1,241         1,860         997         1,280         1,339         1,375           Cotac         1,332         1,676         1,743         1,028         1,489         1,604         973         1,500         1,582           Creswick         1,310         1,406         1,445         970         1,075         1,121         921         1,053         1,092	Benālia . Reight	1,283	1,566	1.629	1,004	1,304	1 207	947	1,276	1,385
Castlemaine         1,333         1,547         1,658         1,001         1,241         1,860         997         1,280         1,375           Colac         1,332         1,676         1,743         1,028         1,489         1,604         973         1,500         1,582           Creswick         1,310         1,406         1,445         970         1,075         1,121         921         1,053         1,092		1,258	1,557	1 646	982	1,324	1 426	963	1.339	1 530
Coreswick	Castlemaine	1,333	1.547	1,658	1.001	1,241	1,360	997	1,250	1,375
1,000 1,000	Cotac	1,332	1,676	1,743	1,028 970	1,489	1,604	973 921	1,500	1.582
		1,040	1,400	+,310		4,010		722	2,000	2,002

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	., _	1920.			1021.			- 1922.	
State and Town.	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4. Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rentol 5- Roomed Houses
Victoria-cont.	A 1,332	- B	1 C	A .	В	( C	A	1 13	- C
Daylesford Dunolly Echuca Euroa Hamilton Horshom Korumburra Kyneton Maldon Maryborough Mildura Nhill Omeo	1,332 1,183 1,340 1,320 1,220 1,354 1,277 1,298 1,271 1,299 1,343 1,269 1,413	1,510 1,334 1,553 1,616 1,663 1,676 1,546 1,406 1,477 1,940 1,532 1,571	1,582 1,361 1,676 1,570 1,698 1,792 1,033 1,631 1,429 1,509 2,074 1,585 1,637	1,018 939 1,020 982 1,050 1,053 1,013 1,012 1,022 1,155 1,078 1,131	1,221 1,058 1,260 1,226 1,395 1,458 1,338 1,271 1,110 1,200 1,711 1,341 1,276	1,329 1,097 1,305 1,259 1,487 1,623 1,302 1,381 1,303 1,303 1,303 1,305 1,856 - 1,405	995 984 973 1,011 1,018 987 939 951 950 977 1,102 1,006	1,247 1,092 1,235 1,243 1,402 1,417 1,273 1,273 1,093 1,154 1,757 1,348 1,182	1,329 1,131 1,327 1,206 1,534 1,534 1,376 1,331 1,137 1,270 1,829 1,400 1,228
Orbost Portland St. Arnaud	1,311 1,279 1,289 1,276	1,571 1,577 1,520 1,582	1,688 1,598 1,674	1,042 1,057 1,046	1,371 1,374 1,335	1,437 1,480 1,457	1,020 1,023 976	1,415 1,346	1,547 1,467 1,325
Sale Shepparton Stawell Swan Hill Walhalla Wandillgong Wangaratta Warracknabeal Wonthaggi Yackandandah	1,276 1,238 1,379 1,268 1,367 1,335 1,380 1,249 1,393 1,344	1,540 1,570 1,626 1,696 1,433 1,440 1,700 1,533 1,702 1,568	1,650 1,672 1,725 1,762 1,472 1,467 1,778 1,611 1,788 1,620	972 1,040 1,067 1,008 1,106 1,097 1,031 998 996 1,058	1,233 1,405 1,307 1,436 1,172 1,202 1,351 1,298 1,360 1,282	1,835 1,517 1,425 1,507 1,212 1,220 1,445 1,367 1,435	036 1,010 1,070 982 1,086 1,051 1,014 973 1,000	1,252 1,454 1,331 1,574 1,165 1,156 1,350 1,335 1,430	1,360 1,569 1,423 1,739 1,191 1,183 1,431 1,400 1,527 1,207
Weighted Average for	1,287	1,660	1,778	980	1,376	1.493	971	1,389	1,517
State Queensland—		1						.	
Rrisbane Toowoomba Rockhampton Charters Towers Warwick Bundaberg Cairns Charleville Chillagoe Cloneurry Cooktown Cunnamulla Goondiwindi Gympie Hamilton Hughenden Ipswich Longreach Mackay Maryborough Mt. Morgan Roma Townsville Winton Weighted Average for State	1,176 1,125 1,185 1,198 1,211 1,385 1,287 1,316 1,458 1,458 1,450 1,272 1,230 1,184 1,329 1,183	1,406 1,373 1,403 1,405 1,405 1,405 1,405 1,600 1,418 1,550 1,550 1,550 1,550 1,577 1,433 1,639 1,300 1,777 1,433 1,634 1,777 1,433 1,634 1,777 1,777 1,433 1,634 1,777 1,777 1,433 1,634 1,777	1,557 1,458 1,457 1,500 1,500 1,500 1,840 1,840 1,950 1,583 1,601 1,710 1,870 1,639 1,639 1,639 1,535 1,530	1,006 942 1,000 1,034 986 963 1,127 1,138 1,239 1,109 1,109 1,109 1,109 1,109 1,109 1,106 1,006 1,006 1,006 1,008 1,172 1,008 1,172 1,008 1,172 1,008 1,008 1,009 1,008 1,009 1,00 1,00	1,208 1,190 1,225 7,300 1,285 1,170 1,565 1,494 1,572 1,325 1,311 1,247 1,403 1,665 1,361 1,375 1,453 1,245 1,410 1,527 1,420 1,520 1,500 1,303	1,385 1,270 1,270 1,375 1,315 1,263 1,544 1,097 1,025 1,025 1,390 1,390 1,390 1,390 1,476 1,452 1,452 1,567 1,535 1,753 1,753 1,753 1,753 1,753 1,758	942 927 946 908 919 940 1,072 1,050 1,115 7,128 1,047 1,046 1,098 902 961 1,099 1,090 1,079 1,090	1,275 1,184 1,243 1,194 1,243 1,192 1,406 1,313 1,271 1,370 1,584 1,385 1,221 1,385 1,221 1,385 1,271 1,385 1,272	1,385 1,202 1,239 1,312 1,278 1,598 1,598 1,598 1,270 1,585 1,270 1,441 1,367 1,367 1,412 1,760 1,326 1,320 1,457 1,457 1,457 1,450
South Australia— Adelaide Moonta, etc. Port Pirie Mt. Gambler Peterborough Gawler Kapunda Murray Bridge Pt. Augusta Pt. Lincoln Pt. Victor (Victor Harbour)	1,291 1,296 1,305 1,264 1,267 1,237 1,248 1,276 1,313 1,252	1,671 1,561 1,648 1,490 1,564 1,497 1,406 1,675 1,642 1,562	1,795 1,638 1,723 1,650 1,650 1,574 1,459 1,776 1,749 1,611	901 996 1,020 972 1,050 1,003 985 988 1,049 1,048	1,381 1,248 1,346 1,198 1,343 1,266 1,157 1,361 1,376 1,325	1,527 1,344 1,418 1,250 1,442 1,329 1,249 1,457 1,465 1,404	987 990 978 950 1,013 956 947 947 1,023 1,061	1,418 1,245 1,297 1,185 1,303 1,294 1,184 1,348 1,348 1,337	1,548 1,351 1,391 1,252 1,373 1,389 1,260 1,416 1,451 1,410
Weighted Average for	1,245 1,356	1,551 1,784	1,692 1,905	991 1,104	1,340 1,617	1,451 1,740	975 1,059	1,50 <u>2</u> 1,652	1,633 1,783
State	1,289	1,652	1,767	995	1,364	1,498	986	1,392	1,515

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		1920.	'		1921.	.		1922,	
State and Town.	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Groceries and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Grocertes and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Groceries only.	Wood, Grocerie and Rent of 4. Roomed Houses	Food, Groceries and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses	Food and Groceries only.	Food, Grocertes and Rent of 4- Roomed Houses	Food, Grocerles and Rent of 5- Roomed Houses
Western Australia Perth & Fremantle Kalgoorlie & Boulder Mulland Tunction &	A 1,172 1,341	B 1,527 1,694	C 1,623 1,772	A 1,058 1,179	B 1,440 1,535	C 1,580 1,611	A 998 1,154	B 1,389 1,493	C 1,577 1,557
Midland Junction & Guildford Bunbury Geraldton Albany Broome Carnarvon Cur Katanning Loonora Menzies Northam Ravensthorpe Weighted Average for State Tasmania— Hobart Launceston Zechan	1,221 1,220 1,222 1,290 1,498 1,488 1,387 1,482 1,649 1,205 1,359 1,220 1,362 1,362 1,362 1,362 1,362	1,481 1,509 1,604 1,603 1,821 1,633 1,549 1,781 1,537 1,457 1,565 1,827 1,658 1,658	1,563 1,556 1,690 1,678 1,854 1,719 1,595 1,798 1,807 1,523 1,523 1,523 1,523 1,523 1,523 1,523	1,110 1,05 1,086 1,153 1,402 1,297 1,341 1,019 1,267 1,343 1,104 1,268 1,095 1,081 1,007	1,403 1,422 1,488 1,461 1,659 1,519 1,399 1,474 1,420 1,367 1,458 1,520 1,331 1,325	1,512 1,485 1,576 1,547 1,745 1,604 1,476 1,485 1,488 1,558 1,432 1,546 1,631 1,475 1,475 1,558	1,034 1,046 1,065 1,099 1,308 1,237 1,312 1,009 1,269 1,314 1,081 1,158 1,045 1,013 1,007 1,116	1,368 1,397 1,462 1,396 1,966 1,730 1,507 1,508 1,427 1,446 1,425 1,425 1,416 1,416 1,374 1,374	1,449 1,497 1,548 1,467 2,098 1,779 1,602 1,549 1,5467 1,467 1,423 1,506 1,592 1,592 1,592 1,592 1,327
Beaconsfield Queenstown Burnie Campbelltown Devonport Franklin Oattands Scottsdale Weighted Average for State  Weighted Average for	1,238 1,274 1,290 1,214 1,201 1,328 1,250 1,255 1,338	1,603 1,299 1,537 1,652 1,336 1,650 1,556 1,408 1,483	1,328 1,616 1,738 1,378 1,715 1,043 1,441 1,540	1,040 1,134 1,017 1,066 1,074 1,088 1,075 998	1,110 1,397 1,379 1,206 1,434 1,335 1,223 1,261	1,118 1,476 1,484 1,277 1,518 1,398 1,260 1,327 1,525	995 1,092 1,028 979 1,010 1,024 990 1,051	1,069 1,356 1,454 1,129 1,421 1,257 1,151 1,316	1,091 1,435 1,586 1,183 1,490 1,327 1,178 1,380 1,519
Australia	1,282	1,662	1,763	1,011	1,405	1,507	998	1,415	1,525

By deducting the index-number in column A from those in columns B and C, the relative aggregate expenditure on housing accommodation can be ascertained. Thus for November 1922 the index-number for food and groceries in Melbourne (column A) is 967. Subtracting this from 1431 (column B) gives a difference of 464, which is the relative cost of house rent for houses of 4 rooms, and from 1570 (column C) gives a difference of 603, which is the relative cost of house rent for houses of 5 rooms. Similarly the relative cost of housing accommodation can be ascertained for each of the towns included.

3. Comparisons with Quarterly Results.—In order to ascertain the degree of accuracy with which the investigations as to variations in the purchasing-power of money made prior to 1912 for the capital cities only, and those made since the beginning of 1912 for the thirty towns, reflect the conditions obtaining throughout the States and Australia, comparisons between the three sets of results have been made annually, those for 1922 being given in the following table.

The first line in each section shows the index-numbers derived from the special inquiry covering 150 towns; the second line gives the results obtained from the returns received for the month of November 1922, for the five towns in each State from which regular monthly returns are received; and the last line gives the results obtained from the

November returns for the capital cities only. The capital cities are, of course, included in each of the other two investigations, and the five towns in each State are included in the investigation for "all towns":—

Retail Price Index-Numbers, 1922.	Comparisons in States.
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Particulars.	n.s.w.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	W'gh' Aver- age.
	Foo	DD AND	GROCERI	ES.			
All Towns*	1.027	074	966	989	1,018	1,023	1,000
Five Towns in each State	1,035	971	948	990	1,039	1,024	1,000
Capital Cities only	1,039	972	947	992	1,003	1,018	1,000
	RENT	5-Roo	мер Нот	SES.			1
All Towns*	1,071	1,035	767	1.004	874	945	1.000
Five Towns in each State	1,081	1,035	737	976	855	938	1,000
Capital Cities only	1,049	1,041	764	970	844	1,001	1,000
Fo	OD AND	GROCE	RIES AND	RENT.	'		<u></u>
All Towns*	1,042	995	897	994	988	996	1,900
Five Towns in each State	1,051	994	874	985	974	994	1,000
Capital Cities only	1,043	997	l 880 i	984	944	1,011	1,00

<sup>•</sup> For list of towns included, see Table on pages 47 to 40,

The index-numbers for November, 1916 to 1922, computed from the three sets of data mentioned above with 1913 as basis (=1000), are shown in the following table:--

Variations in Retail Price Index-Numbers, 1916 to 1922.

ratiations in i	-	1100 111	TOT -14 (F)	moors,	1010 **			
Particulars.	1913,	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922
	Foor	AND (	GROCER	iEs.	<u></u>	<u>'</u>	·	·
Five Towns in each State	1,000 1,000 1,000	1,353 1,354 1,358	1,395 1,390 1,397	1,435 1,430 1,440	1,706 1,701 1,715	2,002 2,007 2,021	1,578 1,577 1,588	1,558 1,564 1,580
P	ENT O	5-Ro	омво 1	Iouses	·	<del>.</del> _	<u> </u>	<del>'</del> -
Five Towns in each State	1,000 1,000 1,000	959 966 961	981 987 980	1,031 1,039 1,033	1,103 1,110 1,099	1,228 1,235 1,225	1,268 1,271 1,261	1,347 1,347 1,330
F	OOD, C	ROCER	ies, an	D REN	r.	··· • <u>-</u>	··	
All Towns* Five Towns in each State Capital Cities only		1,204 1,203 1,196	1,238 1,234 1,227	1,282 1,278 1,274	1,477 1,471 1,464	1,709 1,706 1,697	1,461 1,458 1,455	1,478 1,480 1,480

NOTE.—The figures in the vertical columns do not, of course, show relative purchasing-power-of-money index-numbers. They show merely the increase or decrease in cost in November of each year compared with November, 1913, for "All Towns," "Five Towns in each State" and "Capital Cities only" respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> See footnote to preceding table.

The index-numbers in the first line of each section of the above table refer to 100 towns for November, 1913, and to 150 towns for November, 1916 to 1922. The general closeness of the results shown in these two tables is remarkable, and indicates that the index-numbers published for the capital cities only for the years prior to 1912, and for the thirty towns for 1912 and subsequent years, reflect with a substantial degree of accuracy the variations in the retail price index-numbers. During the period November 1913, to November 1922, the average cost of food and groceries throughout Australia increased 55.8 per cent.; house rents increased 34.7 per cent.; the aggregate result showing an increase of approximately 47.8 per cent.

## CHAPTER VII.—INCLUSION OF CLOTHING AND MISCEL-LANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.

- 1. Introduction.—The Royal Commission on the Basic Wage was appointed to inquire into and report upon the following matters:—
  - (1) The actual cost of living at the present time, according to reasonable standards of comfort, including all matters comprised in the ordinary expenditure of a household, for a man with a wife and three children under fourteen years of age, and the several items and amounts which make up that cost.
  - (2) The actual corresponding cost of living during each of the last five years.
  - (3) How the basic wage may be automatically adjusted to the rise and fall from time to time of the purchasing-power of money.

Reference was made to the findings of the Commission in Report No. 11, pp. 28 and 29 In answer to the third clause of the enquiry, the Commission recommended that "a Bureau of Labour should be organized from existing members of the Public Service, which should ascertain from time to time the rise and fall in the purchasing power of money in relation to the reasonable standard of comfort for the typical family (i.e., such a family as is described in Clause 1)." This suggestion was adopted by the Government, and the Commonwealth Statistician was consulted as to the methods to be followed in this connexion. The duty of carrying out the recommendation was entrusted to this Bureau. As the result of investigations and inquiry as to methods adopted in other countries, the methods hereafter described have been adopted for the purpose of measuring variations in the cost of the commodities and services which comprise the total expenditure on living.

2. Methods Adopted.—The Commission was concerned principally with ascertaining variations in the cost of the regimen which its members adopted, and which is described in the Indicator Lists published