

LABOUR, WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

## AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES FOR LABOUR.

Occupations arranged under (a) Agriculture, (b) Domestic Service, (c) Trade and Manufacture.	Per Annum			Per Day			Per Task or Job
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
(a) Agricultural ... ..	54	0	0	3	0		—
(b) Domestic Service ... ..	20	0	0	—			—
(c) Trade and Manufacture ... ..	82	0	0	4	6		—

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF ALL THE CHIEF STAPLE ARTICLES  
OF USE OR CONSUMPTION.

	Average retail Price (sterling) throughout the year.			Maximum Retail Price			Minimum Retail Price		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wheaten Flour ... ..	2	6	2	2	11	4	2	6	2
Wheat ... ..		7	9		7	11		7	9
Wheaten bread ... ..			2½			2½			2½
Horned cattle ... ..	11	0	0	13	0	0	9	0	0
Horses ... ..	20	0	0	25	0	0	20	0	0
Sheep ... ..	2	15	0	3	0	0	2	10	0
Goats ... ..	2	10	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
Swine ... ..	5	0	0	5	10	0	5	0	0
Milk ... ..			6			9			6
Butter fresh (New Zealand) ... ..		2	0		2	2		2	0
" salted (Irish) ... ..		2	0		2	2		2	0
Cheese (English) ... ..		1	2		1	3		1	2
Eggs (Maltese) ... ..		1	8		2	6		1	1
" (Foreign) ... ..		1	2		1	8		1	0
Beef ... ..		1	0½		1	2½			11½
Mutton ... ..			8			9			7
Pork ... ..			10½			10½			10½
Rice (common) ... ..			2½			2½			2½
Coffee (common) ... ..		1	0½		1	1½		1	0½
Cocoa (common) ... ..			10		1	1			11
Tea (in bulk) ... ..		2	3½		2	5½		2	3½
Sugar (granulated) ... ..			2			2½			2
Salt (table) ... ..			2½			2½			2½
Wine, (common) ... ..		19	0		19	6		19	0
Brandy (local bottled) ... ..		3	0		3	6		2	6
" (foreign bottled) ... ..		5	0		6	0		5	0
Beer ... ..		3	2		3	2		3	2
Tobacco (cigarettes local manufactured) ... ..		4	8		4	8		4	8
Kerosene oil ... ..			10½			11½			10½
Soap common (green laundry) ... ..			4½			5			4½

## AVERAGE WHOLESALE EXPORT PRICE (F.O.B.) OF STAPLE PRODUCTS.

	For the year	For quarter ended 31. 12. 25.		For quarter ended 31. 3. 26.		For quarter ended 30. 6. 26.		For quarter ended 30. 9. 26.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Cheese ... ..			9½		8		8½		7½
Oranges and mandarines ... ..		1	2½	1	2½	1	3		
Cigarettes ... ..		19	11	17	2½	15	5	19	0½
Tomato sauce and Extracts of Tomatoes ... ..			5		2½				3
Onions ... ..			1½		2½		1½		1
Potatoes ... ..			1½		1½		1½		2
Wine { in bottles ... ..		1	4						
{ in casks ... ..									
Cotton (raw) ... ..		1	10½	1	6½	1	9½	1	2½
Bones and Hoofs ... ..			1½		1½		1		
Cumin Seed ... ..			9		6½		6		6½
Hides and Skins (raw or dried) ... ..		1	3½	1	8½	1	4½	3	8½
Stones { blocks ... ..		5	4	5	11½	6	1	8	0½
{ slabs ... ..			7½		8		10½		6½
Cottonina ... ..		1	0½	1	0½	1	4½	1	5½
Shoddy ... ..			2½		3		3½		3
Tallow ... ..			9		8½		10½		8½
Bran ... ..			1½		1		1		1½

The average monthly prices are not available.

## PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE RATES OF WAGES.

Occupations.	Average numbers employed	Average rates of wages, distinguishing whether monthly weekly, daily, per per hour, per task, (a); including value of any payments in kind (b).	Average number of hours per week worked without overtime	Measures to enforce conditions of labour: Regulations relating to the industry (e.g. Workmen's Compensation, Health, Protection of Machinery, Inspection of Factories, Boilers, and Plant). (c)	Death Rates	Rates of Sickness	Notes
					(distinguishing cases arising from the peculiar conditions of the employment, if any)		
(A) Government employment...	461	Scales vary considerably and it is not possible to give an average representative rate.					
(B) Agricultural:—		No official information is available.	The hours vary considerably.	(1) Article 106 of the Police Laws which provides for the inspection of boilers. (2) The Factories Regulation Act No. XXI of 1926.	No official information is available.		The information given under "B" to "D" has been obtained from the Census of the Maltese Islands 1921. No more recent official information is available. However, there has since been a considerable increase under "Building" and "Stone Quarrying."
Males ... ..	12,338						
Females ... ..	3,894						
(C) Other Industrial:—							
Manufactures ... ..	20,320						
Building ... ..	700						
Mines (Stone quarries) ...	1,091						
(D) Domestic Service ... ..	7,493						

