

SECTION 23.

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
(a) Agricultural ... ..	£ s. d. 54 0 0	£ s. d. 3 0	—
(b) Domestic Service ... ..	20 0 0 (and board)	—	—
(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 ... ..									
Wheat ... ..									
Wheaten bread ... ..									
Horned cattle ... ..									
Horses ... ..									
Sheep ... ..									
Goats ... ..									
Swine ... ..									
Milk ... ..									
Butter fresh (New Zealand) ... ..									
" salted (Irish) ... ..									
Cheese (English) ... ..									
Eggs (Maltese) ... ..									
" (Foreign) ... ..									
Beef ... ..									
Mutton ... ..									
Pork ... ..									
Rice (common) ... ..									
Coffee (common) ... ..									
Cocoa (common) ... ..									
Tea (in bulk) ... ..									
Sugar (granulated) ... ..									
Salt (table) ... ..									
Wine (common) ... ..									
Brandy (locally bottled) ... ..									
" (bottled abroad) ... ..									
Beer ... ..									
Tobacco (cigarettes locally manufactured) ... ..									
Kerosene oil ... ..									
Soap common (green laundry) ... ..									

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

Garlic ... ..	per kilo	£ 0 0 2½			
Cheese ... ..	"	0 1 0			
Oranges and mandarins ... ..	per doz.	0 1 10			
Cigarettes ... ..	per kilo	0 14 9	Shoddy ... ..	per kilo	£ 0 0 2½
Tomato sauce and Extracts of Tomatoes ... ..	"	0 0 4½	Tallow ... ..	"	0 0 5½
Onions ... ..	"	0 0 1	Bran ... ..	"	0 0 1½
Potatoes ... ..	"	0 0 2½	Beer ... ..	per gal.	0 1 11
Bones and Hoofs ... ..	"	0 0 0½	Rags ... ..	per kilo	0 0 3½
Cumin Seed ... ..	"	0 0 5½	Wadding ... ..	"	0 0 7½
Hides and Skins (raw or dried) ... ..	"	0 0 7½			
Stones (blocks) ... ..	per ton	0 8 6			
" (slabs) ... ..	each	0 0 10			

\* 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 hour, per task; including value of any payments in kind.	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).	Death Rates	Rates of Sickness	Notes
					(distinguishing cases arising from the peculiar conditions of the employment, if any)		
(A) Government employment...	1,560	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 Workmen's Compensation Act. (Act VI of 1929). (3) The Malta Trade Union Act (Act XXI of 1929).	No official information is available.		The information given under "A" "B" "C" and "D" has been obtained from the Census of the Maltese Islands 1931. No more recent official information is available. However, there has since been a considerable increase under (C) Other Industries.
Males ... ..	11,219						
Females ... ..	2,460						
(C) Other Industrial:—							
Manufactures ... ..	23,292						
Building ... ..	1,320						
Mines (Stone quarries) ...	2,116						
(D) Domestic Service ... ..	10,183						

