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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS

THE "ALL ITEMS" ("C") SERIES INDEX

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1948

(Base Period 1923-27 = 1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician for the December Quarter, 1948.

This index covers items of food, groceries, house rents, clothing, footwear, headwear, household drapery, household utensils, fares, fuel, light, recreation, smoking and other miscellaneous items. It excludes fresh fruit and vegetables other than potatoes and onions.

Compared with the previous quarter, the index increased by 2.3% in the Six Capital Cities, and by 2.3% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (1.6%), Melbourne (2.8%), Brisbane (3.2%), Adelaide (2.6%), Perth (2.7%) and Hobart (2.8%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State, compared with the previous quarter showed increases in all States viz:- New South Wales (1.7%), Victoria (2.8%), Queensland (3.0%), South Australia (2.6%), Western Australia (2.6%) and Tasmania (2.8%).

The rise in the index was largely due to increases in prices of Potatoes, Bacon, Meat and Clothing.

Compared with December quarter, 1947, the Five Town Index-numbers showed increases in New South Wales (9.5%), Victoria (9.6%), Queensland (11.1%), South Australia (10.7%), Western Australia (10.5%) and Tasmania (10.2%).

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QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

"C" Series
(Dec. Qtr, 1948)
(1) Individual Towns

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING
AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1948
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1939		1947	1948				6 months ended Dec. Qtr. 1948	Year ended Dec. Qtr. 1948
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>									
Sydney	932	933	1242	1270	1305	1337	1359	1348	1318
Newcastle	898	897	1199	1233	1263	1296	1324	1310	1279
Broken Hill	959	943	1298	1324	1364	1396	1419	1408	1376
Goulburn	915	914	1211	1243	1271	1309	1341	1325	1291
Bathurst	880	881	1196	1229	1263	1298	1318	1308	1277
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>1239</u>	<u>1267</u>	<u>1302</u>	<u>1334</u>	<u>1357</u>	<u>1346</u>	<u>1315</u>
<u>VICTORIA</u>									
Melbourne	921	918	1227	1249	1272	1309	1345	1327	1294
Bellarat	872	875	1170	1199	1222	1256	1294	1275	1243
Bendigo	870	868	1177	1206	1222	1256	1290	1273	1244
Geeelong	909	909	1203	1233	1256	1296	1325	1311	1278
Warrnambool	914	918	1219	1240	1266	1297	1329	1313	1283
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>1243</u>	<u>1246</u>	<u>1268</u>	<u>1305</u>	<u>1341</u>	<u>1343</u>	<u>1290</u>
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>									
Brisbane	866	866	1163	1193	1227	1251	1291	1271	1241
Toowoomba	855	853	1175	1199	1232	1260	1292	1276	1246
Rockhampton	864	861	1163	1191	1225	1259	1290	1275	1241
Townsville	915	912	1201	1230	1263	1300	1335	1318	1282
Bundaberg	845	843	1132	1165	1203	1241	1276	1259	1221
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>1165</u>	<u>1195</u>	<u>1229</u>	<u>1256</u>	<u>1294</u>	<u>1275</u>	<u>1244</u>
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>									
Adelaide	908	903	1198	1226	1262	1293	1327	1310	1277
Kadina, etc.	808	812	1095	1124	1150	1181	1207	1194	1166
Port Pirie	894	897	1185	1215	1244	1273	1308	1291	1260
Mount Gambier	875	866	1163	1197	1223	1250	1271	1261	1235
Peterborough	895	896	1181	1213	1238	1266	1295	1281	1253
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1222</u>	<u>1257</u>	<u>1288</u>	<u>1321</u>	<u>1305</u>	<u>1272</u>
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>									
Perth, etc.	904	904	1189	1221	1238	1282	1316	1299	1264
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1069	1297	1331	1342	1383	1415	1399	1368
Northam	918	919	1200	1227	1248	1289	1322	1306	1272
Bunbury	937	939	1201	1232	1249	1298	1327	1313	1277
Geraldton	966	966	1251	1280	1300	1344	1383	1364	1327
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>918</u>	<u>918</u>	<u>1199</u>	<u>1230</u>	<u>1247</u>	<u>1291</u>	<u>1325</u>	<u>1308</u>	<u>1273</u>
<u>TASMANIA</u>									
Hobart	907	905	1216	1240	1276	1307	1344	1326	1292
Launceston	888	886	1183	1208	1241	1267	1301	1284	1254
Burnie	877	878	1167	1188	1218	1243	1279	1261	1232
Devonport	861	860	1149	1172	1213	1237	1259	1248	1220
Queenstown	905	902	1213	1237	1267	1292	1325	1309	1280
<u>FIVE TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>1201</u>	<u>1225</u>	<u>1260</u>	<u>1288</u>	<u>1324</u>	<u>1306</u>	<u>1274</u>
<u>THIRTY TOWNS (a)</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>1218</u>	<u>1245</u>	<u>1275</u>	<u>1308</u>	<u>1338</u>	<u>1323</u>	<u>1292</u>
<u>SIX CAPITALS (a)</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>1221</u>	<u>1248</u>	<u>1278</u>	<u>1311</u>	<u>1341</u>	<u>1326</u>	<u>1295</u>

SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Warrwick (Q'ld.)	830	834	1164	1185	1220	1249	1282	1266	1234
Port August (S.A.)	880	881	1192	1221	1253	1280	1313	1297	1267
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1207	1240	1267	1288	1313	1301	1277
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	1249	1280	1313	1341	1375	1358	1327

(a) Weighted Average. (b) First computed September Quarter, 1946.

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ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1948
(Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1947		1948			Six Mths ended Dec. Qtr. 1948	Year ended Dec. Qtr. 1948
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
1. <u>CAPITAL CITIES</u>									
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	1221	1248	1278	1311	1341	1326	1295
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1223	1249	1280	1313	1343	1328	1296
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1226	1252	1283	1316	1345	1331	1299
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1227	1253	1283	1318	1347	1333	1300
5. S.M.-A.P.-	923	922	1227	1254	1283	1318	1347	1333	1301
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	1230	1256	1287	1320	1349	1335	1303
7. S.M.-A.-	925	923	1231	1256	1287	1321	1350	1336	1304
8. S.M.-A.-	927	926	1235	1261	1290	1325	1353	1339	1307
9. S.-B.-A.-	919	920	1227	1255	1290	1320	1346	1333	1303
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	1207	1233	1259	1294	1330	1312	1279
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1216	1240	1266	1302	1338	1320	1287
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1220	1243	1270	1305	1341	1323	1290
13. -M.-A.-	918	914	1220	1243	1270	1305	1341	1323	1290
14. -.-A.-H.	908	903	1201	1228	1264	1295	1330	1313	1279
2. <u>COUNTRY TOWNS.</u>									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	1217	1249	1281	1314	1341	1328	1296
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1187	1216	1237	1273	1306	1290	1258
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1173	1201	1235	1269	1301	1285	1252
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1149	1180	1207	1236	1265	1251	1222
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1260	1292	1307	1349	1382	1366	1333
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1180	1205	1238	1264	1297	1281	1251
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	1196	1226	1254	1288	1318	1303	1272
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1202	1232	1259	1292	1322	1307	1276
9. N.V.Q.S.-. (16)	890	889	1193	1223	1252	1285	1315	1300	1269
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1196	1226	1254	1287	1317	1302	1271
11. N.V.-.S.W.T. (16)	908	906	1206	1236	1263	1297	1326	1313	1281
12. N.V.-S.-. (12)	896	894	1199	1229	1257	1290	1320	1305	1274
13. Broken Hill - Goulb. - Bath.	931	922	1253	1282	1317	1352	1377	1365	1332
3. <u>WHOLE STATES</u>									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	1218	1245	1275	1308	1336	1323	1292
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1219	1246	1276	1309	1340	1325	1293
3. N.V.-S.-T.	920	919	1224	1251	1280	1314	1344	1329	1297
4. N.V.-S.W.-	921	920	1225	1252	1281	1315	1345	1330	1298
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	1226	1252	1282	1316	1346	1331	1299
6. N.V.-S.-	921	920	1227	1253	1283	1317	1346	1332	1300
7. N.V.-.S.W.T.	922	922	1228	1254	1283	1317	1347	1332	1300
8. N.V.-.S.-	924	923	1232	1258	1287	1321	1350	1336	1304
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	1213	1238	1263	1299	1334	1317	1284
10. -V.-S.W.-	915	912	1214	1239	1263	1300	1335	1318	1284
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1215	1239	1265	1300	1335	1318	1285
12. -V.-S.-	914	911	1216	1240	1265	1301	1336	1319	1286
13. -V.-S.-T.	915	913	1221	1244	1267	1304	1340	1322	1289

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