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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, MARCH, 1961 (PRELIMINARY)

The items shown hereunder have been specially tabulated to provide early release of major indicators. The figures incorporate estimates in some cases and should be regarded as preliminary pending the next issue of the Monthly Bulletin of Australian Production Statistics.

| Item                                        | Unit           | Year    |         | Month   |          |       |         |          |       |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
|                                             |                | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1960    |          |       | 1961    |          |       |
|                                             |                |         |         | January | February | March | January | February | March |
| Pig Iron ..                                 | '000 tons      | 2,294   | 2,654   | 215     | 194      | 219   | 235     | 233      | 263   |
| Ingot Steel ..                              | " "            | 3,204   | 3,503   | 284     | 274      | 296   | 257     | 282      | 326   |
| Blooms and Billets ..                       | " "            | 2,814   | 3,186   | 263     | 258      | 275   | 236     | 260      | 276   |
| Tinplate ..                                 | " "            | 77.2    | 87.8    | 8.22    | 7.78     | 8.42  | 9.16    | 8.78     | 10.30 |
| Gas ..                                      | Mill. Therms   | 245     | 257     | 16.5    | 17.3     | 19.1  | 17.0    | 16.8     | 19.0  |
| Electricity ..                              | Mill. k.W.h.   | 21,199  | 23,344  | 1,735   | 1,766    | 1,937 | 1,875   | 1,864    | 2,055 |
| Bricks, Clay ..                             | Million        | 940     | 1,029   | 56.8    | 85.0     | 99.3  | 65.1    | 85.0     | 91.6  |
| Cement ..                                   | '000 tons      | 2,481   | 2,635   | 171     | 212      | 228   | 193     | 229      | 256   |
| Sawn Native Timber ..                       | Mill. Sup. Ft. | 1,460   | 1,500   | 94.1    | 116.0    | 124.6 | 88.0    | 105.8    | (a)   |
| Hardboard ..                                | '000 sq. yd.   | 29,020  | 32,448  | 1,873   | 2,659    | 3,197 | 1,806   | 2,578    | 2,718 |
| Floor Coverings ..                          | " "            | 12,796  | 15,629  | 734     | 1,385    | 1,419 | 611     | 1,138    | 1,099 |
| Acid - Sulphuric ..                         | '000 tons      | 986     | 1,069   | 88.1    | 90.3     | 102.0 | 91.2    | 95.0     | 106.2 |
| Nitric ..                                   | tons           | 15,331  | 16,642  | 900     | 1,448    | 1,702 | 627     | 1,506    | 1,792 |
| Hydrochloric ..                             | "              | 3,688   | 3,837   | 285     | 361      | 313   | 286     | 211      | 339   |
| Refrigerators, Domestic ..                  | '000           | 219.8   | 241.2   | 17.1    | 17.0     | 17.5  | 11.8    | 10.2     | 9.7   |
| Washing Machines ..                         | "              | 180.2   | 200.2   | 11.2    | 16.1     | 22.0  | 9.7     | 13.6     | 15.4  |
| Radio Sets (incl. Radiograms) ..            | "              | 378.3   | 405.9   | 27.7    | 37.7     | 40.1  | 29.3    | 36.0     | 25.9  |
| Television Sets ..                          | "              | 316.4   | 441.9   | 18.5    | 26.2     | 34.2  | 9.0     | 12.0     | 16.3  |
| Electric Motors - Under 1 H.P. ..           | "              | 1,248   | 1,529   | 97      | 131      | 145   | 99      | 116      | 124   |
| 1 H.P. and Over ..                          | "              | 65.9    | 98.2    | 6.26    | 8.17     | 11.48 | 7.05    | 8.78     | 9.02  |
| I.C. Engines - not Marine - Petrol, etc. .. | "              | 290     | 291     | 33.8    | 20.5     | 13.7  | 15.8    | 10.9     | 4.2   |
| Lawn Mowers - Petrol ..                     | "              | 249     | 244     | 29.5    | 18.1     | 11.3  | 23.1    | 12.6     | 4.1   |
| Motor Vehicle Chassis - Car ..              | "              | 225     | 273     | 15.4    | 23.6     | 27.4  | 16.9    | 20.9     | 19.7  |
| Commercial ..                               | "              | 15.1    | 19.5    | 1.24    | 1.72     | 2.07  | 1.29    | 1.49     | 1.32  |
| Motor Car Bodies (b) ..                     | "              | 178     | 229     | 12.2    | 19.7     | 22.9  | 14.6    | 17.3     | 15.9  |
| Yarn - Cotton (c) ..                        | '000 lb.       | 43,289  | 46,196  | 2,931   | 3,670    | 4,233 | 2,953   | 3,485    | 3,710 |
| Wool (c) ..                                 | "              | 40,574  | 50,521  | 2,826   | 4,197    | 4,892 | 2,961   | 4,070    | 4,132 |
| Woven Cloth - Cotton (c) ..                 | '000 sq. yd.   | 44,308  | 44,776  | 3,090   | 3,591    | 4,061 | 3,757   | 4,514    | 4,519 |
| Wool (c) ..                                 | "              | 27,266  | 30,170  | 1,842   | 2,677    | 3,083 | 1,842   | 2,311    | 2,328 |
| Rayon (c) ..                                | "              | 17,712  | 17,968  | 1,089   | 1,435    | 1,420 | 1,479   | 1,742    | 1,683 |
| Synthetic Fibre (c) ..                      | "              | 6,191   | 7,417   | 418     | 555      | 645   | 566     | 798      | 809   |
| Confectionery - Chocolate ..                | Mill. lb.      | 66.3    | 73.6    | 2.54    | 5.13     | 6.75  | 3.19    | 5.52     | 7.16  |
| Other ..                                    | "              | 92.5    | 95.0    | 4.80    | 7.22     | 8.30  | 4.65    | 7.30     | 7.82  |
| Beer ..                                     | Mill. Gall.    | 224     | 237     | 21.4    | 20.5     | 21.1  | 23.1    | 20.4     | 21.4  |
| Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..           | Mill. lb.      | 52.5    | 54.4    | 4.23    | 4.36     | 4.59  | 4.18    | 4.43     | 4.68  |

(a) Not yet available. (b) Includes Station Wagons. (c) Including mixtures predominantly of the fibre named.

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