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PREFACE.

This Labour Report, which is the forty-ninth of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the year 1961, in addition to providing comparisons for previous years.

The Report follows in the main the lines of its immediate predecessors in scope and arrangement. The subject-matter has been divided into five chapters, namely, Retail Prices and Price Indexes; Wholesale Prices and Price Indexes; Wages and Hours; Employment and Unemployment (including Industrial Disputes); and Labour Organizations.

New material in this issue includes the results of a Survey of Weekly Earnings conducted in October, 1961, and brief particulars of the provisions of annual and long-service leave legislation.

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