

this inquiry wholesale distributors, shipping butchers, retail butchers, pork butchers, sausage and tripe factories, abattoirs, &c.

5. Visits were made to 324 towns and returns of wages were obtained from 1,829 firms, including a number of multiple firms with a large number of branches. The number of shops visited represents, it is estimated, about 10 per cent. of the butchers' establishments in Great Britain. Returns of wages were obtained in respect of 17,768 male and 1,797 female workers, representing, it is estimated, 20 per cent. of the total workers in the trade.

6. This Report is divided into two parts followed by Appendices.

Part I sets out the construction and nature of the tables given in the Appendices.

Part II summarises some of the main conclusions shown in the tables in the Appendices.

There are four Appendices which give statistical tables showing in various forms the main results of the inquiry.

PART I.

7. The tables in the Appendices are numbered consecutively and grouped as follows :—

A. Tables 1 to 5 relate to the districts into which the country was divided, the types of establishments visited, the number of towns and firms visited with the number of workers about whom information was obtained, the number of workers by age groups remunerated upon various methods and the number of males and females in the main occupational groups in the trade.

B. Tables 6 to 22 relate to Wages.

C. Tables 23 relate to Hours.

D. Tables 24 to 26 relate to Organisation.

8. In *Appendix A* Table No. 1 shows the ten districts into which Great Britain was divided for the purpose of the inquiry and the area included in each district.

9. Table No. 2 shows the various types of establishments from which wages returns were obtained and the number of firms furnishing such returns.

10. Table No. 3 shows by districts and for Great Britain the number of towns visited, the number of firms supplying wages returns, and the number of workers in respect of whom wages returns were obtained.