CONTENTS

Pag	e
List of members	4
Summary	5
Conclusions	7
Basic Factors Affecting the Collection of Statistics	8
Statistics as a Force in the Elimination of Waste in Industry 1	2
A Preliminary Survey of Our Present Sources of Distribution Statistics 1	15
Sources of Distribution Statistics 1	16
Reports from Government Departments—Federal, State and Foreign (Table I)	17
Reports from Trade Associations and Private Organizations (Table II)	20
Reports from Technical Periodicals (Table III)	24
Monthly Survey of Current Business	25
Distribution Statistics Available Through the Federal Reserve Board	26
Special Inquiry Into Statistics on Distribution Gathered by State Governments	29
Other Sources of Distribution Statistics	37
Collection of Business Figures as a Means Toward Accomplishing Economies in Distribution	37
Conditions of Retail Trade	40