

(W 1)

AVERAGE RATES OF WAGES FOR LABOUR.

BUILDING TRADE:—

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| Carpenters, | \$1.15 per day. |
| Bricklayers, | 1.10 „ |
| Painters, | 1.20 „ |
| Plasterers, | 1.10 „ |
| Scaffolders..... | 1.70 „ |
| Labourers (male),..... | 0.80 „ |
| „ (female), | 0.50 „ |

Working hours 9 per day. Time and a half paid for overtime. Free temporary sleeping quarters provided on the building site and communal messing at cheap rates.

SHIPBUILDING & ENGINEERING :—

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| Electricians, | \$1.45 to \$1.80 per day. |
| Coppersmiths, | 1.20 to 1.80 „ |
| Fitters, | 0.80 to 1.80 „ |
| Sawmillers, | 1.00 to 1.40 „ |
| Boilermakers,..... | 1.00 to 1.50 „ |
| Sailmakers, | 1.00 to 1.50 „ |
| Blacksmiths, | 0.80 to 1.20 „ |
| Turners, | 1.00 to 1.40 „ |
| Patternmakers, | 1.00 to 1.40 „ |
| Labourers, | 0.50 to 0.80 „ |

Overtime—time and a half. Night work—double time.

TRANSPORT WORKERS :—

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| Tram Drivers, | \$36 to \$45 per month. |
| „ Conductors, | 30 to 39 „ |
| Bus Drivers, | 50 per month. |
| „ Conductors, | 20 to 25 per month. |

Working hours 9 per day. Free Uniform. Bonus at end of year.

RAILWAY WORKERS (GOVERNMENT):—

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| Engine Drivers, | \$ 540 to \$1,000 per annum. |
| Firemen, | 330 to 480 „ |
| Guards, | 600 to 1,000 „ |
| Signalmen,..... | 600 to 1,000 „ |
| Station Masters, | 1,100 to 1,800 „ |
| Booking Clerks, | 600 to 1,000 „ |
| Telephone Operators, | 480 to 1,000 „ |

FEMALE WORKERS IN FACTORIES:—

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| Cigarette making,..... | \$0.40 to \$0.80 per day. |
| Knitting factories, | 0.20 to 0.55 „ |
| Perfumery, | 0.20 to 0.50 „ |
| Confectionery, | 0.20 to 0.60 „ |

Working hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. One hour off at mid-day. Overtime from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at day rates.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS :—

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| Employed by Chinese, | \$ 7.00 to \$20.00 per month. |
| Employed by Europeans,..... | 15.00 to 40.00 „ |
| Gardeners,..... | 15.00 to 30.00 „ |

With free lodging, and, with Chinese employers, generally free board.

*Note:—*The rates of pay of Government employees are much the same as those of a similar category in private employ.

(W 2)

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES.

A.—STAPLE FOODSTUFFS, ETC., OF WAGE EARNING CLASSES.

| | 1933 | 1934 |
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| Rice (3rd Grade), | 7.6 cents per catty | 5.6 cents per catty |
| Fresh fish, | 31.8 " " | 25.3 " " |
| Salt fish, | 27.8 " " | 23.1 " " |
| Beef, | 44.4 " " | 40.6 " " |
| Pork, | 51.4 " " | 41.6 " " |
| Oil, | 21.4 " " | 15.3 " " |
| Firewood, | 10 " 9 catties | 10 " 9.7 catties |

B.—OTHER FOODSTUFFS, ETC.

| | | \$ c. | \$ c. |
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| Wheaten Flour, | per bag of 50 lbs. | 3.00 | to 3.50 |
| " Bread, | per lb. | 0.10 | to 0.12 |
| Horned Cattle (large, for slaughter), | per head. | 50.00 | to 120.00 |
| Sheep, | " | 16.00 | to 22.00 |
| Goats, (for slaughter), | " | 7.50 | to 13.00 |
| Swine, | per picul. | 19.50 | to 24.50 |
| Milk, | per pint. | 0.24 | to 0.36 |
| Butter, Fresh, supply very limited, | per lb. | 0.40 | to 1.10 |
| " Salt, | " | 0.80 | to 1.05 |
| Cheese, | " | 1.00 | to 1.60 |
| Beef, (native), | " | 0.22 | to 0.45 |
| " (Australian frozen), | " | 0.40 | to 1.20 |
| Mutton, (native), | " | 0.32 | to 0.38 |
| " (Australian frozen), | " | 0.36 | to 0.60 |
| Pork, (native), | " | 0.22 | to 0.45 |
| " (Australian frozen), | " | None | |
| Rice, | " | 0.05 | to 0.07 |
| Coffee, (raw), | " | 0.30 | to 0.35 |
| Tea, | " | 1.00 | to 2.40 |
| Sugar, | " | 0.08 | to 0.22 |
| Salt (Table), | in 2-lb. jar. | 0.58 | to 0.75 |
| Wine, | per dozen quarts. | 48.00 | to 120.00 |
| Brandy, | " " | 36.00 | to 204.00 |
| Beer, | " " | 6.00 | to 8.00 |
| " | per pint. | 3.60 | to 6.00 |
| Tobacco (Tins), | per lb. | 7.20 | to 7.60 |
| " (Cakes), | " | 5.50 | to 6.00 |

IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES † INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

Nil.

† See V 1 and 2.

PROGRESS OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Nil.