

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN 1916.

workers (11,814) and occasioning the greatest loss of time (88,634 days) occurred in the mining industry. Eleven strikes, involving eleven employers and 1,176 workers in the clothing and garment-making industry, were reported. A feature of the strike situation in 1916 may be noted with regard to the duration of strikes. The building trades were those most affected by prolonged disputes; the aggregate duration in working days of disputes under this heading was 351 days, although there were only seven strikes affecting these trades recorded by the Department. The settlement of five of these strikes resulted in favour of the workers. The majority of the strikes, also those causing the greatest loss of time, occurred in localities in Ontario, in which province thirty-three strikes, causing time losses estimated at 62,686 working days were reported. Quebec comes next with thirteen strikes, British Columbia follows with ten strikes affecting 9,835 workers, more than double the number affected in any other province, due to the large number of miners involved in the strikes occurring in the Crowsnest pass district. There were seven strikes in Manitoba, six in Saskatchewan, four in Alberta, one in Nova Scotia and one in New Brunswick.

Table 1 shows the time losses involved in the various classes of industries from 1901 to 1916, Table 2 the number of disputes year by year from 1901 to 1916, the classes of industries affected, the number of establishments and of employees concerned, and the approximate time losses in working days, and Table 3 the number of disputes, classified by industries, from 1901 to 1916. The figures in these tables are also shown graphically in the charts on page 496.

1.—Time Losses by Industries in Working Days, 1901-1916.

Industry.	1901-12.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Fishing.	203,488	49,600	-	-	-	253,088
Lumbering.	75,347	137,300	-	-	-	212,647
Mining.	3,839,447	702,726	169,200	16,794	88,634	4,816,801
Building.	1,485,742	105,510	34,056	16,600	4,124	1,645,932
Metal.	493,072	79,479	51,573	40,812	33,133	698,069
Printing and allied.	17,311	-	-	903	-	106,662
Woodworking.	75,842	30,020	800	-	1,875	20,189
Textile.	298,823	7,351	-	450	-	306,624
Clothing.	620,205	107,052	160,270	2,540	19,341	909,408
Food and tobacco.	34,717	14,420	10,120	4,427	22,977	86,661
Leather.	17,330	-	2,270	-	-	19,600
General transport.	1,153,665	23,988	300	19,360	27,288	1,224,601
Unskilled labour.	493,589	20,382	-	-	7,660	521,631
Miscellaneous.	79,803	9,850	1,465	4,263	3,245	98,626
Total Working Days	8,888,381	1,287,678	430,054	106,149	208,277	10,920,539