

less than 79.53 p.c. or nearly four-fifths were gainfully employed. Further, if we take-out those under 15 as being more properly at school training for the future than gainfully employed in the present and those over 65 as having earned the right to rest, we find that of the total male population between 15 and 65 no less than 92.73 p.c. was gainfully employed, a percentage which is increased to 96.28 p.c. if we consider only those in the main productive 40 year period between 25 and 64 years old inclusive. Thus Canada is shown by its statistics to be emphatically, in so far as the males are concerned, a workers' country.

Female Labour.—The growth of the employment of females in gainful occupations between 1891 and 1911 is shown in Table 2. The figures found there may be supplemented by the information that in 1891, 11.07 p.c., in 1901, 12.01 p.c., in 1911, 14.31 p.c. of the female population 10 years old and over were gainfully employed—an increase from one-ninth to one-seventh of the female population of these ages during the 20 year period—a rate of increase which, in view of the labour conditions of the war and reconstruction period, will probably be found to have been maintained in the present decade.

It is significant that among females the age period during which there is the maximum of gainful employment is shown by the Census to be that from 15 to 24 years inclusive. Of the female population of these ages, 27.78 p.c. were in 1911 gainfully employed, a percentage which fell to 12.14 p.c. for the period 25 to 64 years inclusive. As every employer of female labour knows, the decline is due to the absorption of female labour by marriage and home duties.

1.—Persons Engaged in Gainful Occupations in Canada, by Ages, 1911.

Age periods.	Males 10 years of age and over.			Females 10 years and over.		
	Total number.	Engaged in gainful occupations.		Total number.	Engaged in gainful occupations.	
		Number.	Per cent of total.		Number.	Per cent of total.
10 to 14 years.....	353,876	17,376	4.91	344,500	7,777	2.26
15 to 24 years.....	735,071	620,972	84.48	647,874	179,992	27.78
25 to 64 years.....	1,682,522	1,619,885	96.28	1,384,228	168,034	12.14
65 years and over.....	194,176	100,580	51.80	172,141	9,018	5.24
Total 10 years and over	2,965,645	2,358,813	79.54	2,548,743	364,821	14.31