

Distribution of Labour Force by Industries.—The distribution of the Canadian labour force by industries at the censuses from 1881 to 1911 is given by numbers and percentages employed in Table 3. The most notable features of this table are the great absolute increase of 52·7 p.c. between 1901 and 1911 in the gainfully employed population, the comparative decline of the agriculturists (in spite of the large absolute increase in their numbers) from 48·1 p.c. of the occupied population in 1881 to 34·3 p.c. in 1911, the increase of manufacturing workers from 11·7 to 18·0 p.c., of the traders from 5·7 to 10·4 p.c. and of transportation workers from 2·9 to 8·0 p.c. of the occupied population in the 30 year period. It should, however, be borne in mind that under present day conditions of specialization in industry many of those employed in trade, transportation and manufactures are doing work which formerly was performed by agriculturists and other primary producers for themselves.

3.—Numbers and Percentage Distribution by Industries of Persons Engaged in Gainful Occupations, 1881 to 1911.

NUMBERS.

Industry.	Workers Engaged.			
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Agriculture.....	662,266	735,207	716,860	933,735
Building trades.....	230,873	185,599	213,307	246,201
Domestic and personal service.....	90,085	139,929	163,670	214,012
Civil and municipal government.....	7,938	18,267	17,306	76,604
Fishing and hunting.....	28,500	30,045	27,225	34,812
Forestry.....	8,116	12,812	16,764	42,914
Manufactures.....	161,535	227,080	274,175	491,342
Mining.....	7,160	16,127	28,650	62,767
Miscellaneous.....	13,005	—	490	—
Professional.....	48,461	62,623	83,290	120,616
Trade and merchandising.....	78,905	109,632	160,410	283,087
Transportation.....	40,741	69,048	80,756	217,544
Total Workers.....	1,377,585	1,606,369	1,782,832	2,723,634

PERCENTAGES IN EACH INDUSTRY.

Industry.	Workers Engaged.			
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Agriculture.....	48·1	45·8	40·2	34·3
Building trades.....	16·8	11·6	12·0	9·0
Domestic and personal service.....	6·5	8·7	9·3	7·8
Civil and municipal government.....	0·6	1·1	1·0	2·8
Fishing and hunting.....	2·1	1·9	1·5	1·3
Forestry.....	0·6	0·8	0·9	1·6
Manufacture.....	11·7	14·1	15·4	18·0
Mining.....	0·5	1·0	1·6	2·3
Miscellaneous.....	1·0	—	—	—
Professional.....	3·5	3·9	4·6	4·5
Trade and merchandising.....	5·7	6·8	9·0	10·4
Transportation.....	2·9	4·3	4·5	8·0
Total Workers.....	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0