

8.9 p.c., while the female workers increased nearly 22 p.c. The more rapid increase of female employment was largely due to the special conditions resulting from the war.

Age Distribution.—In the wage data collected on the census of industry schedules a division was made between the employees under 16 years and those over that age. In 1918, 18,717 children under 16 were drawing wages, of whom 7,226 were girls. Wage earners under 16 years of age declined to 15,155 in 1919 and to 12,011 in 1920. The percentage of children to the total number of wage earners classified in this connection, as of December 15 or nearest representative date, was 2.1 in 1915, advancing to slightly over 3 p.c. in 1917 and 1918, and declining to 2.9 p.c. and 2.4 p.c. respectively in 1919 and 1920.

Fluctuation of Employment.—The number of wage earners employed in Canadian manufactures in January, 1920, was 551,578. Steady increases were registered until July, when 638,133 were employed. During the remainder of the year declines were the order of the day, the recession in December as compared with the previous month being from 571,646 to 519,777. The month of July was from the viewpoint of employment the turning point of the post-war boom.

Earnings of Employees.—The total amount paid to the employees in industrial plants during 1921 was \$581.4 million as compared with \$285.9 million in 1915. The wage payments in 1921 were \$441.3 million, while the salaried employees received a remuneration of \$140.1 million. The average yearly wage of the wage earner was \$1,002.06 in 1921 as compared with \$570.11 in 1915, an increase of 75.8 p.c. in average earnings. When the index number representing the average yearly wages with 1915 as a base is divided by the index number of the cost of living with the same base, it is seen that real wages advanced by about 10 p.c. in the six year interval. The details of the computation are given in Table 12.

12.—Average Yearly Earnings and Real Wages of Wage Earners in Manufacturing Industries, 1915-1921.

Years.	Amount of Wages paid.	Average Number of Wage Earners.	Average Yearly Earnings.	Index Numbers.		
				Average Yearly Earnings.	Retail Prices.	Real value of Average Yearly Earnings.
	\$		\$ cts.			
1915.....	225,580,998	395,681	570.11	100.0	100.0	100.
1917.....	455,199,823	601,305	757.20	132.8	132.9	99.9
1918.....	522,287,570	603,116	865.96	151.9	151.6	100.2
1919.....	558,580,707	594,118	941.83	165.2	163.2	101.2
1920.....	657,701,361	596,052	1,103.43	193.5	181.7	106.5
1921.....	441,291,494	440,364	1,002.06	175.8	159.8	110.0

Classification by Wages.—Information collected at this census regarding weekly wages of employees in manufacturing industries, is tabulated by groups of industries and by wage groups in the wages subsection of the Labour, Wages and Prices section of the Year Book, to which the student of industrial wages is referred.

Summary statistics of the number of salaried and wage-earning employees of manufacturing industries, with the amount of salaries and wages paid in 1920 and 1921, are given by provinces in Table 13.