

7.—Strikes and Lockouts.

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected and published by the Department of Labour since its inception in 1900. Table 10 shows the number of disputes, the number of employers and employees involved and the time loss in working days for each year from 1901 to 1923, and the totals for the period. The items in the column headed "time loss in working days" in the tables following, are calculated by multiplying the number of persons directly affected through strikes or lockouts by the number of working days they are so affected during the time the disputes are in existence.

Statistics for the first ten months of 1924 show that there were 63 disputes affecting 267 employers and 32,978 employees. The time loss during the ten months was 1,886,616 working days. This was nearly three times the time loss from January 1 to October 31, 1923, when 633,421 working days had been lost in industrial disputes. Most of the time loss from April to September, 1924, inclusive, approximately 200,000 days each month, was due to a strike of coal miners in southern Alberta and south-eastern British Columbia, involving some 8,000 miners.

10.—Record of Strikes and Lockouts, 1901-1923.

Years.	Number of disputes.		Disputes in existence in the year.		
	In existence in the year.	Beginning in the year.	Employers involved.	Employees involved.	Time loss in working days.
1901.....	104	104	273	28,086	632,311
1902.....	121	121	420	12,264	120,940
1903.....	146	146	927	50,041	1,226,500
1904.....	99	99	575	16,482	265,004
1905.....	89	88	437	16,223	217,244
1906.....	141	141	1,015	26,050	359,797
1907.....	149	144	825	36,224	621,962
1908.....	68	65	175	25,293	708,285
1909.....	69	69	397	17,332	871,845
1910.....	84	82	1,335	21,280	718,635
1911.....	99	96	475	30,094	2,046,650
1912.....	150	148	989	40,511	1,099,208
1913.....	113	106	1,015	39,536	1,287,678
1914.....	44	40	205	8,678	430,054
1915.....	43	38	96	9,140	106,149
1916.....	75	74	271	21,157	208,277
1917.....	148	141	714	48,329	1,134,970
1918.....	196	191	766	68,489	763,341
1919.....	298	290	1,913	138,988	3,942,189
1920.....	285	272	1,273	52,150	886,754
1921.....	145	138	907	22,930	956,461
1922.....	85	70	569	41,050	1,975,276
1923.....	91	77	419	32,868	768,494
Total.....	2,842¹	2,740	15,991¹	863,195¹	21,348,624

these totals, figures for disputes extending over the end of a year are counted more than once.