

29.—Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in Various Trades in Certain Cities of Canada, 1920-1926—concluded.

Industries and occupations.	Halifax.		Montreal.		Toronto.		Winnipeg.		Vancouver.	
	Wages per week.	Hours per week.	Wages per week.	Hours per week.	Wages per week.	Hours per week.	Wages per week.	Hours per week.	Wages per week.	Hours per week.
4. Printing Trades—	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Compositors, hand, news, 1920	32.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	46.00	46	40.50	45
1921	32.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	48.00	46	40.50	45
1922	32.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	43.70	46	40.50	45
1923	32.00	48	38.00	48	41.00	46½	42.32	46	45.00	45
1924	32.00	48	38.00	48	41.00	46½	42.32	46	45.00	45
1925	33.00	48	38.00	48	41.00	46½	42.32	46	45.00	45
1926	32.00	48	38.00	48	42.50	46½	44.00	46	45.00	45
Pressmen, cylinder, job..... 1920	30.00	48	36.00	48	32.00	48	44.00	48	40.50	48
1921	30.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	44.00	44	40.50	44-48
1922	30.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44	40.50	44-48
1923	30.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44	40.50	44-48
1924	30.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	39.60	44	42.00	44-48
1925	30.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	39.60	44	42.00	44-48
1926	30.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44	42.00	44-48
Book-binders... 1920	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.00	48
1921	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44-48
1922	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44-48
1923	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	39.60	44-48
1924	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	42.00	44-48
1925	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	42.00	44-48
1926	35.00	48	36.00	48	36.00	48	38.00	48	42.00	44-48
Bindery Girls..... 1920	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	19.50	48
1921	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	18.80	44-48
1922	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	19.80	44-48
1923	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	19.80	44-48
1924	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	21.00	44-48
1925	10.00	48	14.50	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	21.00	44-48
1926	10.00	48	15.00	48	16.80	48	15.00	48	21.00	44-48

## 2.—Minimum Wages.

## 1.—Minimum Wages for Female Employees.

Minimum Wage Acts for the protection of female employees are on the statute books of Manitoba, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta. The Quebec Act, applying only to female employees in factories, became operative in 1925 with the appointment of a Minimum Wage Board, which in November, 1926, issued the first order, dealing with laundries, dye works, etc. A Minimum Wage Act was enacted in Nova Scotia in 1920 and extensively amended in 1924, but no Board has as yet been appointed. A new Act was passed in Alberta in 1925 to take the place of the Act of 1922; it contains a few new provisions, the most important enabling the Board to authorize wages below the minimum standard where the hours of work are short or meals or lodgings are provided, and to provide for the instruction of learners, who may not be required to pay premiums except in pursuance of an instrument of apprenticeship made not later than four weeks after the commencement of employment. In Manitoba, at the session of 1925, it was announced that an investigation would be held during the recess into the working of the Act, which was amended in regard to the recovery by employees of arrears of wages and in some other minor particulars.

In 1926 the Quebec Act was amended to increase the members of the Minimum Wage Commission from three to four. An amendment was also made to the Saskatchewan law, simplifying procedure in regard to recovery of moneys due an employee who has been paid less than the minimum wage.