

21.—Index Numbers of Employment as reported by Employers, by Industries, as at the first of each month, January, 1926, to December, 1927, with yearly averages since 1921—concluded.

Years and Months.	Manu- facturing.	Logging.	Mining.	Communi- cations.	Trans- portation.	Construc- tion and Main- tenance.	Services.	Trade.	All Indus- tries.
1926.									
Jan. 1.	83.2	71.6	98.5	111.3	103.9	103.3	107.8	102.1	89.6
Feb. 1.	85.9	80.6	94.1	110.7	101.2	99.5	107.8	98.2	90.7
Mar. 1.	87.7	77.0	88.8	110.2	100.0	107.0	111.3	96.6	91.5
April 1.	89.3	43.9	88.4	110.7	101.2	113.7	112.8	96.2	91.4
May 1.	91.3	40.3	88.9	115.8	102.8	134.6	114.6	97.1	94.3
June 1.	93.9	53.4	92.3	116.9	110.6	186.7	120.8	97.5	101.0
July 1.	95.3	44.3	95.4	118.2	111.4	218.8	126.0	98.4	103.7
Aug. 1.	95.8	35.0	95.4	119.5	111.6	223.4	133.8	99.0	104.2
Sept. 1.	96.9	37.0	97.2	120.1	113.4	217.6	132.2	98.9	104.9
Oct. 1.	96.7	45.9	100.4	120.3	116.3	206.8	124.7	101.8	105.2
Nov. 1.	94.9	53.2	101.8	119.0	113.9	181.3	118.6	104.7	102.8
Dec. 1.	93.8	77.1	104.2	119.0	109.9	148.9	117.2	109.8	101.1
Average	92.1	53.2	95.3	116.0	108.0	161.6	119.1	100.3	98.4
1927.									
Jan. 1.	87.5	75.4	100.1	115.9	107.3	119.2	115.8	110.8	94.8
Feb. 1.	90.7	82.6	99.4	115.5	103.4	110.2	114.9	103.0	95.4
Mar. 1.	92.2	76.2	97.1	116.2	103.7	117.8	116.5	102.0	96.3
April 1.	93.8	47.5	98.5	118.7	104.2	118.1	118.5	103.1	96.2
May 1.	96.1	45.8	99.0	120.4	109.1	154.7	121.4	105.3	100.6
June 1.	98.8	49.1	100.9	120.6	113.5	197.8	126.0	105.7	105.9
July 1.	98.7	38.9	101.9	123.4	118.9	235.1	135.4	106.8	108.4
Aug. 1.	98.9	37.8	104.6	124.1	113.7	244.8	138.6	108.2	109.2
Sept. 1.	98.7	43.4	105.1	124.8	114.7	245.2	143.6	109.3	109.7
Oct. 1.	98.3	53.8	106.6	124.8	115.4	227.9	138.0	110.3	109.0
Nov. 1.	97.0	75.6	106.5	123.6	115.4	199.0	129.2	112.8	107.5
Dec. 1.	96.4	101.2	108.1	121.5	116.0	162.2	127.9	122.2	106.8
Average	93.6	60.5	102.3	120.8	111.0	172.6	137.2	106.3	103.4
Relative weight by industries as at Dec. 1, 1927....	53.9	4.5	5.5	2.9	13.2	9.7	1.8	8.2	100.0

### 10.—Child Labour Laws.

In the 1924 edition of the Year Book, at pp. 690-701, appears a short discussion of child labour in Canada, followed by a comparative statement of the laws regulating child labour in the various provinces, including compulsory school attendance laws, educational requirements for children entering employment, physical examination of children entering employment, minimum ages for work in factories, shops, office buildings and mines, hours of labour per day and week, prohibited hours of nightwork, prohibited employments and regulations regarding child labour in street trades.

In 1924 the Dominion Government amended the Canada Shipping Act to give effect to three draft conventions of the International Labour Conference dealing with the employment of children and young persons, *viz.*:—(1) minimum age for the admission of children to employment at sea; (2) minimum age for the admission of young persons to employment as trimmers and stokers; and (3) compulsory medical examination of children and young persons employed at sea. These amendments are in force from Jan. 1, 1926.