

the disputes are in existence. The tables give the figures for previous years and a detailed analysis for 1927 and 1928.

Industrial Disputes in 1927 and 1928.—In each of the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 the time loss in "man working days" from strikes and lockouts was less than in any year since 1916 and less than in most of the years back to 1901, when the record was begun. This was chiefly because there were no coal-mining disputes involving large numbers of workers for relatively long periods of time. The number of strikes and lockouts in existence in 1928 was 101, as compared with 79 in 1927, slightly greater than in each year back to 1922, but the number of employees involved was 18,237 in 1928 and 22,683 in 1927, less than in any other year back to 1922, when the time lost was much greater. Table 11 shows the numbers of strikes and lockouts existing in each year and the number beginning in each year back to 1901, also the number of employees involved, with the time loss in man working days in each year.

11.—Record of Industrial Disputes, 1901-1928.

Years.	Number of Disputes		Disputes in existence in the year.	
	In existence in the year.	Beginning in the year.	Employees involved.	Time loss in working days.
1901.....	104	104	28,086	632,302
1902.....	121	121	12,264	120,940
1903.....	146	146	50,041	1,226,500
1904.....	99	99	16,482	265,004
1905.....	89	88	16,323	217,244
1906.....	141	141	26,050	359,797
1907.....	149	144	36,224	621,962
1908.....	68	65	25,293	708,285
1909.....	69	69	17,332	871,845
1910.....	84	82	21,280	718,635
1911.....	99	96	30,094	2,046,650
1912.....	150	148	40,511	1,099,208
1913.....	113	106	39,536	1,287,678
1914.....	44	40	8,678	430,054
1915.....	43	38	9,140	106,149
1916.....	75	74	21,157	208,277
1917.....	142	141	48,329	1,134,970
1918.....	196	191	68,489	763,341
1919.....	298	290	138,988	3,942,189
1920.....	285	272	52,150	886,754
1921.....	145	138	22,930	956,461
1922.....	85	70	41,050	1,375,296
1923.....	91	77	32,868	768,474
1924.....	73	63	32,494	1,770,825
1925.....	83	81	26,796	1,743,996
1926.....	77	73	24,142	296,811
1927.....	79	72	22,683	165,288
1928.....	101	97	18,239	238,132
Total.....	3,265	3,126	926,549	25,583,076

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

Table 12 is a record by months since 1923 and shows that the greatest time losses usually occur in the spring and summer months. In 1928 the greatest time loss occurred in May, owing chiefly to building trade strikes in Montreal, Toronto and Calgary.