

Monthly Record of Employment in Manufactures, 1927.—A monthly record of the number of wage-earners employed in Canadian manufactures, as compiled by the Census of Industry, is given by sex in Table 20, which shows that the peak of employment was in June, when manufacturing generally was at a high level. The number engaged in factories increased steadily from the beginning of 1927 until June; thereafter there was a small monthly reduction until the end of the year. During the period of continuous expansion up to June, 63,891 persons were added to the pay rolls of the reporting manufacturers.

While employment for male operatives expanded from the beginning of the year to its maximum in June, the number of female workers was greatest in October, chiefly on account of seasonal activity in the vegetable and fruit preserving group, which employs a considerable proportion of women. Textiles, the one group in which the majority of workers are women, also reported more than average employment during the autumn. Indicative of the expansion of industrial operations during 1927 is the fact that in every month of that year the number of wage-earners employed exceeded the total for the corresponding month of the previous year.

20.—Total Number of Wage-Earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Months, 1926 and 1927.

Months.	1926.			1927.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
January.....	334,656	97,483	432,139	360,284	103,739	464,023
February.....	344,800	100,379	445,179	370,933	106,691	477,624
March.....	357,560	101,994	459,554	382,119	108,966	491,085
April.....	370,259	102,829	473,088	391,606	108,764	500,370
May.....	388,408	105,748	494,156	406,949	111,813	518,762
June.....	400,593	107,296	507,889	415,228	112,686	527,914
July.....	402,407	108,480	510,887	413,086	112,400	525,486
August.....	396,952	108,965	505,917	408,799	113,130	521,929
September.....	393,652	113,265	506,917	403,837	117,113	520,950
October.....	389,812	113,867	503,679	396,580	118,527	515,107
November.....	373,974	110,426	484,400	383,018	114,906	497,924
December.....	358,396	106,852	465,248	368,692	111,404	480,096

Days in Operation and Hours Worked.—During 1927, each plant, on the average, operated full time 226 days. The average day was 8·8 hours and the average week 51·8 hours. The time in operation and the average number of hours worked are shown by provinces and industrial groups in Table 21.