

Employment in Cities.—Separate tabulations made for the eight leading industrial centres—Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor and the adjacent "Border Cities", Winnipeg and Vancouver—showed generally greater activity in 1929 than in 1928 and previous years of the record (Table 18). Except in the "Border Cities", manufacturing was brisker, and there was general improvement in construction and trade. Curtailment of production in the automobile industries in the second half of the year considerably affected the situation in the "Border Cities", but, owing to the activity prevailing in the first six months of 1929, the index for the year, averaging 153·2, was nearly 16 points higher than in the preceding year. In Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, there were also marked gains over 1928. Those in Winnipeg and Vancouver were not so great, employment in the western centres, particularly in the former, having suffered from the effects of the small crop and the grain congestion.

18.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Leading Cities, as at the first of each month, January, 1927 to December, 1929, with yearly averages since 1923.

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated upon the average for the calendar year 1926 as 100. The relative weight shows the proportion of employees reported in the indicated city to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada on Dec. 1, 1929.

Years and months.	Montreal.	Quebec.	Toronto.	Ottawa.	Hamilton.	Windsor. ²	Winnipeg.	Vancouver.
1922—Average...	86·0	—	96·1	—	—	—	93·9	81·5
1923—Average...	92·7	—	98·0	107·2	94·6	—	90·6	82·5
1924—Average...	93·0	99·6	94·3	102·3	86·0	—	86·5	86·2
1925—Average...	94·2	97·9	95·7	100·1	88·0	85·1	88·5	92·6
1926—Average ¹ ...	99·7	99·1	99·6	100·0	99·3	99·9	99·2	99·9
1927.								
Jan. 1.....	93·7	102·0	99·7	93·0	98·0	57·5	101·6	92·9
Feb. 1.....	94·5	98·3	99·3	95·0	98·0	96·4	99·8	96·4
Mar. 1.....	95·8	99·9	99·6	96·0	99·1	102·4	99·4	99·1
April 1.....	98·0	102·6	102·5	98·1	101·4	77·1	98·6	99·4
May 1.....	101·9	105·3	105·3	108·5	102·5	99·1	99·5	101·4
June 1.....	101·5	110·9	107·0	111·5	105·5	98·5	101·3	103·7
July 1.....	106·3	114·0	107·7	115·2	105·1	82·7	104·4	106·1
Aug. 1.....	106·2	116·7	107·8	117·7	107·1	85·8	106·0	104·6
Sept. 1.....	107·8	119·9	109·3	117·7	103·3	86·2	109·9	102·8
Oct. 1.....	108·6	121·8	110·2	117·8	103·5	83·0	108·7	103·0
Nov. 1.....	109·4	123·9	109·5	113·1	103·3	81·4	108·2	99·7
Dec. 1.....	108·7	119·9	110·5	108·3	107·3	84·2	111·5	98·7
Average.....	103·0	111·3	105·7	107·7	103·1	86·2	104·1	100·7
1928.								
Jan. 1.....	98·6	109·3	105·1	105·1	96·8	83·1	109·2	94·2
Feb. 1.....	100·3	110·9	105·4	105·6	102·7	88·8	102·1	95·7
Mar. 1.....	101·0	108·3	106·4	105·2	101·7	103·4	101·9	99·0
April 1.....	101·8	107·9	107·7	105·6	103·0	124·9	103·9	100·5
May 1.....	105·9	112·0	110·2	120·8	104·8	133·4	108·7	101·8
June 1.....	109·7	117·0	112·7	118·4	109·0	147·3	110·7	107·4
July 1.....	110·4	131·6	112·8	123·0	109·0	150·2	110·9	107·6
Aug. 1.....	112·1	130·2	113·6	126·1	111·8	165·0	111·2	111·7
Sept. 1.....	115·7	132·7	114·3	124·9	113·7	175·5	115·0	111·1
Oct. 1.....	114·3	131·0	117·0	119·8	112·7	174·8	115·8	110·6
Nov. 1.....	115·1	126·6	119·3	120·2	115·7	155·9	115·4	106·6
Dec. 1.....	113·0	122·1	120·5	115·1	118·0	142·5	116·8	102·8
Average.....	108·2	119·9	112·1	115·8	108·2	137·3	110·1	104·3