

Monthly Record of Employment in Manufactures, 1928.—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 September, when manufacturing generally was at a high level. The number engaged in factories increased steadily from the beginning of 1928 until September; thereafter there was a small monthly reduction until the end of the year. During the period of continuous expansion up to September, 95,500 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 August, the number of female workers was greatest in September, 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 1928 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 and this excess was greatest in the later months of the year.

20.—Total Number of Wage-Earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Months, 1927 and 1928.

Month.	1927.			1928.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
January.....	360,284	103,739	464,023	365,790	107,362	473,152
February.....	370,933	106,691	477,624	379,547	110,764	490,311
March.....	382,119	108,986	491,085	393,416	112,814	506,230
April.....	391,606	108,764	500,370	408,559	114,007	522,566
May.....	406,949	111,813	518,762	432,338	116,874	549,212
June.....	415,228	112,686	527,914	442,945	117,921	560,866
July.....	413,086	112,400	525,486	445,664	116,707	562,371
August.....	408,799	113,130	521,929	447,717	120,082	567,799
September.....	403,837	117,113	520,950	443,060	125,592	568,652
October.....	396,580	118,527	515,107	437,597	125,090	562,687
November.....	383,018	114,906	497,924	422,045	122,163	544,213
December.....	368,692	111,404	480,096	407,257	117,191	524,448

Days in Operation and Hours Worked.—During 1928, each plant, on the average, operated full time 229 days. The average day was 8.5 hours and the average week 49.6 hours. The time in operation and the average number of hours worked are shown by provinces and industrial groups in Table 21.