

23.—Employees by Sex in Forty Leading Canadian Manufacturing Industries during 1929, with Averages of Salaries and Wages Paid, and of Number of Days Operated by Plants in each Industry for 1928 and 1929—concluded.

WAGES—concluded.

Industry.	Employees on Wages.			Average Wage.		Average Days in Full and Part Time Operation.	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.
Hosiery, knitted goods and fabric gloves.....	5,873	12,474	18,347	741	748	280	284
Planing mills, sash and door factories.....	11,473	113	11,586	1,045	1,007	272	266
Sheet metal products.....	7,085	864	7,949	1,094	1,109	295	283
Clothing, men's factory.....	4,811	5,275	10,086	1,078	994	241	249
Boots and shoes, leather.....	8,652	5,588	14,240	871	868	288	283
Sugar refineries.....	1,916	102	2,018	1,361	1,320	263	265
Furniture and upholstery.....	11,406	483	11,889	1,008	951	291	289
Distilleries.....	1,442	416	1,858	1,108	1,139	264	279
Printing and bookbinding.....	7,559	2,679	10,248	1,198	1,184	296	296
Agricultural implements.....	9,534	109	9,643	1,158	1,158	287	289
Coke and gas products.....	3,009	4	3,013	1,483	1,420	350	348
Brass and copper products.....	4,668	459	5,127	1,147	1,137	287	296
Fish-curing and packing.....	9,493	6,214	15,707	284	298	103	102
Bridge building.....	3,949	-	3,949	1,605	1,525	290	285
Automobile supplies.....	3,878	300	4,178	1,324	1,250	290	300
Furnishing goods, men's.....	1,346	7,652	8,998	638	647	274	283
Acids, alkalis and salts.....	2,509	8	2,517	1,398	1,274	341	322
Coffee and spices.....	680	440	1,120	977	953	291	295
Totals, Forty Leading Industries.....	364,894	86,378	451,182	1,073	1,052	236	238
Grand Totals, All Industries.....	468,043	129,784	597,827	1,045	1,024	244	245

Real Earnings of Employees in Recent Years.—The average yearly wage of the wage-earner was \$1,045 in 1929, as compared with \$760 in 1917, an increase of 37.5 p.c. in average earnings. When the index number representing the average yearly wages, with 1917 as a base, is divided by the index number of the cost of living, converted to the same base, it is seen that real wages advanced by 17.7 p.c. between 1917 and 1929. The details of the computation are given in Table 24. There was little change in real wages during the three years 1917 to 1920 when prices were rising rapidly. During the following two years, 1921 and 1922, when prices dropped rapidly, real wages increased over 5 p.c. Since then there has been an almost continuous rise from year to year.

24.—Average Yearly Earnings and Real Wages of Wage-Earners in Manufacturing Industries, 1917-29.

Year.	Amount of Wages Paid.	Average Number of Wage-Earners.	Average Yearly Earnings.	Index Numbers.		
				Average Yearly Earnings.	Cost of Living.	Real Value of Average Yearly Earnings.
	\$	No.	\$			
1917.....	420,094,869	552,968	760	100.0	100.0	100.0
1918.....	480,949,599	547,599	878	115.5	113.8	101.5
1919.....	498,570,995	539,327	938	123.4	125.3	98.5
1920.....	583,853,225	526,571	1,109	145.9	145.2	100.4
1921.....	381,910,145	381,203	1,002	131.8	127.6	108.2
1922.....	374,212,141	398,380	939	123.6	116.8	105.9
1923.....	428,731,347	446,994	959	126.1	116.8	107.9
1924.....	420,269,406	432,273	972	127.9	114.6	111.7
1925.....	452,958,655	466,602	971	127.8	116.0	110.2
1926.....	501,144,989	499,745	1,063	132.0	116.8	113.0
1927.....	531,583,250	533,450	997	131.3	115.1	114.1
1928.....	580,428,493	566,780	1,024	134.8	115.6	116.5
1929.....	624,302,170	597,827	1,045	137.5	116.8	117.7