

building, metal and printing trades, electric railways and steam railways. In 1927 general increases took place in all the six groups included in the average, as well as in the other three groups; wage increases in the building trades and on the steam railways were the outstanding features of the year. In 1928, except steam railways which was stationary and common factory labour which declined fractionally, all groups showed an upward movement, a substantial increase appearing in building trades. In 1929 all groups except coal mining were higher, the building trades showing the greatest increase. In 1930 building trades showed a substantial increase, lumbering a decrease and other groups fractional increases. In 1931 all groups were down except printing which showed a slight advance and coal mining which was unchanged.

Rates of wages and hours of labour in 1931, in various trades in the largest cities of the five economic areas of Canada, will be found in Table 2. The attention of those specially interested in the subject of wages and hours is directed to the valuable detailed study, "Wages and Hours of Labour in Canada, 1926, 1930 and 1931", published by the Department of Labour as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette*, January, 1932.

### 1.—Index Numbers of Rates of Wages for Various Classes of Labour in Canada, 1901-31.

(Rates of Wages in 1913=100.)

Year.	Average. <sup>1</sup>	Building Trades.	Metal Trades.	Printing Trades.	Electric Railways.	Steam Railways.	Coal Mining.	Common Factory Labour.	Miscellaneous Factory Trades.	Logging and Saw-milling.
1901	67.4	60.3	68.6	60.0	64.0	68.8	82.8	-	-	-
1902	70.0	64.2	70.2	61.6	68.0	72.0	83.8	-	-	-
1903	72.5	67.4	73.3	62.6	71.1	75.1	85.3	-	-	-
1904	74.5	69.7	75.9	66.1	73.1	76.9	85.1	-	-	-
1905	75.7	73.0	78.6	68.5	73.5	74.5	86.3	-	-	-
1906	78.6	76.9	79.8	72.2	75.7	79.3	87.4	-	-	-
1907	82.8	80.2	82.4	78.4	81.4	81.0	93.6	-	-	-
1908	84.9	81.5	84.7	80.5	81.8	86.1	94.8	-	-	-
1909	85.9	83.1	86.2	83.4	81.1	86.3	95.1	-	-	-
1910	88.9	86.9	88.8	87.8	85.7	90.1	94.2	-	-	-
1911	92.3	90.2	91.0	91.6	88.1	95.7	97.6	94.9	95.4	93.3
1912	96.0	96.0	95.3	96.0	92.3	97.9	98.3	98.1	97.1	98.8
1913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914	101.3	100.8	100.5	102.4	101.0	101.4	101.9	101.0	103.2	94.7
1915	101.4	101.5	101.5	103.6	97.8	101.7	102.3	101.0	106.2	89.1
1916	105.8	102.4	106.9	105.8	102.2	105.9	111.7	110.4	115.1	109.5
1917	119.9	109.9	128.0	111.3	114.6	124.6	130.8	129.2	128.0	130.2
1918	143.6	125.9	155.2	123.7	142.9	158.0	157.8	152.3	146.8	150.5
1919	165.3	148.2	180.1	145.9	163.3	183.9	170.5	180.2	180.2	169.8
1920	197.8	180.9	209.4	184.0	194.2	221.0	197.7	215.3	216.8	202.7
1921	191.2	170.5	186.8	193.3	192.1	195.9	208.3	190.6	202.0	152.6
1922	182.4	162.5	173.7	182.3	184.4	184.4	197.8	183.0	189.1	158.7
1923	183.3	166.4	174.0	188.9	186.2	186.4	197.8	181.7	196.1	170.4
1924	183.7	169.7	175.5	181.9	186.4	186.4	192.4	183.2	197.6	183.1
1925	179.7	170.4	175.4	192.8	187.8	186.4	167.6	186.3	195.5	178.7
1926	180.5	172.1	177.4	193.3	188.4	186.4	167.4	187.3	196.7	180.8
1927	184.3	179.3	178.1	195.0	189.9	198.4	167.0	187.7	199.4	182.8
1928	187.6	185.6	180.1	198.3	194.1	188.4	168.9	187.1	200.9	184.3
1929	192.7	197.5	184.6	202.3	198.6	204.3	168.9	187.8	202.1	185.6
1930	194.4	203.2	186.6	203.3	199.4	204.3	169.4	188.2	202.3	183.9
1931	191.8	195.7	182.9	205.1	198.6	199.2	169.4	183.4	197.3	168.0

<sup>1</sup> Simple average of the six succeeding columns.