smaller proportional reduction as compared with the preceding year than was the case in any other of the economic areas. Table 19 is a record of employment in the five economic areas, by months, in 1931 and 1932, with averages for preceding years since 1921.

## 19.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, as at the First of each Month, January, 1931, to December, 1932, with Yearly Averages since 1921.

Nors.—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 economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada on Dec. 1, 1932.

Year and Month.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Outario.	Prairie Provinces.	British Columbia.	Canada.
Averages, 1931 Averages, 1922 Averages, 1923 Averages, 1924 Averages, 1925 Averages, 1925 Averages, 1927 Averages, 1929 Averages, 1929 Averages, 1929	102-4 97-3 105-7 96-6 97-0 99-4 103-7 106-6 114-8 118-3	82-2 61-4 99-7 91-3 91-7 99-4 104-9 113-4 110-3	90-6 92-8 95-5 95-5 95-8 195-6 113-8 123-1	94-0 92-6 92-6 92-1 92-0 99-5 105-3 117-9 126-3 117-1	81-1 87-8 87-4 89-4 93-7 101-1 106-4 111-5 107-9	88-8 89-8 95-8 93-6 99-6 111-6 111-8
1931.	ļ				 	
Jan. 1	119-3 110-6 100-5 102-3 104-0 105-2 109-4 106-8 102-7 102-6 116-6 112-7	99-3 98-8 99-7 98-5 102-3 104-3 103-2 102-4 109-8 101-6 96-2 94-7	100-1 101-7 101-7 101-8 102-4 103-8 104-2 102-7 100-7 100-7 99-3	106-4 101-0 98-6 97-7 100-0 103-3 108-3 129-1 130-0 129-1 128-2	94 · 1 93 · 8 93 · 8 92 · 4 96 · 1 97 · 9 98 · 0 96 · 6 95 · 9 98 · 9 98 · 9	101.7 100.7 190.2 99.7 102.2 103.4 103.8 105.2 107-1 103.9 103-9
Aterages	106-1	190-5	101.2	111 - 5	95-5	102 - 5
1932.				1		
Jan 1	96·4 96·4 90·1 87·8 84·9 86·8 83·8	86-3 85-9 86-5 86-0 86-6 86-6 84-4 85-3 85-8 83-6	93.8 92.7 91.8 91.1 89.5 89.2 86.9 85.1 84.2 84.2	92-8 91-3 88-2 86-1 87-6 89-3 90-1 91-6 94-6 86-7	80·6 77·5 78·9 82·7 83·7 81·4 82·8 77·8	91-6 89-7 88-7 87-5 89-1 86-3 86-7 84-7 83-2
Averages	93.2	85.5	88.7	50.0	80-5	87-5
Relative weight of employment in economic areas as at Dec. 1, 1932*	7.6	29.3	41.2	14-1	7-8	100-0

Since the average for the calendar year 1926, including figures up to Dec. 31, 1926, is the base used in computing these indexes, the average index here given for the 12 months Jan. 1-Dec. 1, 1926, generally shows a slight variation from 100. Percentages of Dominion total.