

Section 8.—Strikes and Lockouts.

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected by the Dominion Department of Labour since its establishment in 1900. Table 17 shows the numbers of disputes, of employees involved in disputes, and the time loss in working days for each year from 1921 to 1936 and the totals for the period beginning 1901. The items in the columns headed "time loss in man-working days" in the tables following are calculated by multiplying the number of persons directly involved in strikes and lockouts by the number of working days they are so affected during the time the disputes are in existence. Tables 18 and 19 give detailed analyses, by provinces and by industries, for 1935 and 1936.

Summary tables of the figures with details as to strikes and lockouts during 1936 will be found in the *Labour Gazette* for March, 1937; pp. 267-296.

Industrial Disputes in Recent Years.—From 1930 to 1936 the figures as to numbers of strikes and lockouts, numbers of employees involved and time loss were substantially greater than during the period 1926 to 1930, but were still much lower than during the years prior to 1926 when coal-mining strikes involved large numbers of employees and resulted in great time loss. Since 1930 most of the important disputes have been in clothing manufacturing, logging, sawmilling and wood-working industries, with a substantial number in coal mining. In 1936, there were important disputes in silk and cotton textile factories in Ontario and Quebec, and in fur and leather manufacturing in Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. The number of disputes in 1936 was 156 as compared with 120 in 1935, while the number of workers involved was 34,812 as compared with 33,269 in 1935, the time loss being 276,997 man-working days as compared with 284,028 in 1935. Table 17 includes figures regarding coal mining, industries other than coal mining, and all industries.

17.—Strikes and Lockouts in the Coal Mining, Other, and All Industries in Canada, calendar years 1921-36.

NOTE.—For the years 1901-20, see the 1933 Year Book, p. 763.

Year.	Coal Mining.			Industries other than Coal Mining.			All Industries.			
	Number of Disputes in Existence During Year.	Number of Workers Involved.	Time Loss in Man-Working Days.	Number of Disputes in Existence During Year.	Number of Workers Involved.	Time Loss in Man-Working Days.	Numbers of Disputes—		Number of Workers Involved.	Time Loss in Man-Working Days.
	In Existence During the Year.	Beginning in the Year.		In Existence During the Year.	Beginning in the Year.					
Totals, 1901-20.	3	3	3	3	3	3	2,521	2,455	702,747	17,647,793
1921.....	10	1,456	31,318	158	26,801	1,017,596	168	159	28,257	1,048,914
1922.....	21	26,475	798,548	83	17,300	730,113	104	89	43,775	1,528,661
1923.....	23	20,814	299,539	63	13,447	372,211	86	77	34,261	671,750
1924.....	15	21,201	1,089,484	55	13,109	205,570	70	64	34,310	1,295,054
1925.....	17	18,672	1,040,276	70	10,277	153,005	87	86	28,949	1,193,281
1926.....	16	8,445	35,193	61	15,389	231,408	77	75	25,834	266,601
1927.....	20	16,653	53,833	54	5,646	98,737	74	72	22,299	152,570
1928.....	14	5,033	88,000	84	12,548	136,212	98	96	17,581	224,212
1929.....	8	3,045	6,805	82	9,901	145,275	90	88	12,946	152,080
1930.....	15	6,228	24,183	52	7,540	67,614	67	67	13,768	91,797
1931.....	9	2,129	11,523	79	8,609	192,715	88	86	10,738	204,238
1932.....	33	8,540	132,766	83	14,850	122,234	116	111	23,390	255,000
1933.....	21	3,028	33,019	104	23,530	284,528	125	122	26,558	317,547
1934.....	26	11,461	91,459	165	34,339	483,060	191	189	45,800	574,519
1935.....	17	6,131	61,032 ⁴	103	27,138	222,996	120	120	33,269	284,028 ⁴
1936.....	22	8,655	56,766	134	26,157	220,231	155	156	34,812	276,997
Totals..	518¹	306,052	9,361,977¹	4,131¹	850,978¹	15,416,097¹	4,519	4,647²	1,157,070	24,778,074

¹ Figures for disputes extending over the end of a year are here counted more than once. ² The totals are for the whole period of record, 1901-36. ³ No classification of All Industries totals made for the earlier years. ⁴ Revised since the publication of the 1936 Year Book.