

22.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, as at the First of each Month, January, 1935, to December, 1936, with Yearly Averages since 1921—concluded.

Year and Month.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Prairie Provinces.	British Columbia.	Canada.
1936.						
Jan. 1.....	108.1	95.5	102.7	95.1	92.4	99.1
Feb. 1.....	102.2	95.2	102.4	93.7	94.1	98.4
Mar. 1.....	101.7	95.1	103.8	95.1	92.4	98.9
April 1.....	101.8	91.4	103.4	90.5	95.9	97.4
May 1.....	103.4	96.4	103.4	92.7	99.0	99.5
June 1.....	103.4	99.8	104.7	97.7	102.2	102.0
July 1.....	111.7	101.6	106.2	101.9	104.8	104.6
Aug. 1.....	113.9	101.3	107.1	103.9	107.9	105.6
Sept. 1.....	114.4	103.0	108.1	107.4	109.3	107.1
Oct. 1.....	117.9	106.0	112.6	108.6	108.1	110.1
Nov. 1.....	119.4	110.3	112.8	106.0	105.4	111.0
Dec. 1.....	115.3	112.6	112.9	98.6	101.5	110.1
Averages, 1936.....	109.4	100.7	106.7	99.3	101.1	103.7
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1936 ²	7.9	29.9	42.0	12.0	8.2	100.0

¹ 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.

² Percentages of Dominion total.

Employment by Cities.—Improvement in industrial employment was reported in seven of the eight centres for which statistics are segregated, *viz.*, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, while in Quebec city there was a slight recession. The gains were relatively greater during 1936 in Hamilton and Vancouver than in the other cities. As in 1935, the recovery in these cities, which during 1933 and 1934 had been generally at a slower rate than in the Dominion as a whole, was in 1936 slightly more pronounced. Their index numbers showed an average advance of 4.9 p.c., as compared with the general increase of 4.3 p.c. in the Dominion. The continued improvement in manufacturing and trade in recent months largely accounts for this situation.

The reports show that employment was again maintained at a generally higher level in Ottawa and Windsor than in the other centres above named, while, as in 1935, the lowest indexes were indicated in Montreal and Winnipeg. Table 23 gives monthly indexes in the cities in 1935 and 1936, with yearly averages since 1922.

Employment by Industries.—An analysis of the data furnished by employers shows that practically all industries except highway construction shared in the improvement noted during 1936 as compared with 1935. Manufacturing experienced a lengthy period of expansion, during which the general increase exceeded that indicated, on the average, in the same months of the years, 1921-35; to this advance, most of the various branches of factory employment contributed to a greater or lesser degree. Logging, on the whole, was unusually active, the average index, at 138.7, being considerably higher than the 1935 mean of 126.9. Mining, particularly of metallic ores, advanced during many months, with the result that employment in that group as a whole was brisker than in any other year of the record. Building construction generally remained at the same level as in 1935, continuing in small volume as compared with years of normal activity; employment