



**Employment by Economic Areas.**—The employment reported by leading industrial establishments was in considerably greater volume in 1937 than in 1936 in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia, but in the Prairie Provinces the situation was generally unchanged. In the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, industrial activity was higher than in any other year of the record, while in Ontario the 1929 index only was higher than that for 1937. In each of the economic areas, general improvement was noted in manufacturing, logging, mining, services, and trade, although the rate of increase varied in the different divisions of the country. A higher level of employment was indicated in transportation, except in the Prairies, where there was a slight decline, due to the crop failures in many sections. Construction in the western areas was also slacker than in 1936.

**21.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, as at the First of each Month, January, 1936, to December, 1937, with Yearly Averages since 1921.**

NOTE.—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 at Dec. 1, 1937.

Year.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Prairie Provinces.	British Columbia.	Canada.
Averages, 1921.....	102.4	82.2	90.6	94.0	81.1	88.8
Averages, 1922.....	97.3	81.4	92.8	92.6	82.8	89.0
Averages, 1923.....	105.7	90.7	99.5	94.8	87.4	95.8
Averages, 1924.....	96.6	91.3	95.5	92.1	89.4	93.4
Averages, 1925.....	97.0	91.7	95.8	92.0	93.7	93.6
Averages, 1926 <sup>1</sup> .....	99.4	99.4	99.6	99.5	100.2	99.6
Averages, 1927.....	103.7	104.0	105.6	105.3	101.1	104.6
Averages, 1928.....	106.6	108.3	113.8	117.9	106.4	111.6
Averages, 1929.....	114.8	113.4	123.1	126.3	111.5	119.0
Averages, 1930.....	118.3	110.3	114.6	117.1	107.9	113.4
Averages, 1931.....	108.1	100.9	101.2	111.5	95.5	102.5
Averages, 1932.....	92.2	85.5	88.7	90.0	80.5	87.5
Averages, 1933.....	85.3	82.0	84.2	86.2	78.0	83.4
Averages, 1934.....	101.0	91.7	101.3	90.0	90.4	96.0
Averages, 1935.....	103.7	95.4	103.3	95.2	97.7	99.4

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