

as these, weighting makes comparatively little difference as rates of wages for the various classes of labour tend to rise and fall to the same extent even in different localities. In the three groups, common factory labour, miscellaneous factory trades, and logging and sawmilling, the index numbers being calculated from samples, the averages are automatically weighted by the numbers of samples which vary according to the numbers of workers in the various occupations and industries. The upward movement which appeared in the index numbers for some groups in 1934 became general in 1935 and continued in 1936 and in 1937. On steam railways wages were not changed in 1936 but were increased in 1937.

1.—Index Numbers of Rates of Wages for Various Classes of Labour in Canada, 1913-37.

NOTE.—Rates of wages in 1913=100. Index numbers for 1901-12 were given at p. 674 of the 1932 Year Book.

Year.	Build- ing Trades.	Metal Trades.	Print- ing Trades.	Electric Rail- ways.	Steam Rail- ways.	Coal Mining.	Com- mon Factory Labour.	Miscel- laneous Factory Trades.	Logging and Saw- milling.	General Average, Weight- ed. ¹
1913.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914.....	100.8	100.5	102.4	101.0	101.4	101.9	101.0	103.2	94.7	101.3
1915.....	101.5	101.5	103.6	97.8	101.7	102.3	101.0	106.2	89.1	102.2
1916.....	102.4	106.9	105.8	102.2	105.9	111.7	110.4	115.1	109.5	109.5
1917.....	109.9	128.0	111.3	114.6	124.6	130.8	129.2	128.0	130.2	125.6
1918.....	125.9	155.2	123.7	142.9	158.0	157.8	152.3	146.8	150.5	147.2
1919.....	148.2	180.1	145.9	163.2	183.9	170.5	180.2	180.2	169.8	173.4
1920.....	180.9	209.4	184.0	194.2	221.0	197.7	215.3	216.8	202.7	207.7
1921.....	170.5	186.8	193.3	192.1	195.9	208.3	190.6	202.0	152.6	189.9
1922.....	162.5	173.7	192.3	184.4	184.4	197.8	183.0	189.1	158.7	180.2
1923.....	166.4	174.0	188.9	186.2	186.4	197.8	181.7	196.1	170.4	184.2
1924.....	169.7	175.5	191.9	186.4	186.4	192.4	183.2	197.6	183.1	186.4
1925.....	170.4	175.4	192.8	187.8	186.4	167.6	186.3	195.5	178.7	185.1
1926.....	172.1	177.4	193.3	188.4	186.4	167.4	187.3	196.7	180.8	186.3
1927.....	179.3	178.1	195.0	189.9	198.4	167.9	187.7	199.4	182.8	190.4
1928.....	185.6	180.1	198.3	194.1	198.4	168.9	187.1	200.9	184.3	192.2
1929.....	197.5	184.6	202.3	198.6	204.3	168.9	187.8	202.1	185.6	196.0
1930.....	203.2	186.6	203.3	199.4	204.3	169.4	188.2	202.3	183.9	197.1
1931.....	195.7	182.9	205.1	198.6	199.2	169.4	183.4	197.3	163.0	189.1
1932.....	178.2	174.7	194.2	191.1	183.9	164.0	173.6	184.3	141.3	177.7
1933.....	158.0	169.2	184.3	182.7	179.7	161.9	168.1	175.7	121.7	168.3
1934.....	154.8	168.0	183.5	182.4	173.7	162.9	170.8	180.5	145.1	170.5
1935.....	159.8	169.7	184.5	183.7	183.9	165.8	174.9	184.7	152.3	175.4
1936.....	160.8	170.1	185.2	185.5	183.9	165.9	179.7	188.8	165.9	178.6
1937.....	165.3	187.4	187.8	190.5	196.1	166.8	195.5	203.7	188.1	191.7

¹ Weighted according to average numbers of workers in each group in 1921 and 1931.

Rates of wages and hours of labour in 1937 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, 1929, 1936 and 1937*, published by the Department of Labour as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette*, January, 1938.