

2.—Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in Various Trades and for Unskilled Factory Labour in Certain Cities of Canada, 1937.¹

Occupation.	Halifax.		Montreal.		Toronto.		Winnipeg.		Vancouver.	
	Wages per Hour.	Hours per Week.	Wages per Hour.	Hours per Week.	Wages per Hour.	Hours per Week.	Wages per Hour.	Hours per Week.	Wages per Hour.	Hours per Week.
1. Building Trades—	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Bricklayers and masons...	.97½	44	.80-.90	44-48	.90	40	1.10	44	1.10	40
Carpenters.....	.60	44	.70	44-48	.85	40-44	.85	44	.90	40-44
Electrical workers.....	.80	44	.75	44-48	1.00	40	.85	44	.75-1.00	40-44
Painters.....	.50-.55	44	.66	44-48	.75	40	.70	44	.62½-.80	40-44
Plasterers.....	.70-.80	44	.80	44-48	.90	40	1.10	44	1.00	40
Plumbers.....	.75	44	.75	40-44	.90	40	.95	44	1.00	40-44
Sheet-metal workers.....	.65-.70	44	.65-.70	40-44	.87½	40	.70	44	1.00	40-44
Stonecutters....	.70	44	.80	44	.87½	40	.90	44	1.00	40
Labourers.....	.30-.40	44-48	.40	44-48	.35-.60	40-48	.40-.45	44-48	.45-.50	40-48
2. Metal Trades—										
Blacksmiths...	.55-.90	40-44	.40-.90	40-55	.52½-.70	40-48	.40-.72	44-58	.70-.95	40-44
Boilermakers..	.63-.90	40-44	.50-.90	40-47	.55-.70	44	.57½-.76	50	.70-.95	40-44
Machinists.....	.68-.90	40-55	.50-.85	40-55	.52-.80	40-50	.50-.75	44-50	.65-.95	40-44
Moulders.....	.65-.70	40-48	.55-.80	40-45	.50-.80	40-48	.52½-.78	44-50	.70-.77	40-44
3. Printing Trades—	Wages per Week.		Wages per Week.		Wages per Week.		Wages per Week.		Wages per Week.	
Compositors, machine and hand, news..	34.00	48	36.00-	48	42.50	40	40.00	46	43.20	45
Compositors, machine, and hand, job....	25.00-	44-48	31.20-	44-48	33.00-	40-48	35.20	44-48	40.50	44-48
	33.45		40.00		40.00					
Pressmen, news	24.00-	48	32.00-	48	48.50	48	39.00	48	43.20	48
	34.00		43.00							
Pressmen, job..	24.25-	44-48	31.20-	44-48	33.00-	40-48	35.20	44-48	40.50	44-48
	26.00		36.00		40.00					
Bookbinders...	27.00-	44-48	31.20-	48	33.00-	44-48	33.00-	44-48	38.00-	44-48
	35.00		36.00		40.00		38.00		45.00	
Bindery girls...	11.00	44-48	12.50-	48	12.00-	44-48	11.00-	44-48	14.00-	44-48
			15.00		18.00		18.00		20.25	
4. Electric Railways—	Wages per Hour.		Wages per Hour.		Wages per Hour.		Wages per Hour.		Wages per Hour.	
Conductors and motormen ²...	.61	53	.55	54	.60	44-48	.52	42	.63	48
Linemen.....	.55-.77	44	.53-.57	40-48	.72-.78	44	.45-.86	44-48	.68½-.97	40-48
Shop and barn men.....	.51-.77	44-56	.30-.62	40	.54-.81	44-48	.39½-.65	44-48	.52-.75	44
Electricians....	.73-.82	44-56	.55-.65	40	.57½-.79	44-48	.53-.65	44-48	.70-.75	44
Trackmen and labourers.....	.35-.55	44	.35	48	.45-.60	48	.38½-.39½	48	.50-.54	44
5. Unskilled Factory Labour.	.34½-.39	44-55	.25-.55	40-60	.30-.54	25-54	.31½-.55	44-50	.40-.60	40-48

¹ For statistics of the wages and hours of employees of steam railways and wages of employees in and about coal mines in Canada, see pp. 751-752 of the 1930 Year Book, where the rates, etc., for the past seven or eight years to 1929, are given. Wages in coal mines of Nova Scotia were reduced 10 p.c. in 1932, and in Drumheller, Alta., in 1933; in 1935 in both districts 5 p.c. was restored. On steam railways deductions of 10 p.c. were in effect during 1932, 1933, 1935 and 1936; 15 p.c. in 1934; running trades 20 p.c. for six months in 1933. In 1937 the deduction was reduced gradually from 10 p.c. to 4 p.c. In editions of the Year Book prior to 1933 a table showing the wages and hours of common labour in factories for certain cities was given in this section. The information for 1937 can be found at p. 61 of *Wages and Hours of Labour in Canada*, published as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette* for January, 1938. For the five cities of Table 2 it is included under sub-heading 5 of the stub. ² Maximum rates based on length of service; Halifax rate for one-man cars; 5 cents extra for one-man car operators in Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg; Vancouver 6 cents extra.

Section 2.—Wages and Hours of Labour Under Provincial Minimum Wage Legislation.

All of the provinces in Canada except Prince Edward Island have in effect legislation providing for the establishment of minimum wage rates for female employees in certain industries and occupations through boards which are authorized to establish and enforce these minimum rates. Such legislation was enacted between