

Tables 7 and 8 show the employment and wage-earnings for the construction industry. The employment figures, shown on a monthly basis, reflect the fact that, while the industry is seasonal in nature, it is not as decidedly so as is sometimes thought; this is noted especially when the statistics for the period 1935-37 are studied. The month of highest employment in the industry as a whole, in 1937, was September with 194,211 wage-earners and the lowest was February with 58,046.

7.—Average Monthly Employment of Wage-Earners and their Remuneration, by Groups and Months, 1937.

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1935 and 1936 are given in the corresponding table of the 1937 and 1938 Year Books.

| Item. | General and Trade Contractors and Sub-contractors. | Municipalities. | Harbour Com-missions. | Provincial Government Departments. | Dominion Government Departments. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| January..... | 37,760 | 9,996 | 526 | 12,986 | 1,837 | 63,155 |
| February..... | 37,639 | 10,151 | 513 | 8,002 | 1,741 | 58,046 |
| March..... | 42,628 | 10,714 | 623 | 10,342 | 2,077 | 66,384 |
| April..... | 55,018 | 12,343 | 835 | 23,064 | 2,076 | 93,336 |
| May..... | 78,097 | 13,615 | 681 | 32,734 | 2,925 | 128,062 |
| June..... | 97,581 | 15,772 | 695 | 45,952 | 4,528 | 164,528 |
| July..... | 108,955 | 16,170 | 789 | 47,628 | 5,111 | 178,653 |
| August..... | 114,435 | 17,069 | 747 | 53,358 | 5,432 | 191,541 |
| September..... | 117,460 | 17,355 | 708 | 53,200 | 5,488 | 194,211 |
| October..... | 111,397 | 15,923 | 703 | 46,835 | 5,391 | 180,249 |
| November..... | 90,795 | 14,535 | 646 | 27,303 | 4,028 | 137,307 |
| December..... | 66,184 | 13,011 | 569 | 12,350 | 2,571 | 95,135 |
| Monthly Averages of Wage-Earners Employed..... | 79,829 | 13,838 | 670 | 31,229 | 3,605 | 129,221 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Totals, Wages Paid during Year..... | \$3,989,582 | 10,834,798 | 672,761 | 21,248,590 | 3,493,273 | 120,239,004 |
| Averages, Wages per Man per Annum..... | 1,052 | 780 | 1,004 | 680 | 969 | 930 |

8.—Summary of Average Wage-Earners Employed, Total Wages Paid, and Average Wages per Man, by Provinces, 1937.

| Province. | Monthly Average of Wage-Earners Employed. | Total Wages Paid During Year. | Average Wages per Man per Annum. |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | No. | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 337 | 360,928 | 774 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 10,468 | 7,380,538 | 705 |
| New Brunswick..... | 6,550 | 5,285,469 | 807 |
| Quebec..... | 41,021 | 41,055,523 | 1,001 |
| Ontario..... | 47,908 | 45,631,402 | 952 |
| Manitoba..... | 4,130 | 3,932,003 | 952 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 4,995 | 2,657,589 | 532 |
| Alberta..... | 3,909 | 3,973,081 | 1,016 |
| British Columbia and Yukon..... | 9,903 | 10,082,471 | 1,016 |