

**Employment by Industries.**—With only a few exceptions, the various industries reported curtailment in 1938 as compared with 1937, but most divisions showed a higher level of employment than in 1936 and earlier years since 1930. Manufacturing gained only slightly from the beginning to the end of 1938, as compared with an average advance of nearly 9 p.c. between Jan. 1 and Dec. 1 in the period, 1921-37. The index for the twelve months was 111.0, compared with 114.4 in 1937, but with 103.4 in 1936. Most branches of factory employment reported that activity was reduced from the 1937 level, but the great majority afforded more employment than in 1936. Mining as a whole showed slight improvement over the preceding year, and employment therein was at its maximum for the eighteen years of this record; the advance took place in the metallic ore division. Logging, following the exceptional activity of 1937, was quiet in the year under review. The indexes averaged rather higher than in 1936, but this was due to the situation which prevailed in the earlier months of 1938, employment since May being below its level in the same period of 1936.

The volume of employment afforded in trade was practically the same as in 1937, when the index was higher than in other years for which data are available. In the service group, consisting mainly of hotels and restaurants, and laundries and dry-cleaning establishments, the annual index was slightly above that for other years of the record. Communications showed little general change from 1937, when those industries provided employment for a greater number of persons than in any other year since 1932. The transportation index was fractionally lower than in the preceding year, but showed a very slight gain over 1936.

Construction generally was rather brisker than in 1937; this was due mainly to the higher level of employment reported in the earlier months of the year under review, although improvement over the same period of 1937 was reported at the beginning of November and December. The construction index also averaged higher than in 1936. Building showed no general change as compared with 1937, but was brisker than in 1936; highway work afforded more employment than in any other year since 1934, partly owing to unemployment relief projects. On the other hand, railway construction and maintenance provided employment for a smaller number of men than in any of the four preceding years.

## 21.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers, by Industrial Groups, as at the First of each Month, January, 1937, to December, 1938, with Yearly Averages since 1927.

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated upon the average for the calendar year 1926 as 100. The relative weight shows the proportion of the employees reported in the indicated industry to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1938. Averages for 1921-26, inclusive, are given at p. 773 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year.	Manu- factur- ing.	Log- ging.	Mining.	Com- muni- cations.	Trans- porta- tion.	Con- struc- tion and Main- tenance.	Ser- vices.	Trade.	All Indus- tries. <sup>1</sup>
Averages, 1927.....	103.4	109.3	107.0	103.8	102.5	109.0	106.2	107.4	104.6
Averages, 1928.....	110.1	114.5	114.4	108.2	105.9	118.8	118.1	116.1	111.6
Averages, 1929.....	117.1	125.8	120.1	120.6	109.7	120.7	130.3	126.2	119.0
Averages, 1930.....	109.0	108.0	117.8	119.8	104.6	129.8	131.0	127.7	113.4
Averages, 1931.....	95.3	69.1	107.7	104.7	95.8	137.4	124.7	123.6	102.5
Averages, 1932.....	84.4	43.6	99.2	93.5	81.7	86.9	113.6	116.1	87.5
Averages, 1933.....	80.9	86.5	97.5	83.9	79.0	73.6	106.7	112.1	83.4
Averages, 1934.....	80.2	124.7	110.8	79.1	80.3	109.3	115.1	117.9	96.0
Averages, 1935.....	97.1	126.9	123.3	79.8	81.2	97.8	118.2	122.1	99.4
Averages, 1936.....	103.4	138.7	136.6	81.0	84.1	86.2	124.5	127.5	103.7

<sup>1</sup> Except agriculture (see p. 803).